

THE TIDE MILL

LIVING MUSEUM

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Season highlights and achievements
- Invite to end of season party

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A few of the season's highlights

MARCH

Teams from the two remaining working tide mills in Britain, Eling Tide Mill and Woodbridge Tide Mill in Suffolk met recently in Woodbridge to share their knowledge. Helen Robinson, Eling Experience Manager said: "It was so good to meet the team at Woodbridge who have created a really engaging visitor attraction in their wonderful historic mill. We learnt a lot from our visit and we're excited to be able to use it to help shape the visitor experience at Eling when we re-open in Summer 2016."



JULY

Three local schools took part in a Deben DFAS funded art project this year. Visits to the mill for inspiration were followed up at schools with more creative work, including a session with an amateur artist. Kyson and St Marys spent a session each with

Bee developing printed art work. Clay artist Helena Mecrow visited Melton School. Teachers and teaching staff were enthusiastic and spent additional time printing, sketching, preparing work for the exhibition, and filling in journals.



AUGUST

Last month the Tide Mill came second in the monthly token scheme which the Woodbridge Co-operative run to support local community activities and initiatives. Many thanks to all the Friends who helped to achieve this!

The area covered goes as far north as Eye, so we did very well to be supported so generously by shoppers and the community.

Some of the season's achievements

MAY

Tide Mill Friend Brian Ansell gave demonstrations of stone dressing at the Millers' weekend event and made a new small set of portable dressed stones

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An ingenious idea! Keith Bolton has designed and made a wonderful new addition to the mill flour bagging equipment. He has made a bespoke stand to support the big flour bags whilst weighing them.



JUNE

The maintenance team replacing packing on the cross tail gudgeon. This is a steel structure to form a bearing for the timber axle to the water wheel. It had become badly loose so we replaced wooden packing that keeps it in position- a slow and awkward task successfully completed. Richard is measuring the clearance on a trial fit of one of the packers.



Invite to end of season party

It is time for the end of season party for all Friends, volunteers and their partners. It will be on Wednesday 11th November at 6.00 pm in the Shire Hall, Market Hill. As before, there will be wine, soft drinks and light refreshments. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to hear how this year has gone, the plans for the future and have the opportunity to chat to other Friends.

Please let me know if you will be coming – anne.v.barratt@btinternet.com or 01394 382815.

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BEING A TIDE MILLER IS JUST ONE WAY TO COPE WITH THE DAILY GRIND.



DIARY

Season starts again at Easter, weekend of 26/27 March

5th April 2016, The Tide Mill at Norfolk Showground Spring Fling

26th April 2016 The Tide Mill at the Suffolk Agricultural Association's School Fam and Country Fair Day