



FRIENDS OF MOULTON MILL

NEWSLETTER



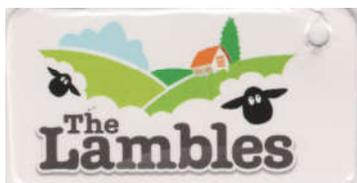
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A drone's-eye view of Moulton Mill *(courtesy of Stuart Palmer)*

MILL SHOP

In addition to our own wholemeal flour, other types of flour and delicious porridge is also stocked. There is also a wide range of luxury jams and chutneys, not to mention mill branded gifts and a variety of speciality products. Currently, we have a range of products from "The Lambles" brand, including fridge magnets and other items.

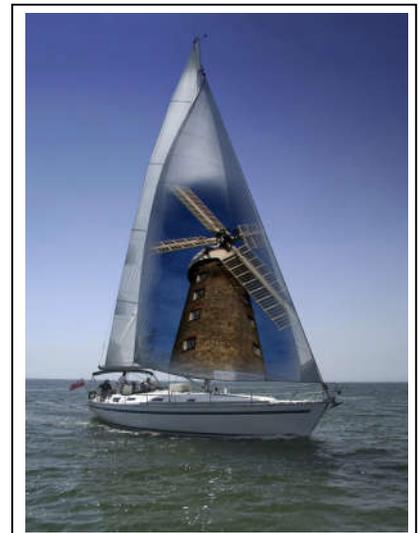
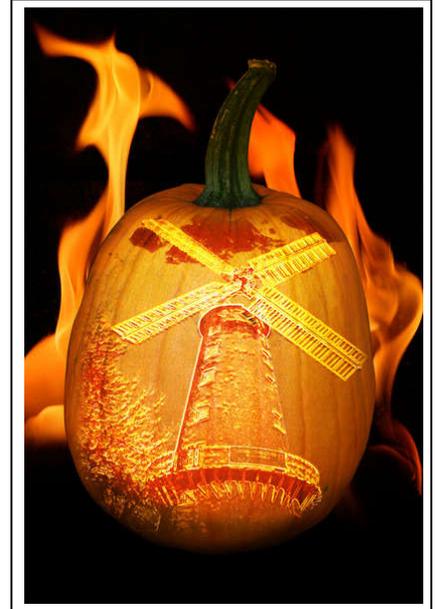


CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Trustees and Friends of Moulton Mill would like to extend their deep gratitude to all those who participated in the Christmas Raffle, which generated a magnificent sum of £800, which will go towards the continuing upkeep, repair and restoration of Moulton Windmill. The list of prizewinners is shown below:-

1. Luxury Hamper (John Booth, Moulton Chapel)
2. Glenfiddich whisky (Joan Kay, Holbeach)
3. Mulled wine set (Sandra Hammond, Moulton)
4. Limited edition watercolour print (R Bennett, Spalding)
5. Luxury box of chocolates (S Kirk)
6. Bar set (Katie Cummins)
7. Mill tour voucher for 4 persons (Chris, West London)
8. Box of Celebration chocolates (Reg Attwood, Holbeach)

PHOTO GALLERY



Photographs: Just a few made-up fun photos.

Chairman's Update

As we celebrate yet another year of continuous opening, I wish to express my personal thanks and the thanks of all our wonderful volunteers, to our regular customers and visitors. You know who you are, and we fully appreciate your continued support and loyalty.

To our band of trusty volunteers, the core of the "Friends of Moulton Mill", I extend my deep gratitude for all the efforts and support you bring to keep this historic building open and operating. I also wish to make special mention of the work put in by my wife, Monica, for her contribution as Tea Room Manager, much of which goes unseen and un-noticed, but is nonetheless very much appreciated.

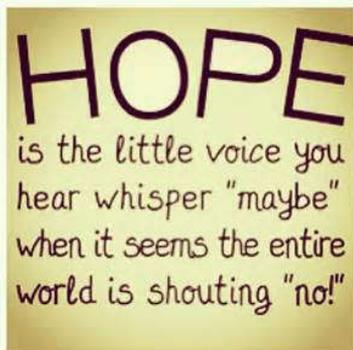
Another year of challenges lies ahead - in April it will be 12 years since we first opened to the public - but we look forward with much hope and dedication. Why not consider joining us this year? We really are a friendly bunch and you would be made very welcome.

In the meantime, please take time to look at our programme of planned events for the coming year. They largely reflect on previous years undertakings, although this year you will see we are trying to be a bit more ambitious with a two-day gift and craft fair for the May Bank Holiday. And by popular demand, the Quiz Nights will continue as before. If you wish to come along and enter a team, please be aware that they are often sold out, so it is very much a case of first come, first served. You can always leave a message at the mill (there is an out of hours answer-phone) and I will get back to you.

Finally, may I wish you all you wish yourselves, and may the year ahead bring you peace, health and happiness.

Alan Lambert
Chairman, Friends of Moulton Mill
Trustee & Treasurer, Moulton Windmill Project Ltd.

MESSAGE FROM THE MILL MANAGER



2016 has definitely been a year of trials and challenges that have tested us all. Following a routine maintenance inspection of the fantail and its staging we discovered signs of rot that had spread to the staging and the fan blades. The fan blades were removed and work started on assessing the level of damage and how it could be fixed. Unfortunately further evidence of rot was discovered in the shears that support the staging so the only option now is to re-design and replace. To say that this is disappointing after only being in place for 10 years is an understatement, the quality of the timber used at the time of the installation looks to be the root cause of the issue and similar problems have been experienced at

Heage Mill where work was completed using materials from the same source. What should have had a life expectancy of 30 years has lasted barely 10 years. With the support of Historic England we have now secured a new design team that includes a Conservation Architect, Consultant Millwright and Structural Engineer and are in the process of agreeing a new design for a replacement fantail. We are expecting this design to be agreed early in 2017 with work commencing on the replacement soon after. The cost will be in the region of £90k, an expense we didn't need! It is hard to plan for sustainability when a fundamental part of your building or design fails, specifically a design that was built from expert advice and monitored for quality and delivery by that same team of experts- especially when it falls short by such a large margin!

The Mill is a living and working machine, as such we will forge ahead and repair and replace what is needed- we won't lose hope or faith in what we do and why we do it because our 25,000 visitors a year are proof that that faith is not misplaced. To all of our friends and supporters we would ask that you don't lose faith in us, we will get there, we just need to get it right!

Janet Prescott, Mill Manager

Programme of Events - 2017

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thurs	12 Jan 17	Mill re-opens	10am
Fri	17 Feb 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Sat	25 Feb 17	TABLE-TOP SALE	11am - 2pm
Sun	26 Mar 17	MOTHERS DAY - mums get free tour	All day
Fri	07 Apr 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Sun	16 Apr 17	Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt	All day
Mon	17 Apr 17	Easter Monday - Bank Holiday - mill open	All day
Sun	23 Apr 17	Vintage Tractor Rally (Oldershaws)	9am-3pm
Sun	30 Apr 17	GIFT & CRAFT FAIR (2 day event)	All day
Mon	01 May 17	GIFT & CRAFT FAIR (2 day event)	All day
Mon	01 May 17	Mayday - Bank Holiday – Mill open	All day
Sat	13 May 17	National Mills Weekend	All day
Sun	14 May 17	National Mills Weekend	All day
Fri	26 May 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Mon	29 May 17	Spring Bank Holiday – Mill open	All day
Sat	10 Jun 17	TEDDY PARACHUTING	All day
Sun	11 Jun 17	TEDDY PARACHUTING	All day
Sun	18 Jun 17	FATHER'S DAY (take Dad on a Free Tour)	All day
Fri	21 Jul 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Mon	28 Aug 17	Summer Bank Holiday – Mill open	All day
Fri	15 Sep 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Sat	23 Sep 17	Tractor working day	9am onward
Sat	14 Oct 17	Woad Fest	11am-3pm
Sun	15 Oct 17	Woad Fest	11am-3pm
Fri	17 Nov 17	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4	7.30pm
Sun	26 Nov 17	CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR	All day
Sun	17 Dec 17	Mill closes	Early pm

PLEASE NOTE: Additional events are always under consideration, and will be added to our Programme of Events as and when the details are confirmed. Also, situations can often arise whereby events can be subject to change or cancellation at short notice. Visitors are advised to check the website at www.moultonwindmill.co.uk, or call 01406-373237 to confirm details.

This newsletter is produced and paid for by the Friends of Moulton Mill, in order to inform and update the local community and all those persons who are supportive of the mill restoration and its continued operation. Further information on the Friends of Moulton Mill or how to BECOME A VOLUNTEER can be obtained from the mill on 01406-373237 or by speaking to any Duty Manager during opening hours. Most visitors will be aware that the mill is operated entirely by volunteers, and is the only mill in the country that is owned and operated by the local community. And there are many unseen helpers at the mill in addition to Duty Managers, guides and tea room staff. Tasks to be performed include gardening, cleaning, maintaining/repairing equipment, - the list goes on. So, if you could spare some time why not pop in and have a chat. We are a friendly bunch and you will be welcome.