



The Combe Yard

Newsletter of the Combe Mill Society



May 2024

Military vehicles steaming event

The theme of our April steaming event was military vehicles and we welcomed a large number of enthusiastic exhibitors on the day. Over 150 visitors attended and this number was swelled by at least another sixty when counting exhibitors, market stallholders and members of the Banbury Amateur Radio Society. The event was arranged by Margaret Gruber who should be proud of the results.

There were at least six stallholders selling their goods; the weather was kind to us and the day was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Both Tea Room and BBQ sold out which is always a good sign of a successful event.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and make the event happen.



Photo by Bob Wheeler



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More steaming event images



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Amateur radio tent

Annual Meeting

Our AGM was held on Friday 26 April in the Foreman's Office and was well attended.

Reports were presented by Chairman ,Wendy Foster, and Treasurer,Tony Simmons.

Wendy Foster and Peter Trowles stood down by rotation as directors and were re-elected by the members. Previously co-opted director Nigel Evans was formally elected to the board. There were no nominations for director made from the membership.

Tony Simmons confirmed his intention to stand down as Treasurer with immediate effect after having indicated his intention over a year previously. The Chairman thanked him for his seventeen years of service in the role.

The blacksmiths had made a gift for Wendy in the form of a pack-away shoe/boot stand for her to use in her mobile home and this was presented by Robin Long.

As the meeting closed Clive Brimson proposed a vote of thanks to the board for all their work during the past year.



After the meeting closed members sharing wine and snacks to mark the end of an enjoyable AGM.

Remember Easyfundraising

Many of us have signed up with Easyfundraising to ensure that whenever we spend, the Society can benefit from donations provided by the companies we buy from.

Have you signed up yet? If not please go to our main website and scroll down the home page to find the link to Easyfundraising.

Thank you.



The banner features the Easyfundraising logo on the left. The main text reads: "Thank you for Combe Mill Society's new donations raised using easyfundraising". Below this is a yellow button that says "Sign up & help us too". At the bottom, a dark teal bar displays two statistics: "£919 raised so far" and "10 supporters have joined". A small image of a building is in the top right corner.

New Treasurer

Following the appeal issued by Wendy after the AGM for a volunteer, Richard Stone kindly offered to work with Tony Simmons to transfer the role of Treasurer to him.

The transfer has begun and all future claims for expenses or payment of invoices should be directed toward Richard. Email treasurer@combemill.org

Many thanks to Richard for taking on this task.



Richard Stone

Ticket Office and Meet and Greet table – PLEASE NOTE

At a recent event a group of visitors was given wrong advice about their entitlement to an uplift to an Annual Pass.

Please note that only the **person paying** for the ticket whether it is for an individual or group, is eligible for an upgrade to an Annual Pass.

If individuals in a group want to each have an annual pass, they each need to pay for their ticket.

One ticket – One Pass Them's the rules

Would everyone please also check that before accepting any form, the visitor's writing is **LEGIBLE** and all fields are completed.

More wooden patterns acquired

A gentleman from the Sherborne Steam and Waterwheel Centre recently came to the Mill and offered us the choice of several wooden casting patterns they did not want. He had no information about the source of the patterns.

Peter Trowles and Tony Simmons selected a few that were of relevance to the type of objects we already have. It is thought the patterns originally came from a defunct casting company in Sherborne.



Cast iron guttering parts



Bearing block parts

Forthcoming events - 2024

Wed 15 May - 10.30am - 1.00pm Visit from Dacorum U3A not in steam

Thursday 23 May - 7pm ZOOM Board Meeting

Thursday 29 August - 10.30am - 3.30pm Visit from Aston Clinton U3A Science & Technology Group

Date	Title	Organiser
12 May *	National Mills Weekend	Colin Boyles (radio club)
19 May	Mercedes-Benz Day	Richard Newman
16 June	Environment Day	Peter Trowles/Alan Burch
21 July	Wildlife on the Evenlode	Wendy Foster
18 Aug	Models & Collections	Ann & Ron Winfield, Cliff Mannion
15 Sep	Crafts & Skills	Margaret Gruber
20 Oct	Woodcrafts and Autumn market	David Knight (tbc)
01 Dec	Christmas Fayre	Nigel Evans

- **Not in steam**

Ticket Office Roster

Date	Ticket Office Clerk	School Hol
May		
Wed 01 May	Rose and Dave Ralphs	
Wed 08 May	Alan Burch	
Wed 15 May	Peter Trowles	
Wed 22 May	Gordon Lord	
Wed 29 May	Marc Richmond	
June		
Wed 05 June	Derek Goddard	
Wed 12 June	Gordon Lord	
Wed 19 June	Tony Simmons	
Wed 26 June	Peter Trowles	

New road signs

We have taken delivery of twenty new yellow road signs after working with neighbouring ADS Creative Designs. Each 600x600mm sign is made of Dibond which is a rigid metal/plastic laminate and designed to be post/pole mounted. Hanging underneath each main board will be underboards displaying the event theme and the event date. The underboards are made of Correx.

Mounting hardware will be selected to suit the location of each sign.

This purchase is a significant investment to make our advertising appear more professional to our potential visitors.

