



# Bunbury Mill

## Welcome to the Bunbury Mill Newsletter

Hello from the Bunbury Mill team. We have been very busy at the mill this summer, so it's time for an update.



### Preserving History

Bunbury has one of the oldest and finest working watermills in the country, with buildings and machinery dating back to the 1800s. The Mill is a fully working museum producing flour for sale, and most visitors are amazed to be able to operate the winnower and feel the impressive millstone dressings. We are open till late October, so if you haven't visited the Mill yet, there's time to come along and have a winnow!



So far this season we have shown over 850 visitors round the mill. The 1000th visitor will receive free honorary Friendship of Bunbury Mill for the forthcoming year.

**It could be YOU!!!**



### Bunbury School Visit

Bunbury School visited the mill in July to enhance and enrich their work on the Victorians. Year 5 had a taste of life as Victorian children. The boys were apprentice to the miller, worked the land and along with the girls, attended a 'very strict' school staffed by fierce Victorian school mistresses (a.k.a. mill volunteers.) The girls made bread dough and did the laundry using original Victorian equipment. They were so inspired by their experiences that they wrote their own play that was performed at the mill. They raised money for Dr. Barnardo's (a Victorian charity) and also made a donation to the mill.



### Wildlife Sightings

Recent sightings on the mill pond include families of mallard and moorhens, five species of dragon fly (Southern Hawker illustrated), and kingfisher.

We hope the mallards were not commenting on the samples of our latest bread recipe that we fed them!



**Oktoberfest** returns to Bunbury Village Hall on Sat 19th Oktober, with a traditional German 'beerkeller' supper, and music and entertainment supplied by the celebrated Klaus Encounters oompah band.

Ticket Details Soon (Proceeds to Bunbury Mill)

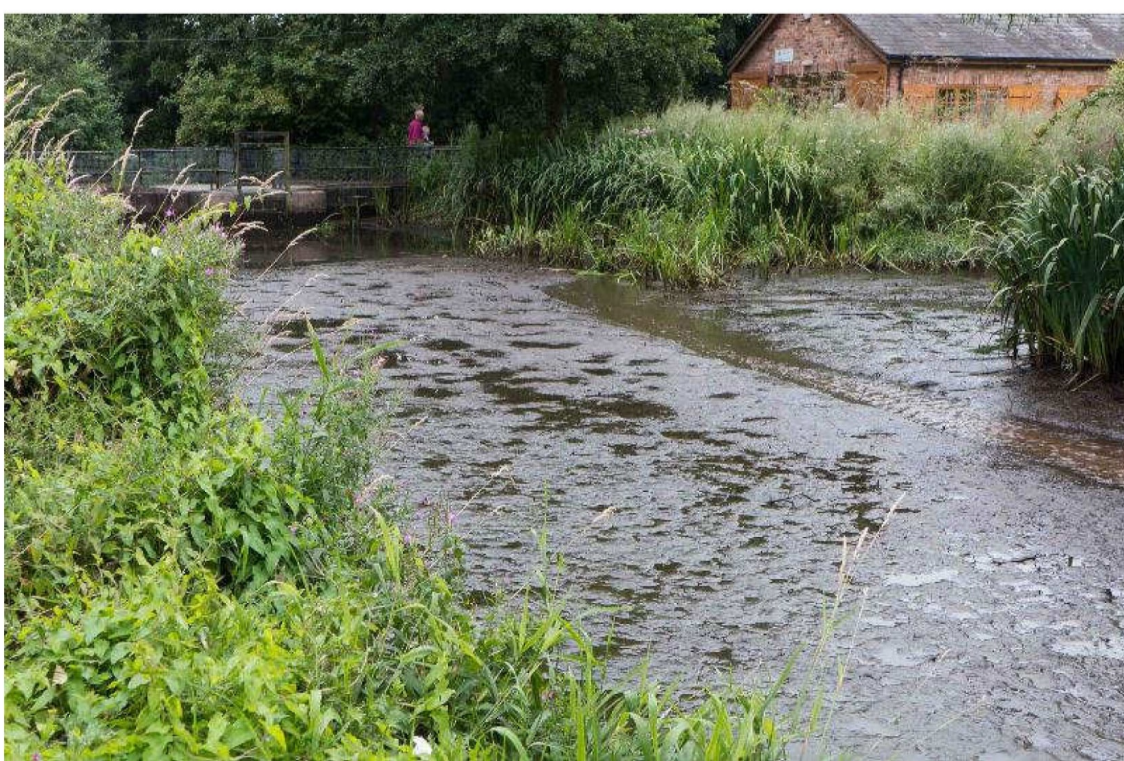


### Children Love the Mill

We have had a large number of children at the mill this summer; here is some of the feedback:

- The whole building wobbles!
- I love counting the mice and getting a chocolate mouse.
- I've never seen such big cogs.
- Now I know how flour is made.
- The miller's children had to work really hard.

Learning about life for the Miller's children and finding out about flour production and seeing, hearing and feeling heavy machinery is a unique experience, and oh yes, finding the mice is great fun (they're not real!).



As you can imagine the Mill is very expensive to run and repair. So we are applying for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for some major restoration projects such as dredging the badly silted millpond, maintaining the building, plugging the leaks etc. We should hear if we are successful in the next few weeks. If we are successful, activity will be intense over the winter to have the Mill in full working order for next spring - we will keep you informed.

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### Donations Please

All these restoration projects need your help and your financial support. Donations are critical to us to ensure we can pay the monthly costs of rates, electricity etc. as well as the restoration and improvement projects. Please continue to support us, become a Friend of the Mill and donate on a yearly basis.

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