

The Mill

*People making things happen

August 2011

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We're Getting the Building Ready

It's been a hectic six weeks at the Mill, as dozens of volunteers have helped restore and repair this neglected building into a community hub.

Our highly skilled and invaluable squad of young volunteer architects and designers have worked around the clock to plan and then build flexible and tailored furniture and fittings for the rooms.



Fiona Cobb, a local structural engineer, and Joe Swift, the local architect managing the design squad, have been invaluable.

Of course, the most important work has been carried out by members of the community, who have responded to calls for help or just popped in to give their time.

In particular, Jim McQuarrie has given over many hours to make the building whole again.

Great progress was made during the 'Paint and Grow the Mill' weekend as many volunteers came to fix and paint the walls and work in the garden – thank you to you all!

There are more opportunities ahead for the community to get involved in repairing and revitalising the building.

There are shelves to be made, cushions to be sewn, and work to be carried out to make the front of the building fresh again. Please contact Ingrid if you can help - email

buildings@themill-coppermill.org

or drop in at the Mill.



Pictured above: Katja, Eleni and Russ and above right: Warren. Volunteers painting at The Mill

Using recycled materials and innovative designs, they have been able to overcome some very tight finances. Many of you will have met and spoken with them recently, and they have incorporated feedback from the community into their work.

We have also been very lucky to have highly-skilled volunteers helping with the complicated refurbishment project.

What's happening

The Mill will open from
Saturday 6 August

August Opening Hours are
Tuesday to Saturday
10am - 4pm

Come and explore the space and enjoy the three opening exhibitions between 6-26 August

We are Community Too
paintings by adults and children
WF Mencap

Our Perspective
photographs by Coppermill
Primary children

Library Campaign
photographs by Dave Hall

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3 - 23 September
Marking Our Mark
Art Exhibition

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3, 8, and 10 September
E17 International
Film Festival

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Sat 3 and Sun 4 September
'Magic Memories'
come and share your
memories of the
EMD/Granada Cinema

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Thursday 8 September
3.30pm - 9pm
Gala Opening of The Mill

Can you help?

This newsletter is hand delivered by community volunteers. Could you offer an hour or two every couple of months to deliver newsletters? Please contact Neil at comms@themill-coppermill.org or pop in and leave your name and number.

Gardeners World

On Saturday 2 July members of a local garden squad met at The Mill to make one of the two maxi planters which will decorate the front of the community building.

Planters have been made out of recycled scaffolding boards and will be filled up with compost made out of local waste that the council recycles and plants that neighbours are donating.

Volunteers participating in the activity learned, shared and developed DIY skills and became confident in using safely a range of building tools.

On Your Bike

Cycling training took place on Sunday 3 July. Training was kindly delivered by a qualified instructor who took the participants on a 3 hour adventure on the local roads of Walthamstow.

The training was aimed to people to ride confidently on busy (and not that busy) roads and it consisted of some theory and a lot of practice that equipped participants with resources and techniques to cycle safely.

It's a fair cop

The Mill got a helping hand from the High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team team of community support police officers who spent a morning painting July. A big thank you to: PCSO Joy Wacha, PC Charlie Shyngle, PCSO Dennis Morgan and Sgt Lee McKeran.

Calling all Artists

You are welcome to take part in "Making Our Mark" the Mill's first Art Trail exhibition between 3 - 10 September.

This will be a community show with each artist able to display one piece of work.

This invitation is open to both established artists, and first time art trailers.

Full details for entry available from 6th August. Paper copies of the entry form are available at The Mill and on the website or contact Mo at happening@themill-coppermill.org

The closing date for entries is 20 August.



Cycling training in July

Who's Who at the Mill

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