

BAKING SUCCESS AT THE SHOW

The winners of the Wholemeal Four Classes at the Show this year were:

6 Wholemeal Rolls: 1st Matthew Vickers and 2nd Trevor Hewson.

6 Rich Scones: 2nd Mrs M Simpson, 3rd Trevor Hewson (no 1st place awarded)

Milk Chocolate Cake: Trevor Hewson

Shortbread: 1st Trevor Hewson, 2nd Sheila Grossmith.

The Friends of Heckington Mill Trophy went to Trevor Hewson

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MILL NEWS : CHARLES PINCHBECK

Welcome to our latest newsletter – and what news we have to share this time! It has been a fantastic few months for the mill. We began with our biennial Village Hall evening. Over a hundred people came to show their support and to hear the latest news – as well as to sample some of our baking. Amongst the audience we welcomed our new patron Toby Denis, the new Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. It was also a great opportunity to show David Stocker of HLF the energy and enthusiasm that we all have for the windmill.

Two weeks later we submitted our latest HLF grant request – thanks to the Project board and especially Jo Lewin and Michael Surfleet. This was SUCCESSFUL and in June we heard that we had been awarded the full amount asked for – the final £440,000 we need to start the building work.

Building work on the Granary and Garage blocks will start on 5th September. A local firm Newman Moore will restore these buildings as our visitor centre and toilets. Soon a contractor will be appointed for the mill house where work will start in mid-October – after the threshing weekend - and all should finish ready for Easter, with a formal opening in the summer.

We have now finished the bakehouse and it looks absolutely superb. Our new baking group meet there on Fridays to bake for the mill house café.

Thank you for your faith and perseverance on the challenging journey that has got us to this exciting place. We look forward to sharing the next wonderful phase as our plans finally become reality.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days
Thursday 15th—Sunday 18th September.

Free admission to the mill all weekend
Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—5pm.

Threshing Weekend and Harvest Beer Festival
Sat 24 and Sun 25th September.

Traditional steam powered threshing on site, plus special events, stalls and exhibitions.

Mill, Tea Rooms and Brewery all open.

Halloween at the Mill
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October

Spider hunt and activities at the mill.

Mill and Tea Rooms open 12 noon—4pm both days.

Autumn Opening

Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—4pm every weekend in November and December

NEW EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER

Kevin Teasdale is standing down from the role of editor as he is moving away from the village. He would like to thank everyone for their help and support with photos and news items. He is also delighted that the Newsletter is in safe hands as Sylvia Doughty has volunteered to take on the editing role, starting with the next edition.

THE DELICATE ART OF BAGGING

Pat Bailey and Mary Garrod are experts at bagging our flour and oats for sale at the mill.

Between them, and with help from Ross Houlty and Roger Woods, they fill over 5,000 bags per year.

With visitor numbers going up, we will need to train more volunteers in the delicate art of bagging.

To help, please contact Jim Bailey or Liz Desmond, or come along to see Pat and Mary at work on Sundays between 12:00 and 3pm.



ANOTHER 8 SAILER

Yes, there is another 8-sail windmill in existence, namely Boyd's Mill in Middletown, USA.

Our Collections Manager, Michelle Andrews, has made contact with Mary Redgate of Boyd's Mill so that we can start to share information and perhaps one day a visit?

Boyd's Mill was named after William Boyd who bought the mill in 1815, five years after it was built.

As with Heckington Mill, it did not originally start with eight sails. In 1901, the third Mr Boyd remodelled it from four sails to eight. Interestingly, the reason was similar to the advantages we see at Heckington, namely that the extra sails made it possible to mill in light winds and work more days per year.

Boyd's Mill is now preserved for posterity by Middleton Historical Society, which can be googled if you would like to learn more.



THE HARE CONNECTION



The first owner of the Heckington Mill was Michael Hare, who had it built as a five-sailer in 1830. Sadly Michael died in 1834 and the mill passed first to the Nash family and then in 1890 to the Pocklingtons.

Before his death, Michael Hare and his wife Ann had a son whose descendants moved to USA.

l-r Anne Hale, Matthew Hale, Linda Sargeant and Jim Bailey.

We were delighted to have a visit from Michael Hare's direct descendant Matthew Hale and his wife Anne.

Linda Sargeant and Jim Bailey gave them a full tour of their ancestor's mill, still working after all this time.

THE MILL HOUSE

The Mill House is an important part of the Heckington Mill complex. It is where the tea rooms are located and is also used for research and archiving work as well as for meetings.

John Pocklington had the house built soon after he put the eight sails on the mill itself. There had been a single storey thatched cottage there, but it was very dilapidated. John Pocklington built the new house for his wife.

It was modelled on the house of a lady that John's wife had once been in service with. It was build with bricks taken from Tuxford's mill at Boston, though the facing bricks must have been new.

John always regretted building the house so close to the mill, but it is perfect now for visitors to the tea rooms.

