

Heckington Windmill Trust
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MILL NEWS : CHARLES PINCHBECK

An enormous amount has happened since our last Newsletter. The Brewere and Bakehouse roofs are now completed and look very smart.

We are pleased to welcome Laura Griffin and Veronica Marris who are our new tea room managers. They are using our flour and local produce to create simple yet wonderful food. The Lincolnshire Plum Load made with Damsons Porter from our own 8-Sail Brewery is an absolute winner.

The Bakehouse has now been cleared and the next 2-3 months will see it fitted out with new baking facilities and a demonstration area for visitors and schools. A baking group is being set up, with details later in this Newsletter.

An Engineering group is busy restoring the farm mill and the Ruston oil engine that will power the hurst frame.

We are aiming for an official unveiling for National Mills weekend on 13th May and you are invited to our first-ever Members' Hog Roast that evening, so please save the date.

On a wider front, the project has received grants of £72,000 in the last few months from the County Council, the Pilgrim Trust (a national conservation body) and others. We must give a big thank-you to the project board, especially Jo Lewin, for all their hard work in making grant applications.

We have had a positive meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund and we will be applying to them for the balance of the extra money needed for the project. So this will be a very exciting year for the Mill. Please come to our next Mill Update on 29th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

KURTIS WRIGHT

Kurtis Wright has been a volunteer with the milling team since 2014.

He has also been active in raising money for the mill with a cake stall. His next venture will be to bake and sell 1,000 cakes at his school.

Kurtis wants to be a professional chef and will soon be starting as an apprentice at the Queen's Head in Kirkby La Thorpe.



BAKING GROUP

Would you like to learn new skills and share your baking knowledge?

A new Baking Group is starting up, meeting on Fridays in the Mill House Tea Rooms. Keen cooks and complete novices are all welcome in this friendly group.

We also want volunteers to help serve in the Tea Rooms at weekends and in school holidays. .

To find out more, use the tearoom e-mail at the end of this Newsletter or pop in to the Tea Rooms on a weekend between 12 and 4 to speak to Veronica or Laura.

SHARED LEARNING PROJECT



A group of volunteers including members of the University of the Third Age (U3A) have been researching the history of the mill and developing our archive of mill-related objects and records.

The volunteers helped to prepare an exhibition for Reminscence Day last year. They aimed to get local people to bring in historical objects and to tell us their stories about the mill.

Setting up ready for Reminiscence Day.

If you would like to help us to develop our archive or work in a team to find out more about the mill and its past then please contact Michelle Roberts, our Collections Manager.

Michelle's details are given in the list of contacts at the end of this Newsletter.

THE GREAT STORM

It was the great storm of 1890 that blew off the cap of Heckington Windmill. A sudden change in direction tail-ended the mill. Fortunately for us, this led to John Pocklington bringing the present cap and magnificent eight sails to our village mill.

It is easy to think that events of 1890 are a thing of the past, but we are still subject to the weather.

On 29th November last year a sudden squall sadly hit the mill at Kirton Lindsey, breaking the cast iron cross on the cap and bringing down two sails.

Heckington mill was also running on day of the squall but the team reacted quickly, keeping the shutters open and successfully bringing the mill to rest.

[Mount Pleasant Mill at Kirton Lindsey with its sails broken when it was tail-ended by a squall on 29th November 2015.](#)

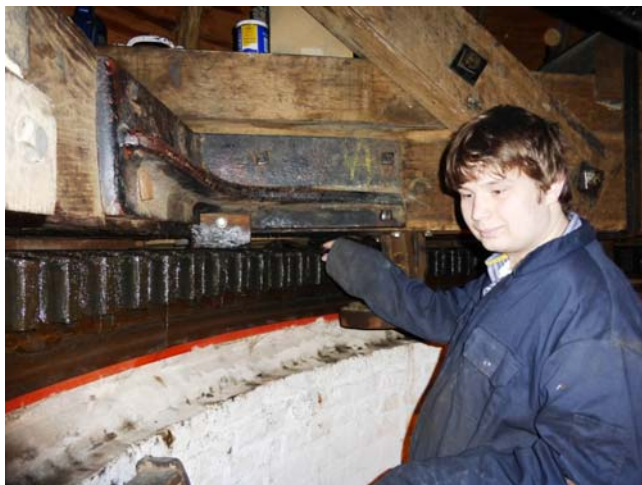


MARY GARROD AND ROSS HOULTBY

Meet Mary Garrod and Ross Houlby, our expert flour baggers. Each week they fill over 100 bags with flour or oats for sale in the mill and at our presentation events.

Mary has been a volunteer for over two years, and really enjoys her work with the mill team.

Ross has been a volunteer for over three years and has acquired a reputation as one of the quickest flour baggers around!



Ross is a real jack of all trades. Here you can see him greasing the cogs in the cap. It is vital work to keep the cap turning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Activities and Egg Hunt

Thursday 24th—Monday 28th March.

Children's activities and Easter Egg hunt. Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—5pm each day.

Windmill Open Evening Friday 29th April, 7pm at Heckington Village Hall

Come and join our open evening where we will be explaining all the very best that the mill can offer. The event will include a baking demonstration, updates on the regeneration project, free cake tasting and other goodies baked by the mill house tea rooms and heritage presentations by the Village Trust and St Andrews Church.

Sleaford Live! Event Sat 7th and Sun 8th May

Live Bands at the mill 1-5pm each day.

National Mills Weekend Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May

Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—5pm both days.

Summer School Holidays 16th July onwards.

Mill open every day from 12—5pm.

Heckington Show and Beer Festival

Fri 29—Sun 31 July
Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—5pm or visit us at the Heritage Marquee at the Show.

Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days

15th—18th September
Mill and Tea Rooms open 12—5pm Free admission to the mill all weekend.

Threshing Weekend and Harvest Beer Festival

Sat 24 and Sun 25th September.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Sheila Channing, our membership secretary, writes:

“Thank you all for your support throughout the year, especially at the Threshing Weekend with all the books and bric-a-brac. It is now that time of year again - subs are due on 31st March and a renewal form is enclosed with the newsletters delivered by post. You can pay in the mill, at my house, or on-line through the windmill website. I will also be at the ‘Preparing for the Future’ event on 29th April.

Sheila Channing (channing1939@talktalk.net).

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