

# TIDE MILL

## LIVING MUSEUM



Patrons of the Tide Mill: Lord & Lady Framlingham

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

After last month's bumper issue, the only way was down, but I hope the page 4 gift is a small consolation.. So, this is the plan...

There is always a little pressure to keep the page count down [more on this below], so, during the 'off' season, regulars Archivist's Review, Engineering Gazette and Miller's Chronicle will join Warden's Digest in the Pending Tray, to let the contributors recharge. Except for news items, of course. For as long as the East Anglian Daily Times wants Nigel Barratt's piece on Tales of Mills (and Millers)(TOM(AM)), we'll also use it - why not? The Fellowship of the Mill (FOTM) series will fizzle out in the Spring.

Then in April, when the new season starts, the regular features will all come flooding back to join TOM(AM) and will, hopefully, be joined by something new to replace FOTM.

There is an ongoing debate about whether or not the newsletter will be printed [hard copy], which will mean it will need to be four or eight pages (or other multiples of four, but let's not get too carried away), so watch this space, and please make a comment of you feel strongly about it, either way. Ed.

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### VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

A short view this month – welcome I am sure.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to wish all our volunteers and friends a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Thank you for all your hard work and support in 2017.

**John Carrington,  
Chair of Trustees**

### *Writing Wrongs*

There has been a query about why John Carrington refers to himself as 'Chair' but I use the term 'Chairman'.

'Chair' is a title, or position, so, while John holds it, he is the 'Chairman'.

When the 'Chair' is held by a woman, she will be the 'Chairwoman'.

Plain English - Ed.

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### MILLING AS A VOCATION



I HAVEN'T BEEN A MILLER ALL MY LIFE  
NOT YET!

## THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MILL NO. 6 THE GUIDES

And so we come to the last 'team' amongst our helpers. 'Team' is in inverted commas because they mostly work alone with the Warden, or in low numbers, so some of the Guides do not even know all the other Guides. But, they are a team, and a vital one - especially to the hard-pressed Wardens on busy days. There are two sorts of Guides: those who mostly work alone, helping out the Wardens at busy or turning times, and those who help with the more formal organised group visits. I have not differentiated between them - they are all vital. Thanks for your help, ladies and gentlemen - and others.

Here are brief autobiographies of the current Guides, in roughly alphabetical order...



**Fraser Hale**

We have 'had' Fraser previously; his first appearance, and full profile, as a Miller in issue 53, and then as an Engineer. Fraser is also our Archivist.



**Glyn James**

This is a personal note about Glyn, who is retired from teaching chemistry at Christ's Hospital and has been a Guide at the Tide Mill since the refurbishment, until last year, when he was forced to stop by ill-health, from which he is now recovering.

When I was a Warden, it was always a delight to see Glyn turn up for duty to help me, so this is to thank him for all the support he gave, together with his encouragement of my writing. Ed.



**Jane Lynam**

Originally from the West Midlands, I moved to Woodbridge five years ago on retirement after more than thirty six years as a lawyer, manager and trainer in the magistrates' courts, latterly in London. I have family ties in

the area as well as having enjoyed many holidays along the coast. I very much enjoy meeting the wide range of visitors to The Mill and sharing my knowledge (limited to begin with but growing!). I am also a member of the fundraising group which plans and runs at least two events annually. Apart from my involvement with the Mill, I also enjoy roles with the Friends of Woodbridge Library and the local Arts Society as well as being an enthusiastic dabbler in arts and crafts!



**Wendy Reid**

Wendy, the Bagger has been 'done' last month, Wendy, the Guide this month, and

Wendy the ... oh, no, that's for next month.

**Anne Barratt**



I began to get interested in the Tide Mill when milling began towards the end of the restoration and enjoyed baking and experimenting with the flour as the millers improved the grind. When the Mill re-opened in 2012, I did some guiding - more in the nature of welcoming in those days.

As I listened to Nigel and others talking to visitors, I gradually learned more about the Mill - its history and current operations and problems.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my guiding sessions, though I have not been able to do much recently. I hope to get back to doing more guiding and meeting more visitors in the future.

**Keith Bolton**

We already met Keith, as both a Maintainer and a Bagger - and he is a regular Guide, too.

You can't keep a good man down!



**Stephen Harvey**

Stephen has lived most of his life in Suffolk and loves the estuaries and countryside. Unlike the modern specialist who studies more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing, Stephen knows not nearly enough about far too much but can sometimes convince an audience that this knowledge is deeper than it is. Having kept the wolf from the door in the shipping industry and H.M. Customs and Excise, he now enjoys retirement in which his three, hugely fulfilling, occupations are Lay Ministry in the local churches, volunteering in Trimley St. Martin Primary School and being an occasional guide at the Tide Mill, all of which involve him listening to the sound of his own voice. The Tide Mill fascinates him, standing at the frontier of Land and Sea and inviting comment about so many topics; mechanics, the Industrial Revolution, rivers and tides, the roles of the church and the Lord of the Manor. The list is endless and well suited to Stephen's scatter-brained mentality.



Unfortunately, once again this month some of the Fellowship of the Mill have declined to be included, for various reasons, none of which are our business, but please think no less of them as we wish to acknowledge and thank them for their help.

They are:

**Margaret Booth-Smith, Ann Clark, John Clogg, Veronica Falconer, Barrie Hayter and Anna Morter.**

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## THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MILL NO. 6 THE GUIDES

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**Robert Spillett**

Bob need no further introduction, being well known to all of us in his rôle as Vice Chairman of the Trust and indefatigable jack-of-all-trades at the Tide Mill.

His speciality, as a Guide, is looking after the organised group visits, with help from others, of course.



**Judy Riggs**

Judy featured in last month's issue, in her rôle as a Bagger. She enjoys Guiding as well.



**Dan Tarrant-Willis**

Dan is currently Chief Warden, a Miller (who granites the rota) and a Guide.

What next? Find out in next month's issue.



**John Wood**

Engineer, Miller, now Guide, and maybe a mention next month, too - watch this space!

**Next month we hope to 'catch' all the Ones We've Missed, when they slipped through our previous nets.**

**So if you have not been featured to date, and want to be, please send your stuff to Ed. You know what is wanted.**

## Tales of Mills (and Millers)

This is always a difficult time of year for the Mill. Not just that it can be cold (the north-easterly wind howling across Suffolk really defines cold) but also the flooding. *"On the festival of St Martin, the sea flood sprung up to such a height and did so much damage as no man remembered before"* records the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle in 1099. St Martins day is 11<sup>th</sup> November; but, coming up-to-date, all of us can remember the tidal surge and flooding in December 2013. The Mill collected several feet of flood water in that year.

Amazingly, the 2013 flooding was generally worse along the East Coast (including the Deben) than the great flood of January 1953. Then, 307 people were killed along this coastline, 38 off them in Felixstowe, yet in 2013 there were only two recorded casualties.



Let's **not** stop moaning about government, but at the same time recognise when government agencies get it right - the flood defences put in after the 1953 flood held and saved countless lives.

Other major storm tides in this part of the world were in 1976 and 1978, but little damage to the coastline was done. All in all, over 50 catastrophic storms and flooding affecting the North Sea are recorded over the last thousand years, and most of them in December and January.

So when you're tucking into the turkey this Christmas, just hope that this year isn't one of them.

**Nigel Barratt**

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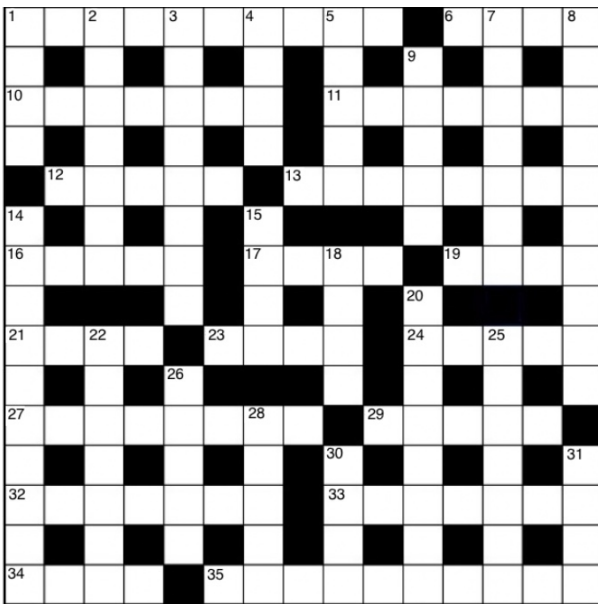
# NEW YEAR PUZZLE PAGE

January 2018

Both of my fans bet me  
That I couldn't do another  
Puzzle Page.  
I won.  
But they welshed!



An A4 size print  
of this page will  
make the answers  
easier to write.



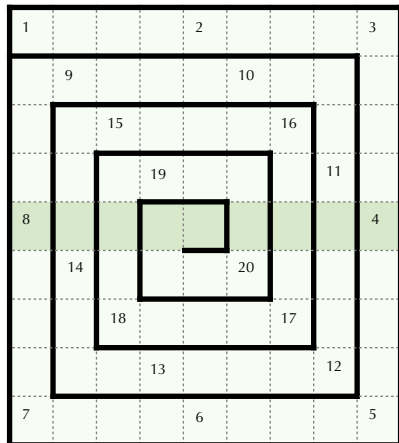
## CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Perhaps a timber span could lead to one's hometown.  
6 The French leave a bundle, to form a flood barrier.  
10 An AI sabre provides protection.  
11 It sounds as though the bat is dishonest.  
12 Barmy to make a closet in the church.  
13 & 17 Send tough hero far to the high street.  
15 Keynote with spirits.  
17 See 13 across.  
19 Banal songs include a plus.  
21 Pluvial tackle called for.  
23 Ophidians pass in a topsy-turvy way.  
24 Hit parade that features River Deben.  
27 Check if the hats fit before they turn turtle.  
29 Goblin gift includes treasure.  
32 An ace diet makes a cool drink.  
33 These are never found round here - surely!  
34 Pots of kiboshes.  
35 Space could perhaps provide a view of the sky.

### Down

- 1 Don to turn the ship around.  
2 Moaners maybe seen on the river.  
3 2 down could be in a Cockney's face.  
4 Five shoe shops in town include this one.  
5 Circumference of a saddle strap.  
7 Curious, bizarre novel.  
8 Perhaps hot tub cads found in the river.  
9 Derision found in Ed's corny jokes.  
14 Magnetic pull of the Tide Mill.  
15 Reported long-distance tourists visiting Rendlesham Forest.  
18 Wine in flower?  
20 Curved edgings may be seen at Shucks Festival.  
22 Yeti imp makes irreverence.  
25 Main sea perhaps creates forgetfulness.  
26 Presents talents.  
28 Maybe a lime was sent by the Internet.  
30 PC commands about what to eat.  
31 Paisley includes the key.



## WORD SPIRAL

Start at number 1 and form five-letter words around the spiral, with the last letter of each word forming the first letter of the next, to find the keyword in the centre row.

### Clues

- 1 Dicing withOUT death is sweet.  
2 It's not daily at OUR mill.  
3 He's in the detail.  
4 Nearby tavern.  
5 Joins golf courses?  
6 Guide bullock.  
7 Not to be sold down.  
8 Stretch in 7.  
9 Peregrinator on keyword.

10 Found in some derelicts.

11 On the wagon.

12 How's your father?

13 Cathy changed on the Deben.

14 Ebb and flow.

15 Taste of a fishing boat.

16 He's a card!

17 Guitar man possibly seen at the chip shop?

18 What must have happened to you to avoid 19.

19 What must happen to you if you are not 18.

20 More congenial, better than 19.

**Keyword Clue:**

Deben berm

## WORD LADDER

Turn wheat into flour in nine one-letter steps.

WHEAT	Clues
	Swindle
	Spike
	Simple
	Smudge
	Snivel
	Swell
	Sail
	Scorn
FLOUR	



## WORD WHEEL

Make words of four or more letters, each using the hub letter.

Good: 15 words  
Better: 20 words  
Best: 24+ words

## SPOT THE TEN DIFFERENCES

Answers on  
next page





APPEAL

Is there a reader out there, with a good 'eye', who can read and write a bit and who would like to be the sub-editor of this newsletter?

This strange rôle will require you to do

- NOTHING -

except familiarise yourself with my methods and be ready to step in in the unlikely (but possible) event of my sudden unavailability.

Ideally, applicants will already be actively involved at the Tide Mill, but not heavily multi-tasking.

There is no deep end, for you to fear being chunked in, as you will be fully briefed, and can work from home.

If interested, please let Bob or me know. Ed.

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Each month we have been giving the flour production figures. Because of newsletter deadlines, these have been taken up to the 15th of each month, which means the figure given here is up to 15 December. Next month we will report the total flour production for 2017, followed by that produced between the end of the year and 15 January. This month's production of our super flour is 6150.79kg. (6ton, 1cwt, 7lb, 15oz. Ed.)

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD  
Across 1 Woodbridge 6 Bund 10 Airbase 11 Racquet 12 Ambry 13 Thorough 16 Tonic 17 Fare 19 Also 21 Rain 23 Asps 24 Chart 27 Capsizes 29 Bling 32 Iced tea 33 Egoists 34 Nays  
Down 1 Wear 2 Oarsmen 3 Boat race 4 Ives 5 Girth 7 Unusual 8 Dutch boats 9 Scorn 14 Attraction 15 UFOs 20 Scallop 22 Impiety 25 Amnesia 26 Gifts 28 Islam 30 Menu 31 Isle

WORD LADDER  
Wheat  
Cheat  
Cleat  
Clear  
Blair  
Bloat  
Float  
Flout  
WORD WHEEL  
Wholmeal, hallow, mallow, mallow, whale, allow, wheel, whole, wale, weal, wham, whoa, wall, alow, woma, whee, howe, well, mewl, howl and whom.  
WORD SPIRAL  
icing, Grind, Devil, Local, Links, Steer, River, Reach, Hiker, Relic, Clean, Nooky, Yacht, Tides, Smack, Knave, Elvis, Saved, Drown, Nicer.  
Keyword: Riverwall.



BUSKER'S CORNER

Parnassian Poser

It's hard to know if you've written a good piece of modern poetry,  
Because it no longer has to rhyme,  
Or scan,  
It can,  
But, it doesn't have to,  
But, it DOES have to:  
Have nothing whatsoever to do with its title,  
Or plan,  
It can,  
But, it doesn't have to,  
But, it DOES have to:  
Generate deep emotional feelings.  
My feelings are so deep now, that I've sunk.  
So, maybe I've just written a good piece of modern poetry!  
But, I don't think so.



Diary Dates for 2018

Milling Demos. 5th - 09.00; 10th - 11.00; For January 22nd - 09.00; 29th - 14.00	Season Starts (Probably) Good Friday 30 March
Regatta 17 June (Father's Day)	Maritime Woodbridge 8 & 9 September
For mill working times this month go to this link: <a href="#">Turning &amp; Milling</a>	

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