



MOULTON WINDMILL NEWSLETTER



2024

Sails to be turning again in 2024

Mill re-opened following enforced closure

As a result of the issue with dislodged brickwork at the mill in mid-October 2022 (as reported in the 2023 Newsletter), it was necessary to close the mill until the situation was rectified and the mill declared safe. The mill closure lasted for some twelve weeks, and resulted in considerable loss of income, due to cancellations and non-trading – costs which were not recoverable under the terms of the mill insurance cover. With winter approaching, it was also decided to remove the shutters from the sails to mitigate against potential storms or storm damage. Making the mill safe – over £11,000.

Whilst the shutters were down, it was also decided to re-canvas and re-paint them to give them a new lease of life. A huge vote of thanks goes to all those volunteers who worked tirelessly, removing the old canvas, generating very sore fingers, tacking, stitching and sewing the new canvas covers, on most Wednesdays throughout the year. The shutters are now ready for their re-fit, which is scheduled for March 2024, when we intend to have the sails turning once again.

Tipplemill Gin

Over the past two years, the mill has been involved in what some may find a surprising collaboration. Milling wheat is obviously the reason the mill was built originally. However, the surprising aspect is perhaps the product that has ultimately been produced from that milled wheat – an award-winning artisan gin! The brain-child of Lily Craven at Mill Farm in Sutterton, Tipplemill Gin results from the wheat being grown organically, milled by wind at Moulton Mill, and then distilled into a very distinctive dry gin. For more information visit www.tipplemill.com. [NOTE: Moulton mill receives payment for milling the wheat and is not involved in the gin sales.]

First Quiz Night of the year

Following Christmas and the New Year, and after what is often felt to be a long January, the first Quiz Night of the year always proves to be popular. Perhaps it is a case of “please, no more turkey”, time for some fish and chips, or just a challenge to get that old grey matter working after a bit of a lay-off. Whatever it is, the mill Quiz Nights continue to be popular, and the regular attendees, together with the newer teams, want them to continue. As your regular Quiz Master, Alan thought the novelty

might have worn off, but even after 20 years, apparently not! Book early to avoid disappointment in 2024. First in '24 – 9th February (see events list).

Mothers Day & Fathers Day

Each year on Mothers Day, mums can go on a free tour of the mill when accompanied by a fee-paying child. There is no age limit, and the 92-year-old who made it to the top last year was absolutely delighted and proud to receive her certificate recording the event. Dads can go free on their day, and the same conditions apply.

Moulton Celebration Committee

Over recent years the efforts of the very active Moulton Celebration Committee have provided very well organised events and fund-raising for the local community. In 2023, their efforts provided events over the Coronation weekend of 6th and 7th May, and the Harvest Festival weekend in September, both of which proved to be well supported and very successful. The Committee are to be commended for their effectiveness, energy and continued enthusiasm, in helping to make Moulton even more sought after as a place to live, relax, and be a part of a vibrant and caring community.

Presentation to Janet Prescott, BEM



In the 2023 Newsletter, we reported how Janet Prescott had stood down from her involvement with the mill, and also as Company Secretary of Moulton Windmill Project Ltd. In gratitude, and in recognition of the incredible contribution made to the success and continuity of Moulton Mill over the past 25 years, Janet was presented with an engraved glass paperweight, together with a framed certificate (shown here), which is now proudly displayed in the Granary Tea Room. As a point of interest, it is significant that the photo of Janet included on the certificate was taken on 28th April 2013 – the first time in over 100 years that flour was milled by wind at Moulton Mill. Thank you Janet, for your drive, enthusiasm and commitment from the outset. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

Passing of Dora Seaton

January 2023 saw the funeral of Dora Seaton. The sad loss of another mill volunteer. Before becoming ill, Dora was a regular volunteer in the Granary Tea Room, and we are grateful for her good services. A tribute is now included in the Book of Memorial held in the mill, which includes tributes to those other volunteers and supporters who have sadly passed on. Gone but not forgotten.

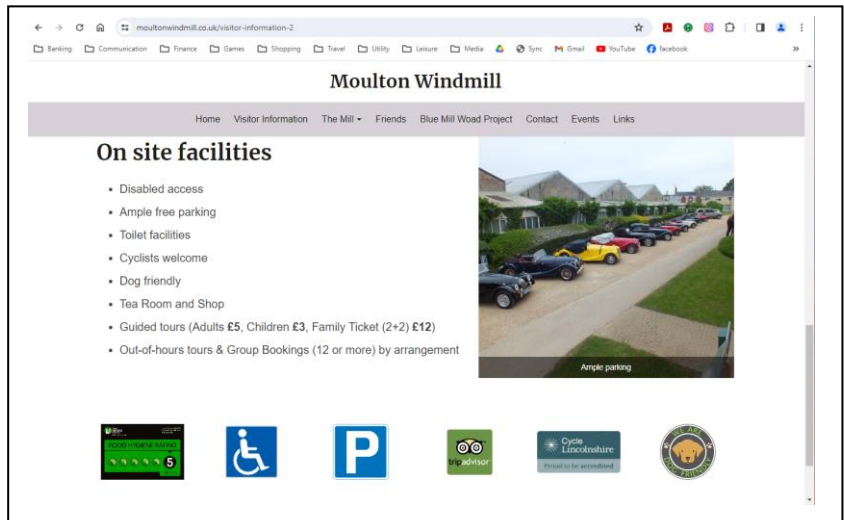
The Mill Website

The mill website can be found at www.moultonwindmill.co.uk, and with the improvements in website technology, it has been possible to update the look and feel of our website. This can be seen from the screenshots shown below. However, you might find that some sub-headings shown as a result of a Google search for the mill, take you to a previous redundant web page. This is due to Google not having fully re-indexed the new pages, and is not due to a faulty set-up. It is best to go to the main page (as identified above) where all the links work as they should.



This is the HOME page, and it is from here that the links connect to other parts of the website. The website will continue to be a work in progress to enable updates, additions and amendments as they become necessary.

This page forms part of the VISITOR INFORMATION section, with opening times, contact details and a map. It can be seen that the mill has been accredited by Cycle Lincolnshire, and we are particularly proud to be wheelchair friendly, with access into the Granary Tea Room and the first floor of the mill. Also dog friendly, providing their owners are well behaved!



The GRANARY TEA ROOM & SHOP is the hub of the mill. Whether popping in for a coffee and cake, just browsing or buying tickets for a guided tour. And as a point of interest, since opening to the public in April 2005, we have only raised the tour price by £1, from £4 to £5. The very positive comments in our Visitors Book provide testament to the enjoyment experienced by those visitors taking a mill tour.

Moulton Mill - Programme of Events - 2024

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sat	13 Jan 24	Mill re-opens	10am
Fri	09 Feb 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Sun	10 Mar 24	MOTHERS DAY (take Mum on a free tour)	10am – 4pm
Fri	29 Mar 24	Good Friday - Bank Holiday - mill open	10am – 4pm
Sun	31 Mar 24	Easter Sunday – mill open as usual	10am – 4pm
Mon	01 Apr 24	Easter Monday - Bank Holiday - mill open	10am – 4pm
Fri	12 Apr 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Fri	26 Apr 24	FOLK NIGHT with the return of “Pennyless” – Booking required	7.30pm
Sun	05 May 24	CRAFT FAIR (10.30am – 2.30pm) Mill open as usual	10am – 4pm
Mon	06 May 24	May Day - Bank Holiday - mill open	10am – 4pm
Sat	11 May 24	<i>(Spalding Flower Parade)</i> – mill open as usual	10am – 4pm
Mon	27 May 24	Spring BH - Bank Holiday - mill open	10am – 4pm
Fri	07 Jun 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Sat	08 Jun 24	<i>(D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebration)</i> – Mill open as usual	10am – 4pm
Sun	16 Jun 24	FATHER’S DAY (take Dad on a Free Tour)	10am – 4pm
Sat	22 Jun 24	TEDDY PARACHUTING	10am – 4pm
Sun	23 Jun 24	TEDDY PARACHUTING	10am – 4pm
Fri	26 Jul 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Mon	26 Aug 24	Summer Bank Holiday – Mill open	10am – 4pm
Fri	13 Sep 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Sat	14 Sep 24	<i>(Moulton Harvest Festival weekend)</i>	10am – 4pm
Sun	15 Sep 24	<i>(Moulton Harvest Festival weekend)</i>	10am – 4pm
Fri	08 Nov 24	QUIZ NIGHT (fish & chip supper) – Tickets in advance	7.30pm
Sun	24 Nov 24	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR (10.30am – 2.30pm) Mill open as usual	10am – 4pm
Sun	15 Dec 24	Friends gathering, Mill closes	Early pm
Sat	11 Jan 25	Mill re-opens	10am

PLEASE NOTE: This is a list of our **proposed** events. Unforeseen circumstances can often result in sudden restrictions, when coupled with a shortage of volunteers, alterations to our Programme of Events are often unavoidable, leading to situations whereby events can be subject to change or cancellation at short notice. Visitors are therefore advised to check the website at www.moultonwindmill.co.uk, or call 01406-373237 for the latest information.

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As you may be aware, Moulton Windmill is a registered charity, owned (for 200 years at least), and operated entirely by volunteers. Sadly, over the years, the number of volunteers has fallen substantially. The impact of Covid, the ageing process, illness and infirmity, have all taken their toll. In order for the mill to continue operating we need to staff the tea room, maintain the shop, and provide guided tours. It is a commitment that many people are unable or unwilling to make. The mill is open from 10am to 4pm, which can be broken down to 3 hours from 10am to 1pm, and 3 hours from 1pm to 3pm. Could you provide 3 hours of your time to help in the tea room or give guided tours? Full training is provided for those prepared to join a team of other local volunteers, enthusiastic about preserving the only tea room in the village and more importantly, this very unique heritage site. Call in at the mill, speak to the Duty Manager, contact the website or leave a message on the answerphone, 01406-373237.