

GREEN'S WINDMILL TRUST

Newsletter



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This edition of the Newsletter is coming out a little later than usual as, despite the Mill not being open to visitors for much of the last 10 months, the staff, volunteers and trustees have been very busy. They have kept the mill working, the Community Garden tended and have looked for financial support wherever it may be found. There has been a loss of income, especially as we haven't been able to put on our public events such as the Easter family activities, the Summer and Autumn Fairs and the Carols in the Millyard.

However, we have had some success in receiving grants (detailed elsewhere in the newsletter). That said, our financial future is still uncertain as we don't know when we will be able to reopen to visitors nor what support we will continue to get.

Continued Closure for General Visits . . .



In line with the government's lockdown guidance, we remain closed for general visits. However, we are still producing flour which you can buy from our shop Wednesday and Sunday 10am - 4pm. You can place your order by phoning 0115 915 6878 or just drop by.

...But Flour Production Carries On

We have fulfilled 1,200 orders since March 2020, seven times the amount of a normal year. Despite flour being readily available in supermarkets again the popularity of our flour has continued, with 300 orders taken between September to December. This is great to see, especially as it is our only income stream on-site.

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The windmill continues to run whenever the wind allows to ensure demand is met. Stormy weather at the end of October/beginning of November saw the mill run for 36 hours across two and a half days, including a solid 15 hour shift which resulted in the spectacular view of the sails turning at night. The strong winds were welcome as unbeknown to staff at the time a further lockdown would shortly follow, creating another spike in flour demand. A further spike was seen on the run up to Christmas as local people sought interesting and unique gifts, while a third lockdown following Christmas has again seen in an increase in demand.



You can read more about our milling escapades in 2020 which have been captured brilliantly in this Nottingham Post article with Heritage Officer Jamie Duff, which was published over the Christmas holidays: <https://www.nottinghampost.com/whats-on/whats-on-news/how-nottinghams-greens-mill-saved-4828478>

World Bread Heroes Award

The tireless efforts of the Trust to meet flour demand during the shortages of the first lockdown have been recognised with a prestigious **World Bread Heroes Award**. It is given to those who “truly deserve recognition for their generous, considerate and often altruistic initiatives to help others”

It is marvellous to be recognised for our work and receiving this accolade nicely rounds off what has been a challenging year. We'd like to thank all the judges and organisers, but most importantly of all to say 'thank you' to everyone who supported us during lockdown, this award means so much to us.

Grant from DCMS Culture Recovery Fund

Thanks to the excellent work of the fundraising subcommittee the Trust has been successful in several funding applications, the most notable of which is the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage. This fund is part of the £1.57 billion rescue package announced by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to safeguard cultural and heritage organisations across the UK from the economic impact of COVID-19.

We have received £38,000 which will not only provide financial support over the coming months but also help improve both the flour production process and visitor experience. We have also received funds from the government's Business Support scheme, Heritage England, Nottingham City Council, the Marsh Christian Trust, Institute of Physics (more on that later), Tesco and Waitrose.



Green Flag Community Award

Many congratulations to our garden volunteers whose work has ensured we've retained our Green Flag Community Award status. The garden continues to flourish thanks to their hard work and dedication and has done so despite the difficult lockdown months when only a skeleton staff was available. Well done to the whole team.

Whilst the Mill is closed for visits our garden is still open for you to enjoy between 10am-4pm Wednesday to Sunday, free of charge.

Our Mill on the Hill

Green's Windmill was recently chosen as the theme for a dance project called 'Our Mill on the Hill'. Next Door Dance, a Nottingham based dance company who bring accessible performance work into the community, worked with an array of young dancers to produce four music videos supported and funded by Reverberate and Inspire Youth Arts.

The dancing, contemporary in style, was filmed in and around the mill on a cold but dry autumn day, and premiered on 18th December. It is splendid that our mill can be such an inspiration for the creative arts. You can see all four videos on the Next Door Dance Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NextDoorDance/>





A hat-trick of prizes for Nottingham physicists

Thursday, 29 October 2020

Three physicists from the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Nottingham have been awarded prestigious prizes and medals by the Institute of Physics (IoP).

The IoP Awards celebrate outstanding achievements in physics across the UK and Ireland, including researchers, technicians, apprentices, business innovators and teachers.

This year, three Nottingham professors have won these major awards, a remarkable achievement against strong competition.

Professor Penny Gowland has been awarded the Peter Mansfield Prize, Professor Richard Bowtell has been awarded the James Joule Prize, and Professor Laurence Eaves has been awarded the Nevill Mott Prize.

The George Green Legacy Continues

Congratulations to University of Nottingham physicists Penny Gowland, Richard Bowtell and Laurence Eaves for receiving the prestigious Institute of Physics awards - a standout moment for Nottingham, for physics and for the legacy of George Green:

“These awards are part of a long-standing Nottingham success story because all three research areas use mathematical physics techniques that were developed by miller George Green in Sneinton almost 200 years ago.”

Professor Mark Fromhold, Head of the School of Physics and Astronomy

What would George Green have made of seeing his work still playing such an important role in 21st century science? Read more about their achievements here: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/news/iop-awards>

Good Little Box

In addition to handing out awards, the Institute of Physics has also kindly donated £350 to the windmill to fund a cashless/contactless donation device called ‘GoodBox’.

Prior to the covid-19 pandemic we saw a trend for giving donations begin to decrease as fewer people were carrying cash, so the installation of a ‘cashless’ donation system was put on the agenda by the trustees. Once the pandemic hit this became a priority as cash fell further out of favour and there was a need to reduce touch points. Following some in-depth research on the available options by trustee Ed Breeds, we decided that GoodBox, a UK based award winning company, was most suited to our needs. Our device was installed in November and, while visitors are not allowed in the buildings, it has a temporary home at the flour sales point.



Abbott Joseph and his beer bread

Fr Joseph and his Beer Bread

We are delighted to be supplying organic wholemeal flour to the monks at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire to go into their Beer Bread kits. The monks brew their own delicious beer called Tynt Meadow, which comes in at 7.4% ABV. When they wanted to start selling their beer as part of a beer bread-making kit they looked no further than Green’s Windmill. We supply them with special 500g bags of flour in a partnership that has grown considerably since it began in Autumn 2019. While quarterly orders were initially in the teens it has steadily grown to 70 bags every few months, helped considerably by the creation of their online shop. Almost 500 bags have now been sold as part of their kits. You can buy your own kit by visiting their website here: <https://mountsaintbernardshop.org/products/father-josephs-beer-bread>

Denny Staniforth

At the end of October much-loved supporter of the mill Denny Staniforth passed away. A well-known local resident, Denny was often found sitting in his favourite chair in the millyard, supping a coffee loaded with coffee-mate and telling an amusing tale or three to staff, volunteers and visitors alike. Known for his love of nature and his encyclopaedic knowledge of Nottingham, Denny could brighten up the dullest of days, especially with his generous supply of shortbread biscuits and witty one liners such as his greeting 'aye up, owd flower' in reference to the



baking ingredient of the same name made by our millers. For many years he was the tenant of the allotment plot behind the Science Centre that is now our Community Garden.

Denny's health had deteriorated over the last 18 months and he found it increasingly difficult to visit the mill. That did not stop him making an appearance at last year's Carols in the Millyard, his favourite event of the year. Denny passed away peacefully on 22nd October at home in bed. One in a million, he will be sorely missed.

Denny has been immortalised via YouTube. Here he is talking about the windmill back in 2010: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O74gWupHC5Q>

From the Miller

Hello Everyone', Leigh reporting,

When I learned that we were World Bread Heroes. for me that was a very proud moment. knowing all the team's efforts were recognised by the judge. That is an honour that will not be forgotten by me. I am also very pleased to hear about the grants we have received to keep us going while we are still not allowed to open to the public. I do miss all of the volunteers that are staying away during this difficult time and I wish you all the very best. With the sad passing of Denny Staniforth my best wishes go out to his family. I will miss his stories and every time I walk out the mill with bags of flour in my hand I'll remember his "aye up, me owd flour". For now, take care and stay safe



One for Physicists

Werner Heisenberg and Erwin Shrodinger are out for a drive when they get stopped by a traffic policeman who says 'Do you know that you were doing 40 mph?' 'Oh, great,' replies Heisenberg, 'now we are lost.'

The officer opens the boot and says 'Do you know that there's a dead cat in here?' And Shrodinger says 'Well, I do now.'

