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The six-sailed **Heage Windmill** in Derbyshire was built in 1797, like many another run by volunteers anxious to raise public awareness, plays host to many activities but the one event which sets it apart from just about all others in England, is that of well dressing. An ancient custom in the Midland counties, wells are “dressed” with marvellously artistic floral displays and blessed by the local vicar.

Castleton Water Wheel Museum at Sherborne in Dorset, will be open to the public on October 7th. This will be a unique opportunity to see the 26 ft diameter waterwheel with its 72 steel buckets and cast iron rimgear. William Fairbairn invented the ventilated bucket system in the 19th century. Water is supplied to this massive wheel by 3 leats providing water to a high breast slot sequence. The wheel’s job was to help pump water from an acquifer to a reservoir along the Bristol Road for Sherborne residents from 1868 to 1959.

High Salvington Windmill Trust who so ably hosted us on the Sussex Day Tour, are to receive an award from The Campaign for Rural England for the restoration of the **Glynde Water Pump**, sited adjacent to the windmill. Congratulations on this award for the fine work you have carried out.

Andy Fish has discovered another anniversary, this time on the www.flickr.com website as in the July of 1999, an enthusiastic bunch of young people walked to several mills in the north of Hampshire, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme. The event was recorded in photographs of them visiting **Dipley, Hartley Wespall, Riseley, Old Basing and Longbridge** among others and they learned about how the mills worked and their usages. David Quick took the photographs and we have tried to make contact with him without any luck so far. David, if you happen to read this, please contact Sheila whose details on the first and second pages of this newsletter. And, dear HMG member, if you know David or any of his fellow DoEAS’ers please tell us.

Tuxford Windmill near Nottingham has opened an extension to a tea room. A cake cutting ceremony was carried out by the local M.P. for owners, Paul and Fari Wyman. Made from wholemeal flour milled on site, the most popular cake is chocolate but cream teas are in demand too. So reports the Retford Trader & Guardian. For more information, you can call 01777 871202, or visit the website at www.tuxford-windmill.co.uk.

Planning decisions have been deferred pending Hassocks District Council’s further perusal into the **Oldland Mill Granary** application by the Mill House owners for residential use. More than 130 letters of observation from the public, mill volunteers and public bodies are being considered but a new hearing date is not known at the time of going to print. HMG members visited the sizeable, and restored to working order, **Oldland Mill** during the Sussex Mills Trip. The close proximity of the granary was rather disconcerting regarding residential use. The mill, mill house and granary are Grade II listed.