

Obituaries



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Sadly, the mill world has lost two men of note and we offer sincere condolences to their families.

The former owner and miller at **Sheet Bridge Mill**, **David Ellis**, died on 30th November, 2010. Born into the well known milling family, which owned mills in Hampshire and Sussex, in 1926, David worked at Sheet Bridge Mill near Petersfield with his brother Clive, producing animal feed. After the mill was sold the two brothers became partners in a successful property development business. David lived in another family owned mill, Liss. He is survived by his widow, Dorothy and cousins Richard and Jason Ellis of Headley Mill. *The Editor is grateful for a wealth of information given by David Ellis' sister, Sybil, and John Lovell, which will be incorporated into a feature article on the Ellis family and their empire of mills in a future newsletter.*



In January the sails of the **de Zwaan Windmill** were set in traditional mourning position marking the death of **Jan Diederik "Diek" Medendorp** at the age of 89. He was a third generation miller and millwright in the Netherlands and became renowned for organising, in 1964, the dismantling and transportation of the de Zwaan windmill from Holland in the Netherlands to Holland, Michigan, U.S.A, where it is still worked today.

Diek dismantling the deZwaan Mill.