

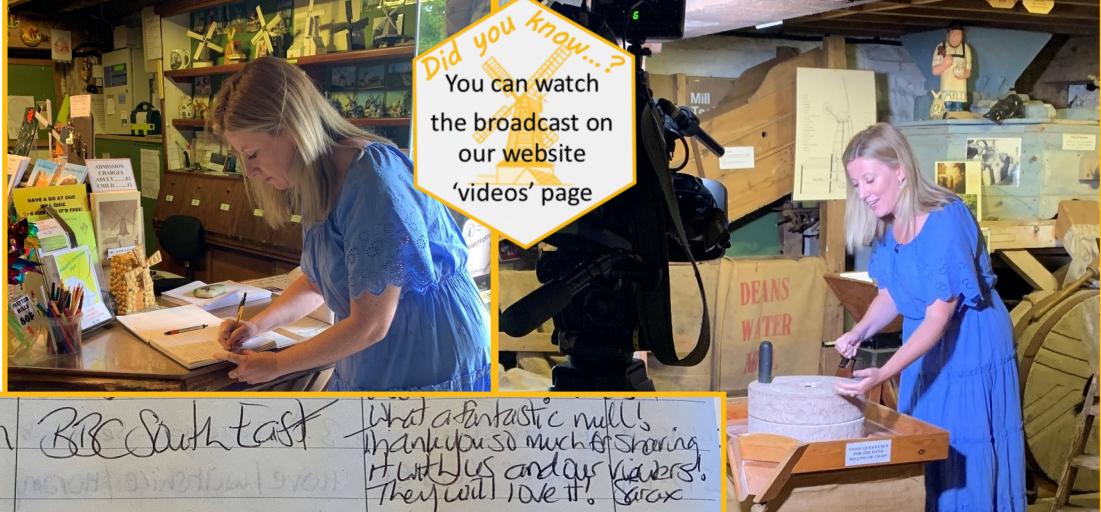
# WINDMILL NEWS



Friends of West Blatchington Windmill - Newsletter - August 2022

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9/6/22 | Sara Thornton | BBC South East | What a fantastic mill! Thank you so much for sharing it with us and our viewers! They will love it! | Sarah

## ON THE MAP

**A**t the suggestion of former secretary, Joy Ford, our new secretary, Sue, contacted the BBC who were looking for locations to cover for their 'On the Map' series. This looks at hidden locations around the South East and presents a short review to be aired as part of the Weather Report on Wednesday evenings.

Sue was delighted to receive a very prompt reply which stated "We love the windmill and especially the fact that it was painted by Constable. Sara would love to come and film with you" and to let them know "if you and a volunteer might be available to chat." Choosing our long serving President Peter Hill, was a no-brainer!



So on Thursday 9 June BBC South East Reporter, Sara Thornton met Peter Hill and Sue Burgess at the Windmill. The cameraman was none other than Peter Geary, who was well known to the windmill. He was the radio operator who set up the mill radio station when we used to have our Fete Days and the operators communicated with other mills across the country, and parts of Europe. As our Peter greeted him, he declared "I saw this on the schedule and made sure my name was down to cover it."

President Peter thoroughly enjoyed himself, sharing as much as he could about 'his' beloved windmill. It took over three hours for all the footage to be gathered, and Sara was pleasingly enthusiastic and engaged throughout. She thoroughly enjoyed making the flour, and did actually take what she gathered away with her!

The finished article was aired on Wednesday 22 June 2022, lasting just 3mins. 45 secs. The full video is available to view on our website [www.westblatchingtonwindmill.org/videos](http://www.westblatchingtonwindmill.org/videos)

We live in hope that it really has helped 'PUT US ON THE MAP'.

## OPEN SUNDAYS

2:30 - 5 pm

Tours,  
Teas,  
Museum  
& Souvenirs

Adults £2 Children £1

**IT'S BACK.....**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR**  
**Saturday 26 Nov.**  
*Put it in your diary!*

**ON SALE NOW**  
**1.5 kg - £2.30**  
Stone Ground  
**FLOUR**



### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Monday 29 August



More details on back page

### STORY TELLING & Heritage Day



Sunday 11 Sept

### AFTERNOON TEA

to Thank our Volunteers

Sunday 25 Sept



# Plants, Books & Cars

The turnout to our monthly events has been very pleasing. Indeed, we hadn't even finished setting up the plant sale before potential customers arrived. We had a good variety available and were particularly touched by the generosity of people. One kind gentleman turned up with a large donation of indoor plants, and left with an equally large haul for his garden! It was a popular event which raised £138 and may well become a feature in years to come.

On the day of the book sale we were also visited by members of the MG Car Club, as a stopover on one of their days out. Some lovely vehicles arrived, and their drivers and passengers seemed to really enjoy their tour of the mill. Once the cars had all left we set up multiple tables with Books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles. We are again grateful to all those who donated kindly. There was a steady flow of visitors all day, resulting in excess of £200 being raised.



## ...and next up 'Teddies'!



**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29th AUGUST**



- Entry to Windmill & Bear Hunt
- Windmill Teddy
- Make Teddy ears
- Entry to Name the Teddy competition
- Place at the picnic table

Book via email: [fwbwindmill@gmail.com](mailto:fwbwindmill@gmail.com)

## Treasurer Update

I am pleased to say that our independent examiner has inspected the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2021 and has agreed that they have been prepared in accordance with the books, records and explanations given to him.

## Maintenance Update

Wednesday evening work-ins The bench outside, now mounted by Ryan on heavy slabs and surrounded both physically and vocally!

by white stone chippings, has proved very popular and thanks to Luke, the garden at the base of the tower has looked resplendent from season to season.

Repairs have been made by Charles and Dave to the electrically powered millstones on the Stone Floor, and Jack has set up a series of racks on which

there is a display of the tools in use. Vocally, Charles and I allow ourselves time at the end of the evening for a welcome cuppa and chance to discuss and put the world to rights but we won't be putting ourselves up for the prime ministerial election!!!

Peter Hill

NB. The floodlights are all now working and we passed a recent fire check.

New tickets are in use at the front desk. A nice and simple memento for all visitors!



### 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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