

WOODBIDGE TIDE MILL MUSEUM[®]

Celebrating 850 years

Patrons of the Tide Mill: Lord & Lady Framlingham

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A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.



EDITORIAL
HAPPY NEW YEAR

I thought I'd try to get in first with the New Year greeting, though I suspect I failed.

Those eagle-eyed amongst you will have already spotted the new banner-heading on this newsletter.

We are no longer Woodbridge Tide Mill Living Museum, but now Woodbridge Tide Mill Museum. No longer 'Living', although, very obviously, we are still living. We are a flour-producing Tide Mill with a very active squad of volunteers doing demonstrations and enjoying visits from many schools, during the out-of-season season, and all sorts of stuff during the in-the-season season. Too much stuff to list here - and, anyway, your editor does not yet know what they will be this year.

Watch this space!

As some of you know, this column is being written in an eleventh floor apartment in Discovery Bay, Lantau Island, Hong Kong, where your editor is visiting his resident daughter and grand children. It has been, and will continue to be, with luck, a great adventure, with the side show of a brief trip to Australia (no, I will not be able to meet up with Wendy - I did ask).

See you at the end of January.

Ed.

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(Streamers background image found on <https://wallpapersafari.com/w/khf.js8> and <https://pixabay.com>)

I can remember 2019 like it was yesterday. Ed.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

We are planning an exciting year for the Mill.

Our centrepiece will be the 850th anniversary of the first record of a Tide Mill on our site. We shall also be marking the extraordinary generosity of Mrs Jean Gardner who, at very short notice, bought the dilapidated Mill at auction in May 1968. The Mill was then put into the charge of a charity to promote its restoration and preservation as a place of historic importance to be retained for the education of the present and future generations. This is our mantra fifty + years on

Education will be at the core of our 2020 programme, building on the successes we have had in bringing more people, especially young people, to the Mill to learn about how things were done and how important the Mill has been to the history of Woodbridge and the River Deben.

We will publish our 2020 programme in the next few weeks so that you have early warning for your diaries.

Meanwhile, my very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

John Carrington, Chair, Woodbridge Tide Mill Charitable Trust.

CONTACT US

Here are live links to send emails to the contacts needed for those readers who want to contribute to the life of Woodbridge Tide Mill by volunteering for one or more of the various interesting, and fun, jobs that need doing...

If you want to put something in the newsletter (or comment on it):

Ed.

If you want to be a Guide: **Wendy**

If you want to be a Miller: **Dan**

If you want to be a Flour Bagger: **Brian**

If you want to be a Warden: **Dan**

If you want to be an Engineer: **John W**

If you want to be an Leafleter: **Bob or John W**

If you want to help with Marketing: **Simon**

If you want to help with something we have not thought of: **Bob**

If you would like to contribute to our Collection or Archive: **Fraser**

If you want to contact our Chair of Trustees: **John C**

If you want to be a Friend of Woodbridge Tide Mill: **Be A Friend**

BORN TO GRIND



I WAS BORN INTO VERY SORRY CIRCUMSTANCES. MY POOR OLE MA WAS SORRY, BUT NOT HALF AS SORRY AS MY PA!

An extract from Carol and Mike Weaver's book 'Woodbridge - A short history and Guide

The late Mike Weaver was a great Friend to the Mill; he served as Mayor and Town Councillor and was chairman of the Woodbridge Tide Mill Trust for many years. Mike was a "driving force" behind plans to renovate the Tide Mill and our bright ground floor room is named after him - The Weaver Room.

Mike wrote many books on the subject of his beloved home of Woodbridge (although he was born in Wales). He published these under his own copyright. Today these are often referenced by visitors and historians. In 'Woodbridge A Short History and Guide' written by Mike and his late wife Carol he details a 'two and a half hour tour of Woodbridge starting and ending at the Railway Station'. In this, the Mill's 850th year, we make no apology for starting it at the Mill.

(Continued from *Quayside*) 'Cross the railway line and make your way to the Tide Mill, in many ways the symbol of Woodbridge and the Deben. It was built in the 1790s and



has been a source of great interest to visitors ever since and the subject of countless paintings and drawings. It is open to the public during the summer and for a modest fee you can look around, climb to the first and second floors, examine the machinery and enjoy the fine views of the river.

A mill is said to have stood on this spot since before 1170 and was operated by the Black Canons during the middle ages. After the dissolution of the Priory in 1536 it passed to Henry VIII and later Elizabeth I owned it

for a while. It operated as a tide mill, the last working mill of its kind, until 1957, when the main shaft broke and for ten years it decayed and rotted until a benefactor came forward, purchased it and set up a trust fund to save it; a remarkable gesture indeed by Mrs. R.T. Gardner of Wickhambrook. A huge restoration project was carried out; the foundations were stabilised and the wooden framework repaired and strengthened. The seventy year old corrugated iron sheeting was stripped off and replaced by the weatherboarding you can see today. The machinery was cleaned and restored to working order and a new water-wheel installed in May 1976.

The town of Woodbridge is fortunate to have this fascinating relic of the high Industrial Revolution.

(Photos from Tide Mill Gallery)
Earlier parts of this walk will appear in future editions.



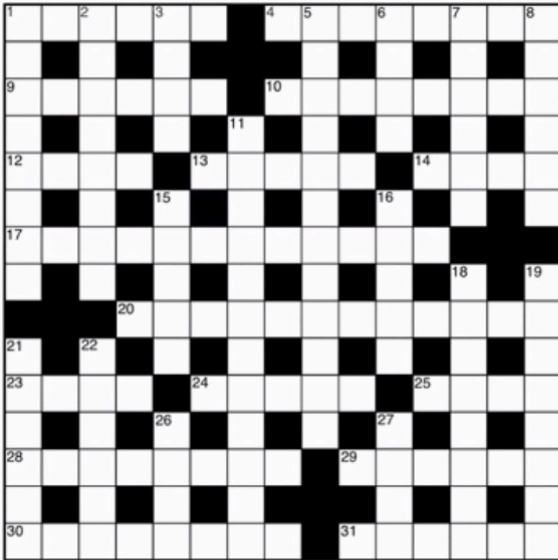
How did a tide mill work? Behind the mill stood a pond and the rising tide was trapped or impounded in it. When the tide had fallen and cleared the mill race beneath the wheel, the miller released the water which gushed out turning the water-wheel first breast-shot and later under-shot. Four pairs of French burr stones ground corn, maize or even peas and beans for cattle feed. The miller's hours of work were dictated by the tides and often in the past the stillness of the night was broken by the sounds and vibrations of a busy working mill.

If you have time to look around the mill you will not be disappointed. It is manned by volunteers, all "friends" of the mill and they are always pleased to answer your questions and point out the main features of interest. Next to the mill stands the derelict granary (*since refurbished. Ed*); its condition is not unlike that of the mill itself before restoration. Woodbridge Art Club have salvaged one small corner and hold regular exhibitions there.



Walk back along the quay towards the railway station. From the corner of Bass' Dock, for hundreds of years, a ferry service connected Woodbridge with Sutton. A High Court writ prevented the town council from closing the ferry in 1951 and in the following year the council gave a written undertaking to operate it "at all reasonable times".

At the railway station you have completed the tour of the town. For those who have the energy, however, there is a pleasant river walk to Kyson Point. The river which carried the Saxon and Viking invaders and made Woodbridge a thriving commercial port from Tudor times is now the centre of a new leisure industry and popular venue for the boating fraternity'.



SPOT THE TEN DIFFERENCES

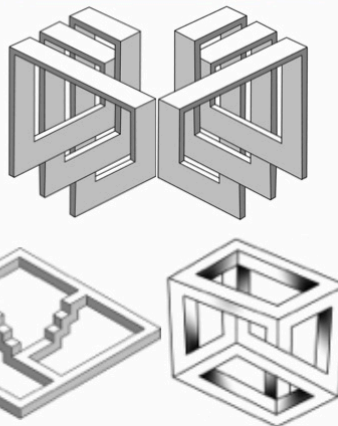


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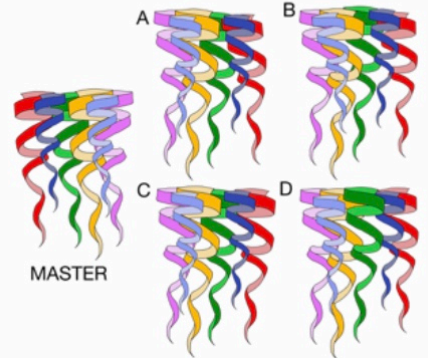
- 1. Nutty but adaptable cereal. (6)
- 4. Major African cereal grains. (8)
- 9. One down from nobility. (6)
- 10. Many vanillas vanellus. (8)
- 12. A singular part of a roof. (4)
- 13. Dictum. (5)
- 14. Patina. (4)
- 17. It's 'L' in police state to obscure the moon. (5,7)
- 20. Air tolerance to do something enjoyable. (12)
- 23. 'Terrible' Russian. (4)
- 24. How not to do one's job. (5)
- 25. The baker's panacea. (4)
- 28. Charged condition of a gun? (8)
- 29. Castor & Pollux. (6)
- 30. e.g. beaver would make a refreshing drink. (8)
- 31. Garden turned over presents a risk. (6)

DOWN

- 1. A small shopper for bread. (8)
- 2. A regular need in old buildings. (8)
- 3. What it is hoped visiting school kids are 'all'. (4)
- 5. How some Guides get their message across. (12)
- 6. And what most visitors do. (4)
- 7. Withdraw fixings. (6)
- 8. Aladdin's favourite seed? (6)
- 11. What some young visitors can be, if they are not all 3. (12)
- 15. The nightly reward. (5)
- 16. Savoury jelly. (5)
- 18. Cogs getting acquainted. (8)
- 19. Underlying. (8)
- 21. Persian garment. (6)
- 22. Name of wheelless trains. (6)
- 26. What some are 'only here for the ...'. (4)
- 27. Zeta. (4)



FIND THE MATCHING MIRROR IMAGE

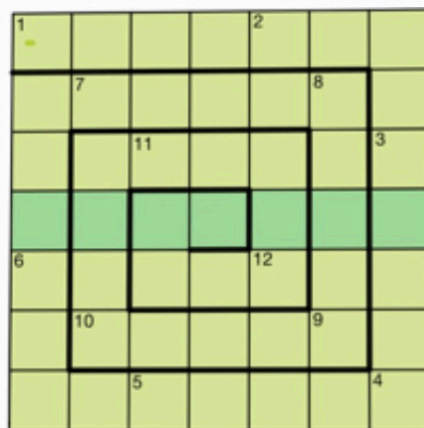


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SPLIT DECISION

Find the hidden words by deleting one letter in each divided square.

Do not quit drinking for the new year, remember: no one likes a quitter.



WORD SPIRAL

Clues

- 1. Faction.
- 2. Pallid.
- 3. Fungus.
- 4. Magnetism.
- 5. Excuse.
- 6. Expression.
- 7. Sorcery.
- 8. Tomb.
- 9. Robber.
- 10. Demon.
- 11. Quilt.
- 12. Step.

Keyword: Marksman



CURATOR'S CORUSCATIONS

By Fraser Hale

Don't believe everything you read.

It says, 'by Fraser Hale', but Fraser, our hard-working Curator, is very busy just now with preparations for 2020, as it is the 850th anniversary of a tide mill being on this site, and we want to celebrate it in suitable fashion.

Also, this anniversary has been mentioned elsewhere, so repetition is hereby avoided.



and less time on the web?



Here are a couple of photos by Simon Ballard of the very successful Middleton Primary School visit.

<https://www.nobleworks.com/5822-new-year-dog-funny-mccoys-brothers-new-years-card.html>



WHAT IS THIS, AND WHAT DOES IT DO?
Answer on last page

BUSKER'S CORNER

Tide Mill Anthem

(This one can be sung, too. You know a good tune for it)

Go, save our gracious Mill!
Long live our noble Mill!
Go, save our Mill!

da, da, da, da,

Keep it so glorious,
There for the curious,
Long to-or tower over us,
Go, save our Mill.

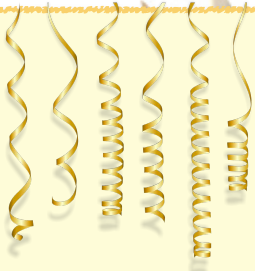


SCHOOL REPORT

by Heather Sheehan

The number of schools visiting the Tide Mill often reduces during December thanks to the weather and busy nativity rehearsal schedules. However this year we've continued to have lots of visitors.

At the end of November, we held our first 'Takeover Day' where we teamed up with Kids in Museums to offer children from St Mary's School the chance to come and take over a range of jobs in the mill. We had a wonderful morning during which the pupils milled flour, curated artefacts and learned how to be wardens. It was great fun for all involved and



plans are already afoot to expand what we offer next year.

During December we welcomed Middleton Primary and Bawdsey Primary. They loved finding out about the journey of flour from grain to mouth!

We round off the year with a Christmas Craft morning during which we will be doing some recycling themed craftiness. We'll be creating things from used wrapping paper and hopefully providing a sanctuary for frazzled parents!!



More photos by Simon Ballard of the Middleton School visits.



AN ENGLISHMAN'S COOKERY JOURNEY
by Richard Freeman

You might like to check out this book by one of our supporters.

It's described as "A collection of simple yet delicious recipes inspired by the pleasures of Suffolk food and the cuisine of Provence interwoven with many entertaining stories."

Available from Flatford Press
01206 265152
www.flatfordpress.com

HAVING A PRIVATE DO?

Did you know you can book **Woodbridge Tide Mill** for your own private evening function, for as little as **£110.00** (see below), subject to availability in the mill's Events and Appointments Diary.

Contact Dan at enquiries@woodbridgetidemill.org.uk

Friends of Woodbridge Tide Mill are charged £100.00 plus £10.00 for clearing and reinstating the counter area.

The general public are charged £125.00 + £10.00.

There are three optional extras, such as wheel turning, milling demonstration and guided tour, that total £35.00 if all are possible and included.



ENGINEERING GAZETTE

By John Wood

Apart from the occasional running of the mill machinery for school parties, and by Dan and the Millers to make some more flour, the machinery has not been very active. It has had to sit there in the cold and damp which it does not like very much.

The monthly maintenance has been done but is not as enjoyable as usual due to the cold. We are now looking forward to the warmer conditions and the Mill coming back to life again.

We do have some projects for the future which we will report on later.

We'll be reporting on the Craft Day at the Tide Mill, held on 30 December, at which your used wrapping paper was craftily recycled, in next month's newsletter.

I would like to take this chance to thank very much the Volunteer Engineers who give up their time to keep the wheels turning satisfactorily.

I wish them all, and all other mill volunteers a Very Happy New Year.

THE MILLER'S CHRONICLE

By Dan Tarrant-Willis

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2019 has ended with a Christmas rush for the baggers and millers, as a result of our wholesale customers needing good stocks for the festive season. We have produced twice as much flour this December than we have in previous years. This was managed and has been

This year's total production of our super flour is 6,181.31kg.

(13,627½lb Ed.)

This year we produced 226.5kg more than last year.

achieved by careful anticipatory planning by our lead baggers Brian and Bob and the good relationship that exists between the bagging and milling teams. During December a seemingly insignificant, yet important aspect, of the mill's success came to light on our last school trip and milling demonstration of the year. For this school visit both of the millers Ian Gray and Peter Skeet and one of our guides John Hughes all joined the mill this year as volunteers. This has great significance for the mill as any organizations long term success is based on fresh blood and new volunteers becoming part of our team. All of the above bodes very well for 2020.



Did You Have A Good Visit?

If you enjoyed your visit to Woodbridge Tide Mill recently, or in the past, please let everyone know so that they can share experience your enjoyment by posting a message on [tripadvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com)

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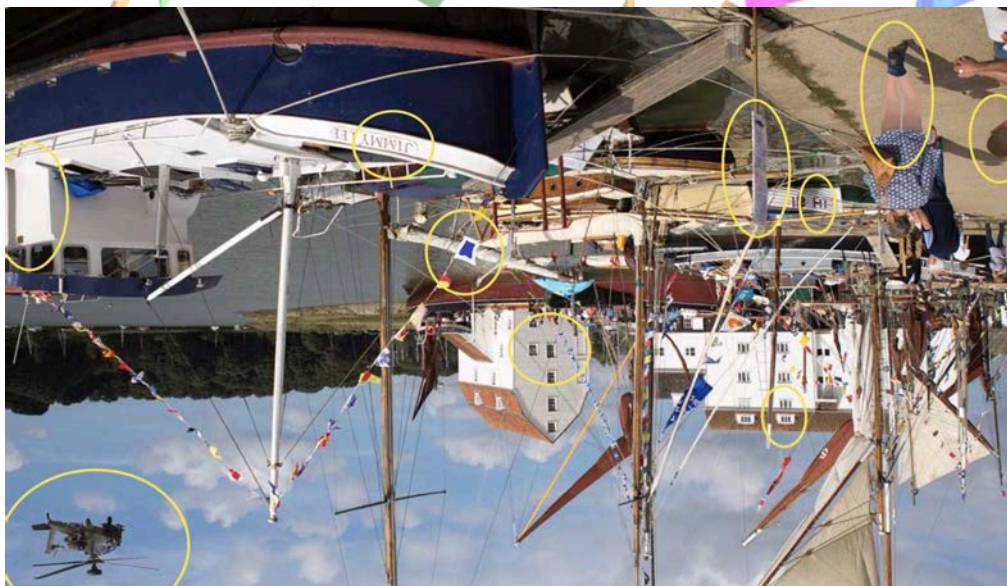
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Don't forget, if you go here it helps the Tide Mill, too.



Don't forget that the best way to ensure that you continue to receive this newsletter (regardless of all the other benefits) is to keep up your membership of The Friends of Woodbridge Tide Mill. If you are not already a member, but would like to be one, use this link: [Be A Friend](#)

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS



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Answers: 1. BULLETTIN, 2. LIZARD, 3. IVAN, 4. MADLY, 5. JUMP, 6. RECREATIONAL, 7. EEEEEEE, 8. TOPALCLIPSE, 9. TAVARALE, 10. EAXIOMFILM, 11. UOSTPATPA, 12. GENTRYLAPPING, 13. AEAANE, 14. SORGHUMS

Diary Dates for 2020

Wheel Turning and Milling Demonstrations

Water Powered Interactive Milling Demonstrations will take place in January on the 4th at noon, on the 11th at 16:30, on the 19th at noon and on the 25th at 16:30.

Water Powered Wheel Turning Demonstrations will take place in January on the 5th at 14:00, on the 12th at 16:00, on the 18th at noon and on the 26th at 16:30.

This year we will have a whole host of activities for your diary, but they are still being collated. So, watch for full news next month and thereafter.

For full general mill working times use this link to the website: [Turning & Milling](#)

Correspondents: all copy for next month to be sent to WTMeditor@gmx.com by the middle of January please.

WHAT IS IT? ANSWER



Flour dropping out of a flour chute into a paper sack. Wheat is milled into flour between the millstones on the first floor. It then drops down the verticle shaft, the bottom of which you can see, into the paper sack.



PURPOSE: The purpose of this newsletter is to support and advance the objectives of the Trustees of Woodbridge Tide Mill. The newsletter provides all supporters a forum of their own, together with information about current and future events and it is hoped it will foster a sense of common interest and shared identity, encourage increased participation and entertain.

EDITORIAL POLICY: The editor has full editorial responsibility for the newsletter. Articles that appear and views expressed are not the official position of the Trustees on any subject, unless specifically noted as such. Items submitted for inclusion may be edited for grammar, style and/or space requirements and contributors wishing to be alerted of any changes prior to publication must notify the editor at the time of submission.

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DISCLAIMER: The Glenn Miller gag cartoon does not make a comment about any real helpers at WTM.

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions.



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