

## VERY HELPFUL STAFF

We had some really excellent feedback from visitors who completed a questionnaire about their visits on 13-14 September for the Lincolnshire Heritage weekend. Comments include:

“Heckington Windmill very friendly, well organised event, lots of helpful information and background. Answered questions, fascinating and unique venue.”

“Very helpful staff, willing to share information re other mills and how to get the best out of our visit.”

“Knowledgeable staff, excellent cookery demonstrations ...”

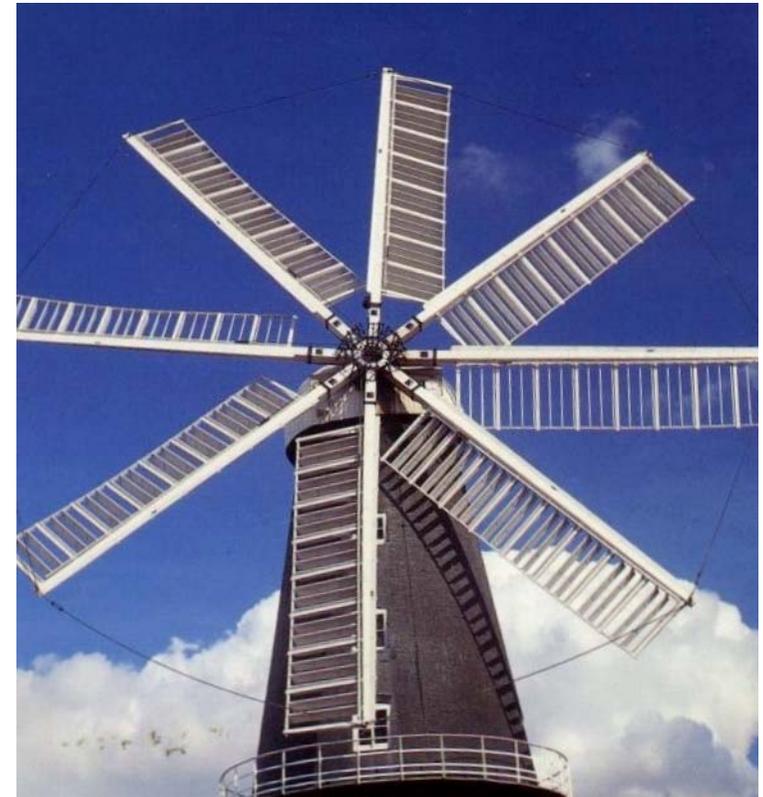
“Fantastic event that helps children appreciate heritage ...”

## CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

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## MILL NEWS from Charles Pinchbeck

We have a working mill again after almost five years.

After many trials and tribulations we set the mill to work again on 23rd August for the first time since 2009.

Since then the mill has attracted huge crowds, more than ever expected.



The new sails going up, photo by Jim Bailey.

We are selling flour as fast as we can mill it and we will soon be producing strongground malt for our on-site brewery, which will be unique in Britain.

We celebrated with a Sail Launch event on 1st October with over 150 members and well-wishers.

This wonderful event was followed by our Threshing Weekend, another great success.

In the meantime plans are pushing ahead ready for building to start next spring.

What an exciting year!

Thank you all for your continued support without which none of this would have been possible.

## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

The work of Heckington Windmill Trust was recognised at the North Kesteven Community Champions Awards.

On behalf of the Trust, Charles Pinchbeck accepted the Award for Arts and Culture.

The Award recognised our pioneering mill restoration project .

The committee noted that as well as creating a major tourist attraction, the plan will also root the mill even more firmly in the local community.



Charles Pinchbeck accepting the award with District Councillors Stewart Ogden and Sally Tarry,

## HALLOWEEN WEEKEND SPECIAL

Weekend of 1st and 2nd November

Mill open 1-4pm on both days.

Come and see the mill dressed in its best cobwebs, with activities including spider hunts for the children.

## HECKINGTON SHOW

Our stall at the Heckington Show was a great success as record numbers of visitors attended over a fine summer weekend.

The baking classes using windmill flour were again very popular with a high standard of entries.



In the Heritage section of the Show, some of the Iron Age bakers used Windmill flour to make a delicious loaf on an open oven.



### Baking Class Results

#### Wholemeal Rolls

1. Liz Peto
2. Trevor Hewson

#### Rich Scones

1. Margaret Simpson
2. Trevor Hewson
3. Mary Button / Liz Peto

#### Milk Chocolate Cake

1. Sheila Grossmith

#### Shortbread

1. Liz Peto
2. Sheila Grossmith
3. Trevor Hewson

## NEW SAILS AT LAST

The new sails were fitted on 14th August, with further work and testing continuing for over a week before milling began.

Neil Metcalfe led the team of millwrights who worked long hours to get the sails up while the weather was calm.

With its newly painted cap and sails the mill now looks resplendent.

More photos by Jim Bailey showing the raising of the sails are on the centre pages, with even more available on our website.



## Brewing Success

To add to the celebrations, the Eight Sail Brewery on the windmill site has recently won two golds and a silver at the Society for Independent Brewers Awards.

## THRESHING WEEKEND

Over 600 people attended the Threshing Weekend on 4-5 October, which is a record attendance for the mill on a Sunday.

Vintage tractors and stationary engines were on show. The mill's original cap and eight sails came from Tuxford's in Boston, which was one of the earliest makers on steam powered engines.



The engines were designed to power farm machinery in the 19th century.

However Fay Knight found a new use for one of these engines at the Threshing Weekend. She used it to cook some bread as part of her very popular baking workshop.

The weekend also included World War Two memorabilia and a short wave radio demonstration.



## MIND YOUR STEP

This atmospheric photo of the mill must date from the late 1940s. It shows the mill without shades and with a broken wooden handrail, which would have made going onto the balcony very hazardous.

John Pocklington died in 1943 and the mill was not taken over by the Council until 1953, before which time it became very dilapidated. What a different story from today.



## BARDWELL MILL

Harry Bakker is in contact with the Friends of Bardwell Mill in Suffolk.

Some of our members will have visited Bardwell as part of a coach trip several years ago.

The Bardwell newsletter talks of the construction of a new fantail and their ambition to get milling again.

This sounds familiar and we wish them every success, the more mills the merrier!

## PROJECT MANAGER

David Hickie has been appointed as our Project Manager for the redevelopment of the windmill and its surrounding buildings.

David has wide experience of managing and developing award-winning heritage visitor attractions.

He has worked for English Heritage as well as for local authorities and the Environment Agency.

David is committed to the success of our project.



David comments that he is delighted to be working with people who are so knowledgeable and engaged in real partnership working.

## VISITOR IMPRESSED

One of our visitors, Paula Lang is a graphic designer. She was so impressed that she has produced this original drawing of the mill and its surrounding buildings.



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The official launch of the new sails took place on 1st October.

Over 150 people watched Tony Worth, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and County Councillor Nick Worth start the sails turning to great applause.

The mill looked spectacular in the floodlights as this event marked an important milestone in the regeneration of the whole of the millyard site.



# THE RAISING OF THE SAILS

