

How Things Work Group. Visit to Killick's Mill, Meopham on April 12th 2017.

16 members from the 'How It Works' group gathered at Meopham's Windmill (Killick's Mill) for a guided tour on April 12th 2017.

Our guides Ian & Arthur took us to the third floor & started to explain about the working & history of the mill. The top floor is no longer open because of much needed & expensive restoration.

We learnt how the 1801 building was saved when the KCC purchased it & had it restored. It is now looked after by the Meopham Windmill Trust.

Those with an engineering background could understand all the technical detail that was offered, & questions about the machinery were prolific.

The most popular words were: "I've lived here for many years & never been before". At least (unlike a certain group of WI members), nobody asked where the lift was!



The mill will be open to the public on Sunday afternoons 2.30 – 4.30 at £2 each, until the end of August 2017.



The mill was built in 1801 by 3 brothers from Strood named Killick.

It was run by the Killick family until 1889 then sold to the Norton family.

The mill is of a type known as a Smock Mill. Most smock mills are octagonal in plan but Killick's Mill is hexagonal.

The mill last worked using wind in 1929, & was then powered by oil engine & electric motor until the 1960s.

It was acquired by Kent County Council in 1960 & restored by E Hole & Sons, millwrights of Burgess Hill at a cost of £4,375.