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This year the organisers of the Netley Marsh Steam and Craft Show have decided not to hold the traditional evening's of outdoor musical entertainment following the introduction of the new public entertainments licence and the restriction this licence carries. In its place the show will continue with out door entertainments of a non musical nature. A hot air balloon will provide tethered flights, whilst a second family bar area will have a humorous scientific lecturer, entertainers, morris dancers, whilst the steam engine owners are preparing to entertain by showing off their skills in manoeuvring through obstacle courses. All of this of course is weather dependent as is the whole week end programme.

For the music enthusiasts there will be performers in the main bar, but this will have limited admission, and of necessity is totally self contained within the show ground, it will also mean that no alcoholic drinks can be carried into the show ground during the evenings of Friday and Saturday by either the on-site people or members of the public.

It is thought that the new public entertainment licence will be applied to the full week end of the show next year. Should this happen then the Netley Marsh Steam and Craft Show will have extreme difficulty in surviving, as it is currently organised and run by unpaid volunteers, and the new regulations impose that only paid operators can be "employed". The cost will be prohibitive to the survival of this show. Unfortunately Netley Marsh Steam and Craft is not the only fund raising charity show in this position.