



## The 2016 season so far:



2016 is providing the mill team with another highly successful - and therefore challenging - season, with over 1400 visitors by the end of August. We are pleased to see enthusiastic comments in our visitors' Book and on our Trip Advisor site - some examples are:

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*Fascinating - so pleased we came!*

*Most impressive old mill, for me as the son of milling engineer :-)*



Some visitors came from far away - for example Greece and Switzerland. Marcel and Rita (above) are old friends visiting one of our volunteers, and Marcel's father was an engineer/project manager with a Swiss company which made flour mills.

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*A wonderful visit to a wonderful mill. A real gem run by true enthusiasts with a love for what they do - it makes the mill very accessible to young and old. Thank you very much!*

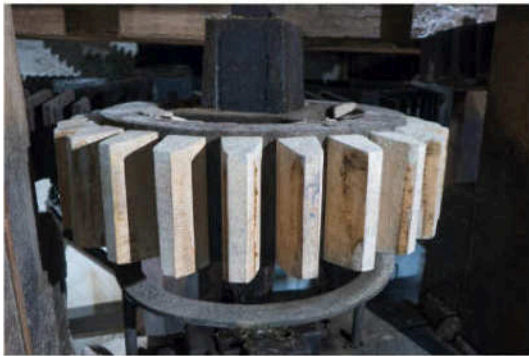


## The Bunbury Journal

The Bunbury Mill Team was sad to hear of the termination of the esteemed Bunbury Journal after 40-odd years of publication.

However, for us there was a silver lining - a donation of £800 was made from the Journal's residual funds to the Bunbury Watermill Trust, making a substantial contribution towards the cost of replacing the embrittled wooden cogs on the sack hoist drive gear.

On the left of the group is Dave Clapperton of the Journal team - on the right Mike Watson, who masterminded the machining and instalment of the new cogs.



## Biodiversity?

Our resident mallards and moorhens have again raised several families of chicks this year.

But early in June, courtesy of the RSPB, they were joined by three Muscovy ducks known as Tom, Dick and Harry. There was a Mexican stand off for several days - Dick disappeared within 48 hours, and Harry sat on the concrete pier for about two weeks and then disappeared, but fortunately he then reappeared and settled in with



Tom amongst the mallards. They now appear to get on very well together, and it is amusing to watch the Muscovies swimming in the mill pond - they appear to go backwards more than forwards.

The Muscovy ducks (also known as Barbary ducks) originate from Mexico and South America, and can also be seen on the Indian subcontinent. They make an interesting addition to our mill family.

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## School visits

In 2016 we are again hosting a series of visits from primary schools, ranging from Tarporley and Nantwich to Culcheth and Knutsford.

As well as touring the working mill, each pupil engages in two other activities chosen by the school, including bread making, pond dipping (always popular), animal habitats and food chains, and design and technology projects (making miniature sack trucks or model sack hoists).

The display boards in the Visitor Centre reflect and link to the topics covered by the schools, varying from season to season.



## Nantwich Show

Ladies from the Bunbury Mill team manned our stand at this year's Nantwich Show. After an early and chilly start to the day the sun came out, and the lovely weather drew the crowds. As usual, there was a lot of interest in our display, with enquiries about visits, sales of whole grain flour, and orders for our spelt flour.

The ladies were able to take it in turns to have a wander around the show and enjoy the wonderful bacon baps from a nearby hot food wagon. Why not join our team and have some fun yourself next year?

### **A date for your diary:**

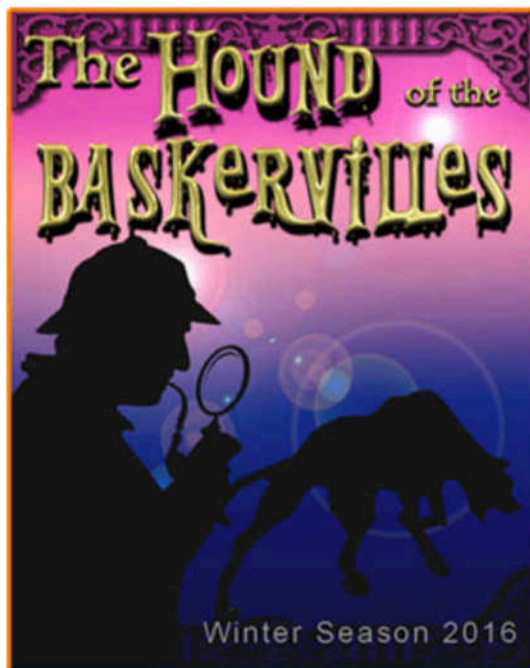
**Coffee morning at the mill - Friday 30th September 10.00 - 12.30**

Come and enjoy good company, drinks, and wonderful home made cakes in our lovely visitor centre - all proceeds will go to McMillan Cancer Support.

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**Another date for your diary - have fun and support your mill !!!**



**Saturday 7th January 2017 in the Village Hall.**

The Rain or Shine Theatre Company proudly presents a new adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous mystery, which will be touring from mid November to early January.

Meet the world's most famous of detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he is called upon to solve the greatest mystery of all time - that of the Hound of the Baskervilles. An unforgettable evening of mystery and suspense, transporting you from 221b Baker Street to the wilds of Dartmoor in search of who - or what - dunnit !

Support this fun event in aid of mill funds and the village hall. There will be refreshments including a licensed bar. Tickets will be available in October/ November - watch this space!

If there is sufficient demand, there will also be a matinee performance for families. The play is said to be a touch scary, but suitable for 6/7 year olds!

**YOU could have some fun helping us to maintain and run our unique heritage! All forms of help are welcomed.**

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