

WINDMILL NEWS

Friends of West Blatchington Windmill - Newsletter - May 2018

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Opening Times

SUNDAYS

May to Sept.

2.30 - 5 pm

Teas served in the Barn

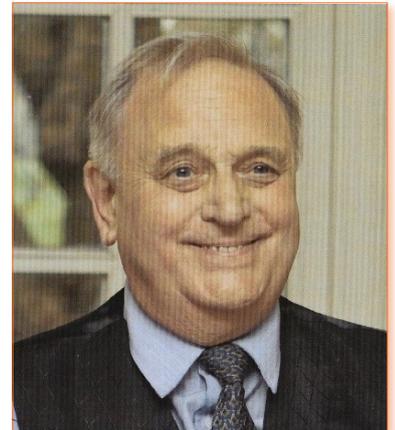
Clive Hamblin

3rd July 1945--2nd February 2018

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the very sudden death of Clive Hamblin. Two days before I went into hospital for a hip operation, Clive had 'phoned me offering his help should Joan need it in my absence, so you can imagine my total disbelief when just three days later I was told of his passing. Clive had been a very staunch member of the Friends for many years and was an extremely enthusiastic member of our Committee.

If you did not know him personally you will of course have 'known' him as our Newsletter editor and whenever there was a special event at the mill he could always be found surrounded by inquisitive youngsters as he demonstrated grinding corn on the stone quern and dusting them with the resultant flour!

He would always leave saying "bye old friend and don't forget, give me a call if I can help". Well Clive I wish I could because we're going to miss you



Peter Hill

Hove Plinth

The new plinth was unveiled on Sat 21 April on Hove seafront in the presence of a large crowd, including Friends of West Blatchington Windmill. The first sculpture is called Constellation and includes gilded representations of Hove icons. The Windmill is accurately portrayed due to the contribution of our President, Peter Hill, who attended the design workshop. He even loaned a model to copy!

Constellation will remain in place for 18 months.



Hove Plinth— April 2018 : Peter Hill



"it was good to see the mill shining brightly for all to see"

West Blatchington Windmill

NEW

The Inside Story



DVD

Peter Hill guides a new 'Friends' member through the mill relating stories including;

- ✗ being a volunteer
- ✗ milling chronology
- ✗ the working mill
- ✗ Constable painting

£5 to members
£7.50 non-members

"an invaluable source of information"



"Learn about the machinery and how flour was produced plus many anecdotes and other surprising facts."

Available from the mill shop

Our Windmill Online

A recent visit from the 'Bald Explorer', Richard Vobes to speak to the Sussex Mills Group AGM, has confirmed our need as a Charity to have a much higher presence 'online'. Many potential visitors to the mill, and indeed future volunteers, are using social media in particular to discover the modern world.

A new website is therefore in the process of being developed, whilst the Facebook and Twitter pages are being reviewed and updated.

 @WestBlatchingtonWindmill

 @WestBlatchMill

Cheese & Wine

This is held every year to thank all volunteers who had helped throughout the season. Joan and Peter have organised this for about the last 10 years and thought they would now give someone else a chance to do so. We volunteered, with some trepidation. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and there were no complaints- so we must be doing something right!



Cheese & Wine – April 2018 : Sue Burgess

Our thanks must go to; Sue and Dave Bernard who helped to prepare the food and Barn layout, Joya who as usual manned the bar, and Jackie Markham and Luke Robin who helped us clear up at the end. We enjoyed it and would be prepared to do it again next year!

Charles and Jan Pearson

Museum: Latest addition

"EUREKA" GRAIN CLEANING MACHINE

Developed in the U.S.A. in the 1850s and considered to be one of the most successful of its type, Howes & Ewell of Mark Lane, London, marketed many different versions/designs. Their use was for cleaning and preparing the wheat grain before grinding. This involved *screening*, *smuttering*, and *brushing*.

To Do –2018

1. Re-instate the **floodlights** to illuminate the Windmill
2. Start selling **stone ground flour** once again



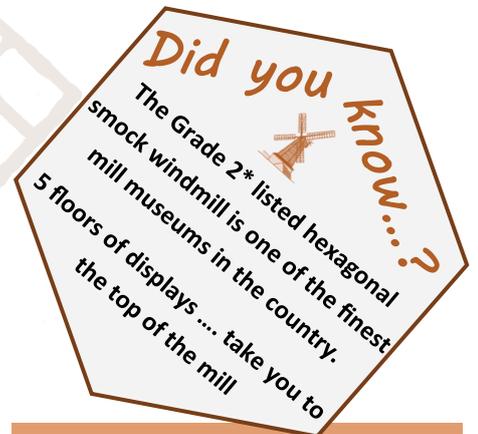
GET INVOLVED

You may not be aware that West Blatchington Windmill is only open to the public thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. We aim to open every Sunday from May to September but need more volunteers if we are to continue the current opening arrangements.

Ideally we like to have a minimum of three volunteers per session; to guide, to sell tickets and souvenirs, and to provide refreshments in our tearoom. All necessary training and support will be given.



Could you spare just 2.5 hours one Sunday afternoon a year to maintain opening this historic monument for the public to enjoy? If yes, please contact Peter Hill on 01273 776017 or via email with **Volunteering** in the subject line.



KEY DATES

Sunday 6 May -
First Day of Opening 2018

WEST BLATCHINGTON WINDMILL
HOLMES AVENUE,
HOVE BN3 7LH

JOIN US FOR

Reg. Charity 283815

NATIONAL MILLS DAY

SUNDAY 13th MAY

FROM 11am to 5pm

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

STATIONARY ENGINES, EXHIBITION OF MODEL LOCOMOTIVES,
RADIO OPERATORS BROADCASTING IN THE EXHIBITION
ROOM, HAND MADE MOSAICS, CRAFT, R.S.P.C.A.
2nd HANDBOOKS & JIGSAWS & 'GOOD AS NEW' STALLS
'HOOK A DUCK' & KIDDIES FUN STALL Etc. Etc.

PLUS AT 2.30 pm

THE 'BLACK POWDER
MORRIS'

will be performing in front of the mill
HOMEMADE CAKES & REFRESHMENTS

TOURS OF THE MILL,

Entrance to the mill: £2 adult & £1 child

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:

It is a real pleasure to be able to be involved with this lovely Windmill and contribute to its founding steps into the digital world. Born and bred in Hangleton, and working in Hove, I have always had the Windmill in my life.

I am happy to receive contributions for the next edition via email with **Newsletter** in the subject line.

Sue Burgess

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