

Snow was a rather unusual start to our opening weekend this Easter

It was something of a surprise that when we went to open the gates for our first open day of the season we were greeted with snow everywhere. It certainly made everything very bright but it was not quite what we had hoped for weather wise. Here are some shots of the driveway leading to the museum and then of the some engines that are still outside at present.



By mid-morning however the sun was out and the snow was melting quickly. Inside, there was plenty for people to smile about including the generous donation to the museum of a motorised scooter that will help any visitors with mobility problems. Here is the scooter being handed over by Bill Coxhead on behalf of the North West Stationary Engine Association to Geoff Challinor, Chairman. Bill insisted we learned to drive it before entrusting it to us so Geoff was first to prove his driving skills as Jon Leigh (Treasurer) and Bill look on.



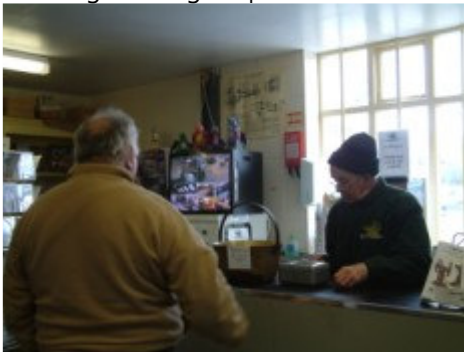
The weather had kept some of our visitors away but we were delighted with the turnout and the visitors were enthusiastic about the many changes that have taken place over the winter. Among these was the Craft area where some of the volunteers had the forge burning during the day and a display of work on the anvil taking place.



Around the museum many engines were running keeping the visitors enthralled.



The Tombola proved popular and a useful way of raising funds. Even the young visitors were kept busy with brass rubbings of engine plates.



When it all gets too much there is of course the comfy seating area (or the cinema) to have a rest and watch some engine videos.

