

The Tide Mill has a long history spanning over 850 years!

It has changed ownership a number of times and throughout the years has often had to be repaired and even rebuilt.

The first recorded mention of a Tide Mill on its current site was in 1170 during the Middle Ages. It was first owned by a local Lord, Baldwin de Ufford and then fell into the hands of the Woodbridge Priory.

During Tudor times, upon the dissolution of the monasteries, the Mill was owned by Henry VIII. It was then owned by three more monarchs in succession... King Edward VI, Henry's son, Mary I and then Elizabeth I.

During Elizabethan times it finally left the grip of the Crown when it was sold to a local man - Thomas Seckford.

In 1793 the old mill was torn down and the Mill you see today was built.

It changed hands several more times but continued to work to produce flour and animal feed until 1957. Then, five years after Queen Elizabeth II had ascended the throne, the waterwheel broke and badly damaged the Mill, meaning that, sadly, tide milling stopped altogether.

Year by year after this, the Mill continued to deteriorate, and that might have been the end for the Tide Mill. However, in 1968 the mill was put up for auction and purchased by a local lady - Jean Gardener. She saved the Mill and made its restoration and preservation possible. In 2014 the Mill received a Heritage Lottery grant, and was restored again, so that today we can continue to mill flour using traditional methods and tell the Tide Mill's remarkable story.



'Hello, I'm Sid. I was one of the last millers at the Tide Mill before the old waterwheel broke in 1957. I don't make flour anymore, but I can tell you a story or two about the Tide Mill's history and I'll be your guide while you learn about this grand old mill.'

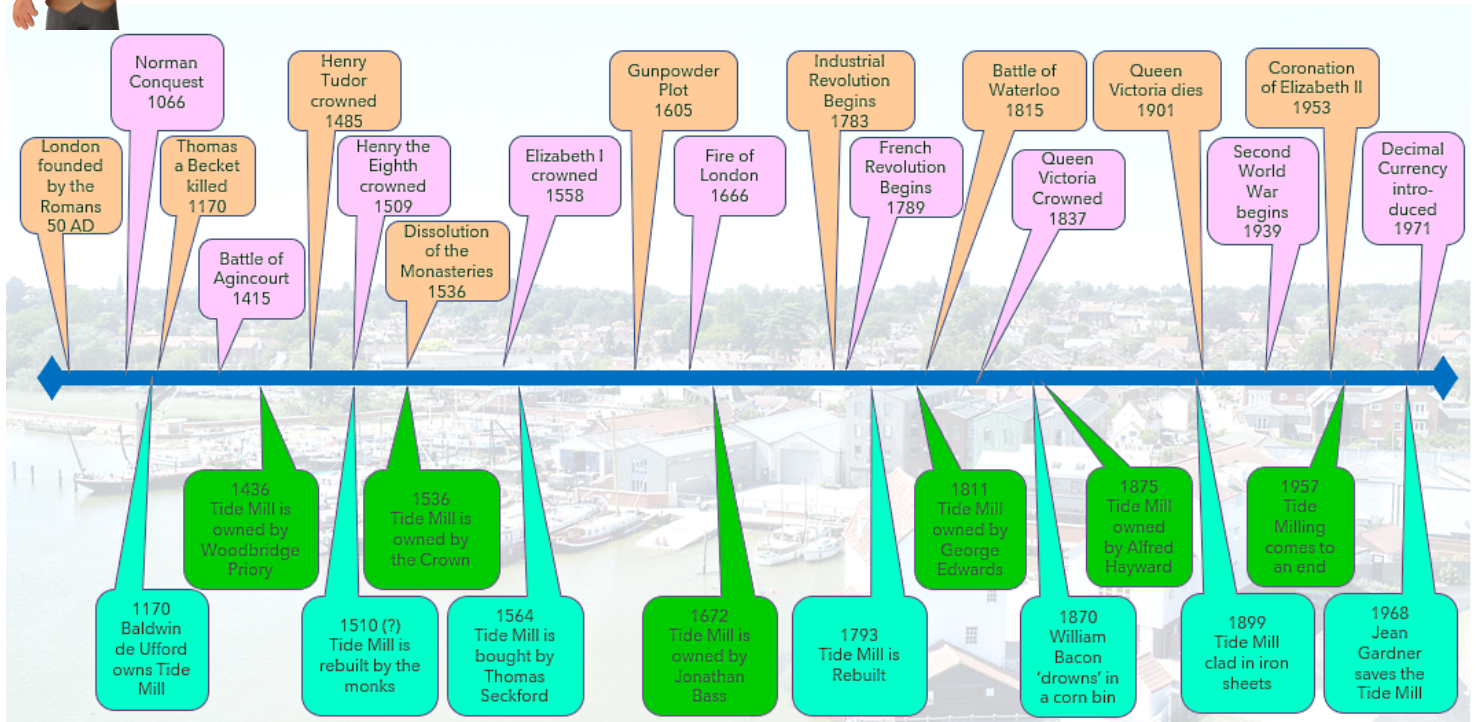


'On the next few pages are some activities that will help you discover the history of the Tide Mill. To get you started, I've made a short video for you to watch...You can find it here <https://youtu.be/AdhpDPjnmBI>

Activities



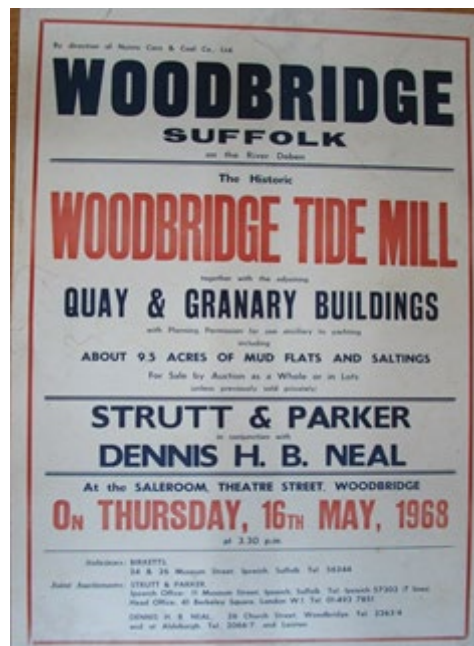
'Here's a timeline of events linked to the Tide Mill's History. Now create your own pictorial timeline. Can you link our events to other things that were happening at the time?'



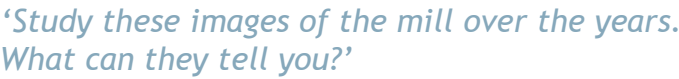
My Timeline



*'The Tide Mill has had many different owners.
Look at this copy of the sale poster from when it was
auctioned and sold to Jean Gardner in 1968.
How would you advertise the Tide Mill if it were to go on
sale again?
Design an advert pretending you are an Estate Agent selling
the Mill today.'*



My Advert...



'Using the pictures and the video, write a summary of how the Mill has changed, include evidence from your study of these primary sources.'

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