

## Issue 35 October 2022



Trust chair, Tom Huggon, signing the Book of Remembrance

Many of us at Green's Windmill Trust were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In 2012 we were chosen to have a Queen's Jubilee Beacon, recognising the mill's importance nationally as well as locally, and we have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. In tribute our sails were fixed in the 'mourning' position and the mill lit up purple at night. Flowers were left at the foot of the Jubilee Beacon and a Book of Remembrance was available to sign in the science centre.



## Busy Summer Period



Our busiest time of the year is always the summer holidays, and this year was no exception with almost 5,000 people visiting over a six week period, a record number since the Trust took over running the mill in 2013. This no doubt due to our busiest ever summer events programme, with 25 different events being held. Ten of them were children's baking events for the general public, which engaged with over 400 children. Further children's activities included free science events with the return of Pete Wearn's Cool Science and outreach workshops with physicists from Nottingham Trent University, including our very own trustee Ed Breeds.

We held six community pop-up café events, offering freshly cooked meals at £3 per plate. These were well attended and made for a magical atmosphere as people shared friendship, food and fun at the foot of the windmill. We'd like to say a huge thanks to all the visitors who supported the windmill over the summer and to the volunteers who helped make this summer such a success - it simply would not be possible without them.

## What's it like to work in Nottingham's Windmill?

That's the headline of a recent Nottingham Post article featuring Trust Heritage Development Officer Jamie. Journalist Caroline Barry spent an hour with Jamie at the windmill one morning discussing how he got involved at the mill and what working at the mill really means to him. If you missed the article you can read it at the following link:

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/what-like-work-nottinghams-windmill-7502713>



## Exhibition for Heritage Open Days

An exhibition was held in the lower gallery at the Mill from 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September for Heritage Open Days. The annual heritage event is a celebration of England's architecture and culture, so our exhibition was made up of the history of George Green and the windmill using selections from our extensive archive, including many historical press cuttings and photographs. It was free to view



and attracted approximately 1,000 visitors. A special thanks must go to volunteers Richard and Dave for their help preparing the exhibition.

## Funding News

Our fundraising subcommittee continue to work hard researching various grant opportunities and writing applications with the aims of keeping the mill open, making positive developments to the site or running special projects. We're recently received grants from the following organisations for which we're extremely grateful.

### ASDA Foundation

£1,009 has been received from across two different grants; £500 to spend on community events as part of the 'Green Token Giving' Scheme (thanks to everyone who voted for us) and £509 for tools and equipment to benefit volunteers and visitors, such as a shed work bench and parasols for the garden.

**ASDA**



### Wheatcroft Foundation

£3,000 to extend the post of Community Garden Project Coordinator.

### Green's Windmill Trading Company

£10,400 for the year from the Trust's associated trading company that manages the sale of flour from the mill, books and souvenirs in the shop and other income such as room hire.

## Meet the Team – Jane Marrows

### What's your hometown and country?

I am originally from Nottingham and returned to the area over 37 years ago, just as the Mill sails were installed.

### What's your role?

As a volunteer, I do general cleaning in and around the Science Centre and help for a couple of hours on a Friday in the Community Garden. I also volunteer at special events such as the Jubilee Celebrations, where I oversaw the children's art activity.



### How long have you been involved?

In my present role I have been volunteering for over a year.

### What attracts you to contributing at Green's Mill?

I've been involved with the Mill in various ways for over 30 years. Initially as a member of Sneinton Environmental Society, then as a member and coordinator of Sneinton Artists Group, who had a new art event here this September. I was also employed for freelance art projects by the City Council at Green's Windmill before it became a Trust and also a couple of times since.

As the Mill and Science Centre site is so attractive, I have often hired the Lower Gallery to teach art and textile classes. Overall, Green's Windmill is a very pleasant and special place to be and the staff are very welcoming. I feel it is good to give something back for all the pleasure the Mill has given me.

### Where did you first hear about Green's Mill?

I actually saw it, before I heard about it, when I moved to Sneinton in 1986.

### What's your favourite memory of the site?

Spending lots of time there with my two children, mainly on the way home from their school on Windmill Lane.

### Which flour is your favourite type, and why?

I particularly like wholemeal flour. It has flavour and texture and is a good multi-purpose flour.

### What would we most often find you baking in your kitchen?

I mainly bake bread, pastries, quiches and scones with Green's Windmill flour. I am currently using the flour from Ukraine. I find it is also good for pancakes and batter, with a little white flour added to the mix.

## News from the Community Garden

We'd like to say a massive congratulations to our gardeners who've received their seventh consecutive Green Flag Community Award. The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces and recognises the efforts made by our organisation. The garden is looked after by our band of hardworking and dedicated volunteers, led by garden coordinator Jo. They meet every Friday and do a superb job maintaining the garden to the highest standards and thoroughly deserve this award. Our Community Garden is open all year round Wednesday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm. Entry to the garden is free, so come and have a look for yourself and see why it's received this prestigious accolade.



Much harvesting of crops has taken place this year with the fruit and vegetables available for a donation. This has been especially important recently as the cost of living crisis bites. This year 47 different fruits and vegetables were grown, including the always popular cucumbers, courgettes and tomatoes, and some on the more unusual side such as kohlrabi and butternut squash.

The damson tree produced a generous crop once again and 75 punnets were sold. The quince tree has also done well and should be ready to harvest soon. Our volunteer Martha has planted wheat, spelt and rye grains so visitors to the mill will be able see up close what the growing crops looks like. Exactly 150 grains of each type have been planted at a density of 100 grains per square

metre, the optimum amount to provide a good crop, but we put a few extra in to account for hungry birds and squirrels.



The new 'bug hotels'



A splendid crop of Russet apples



Sowing sample crops

## Dates for your Diary

As life at the mill returns to a more regular pace following the busy summer holiday period, we are looking forward to the coming months and the variety of events on offer. While October half term activities are still being finalised, we can confirm our annual **Autumn Fair** will return on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** and the popular **Carols in the Millyard** is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

There will also be a **Remembrance Service** on Windmill Park in front of the mill on Remembrance Sunday **November 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm, all are welcome.

## Green's Windmill Trust Accounts 2021 – 2022

The Trust's account for 2021-22 have been examined and approved.

- You can see the full accounts online in the Trust's company information at [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Companies House - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))
- and our charity information at [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://The Charity Commission - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) (search for our registered charity no. 1163116)
- You can see a printed copy of the accounts at Green's Mill or request a PDF copy by dropping an email to [treasurer@greensmill.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@greensmill.org.uk)



Isaac Newton's apple tree (var: Flower of Kent) has survived its move from a secret location (OK, a trustee's allotment) and is flourishing

## A synopsis of the accounts

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies	35,275
Charitable activities	32,648
Other income	6,635
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,558</b>

## Expenditure

<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>71,296</b>
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## Reconciliation of funds

Funds brought forward	42,927
Funds carried forward	46,189



Carols in the Millyard, a highlight of year as an event and as a fund-raiser

## Trainee Miller Weds

Congratulations are in order for our trainee miller Leigh and long-time volunteer Ellie on their recent wedding. They met in 2013, about a year before visiting the mill to see what volunteer opportunities were available. Since then they have both been mainstays of the mill in one capacity or another. We'd like to wish them all the best for a wonderful life together.



## Looking Back: Your Editor Writes. . .

Whilst putting this newsletter together, I noticed to my astonishment that it is our 35<sup>th</sup> edition. So I thought it might be instructive to have a look at issue no.1 to see what we were up to in 2013. . .

First off, a young chap called Jamie had just started as our Heritage Development Officer, having previously been a volunteer. We are very pleased to say that, of course, he is still with us.

We won the top prize - again - for our flour in the Soil Association National Organic Food Awards (I think we won some more awards in subsequent years.



In that year we welcomed the arrival of Heidi, the name we bestowed upon our electrically-driven millstones, who has enabled us to continue to supply flour when the windmill itself is not operating, such as when the wind doesn't blow or we have maintenance issues. We also established the Green's Windmill Trading Company to manage sales of flour and souvenirs in the shop and other income-generating activities, such as room hire and events. At that time we were required by the rules governing charities to keep our commercial and charitable activities as separate entities. The profits from the trading company boost the income of the Trust.



The last item of interest - to me, at least - was an appeal for someone to take over as the Newsletter editor. Some 35 issues later this still stands.

## Milling News

You may have noticed that for some months now the sails have not been turning. Our mill has been working since its restoration some 36 years ago and inevitably maintenance issues arise. Windmills are vulnerable structures, exposed to the elements and built to a large extent of wood. Our mill is in need of significant repairs which will entail the removal of the sails and other structures in the coming months.

We are planning to keep the mill and the rest of the site open as much as possible during the works. We will have updates in the next newsletter and on our social media.