

# WHEATLEY WINDMILL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

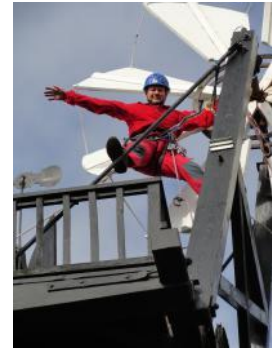
(Registered Charity No. 1079601)

## February 2015 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

The major event of 2014 was the regular **exterior maintenance programme** including the painting of all exterior woodwork; re-coating the cap and finial; and applying water-repellant sealing to the stonework. We have also continued to do running repairs such as the never-ending challenge to make the fantail run more quietly!

The website - [www.wheatleymill.co.uk](http://www.wheatleymill.co.uk) - continues to attract more and more visitors. If you have any useful content which you would like to contribute please contact our webmaster, Heather Palmer at [webmaster@wheatleymill.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@wheatleymill.co.uk) as it always needs to be kept fresh. We are also keen to encourage local businesses to **advertise** on the website, so please ask any businesses you know or use regularly to consider this low-cost form of promotion to a local audience.



During the year we have hosted regular **group visits**, including several for our old friends at the Oxford House School of English. These are an important revenue-earner for the mill so we try hard to put on a good show in return for a donation. If you are a member of a club or society and would like an exclusive tour of the mill please contact me via [gs@timeharvest.com](mailto:gs@timeharvest.com)

This year we are having to give more attention to **allergy advice** for our visitors. Although this is a bit troublesome the reasons for it are sound, so please be aware that we may ask if any of the cakes or other products which are so kindly donated contain nuts or any other allergens. Gluten-free products should continue to be labelled as such.

The landscape around the windmill is coming under increasing threat through pressure to develop in the **Green Belt**. If you feel strongly about this and want to preserve the excellent views of the mill, please stay tuned to local media and make your views known to the respective authorities, including your local Parish Councillors.

The 2015 AGM will be held on **Wednesday 18 March at 7.30 pm at The Hub, Horspath**. We look forward to seeing you at this new venue for us. As always, donations are most welcome, and can be sent to the Treasurer (Caroline Dalton) at 7 Park Hill, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1NE.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers, so if you can pour tea, cut cake or even apply linseed oil to the cogs (always a popular job!), do please contact us via the website or on 01865 873389.

Geoff Stephens,

Chairman, Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society.



## Programme for 2015

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b> Any alterations or additional events will be advertised on our website
Wednesday 18 March, 7.30 pm	Annual General Meeting: The Hub, Horspath.
Sunday 10 May, 11 am to 6 pm	Mill open - National Mills weekend More info at: <a href="http://www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk">www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk</a> Featuring: Wheatley Birds of Prey
Sunday 14 June, 2 pm to 6 pm	Mill Open Day
Sunday 28 June, 2 pm to 6 pm	Teas at Wheatley Manor House Open Gardens More info at: <a href="http://www.ngs.org.uk">www.ngs.org.uk</a>
Sunday 12 July, 2 pm to 6 pm	Mill Open Day
Sunday 9 August, 2 pm to 6 pm	Mill Open Day
Sunday 13 September, 2 pm to 6 pm	Mill Open Day
Sunday 11 October, 2 pm to 5 pm	Mill Open Day
Group visits can be arranged during Spring, Summer and Autumn.	

