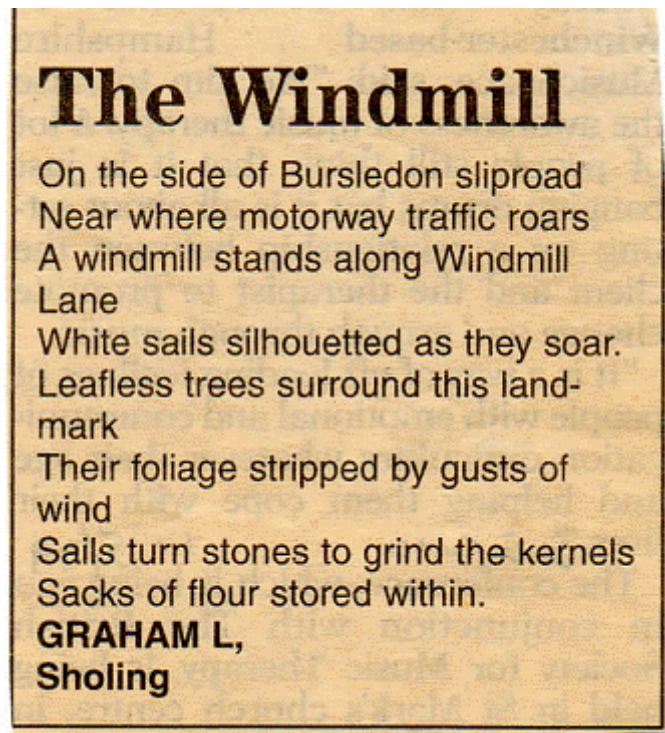


## BURSLEDON WINDMILL SAILS COME DOWN

Pam Moore sends us this account with photographs by Phil Turner

As many members of the Hampshire Mills group will already know, Bursledon Windmill is facing major work to replace the windshaft which is, in places, rotten.



*Do you know L. Graham of Sholing? Newspaper unknown*

The sails and stocks of the windmill have now been removed as the first step in achieving this renovation. The shutters are still on site for visitors to see. The mill will open every Sunday during the summer from 11am-4pm as usual and despite restrictions will be well worth seeing.



During the first stage of work visitors will be restricted to the stones' floor of the tower. Later it is likely that normal access to the windmill tower can be restored. Admission during this initial period will be free, but donations welcome. In the barn you can see the new video which includes the "human" side of the windmill's life story.

This summer, on 15<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a special Victorian Open Day in collaboration with nearby Bursledon Brickworks. So why not visit two good industrial sites on the same day?

The windmill will be restored to full working condition by 2014 in time to celebrate its 200th birthday.