

Bunbury Mill Newsletter 14:2 Summer 2014

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Welcome to the Bunbury Mill Newsletter Summer 2014



Visitor numbers are up again this year!

The 2014 season is proving very successful, with 816 visitors touring the working mill in the first four months (compared with 652 last year). Group visits have ranged from 6-7 year old school children, through apprentice groups, to U3A and Probus!

This success does put a strain on our volunteer workforce, and if you think you could help, even in a small way, please contact us.



Nantwich Show

Our **Nantwich Show** promotions stand was in a marquee with a variety of stalls. This meant a diverse mix of people seeing the stall, taking leaflets and chatting to us. The show generally attracts visitors from an area where they could feasibly visit the mill and many people we spoke to were keen to come for 'tea and a tour.'



Facebook



Website

The Dipping Pond

“Dipping Day” was held on 13th July when Ernest Croley officially opened our new pond platform. It gives easy and safe access to the small pond and is very popular with children and adults. The pond is home to water boatmen, sticklebacks, bloodworms, newts, dragon fly larvae, tadpoles, frogs, caddis flies and of course – ducks.



Trouble at t'mill !!



The crown wheel driving the auxiliary equipment moved on its shaft, resulting in several of the wooden teeth being broken. This put the sack hoist and various other bits of machinery out of operation. To mend this required the services of a millwright at a cost of £250.

Our maintenance team give their time free of charge, but materials have to be paid for - examples are tanking and paint for the basement £105, refurbishment of a toilet £126,

materials for the dipping platform £181, replacing elderly picnic tables £269.

It is only through kind donations and visitor tickets that we can fund the restoration and repair that is constantly required. If you would like to help, please visit the Help Us pages of our website:

<http://www.bunburymill.com/donate.html>



STOP PRESS Some good news - we have just learned from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) that they propose to make us a grant towards the cost of some urgent capital projects that we will never be able to fund from day-to-day revenue. This is subject to registering with ENTRUST, who administer the grant scheme, and dealing with certain contract formalities, likely to take a few weeks. Further news as soon as we can.

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