

FRIENDS OF MOULTON MILL



# NEWSLETTER



January 2020

**Happy New Year!**



Yes, another year has flown by, and we are grateful to all our visitors and supporters for providing the means for us to continue operating this national treasure for the benefit of all. In wishing you all a Happy New Year, we look forward to your continued support and patronage throughout the coming year, during which you will see from our list of proposed events, not only will it be another active year, but one with a number of new ventures added to our regular programme. It is hard to believe that the restoration project started over 20 years ago, and is still going from strength to strength, thanks to our loyal band of volunteers. With the help of more volunteers we can look forward to continued operation with added confidence. So, why not come and join us this year?

## ***CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE***

Another year and another reflection on events and activities during 2019. Perhaps two of the more significant events were our first weddings at the mill. Thanks to both couples for choosing the mill as their wedding venue, and may they have a long and happy union. Thanks also to those volunteers who helped to make both occasions a success. Other new activities were the Artisan Food (and drink) evenings. The first was a cheese and wine evening, hosted by the Stamford Cheese & Wine Company; the second was a gin and dessert evening, hosted by the Lincoln Gin company. Both events proved to be quite popular, and further similar events are under consideration, including a sausage and cider evening. Check our website for further details. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters, visitors and volunteers a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

*Alan*

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MILL MANAGER**

Why not be a Miller for the Day?

Provided you are reasonably fit, able to climb stairs and negotiate your way through narrow spaces you could experience being a Miller for the day with the team here at Moulton! The day starts at 10am and finishes around 3pm with our Miller taking you through the set-up, operation and close down of the Mill. If the wind is blowing you may even be milling flour!

*This unique experience to go behind scenes at Moulton Windmill includes:*

- How the windmill is made safe and then freed before use
- Lubrication points
- Start-up checks
- Operating the sack hoist
- Using the Hand Quern
- Operational checks on the mill stone set up
- Milling flour - control and bagging (wind or electric driven stones)
- Starting and stopping the mill
- Controlling speed of mill
- Mill grain to take home
- Safely close mill down at the end of the day
- You will have access to all floors of the mill - safety permitting.
- Certificate to record your day in the tallest working windmill in the UK!

Our experienced team will provide a full explanation as to how this majestic building turns into a machine. Feel the heart of the building beat as the stones turn!

If you are interested then contact Moulton Mill on 01406 373237 for more details!

A charge of £40 is made for the day (includes a light lunch).

*Janet*

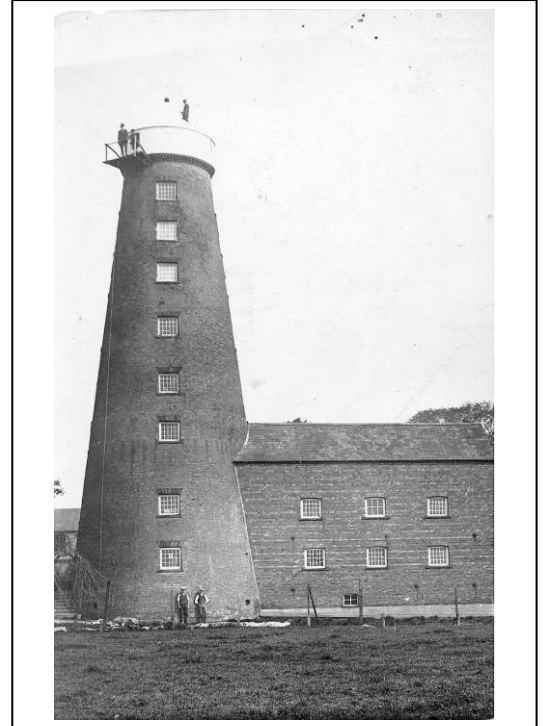
## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

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 £720. Monies raised will go towards the continuing upkeep, repair and restoration of Moulton Windmill. Special thanks to Lady Margaret Stoten for her continued support in providing the luxury hamper, and others who kindly donated prizes.

The list of prizewinners is shown below:-

1<sup>st</sup> – Luxury Hamper, Ron Sudbury (00194); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bottle of Brandy, Gill Smith (00293); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bottle of Whisky, Bob & Jenny Merchant (00520); 4<sup>th</sup> – Bottle of White Port, S Paul (00118); 5<sup>th</sup> – Ladies handbag, (Wendy (00712); 6<sup>th</sup> – Bottle of Baileys, Ken (00305); 7<sup>th</sup> – Box of biscuits, D E Adcock (00094); 8<sup>th</sup> – Framed print of Moulton Mill, Billy Congreve (00186); 9<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon tea voucher, R Borrell (00534); 10<sup>th</sup> – Luxury sewing kit, Nick Pell (00363).

# Some photos from the past



Photo's from top left:-

- Mill outbuildings before care home was built
- New cap fitted in 1928
- The Corn Exchange in action circa 1953/54 (now site of South Holland Centre)
- Moulton circa 1889
- Mill & church in early 1900's

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# Programme of Events - 2020

| Day   | Date      | Event   | Time       |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|
| Thurs | 09 Jan 20 | Mill re-opens                                       | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 14 Feb 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Sun   | 22 Mar 20 | <b>MOTHERS DAY</b> (take Mum on a free tour)        | 10am – 4pm |
| Wed   | 25 Mar 20 | <i>Be a miller for the day – booking required</i>   | 10am – 3pm |
| Fri   | 10 Apr 20 | Good Friday - <b>Bank Holiday</b> - mill open       | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 10 Apr 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Sun   | 12 Apr 20 | Easter Sunday - <b>Bank Holiday</b> - mill open     | 10am – 4pm |
| Mon   | 13 Apr 20 | Easter Monday - <b>Bank Holiday</b> - mill open     | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 17 Apr 20 | Quilting Exhibition                                 | 10am – 4pm |
| Sat   | 18 Apr 20 | Quilting Exhibition                                 | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 19 Apr 20 | Quilting Exhibition                                 | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 19 Apr 20 | Tractor Rally (12th Anniversary)                    | 9am-3pm    |
| Fri   | 08 May 20 | Mayday - <b>Bank Holiday</b> – Mill open            | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 08 May 20 | VE DAY Vintage Tractor Run (Weston Playing Field)   | 9am – 2pm  |
| Sat   | 09 May 20 | National Mills Weekend                              | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 10 May 20 | National Mills Weekend                              | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 10 May 20 | <b>GIFT &amp; CRAFT FAIR</b>                        | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 15 May 20 | Folk Night featuring "Pennyles"                     | 7.30pm     |
| Fri   | 22 May 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Mon   | 25 May 20 | Spring <b>Bank Holiday</b> – Mill open              | 10am – 4pm |
| Sat   | 06 Jun 20 | <b>TEDDY PARACHUTING</b>                            | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 07 Jun 20 | <b>TEDDY PARACHUTING</b>                            | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 21 Jun 20 | <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> (take Dad on a Free Tour)       | 10am – 4pm |
| Wed   | 22 Jul 20 | <i>Be a miller for the day – booking required</i>   | 10am – 3pm |
| Fri   | 24 Jul 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Mon   | 31 Aug 20 | Summer <b>Bank Holiday</b> – Mill open              | 10am – 4pm |
| Fri   | 18 Sep 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Sat   | 19 Sep 20 | Tractor working day                                 | 9am onward |
| Wed   | 21 Oct 20 | <i>Be a miller for the day – booking required</i>   | 10am – 3pm |
| Thu   | 22 Oct 20 | Artisan Food Night                                  | 7pm        |
| Fri   | 13 Nov 20 | <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> (fish & chip supper) – teams of 4 | 7.30pm     |
| Sun   | 06 Dec 20 | <b>CHRISTMAS GIFT &amp; CRAFT FAIR</b>              | 10am – 4pm |
| Sun   | 13 Dec 20 | Mill closes   | Early pm   |
| Thurs | 14 Jan 21 | Mill re-opens                                       | 10am       |

**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](http://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. 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.