

WINDMILL NEWS

Friends of West Blatchington Windmill - Newsletter - May 2022

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TIME TO VISIT

Looking forward to a full open season

We opened for the new season on May Day, offering Cream Teas to mark the occasion. It was lovely to open the doors in Spring again, and so far the weather has been with us.

It is hoped that a full season can be enjoyed by all this year. We are planning a 'special' event each month to try and keep our profile up. Each event will run alongside our normal opening days, within the same times. There is also another competition to join in and don't forget you can hire the barn. (*see over for both*)

The Christmas Gift Fair will make a welcome return in November, plus the Carol Singing in December and don't forget to keep an eye out for our Quiz nights too!

The Friends of West Blatchington Windmill have seen a few organisational changes over the last 2 years, not least a change in our relationship with Brighton & Hove City Council. We hope to continue to meet the challenges of making the Windmill



available to the public but will need the support of members, volunteers and local community alike, to do so.

Our publicity 'machine' has begun to embrace the modern social trends but it still frustrates us that we are still not reaching everybody.

Please let all your friends and neighbours know we are here and OPEN!

OPEN SUNDAYS

2:30 - 5 pm

Tours,
Teas,
Museum
& Souvenirs

Adults £2 Children £1

CREAM TEAS



Sunday 1 May

PLANT SALE



Sunday 19 June

BOOK & JIGSAW

STALL



Sunday 10 July

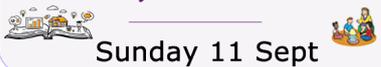
TEDDY BEARS

PICNIC



Monday 29 August

STORY TELLING



Sunday 11 Sept

PLANT SALE DONATIONS

HAVE YOU GOT ANY PLANTS, CUTTINGS, OR SEEDLINGS GOING SPARE?

IF YES, PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL TO ARRANGE COLLECTION OR DELIVERY.

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New Volunteers: Welcome & Thank You

Our recent volunteer recruitment afternoon proved to be very successful. The response to our leaflets, posters, What's App and Facebook posts was very encouraging. Training was then provided for all those that could attend and we can now report that we can open every Sunday and provide teas until the end of September. It was lovely to see such a keen and varied collection of members of our local community coming together to ensure the future of our Windmill.



Barn Hire: £15 per hour



The North Barn is now fully open for hire to the community. It can be used for a variety of activities/events including meetings, talks, funeral wakes, light activity classes and craft demonstrations. However, due to its nature the barn is not suitable for children's parties.

Hire Rates are charged by the hour, half day and full day with opening hours

generally from 9am until 10pm.

Full booking details can be found on our website under [Bookings](#). Enquiries can be made direct to our booking coordinator via [email](#) with Barn Hire in the subject line. You can check whether your required date you is available by consulting our online calendar.

www.westblatchingtonwindmill.org/calendar

Were we 'tail winded' ?

Between 1829 and 1833, the windmill disappeared from all inventories of the farm and outbuildings, and when next illustrated, she certainly looked very different to when John Constable painted her in 1825.

The handrail around the reefing stage had gone, the original clothed 'common' sweeps had been replaced by shuttered ones and the cap is a totally different design.

Tail winding occurs when there is a dramatic change in wind direction and the fantail cannot cope, resulting in the cap and sweeps being blown off. As seen here at a mill in Kent in 1908.



Did you know...?
7.5 tons
= combined weight of the cap, fantail, stocks & sweeps



202 & Counting

Peter has updated the 'Anniversary' sign. It is now resplendent in Red, White & Blue for the Jubilee, as well as ticking off another year!



ON SALE NOW
1.5 kg - £2.30
Stone Ground
FLOUR



Answers for the Quiz set in issue 54

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dovecote | 6. John Constable |
| 2. William Hodson | 7. South Barn |
| 3. Ribs of a Sailing ship (Shipwreck) | 8. ARP Station |
| 4. Edward Ledgerton | 9. 2* |
| 5. Six | 10. 1979 |

Notice

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Ann Faithful, in early May '22. Ann was a great friend to the Windmill.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Digital newsletter copies have been emailed to 'Friends' where possible. They are also available to read or download from our [website](#), and will also be shared on our Facebook [page](#).

Please send any ideas and/or contributions for the next edition via [email](#) with **Newsletter** in the subject line.
Sue Burgess

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Donationthank you!

Once again we must offer our sincere gratitude to the anonymous benefactor, who has donated £300 towards whatever we choose for the benefit of the mill. You may remember that their last donation was put towards the creation of the plant border. This latest one will cover the cost of paving and chippings for the bench which has proved so popular with our visitors and passers-by.

SNAPSHOT CHALLENGE

Calling ALL visitors to our Windmill

Prizes on offer!

Take a picture of the Windmill or its contents on your visit. Something that is striking, new, intriguing or is just simply worth sharing! Share it to our Facebook page or email it to fwbwindmill@gmail.com

