

Chairman's Notes

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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Ros Plunkett retired from the job as editor after the last issue and I would like to thank her for her sterling work.

Ruth Andrews has kindly stepped in and she and Keith have produced our new look publication. If you have any snippets of Mill related topics or articles from your local newspapers or journals please drop her a line or email, and share them with us all.

I am writing this update between finishing the final arrangements for the four day study trip to Cornwall and leaving first thing this Thursday (19 May).

The details of next year's trip which will go ahead during the middle of May 2017 are still to be decided but I will email you once the destination has been chosen.

Our March meeting was held on Saturday 5 March in Emsworth, when Peter Hill former chairman of Sussex Mills Group gave us an illustrated talk entitled "Harnessing the Power of Wind, Worldwide" and very interesting it was too.

Our next meeting will be a follow-up presentation by Sheila Viner entitled "Exploring the Mills on the River Pang". It will be held at Longbridge Mill on Friday 17 June at 7:30pm. Why not arrive early and have dinner at the mill before our talk?

The September meeting this year will be held at Warnford Village Hall on Friday 17 June at 7:30pm, with a talk by Stephen Gadd: "Navigating the Avon from Salisbury to Christchurch in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods". This will be followed by a short general meeting and the AGM. Light refreshments will be served during the evening.

I am very sorry to have to report that John Silman has now been in Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester since January. He has recovered from his initial infection, but is very fragile and does not always recognise who people are, so I don't think he could cope with visitors. His wife Margaret visits daily, and his daughters and neighbours are being very supportive. She will let us know if there is any change. I am sure you will want to join me in sending them our best wishes.

I look forward to seeing you all at our June meeting.