

MILL IN THE 1960s

You may not have seen this photo of the Mill in the 1960s, recently added to our archive. You can see the coal yard with a lorry loading up and the green fields just beyond.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THRASHING WEEKEND

The bad harvest means that the Threshing Weekend scheduled for 29th and 30th September has had to be cancelled.

HALLOWEEN

Watch out for Halloween festivities at the mill and the brewery on weekend of 27th and 28th October,

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas will be visiting on the weekend of 8th and 9th December, with a Craft Fayre above the restaurant as well.



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BLOWN AWAY BY WINDMILLS

Windmills are officially Britain's most popular buildings. A survey of over 2,000 people reported in the national press revealed that windmills beat castles, lighthouses and even pubs in the public imagination.

Even better news is that the survey found more than 50% of people would make a special trip to see a favourite building..

Liz Desmond, our Shop Manager, can confirm this welcome trend. She reports that visitor numbers have been very good this year with over 100 more adults and 100 more children visiting the mill than last year.

Happy memories are the reason we get attached to buildings like Heckington Windmill.



NAME CHANGE AT THE AGM

The AGM on 30th July was really well attended and agreement was reached on our mission statement and change of name from "Friends" to "Heckington Windmill Trust".

The name change was debated at length and Rose Bakker has written to summarise some of the views expressed: "It would be a shame if in our anxiety to show our progress into the modern business world, signified by our new name, we threw the baby out with the bathwater and undermined the sharing nature, the friendliness of the Friends."

In reply to the issue of whether we will still be "friends" if we have a new name, Charles Pinchbeck as chairman writes: "The simple answer is that it requires no change in who we are and the way we work together and, as Rose says, it would be shame if it did.

"The scale of what we are seeking to do is different from the last 30 years and means we have to grow to match that. Like Rose, I hope and expect that what will not change is the very special, probably unique, way that we have of doing things...

"Our plans for the windmill do mean that we have to deal with far more outside bodies whose experience of "Friends" is very different from our own. The aim of the new name is simply to make sure that these people see us for what we are - a group of dedicated people committed to caring for the mill...

"As we look forward to a bright future, let us focus on the "trust" that is in our new name - the high degree of confidence we have in each other that has made us so successful .. and so friendly."

HERITAGE LOTTERY BID

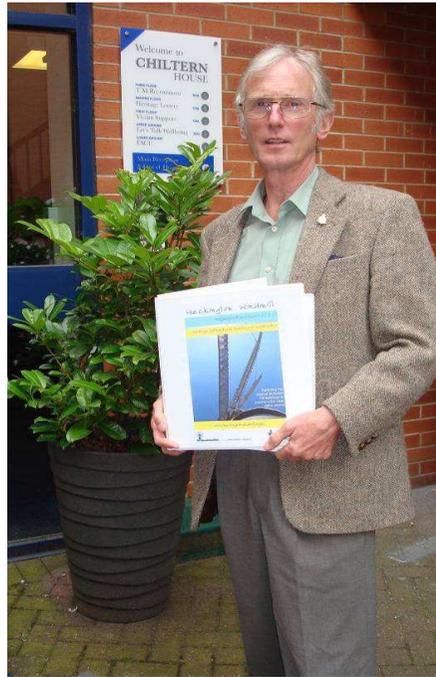
The key to our plans for re-development of the windmill is the Heritage Lottery Bid.

After a great deal of work from many Trust members, and particularly Jo Lewin and Jim Bailey, the bid has now been written.

Because it is so important, Jim even took the trouble to deliver it personally, as our photo shows.

The bid has strong support from North Kesteven District Council, which has committed £30,000 of match funding towards it.

Council Leader Marion Brighton described the vision as “absolutely first class.”



She said “This is something we have hoped for in Heckington for a long time.”

SAIL REPAIR

Jim Bailey writes that it seems a long while since we went on a coach trip to Alford to look at our new sails being manufactured by the millwright Tom Davies and his team. Looking up at the mill today, you may wonder what has happened since then?

The sail frames are complete and painted and the shutters removed from the old mill have been repaired and are ready to install.

Tom and his team had planned to come to Heckington in August but this had to be cancelled when they were called away for an urgent safety repair on another mill.

Mouchel, the company managing the contract for the County Council are in discussions with Tom for a new date, though it may still be some way off. We will just need a little more patience!

WINDMILL PUDDINGS

Rose Bakker, author of “Windmill Puddings” found writing about stale-bread recipes a steep learning curve. As well as putting pen to paper, she and her editor had to contend with paper, illustrations and how to avoid VAT - the answer is to be charitable! - and it was only late in the day that good proof reading managed to turn arid “deserts” into tasty “desserts”, .

Fortunately people seem to like the result, with lots of feedback in the form of more recipes, photos, stories and even poems. The only critical comment was that if we use up all our stale bread then the ducks may starve. “Let them eat cake!” says Rose.

Copies are on sale at the Mill Shop for £4:50 with all proceeds going to the Mill.

SHOW TIME

The Mill display at the Heckington Show was eye catching with lots of information about our plans for the future and a range of our products for sale.

The model windmill, powered by a handy fan, attracted plenty of visitors.



A collection at the Show during the band and firework display raised £500, so thank you to all those who donated so generously.

Thanks also to all the volunteers, both at the Show and at the Mill,

Would you like to learn how to mill? Call Jim Bailey on 01778-571850



MG OWNERS RALLY TO THE MILL

The MG Owners Club visited Heckington and the mill during the summer.

It was a fine day and they ensured we had a busy time in the mill and a roaring trade in refreshments was done.



TWO VIDEOS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Two videos about the Mill will soon be available, newly converted to DVDs for easy viewing.

The first video, "Heckington's Eight Sailed Windmill", gives a really clear introduction to the working of the mill.

The second, "Once in a Hundred Years", looks at the major repairs that were carried out to the mechanism of the mill to get it working again back in 2004.

Both videos will soon be on sale through the Mill Shop and on the website.