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The mill is never silent while the damsel sings her song

Brentford Newspaper reports that a Roman quern has been unearthed during an archaeological dig in Syon Park.

Briggate Mill, Norfolk, A bid by hamlet residents to have land around a ruined north Norfolk water mill registered as a village green was rejected by an Inquiry Inspector after a three-year battle, as he decided insufficient proof of continuous community use of the green over the past twenty years. Mill ownership is unclear, its former owners having been imprisoned for conducting an insurance scam in which the mill was burned to the ground in 1975.

Etruria Industrial Museum is the last steam-powered potters' mill in Britain. The mill is 'in steam' seven times a year when the 1903 boiler is fired and historic machinery can be seen working. Situated on the canal, the museum also offers a family-friendly interactive exhibition. See website www.stokemuseums.org for details.

Cornish Mill and Bakehouse, - An-Velin Ha Popti Kernewek in Cornish – is at Trewsowthick Farm, St. Newlyn East in Cornwall. Owners David and Sarah Buscombe developed their very successful enterprise with funding under the Rural Diversification Capital Grant Initiative. It enabled them to buy a traditional mill, complete with millstones, de-stoner, grain cleaner and bagging machine. Alongside milling wheat and oats for bread and baking flour, they now mill locally grown Durum wheat for pasta. Farmer, Charlie Watson Smyth experimented with growing it and his wife learned to make the pasta for sale in their farm shop. Jamie Oliver buys it for his restaurant in Rock, named 15, where it is a great hit. Listen to the farmer and miller interviewed on September 27th edition of the Food Programme on www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/foodprog. and view these websites: www.cornishmillandbakehouse.com and www.padstowfarmshop.co.uk or tel. 01841 533060.



Holgate Windmill in Yorkshire has just been voted by regional television programme *Peoples' Millions* as the most deserving cause for a £50,000 payout! This will help to restore the mill's five sails and get it back on its traditional path of flour milling once again. Some HMG members were alerted to the need to vote at the eleventh hour for "High Five for Holgate" and so helped procure the prize. Heartiest congratulations to Holgate. See www.holgatewindmill.org to chart their progress. Incidentally, there will be an opportunity of visiting the mill during the SPAB Mill Tour in June next year.

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