

## Tail Race

Information is received from many sources and William Hill is a champion gatherer and imparter of items garnered from all types of media which may include links to videos on YouTube or television programmes; he distributes to a long list of mill people via email. If you would like to be copied on William's electronic batches of news, please let me know and I'll pass them on to you. From William's latest list I viewed:

[http://www.wpri.com/dpp/rhode\\_show/the-rhode-less-traveled-prescott-farm](http://www.wpri.com/dpp/rhode_show/the-rhode-less-traveled-prescott-farm) Video inside Rhode Island American corn mill *"Have you always wanted to see the inside of the 1812 Prescott Farm windmill? Explore how this amazing machine works and learn about the importance of grist milling on **Aquidneck Island**. **Please note:** Windmill will not be in full operation due to safety and preservation concerns."* and elsewhere in New England: *"There hadn't been a gristmill on **Conanicut Island** since about 1750. Before the Revolution, however, the farmers weren't concerned about a mill and concentrated on growing crops for export. Now, with money short, they had to find a way. The first requirement was land on which to build the mill. The farm that had been confiscated from Tory Col. Joseph Wanton included one of the highest points on the island. The town petitioned the state to grant it that part of the Wanton property. The entrance to the windmill grounds passed in front of the miller's cottage, and the mill was still an operating business when this picture was taken in 1889". Read more on:*

[http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2012-06-14/Legals/JHS\\_100\\_years\\_A\\_new\\_mill\\_for\\_Conanicut\\_Island.html](http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2012-06-14/Legals/JHS_100_years_A_new_mill_for_Conanicut_Island.html)

**Lowfield Heath Windmill** open days: The mid-18th century post mill with a brick roundhouse, which originally stood at Lowfield Heath before the building of Gatwick Airport, will be opening on Heritage Open Days of Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9, from 10am to 5pm both days. **Brixton Windmill** has been shortlisted for a [Museums and Heritage Award for Excellence 2012](#). London must have had hundreds of wind and watermills and it's so surprising, but delightfully so, to find the windmill restored in that densely populated area. Residents are very 'hands on' with this community centered fixture. Over in Norfolk **Great Witchingham Watermill** : 50 firecrew members were recently sent to the isolated **Eade's Mill** complex of buildings close to the boundary between Great Witchingham and Whitwell. The alarm was raised at Eade's Mill House, one of two adjoining homes overlooking the old mill pond on a tributary of the River Wensum. The firefighters were praised for saving this historic Norfolk building and preventing fire spreading to other properties.

The Smiths family established their commercial **Smiths Flour Mills** at Langley and Walsall In the 1820s and later acquired the Worksop site as head office in 1906; they also have a mill at Holbeach. A financial crisis has caused a sell-out of Smiths - recognised as one of the largest independent flour millers in the UK - to Whitworth Brothers. The 130+ jobs are said to be secure with the company which provides ingredients for a wide variety of bakery, convenience food, breakfast cereals and confectionery. Acknowledgement to [www.WorksopGuardian.co.uk](http://www.WorksopGuardian.co.uk). **The Tide Mills of Western Europe Exhibition**, returns to Hampshire in mid September to **Ashlett Tide Mill** and hopefully a second venue at **Beaulieu** if negotiations are fruitful. Don't forget that

you can see other regional mill websites by using the links within our own [www.hampshiremills.org](http://www.hampshiremills.org) website for [The Mills Archive Hampshire Industrial Archaeology Society](#); [Lincolnshire Mills Group](#); [Midland Mills Group](#); [Norfolk Mills](#); [Sussex Mills Group](#); [Wessex Mills Group](#); and [Hantsweb](#). And you can revisit abridged copies of previous HMG Newsletters in the website. There are other website links in [www.millsarchive.com](http://www.millsarchive.com) too. Also, if you are a Friend of the Mills Archive, you can have your say on their blog site, either adding comments or raising new subjects. *Have you got mill news for the rest of us? Send it to Sheila – now!*