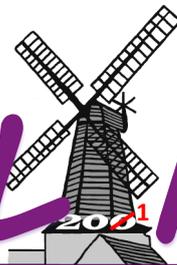


# WINDMILL NEWS



Friends of West Blatchington Windmill - Newsletter - May 2021

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# Our sweeps are crossed...

...along with our fingers!

We have begun planning our re-opening!

At the latest Committee meeting we agreed that, should the Government's Roadmap remain on track, we would look to open the Windmill to visitors in July. There is much to organise though, not least the availability of our wonderful volunteer army. *(see left)*

Sadly we won't be open in time to celebrate National Mills Day again this year. You can find more information on The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings' website.

[www.spab.org.uk/mills/national-mills-weekend](http://www.spab.org.uk/mills/national-mills-weekend)

The recent AGM was conducted via Zoom and we had a very pleasing turn out. The yearly review was somewhat more brief than usual and business was conducted fairly swiftly. A new Vice-Chair was elected, myself, and we were introduced to Steve Edmonds who has stepped up to be our new Barn Hire Booking Coordinator. We anticipate that we will be able to offer the Barn for Hire to regulars from July. The Friends Committee are really looking forward to seeing you all again!

*Sue Burgess, Vice-Chair*

### Did you know...?

The Mill has enjoyed Grade 2\* listing for over 70 years

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are attempting to contact all our usual volunteers for **guiding**, **front desk** or **teas**.

Do please let us know if you can help out.

Any additional event is also dependent on staffing.

Do keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for any updates.

Any volunteer enquiries should be made to [fwbwindmill@gmail.com](mailto:fwbwindmill@gmail.com) with **volunteering** in the subject line.

*Thank you*

## Introducing the garden!

We have had an anonymous donation of £300 ! This has gone towards an ongoing 'landscaping' project on the south face of the Windmill.

A new colourful flower bed has been established by our volunteer Luke. He is also planning a few 'millstone sized' circular beds.

We would very much like some suggestions on planting!

Meanwhile, have you spotted the 200 sign has had an update!





## I know that skyline!

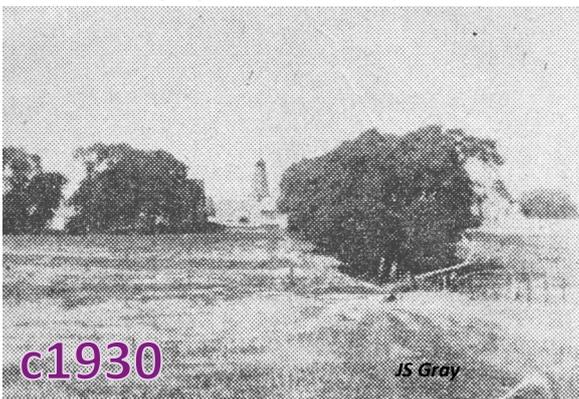
This photo memory was posted on a Facebook page called **Historical Hove** “actually” last November, by Dave Richards. It features his father-in-law approaching the top of Snakey in the early 1950s.

Our enduring Windmill can be clearly seen in the background. You may even be able to match the roads with the 1920s image and map we referred to in Edition 49.

It is lovely to see the evolution of the area and the Windmill proudly sitting there throughout.

## The Windmill over time ..

Changing face of Hove 3 pictures



c1930

JS Gray



1950

Brighton & Hove Herald



2020

Sue Burgess

## 2021 CHALLENGE

*Do you have any old photos that include the Windmill?*

*Could you recreate it today?*

We would love to see them.

Please send to us via email or why don't you post them to our Facebook page.



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[@WestBlatchingtonWindmill](https://www.facebook.com/WestBlatchingtonWindmill)

## Acquiring a life-saver

The Friends of the Windmill are seriously investigating the acquisition of a **Defibrillator** the Windmill site.



However, it appears it is not as straight forward as it may seem and we wondered if any of our readers have any knowledge of the process, or any advice that could help us move this forward.

Please contact us by email at [fwbwindmill@gmail.com](mailto:fwbwindmill@gmail.com).

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This edition has seen the first return to normal service! Email distribution has continued and we have posted to all Friends for whom we do not hold an email address. We also hope to resume distribution in museums and libraries.

Digital copies are also available to read or download from our [website](#) and will also be shared on our Facebook [page](#).

Please send any ideas and/or contributions for the next edition via [email](#) with **Newsletter** in the subject line. *Sue Burgess*

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