

# WINDMILL NEWS



Friends of West Blatchington Windmill - Newsletter - August 2018

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**Opening Times**

**SUNDAYS**

until Sept.30

2.30 - 5 pm

Teas served in the Barn



## MILL OPEN

Sunday 6 May saw the Windmill open for the new season in glorious weather. The newly erected noticeboard/display cabinet welcomed visitors at the South Door, as did the brand new slate date plaque arranged and donated by **Keith & Vanessa West**.



Especially pleasing was the number of new volunteers who attended on the day for 'training'. A leaflet drop to homes in the local vicinity has proved very fruitful with around 15 potential new volunteers coming forward to offer help in all aspects of the mill. This includes a young man working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award. **THANKYOU**

First Open Day  
May 2018  
Sue Burgess



Mills Day - May 2018 - Peter Hill

## National Mills Day

This annual event fell on Sunday 15 May this year and was a great success with 129 visitors through the mill and gross takings of £608.

The mill again looked splendid in the sunshine, especially as **City Parks** have finally cleared the shrubbery in front of the mill providing plenty of room for the festivities. Thanks to Councillor **Dawn Barnett** for her help.

Crowds were entertained by **The Black Powder Morris** dancers who have promised to return!

The new season has also seen an addition to the sales counter which has proved very popular. This is an aluminium keyring engraved with a silhouette of the mill which is available in three sizes. It is similarly very pleasing to report that the DVDs advertised in the last newsletter are also selling well.



# Treasurer News

*"Thank you Ken, Hello Andrew"*

**Ken Upton** volunteered as Treasurer in 1990 when the previous incumbent moved out of the area. He would get off the bus after work to collect the weekend's takings and then drop into Baileys, to collect or pay for souvenirs. This was before the North Barn, Fetes etc. with activity mainly between May and September, with takings recorded on scraps of paper.

Fete days were fun, but busy for a Treasurer. Ken even stepped up to organise a couple Fetes. Indeed, the Upton family have been great supporters of the Windmill, his father also serving as Secretary.

However, Ken now admits *"I have struggled to devote the time to the post so although I hand over with a heavy heart it is also a relief."*

We would therefore like to welcome and thank **Andrew Granger-Bevan** as our new Treasurer. Andrew and his wife, Helen, have lived in Holmes Avenue for over 30 years. They joined as members of the Friends of the Windmill about 10 years ago. For about the last five years Andrew has helped on the desk and Helen has assisted on the tea rota. Also in his spare time during the last 50 years Andrew has served as Treasurer of several organisations, and recently retired as Treasurer of Brighton & Hove Arts Council.

## KEY DATES

**Sunday 9 Sept. - 2-5pm**  
**Heritage Open Day**



**Sunday 30 Sept. - 2.30-5pm**  
**Last Open Day of 2018**

**Advance Notice:**

**Christmas Gift Fair**  
Sun. 25 Nov

**Carols at the 'mill**  
Weds. 12 Dec



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## Tapestry Donation

*IN MEMORIAM OF A UNIQUE WINDMILLIAN*  
*FRANK W. GREGORY 1917—1998*

We have been given a beautifully hand-worked tapestry by **Iris Annett** of Oldland Mill Trust. Entitled **"The Optimist"** it has been adapted from the roundel in the autumn panel of a set of four tapestries known as "The Seasons" woven in 1611 now hanging in Hatfield House, Herts. The tapestry has pride of place on the west wall of the North Barn, right next to Frank's old smock!



Tapestry - July 2018 : Sue Burgess

*Did you know...?*  
**MOLINOLOGY**  
*'the study of mills'*

**Molinology** is the term that was 'coined' by a group of international mill enthusiasts at their first meeting in the early 1960s with the result that "a molinologist is one who studies mills". This led to the formation of **The International Molinological Society**, of which our own Peter Hill is a keen member.

## News snippets

- ✓ The Floodlights have been replaced/repared, thanks to **Blair Installations**, Portslade.
  - ✓ Stone ground flour from Lurgashall Watermill, is once again for sale at the mill.
  - ✓ Overall weekly visitor numbers are showing an increase.
  - ✓ School visits from Hangleton Primary and Carlton Hill Primary continue.
- Next on the list is to look into the heating in the North Barn.

### BARN HIRE

North Barn is available for hire at very reasonable rates. For details contact Peter Hill on 01273 776017 or via email with **Barn Hire** in the subject line.

### EDITORS NOTE:

We have distributed copies of this Newsletter around Hove, including Hangleton Library, Hangleton Community Centre, St. Richards, Oasis, Polyclinic, Hove Museum, etc. If you know of anywhere else locally that would like copies please let me know. I am always happy to receive contributions for the next edition via email with **Newsletter** in the subject line.

*Sue Burgess*

## Become a Friend of the Windmill

New friends are always welcome to;

- ✂ Enjoy free admission to the mill throughout the 'Open' season
- ✂ Discover its history and hidden secrets
- ✂ See the ingenuity of our forbears
- ✂ Help maintain our local heritage for future generations

In addition you will receive a regular copy of this newsletter  
Application forms available from the mill or via email with

**Join the Friends** in the subject line.

Annual Fee	
Adult	£5
Child	£3
Family	£12

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