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Kingsley Mill

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HMG Dates for your Diary

Saturday 16th September 2006, 12:00 noon - HMG Autumn Meeting at Kingsley Mill, Bordon. Ref 186 784 377. Our thanks to Diana Szumlicka for allowing HMG to visit her lovely mill. We will start with a picnic from 12:00 noon until 14:00, when the meeting will commence. *Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather.*

Friday 15th December - HMG Christmas Meeting. This will take place at City Mill, Winchester, commencing at 7.30pm. Our thanks to Anne Aldridge & Robert Goodwin for agreeing to be our hosts once again. As usual, there will be an American supper.

If you have (or know of) a mill that you would like to share with the members of HMG for any of the meetings next year, please let our Chairman know.

For Your Information Only

The Hampshire Mills Group Committee meet four times a year, approximately one month before each of the members meetings. The last meeting of 2006 is on 16th November. If there are specific items that you wish the committee to consider, prior to the next members meeting, please advise the Chairman or Secretary in advance.

20th - 22nd April 2007 - Proposed Norfolk Tour.

13th - 15th October 2007 - Proposed trip to visit Mills in Belgium.

More information about both these events will be available soon.

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Editor's Comments

I know I have said it before but I continue to be amazed by our Chairman's energy. Along with his band of merry members, ably led by John Christmas, he continues to achieve so much and I find his diary both fascinating and very informative. Well done John. I won't apply for the Assistant's Assistant job, but I might just come along and watch to see how it's done!!!

Romsey Water Festival, 19th August 2006 - David and I spent a lovely day in Romsey, wandering around the town and Memorial Park. There was so much to see and do. I must confess that I didn't really know what to expect and I will admit to thinking that I might even be bored. But the variety of exhibits, activities, stalls and information made it a perfect family day out. Plenty for the children to see and do. Learning was presented in a real fun way. I did my roving reporter bit and took a lot of photographs. I might just turn them into a future article. We will certainly try to go to next year's event in Andover.

"Tidemills of Western Europe", Touring Exhibition - This is an event that has taken up much of David's spare time over the last six months and it has finally reached fruition. The exhibition started in Portugal moved on to Normandy and then Belgium. It has finally reached our shores and starts its UK tour at Totton Civic Centre this week. The exhibition will be opened by the Hon Ralph Montagu of Beaulieu. It will be visiting various venues in England and Wales before finally stopping at the House Mill, Bromley by Bow in late October. Hopefully I can persuade David to provide a full report for the next Newsletter.

Ros

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Database of Millers

Mary Yoward's Database of Millers

It was some time ago that Mary started the millers and millwrights database. We thought it would be helpful in tracing families of millers - we didn't realise the size of the task at that time! I listed millers at Record Offices when Mary was doing our family history.

We later discovered a lady called Eve Logan had been doing a similar thing for the north and eastern parts. Unfortunately, she contracted cancer, but before she died we had promised to take her work and incorporate it into our database. 48 A4 ring binders arrived, all hand written, but with the aid of members of the Hampshire Mills Group, they are gradually being added.

The Mills Archive has been given our database and it has proved very popular with family historians, receiving many 'hits' each day.

The data base was all Mary's work but now I want to carry it on, as I am sure she would have wanted me to do. Jim Knight has recently continued entering Eve Logan's written entries into the computer and people are still sending me lists of millers.

The entries now total over 30,000 and when you consider it takes at least one and a half minutes to enter, miller, sex, date, place, county, notes and source for each one, you will realise the momentous task that Mary took on.

It will continue to grow, and if you come across any millers or millwrights, please let us enter them into Mary's database.

Tony Yoward