



Bunbury Mill



Welcome to the Bunbury Mill Newsletter Autumn 2015 Part 1

This newsletter will come in two parts. Here we describe some of the events that have occupied us at the mill this summer. The second part will outline some of our plans for the future.

The Bunbury Watermill Trust's third season of full operation has now closed. This year, over 1500 visitors have come to see the mill working, meet at the visitor centre, and indulge in the tea, cakes, and sandwiches. As well as opening regularly on Sunday afternoons and Bank Holidays, we have been pleased to host a wide variety of group visits, some of which are illustrated below.



School visits

As always, school visits have formed an important part of our work. As well as seeing the mill, pupils undertake activities such as craft work and bread making.



Photography

Crewe & Nantwich U3A Camera Group came to study the challenges of photographing moving machinery in awkward lighting. Visit

<http://www.creweandnantwich-u3a.org.uk/>

An unusual venue for embroidery

1st August was 'National Stitch Day' for the Embroiderers' Guild, and the Cheshire Borders branch chose Bunbury Mill as their 'unusual venue'. As well as working - and chatting - in the comfortable visitor centre, they toured the mill, and posed and sewed by the mill stones and on the winnowing floor. We welcome the use of the mill as a venue for such diverse activities.



Oaty Porridge at Bunbury Mill

We were pleased to host an Online Field Trip 'Oaty Porridge' as part of *The Tesco Eat Happy Project*, broadcast live from the mill on 1st October 2015. The lesson was made in collaboration with oats producer Mornflake, and featured presenter Sam Mann, along with Richard Jones (an expert on oats) and Peter Robinson (volunteer Bunbury miller). Children from primary schools in Cardiff, Barry, Herefordshire, and Lanarkshire took part by live links, and the programme was streamed into schools across the UK. As well as discussing the history of oats and oat milling, and the nutritional benefits (and pleasures) of eating oaty products, the programme featured a detailed explanation of workings of our historic Victorian water mill. The programme can be viewed at <http://www.eathappyproject.com/online-field-trips/oaty-porridge>.



Look out for Part 2, which will tell you about some of the problems we have to resolve at the mill before the start of the 2016 season next Easter

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