

A thing of beauty



March 2004

We have joked for a long time that our project is smiled on by the elements - whatever the weather for the rest of the time, the first Sunday of the month always seemed to be fine for our Open Days. This run of luck couldn't possibly have chosen a worse time to break than 2007!

Flooded out in the summer, gale force winds hindering the building of the roof in the autumn, more flooding in the winter - the rebuilding of the Granary has been no mean feat. Nevertheless, we are now proud to announce the completion of Phase 1, against the odds!

The rainwater harvesting system is plumbed in, we have a kitchen complete with fridge, cooker, and sink with running water and a toilet with a door that shuts!

The craftsmanship of our builders and joiners has resulted in a magnificent restoration of the Granary, which we hope will now stand for everyone to enjoy for the next 250 years.



December 2007



Tim Hall

Help from a Howsham Hall

The alumni gathering last summer which sadly marked the closure of Howsham Hall school, proved to be a happy event for the Howsham Mill Project.

During his visit, a Howsham School old boy - Tim Hall - popped down to the mill for old times' sake and was delighted to see that work was underway to rescue the building that he remembered so fondly from his school days. Indeed his first impression of the project proved sufficient to inspire him to pledge an amazing £10,000 per year for the next five years to help us continue our work. Tim's overwhelming generosity has gone a long way to helping us complete the Phase 1 rebuild, and he has agreed that we can use this year's contribution to match fund a grant to pay for our connection to the National Grid.



A huge **THANK YOU** to Tim from everyone involved in the project!

Schooldays at Howsham

Hydro Hiatus

Do we have power yet? A not unreasonable question given that the arrival of the Screw was documented in last April's newsletter.

Sadly, we are still waiting for the hydraulic engineering company to complete their work. Now more than nine months overdue on completion, and despite constant harrying on our part, it is still a case of so near and yet so far.

Everything seemed ready to go in November last year, but testing the system revealed some problems with the pump which we believe have now been resolved.

Unfortunately, the recent bad weather has meant that the river is so high, no work can be done until the water recedes a little...we live in hope that by the end of January, all will be resolved, and the lights will finally be on at Howsham Mill.

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Thurs 7 Feb, 7.30pm
AGM of the
Renewable Heritage
Trust to be held at
Westow Village Hall.
All welcome!



Chris Fawdington



Dylan Hayes

New Trustees

It's that time of year again when the Trust welcomes in some new blood. Our latest recruits are Chris Fawdington and Dylan Hayes, both volunteers of some years' standing who have agreed to formalise their involvement by becoming Trustees. Chris has also agreed to become our new Treasurer.

Sincere thanks to our out-going Trustees: Pete Anderson, Eileen Barker, Phil Kershaw and Jeannie Swales for all your help and support over the past few years and yes, we will certainly take you up on your offer of further help in the future!



Spotlight on...

Ted Pindar
Volunteer



Having spent decades maintaining the buildings of Duncombe Estate in Helmsley, it was a happy day for the Mill project when Ted decided to volunteer.

His unique set of skills have proved invaluable to us during the rebuild of the Granary, and Ted has spent many hours painstakingly facing individual stones to ensure that the finished building looks exactly as it should.

You would think that having spent so much of his life doing this work he might like a rest during his retirement - but no. Stonemasonry, digging, plumbing - you name it, he can regularly be found just quietly getting on with it at the mill. Ted, what would we do without you?

We raised the roof!

I am happy to report that the Raise the Roof Campaign was a huge success. At the final count, we actually raised an incredible **£3,499**, which with Gift Aid on top actually paid for the beams and rafters as well. A fantastic effort, and our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part.

In fact, demand has been so great for sponsorship of specific bits of the mill, we will soon be launching our new "Howsham Hods" Campaign for 2008. Watch this space!



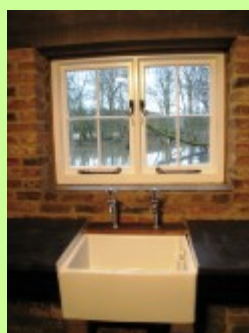
Help raise funds without paying a penny!

Do you have a computer? Do you look things up on the internet? If so, you can help. EveryClick is a web browser (much like Google), the difference being that you can raise money for your favourite charity every time you look something up online.

To help the Howsham Mill Project, all you have to do is visit www.everyclick.com and choose **Renewable Heritage Trust** as your nominated charity. It will then talk you through how to set up an EveryClick homepage, which means that every time you want to look something up on the internet, it will use EveryClick by default, and raise some money for the mill. It couldn't be easier.

Word has it that as a browser it is perhaps not *quite* as efficient as Google, but so far it has found everything I have looked up, and if it doesn't you can always go into Google afterwards with the warm fuzzy feeling that a few seconds of your time has helped raise money for our beautiful building!

Just look what you've done...



The Granary