

CLEY WINDMILL
NORFOLK

Become a Friend or Benefactor of Cley Windmill

Help us preserve Cley Windmill for future generations

A brief history of Cley Windmill

In medieval times the prosperous port of Cley was centred near the magnificent church of St Margaret of Antioch. The town was one of the principal ports of East Anglia, exporting large quantities of wool and grain. The River Glaven was navigable to large ships as far as Glandford and ran into the sea half a mile north west of Cley.

In the early 17th century the river began to silt up, largely as a result of reclamation done by Sir Henry Calthorpe, and new wharves were built near deep water by the present quay.

Cley Windmill dates from the 1700s although the tower was not completed until some time later. The Customs House and other prominent buildings were also built at this time after much of the old town was destroyed by fire.



Cley Windmill was first offered for sale in the Norfolk Chronicle on 26th June 1819 and passed through several hands during the next one hundred years. The best known of the millers was Steven Barnabas Burroughs, whose family worked and owned the windmill from 1840 to 1919, after which it fell into disrepair.

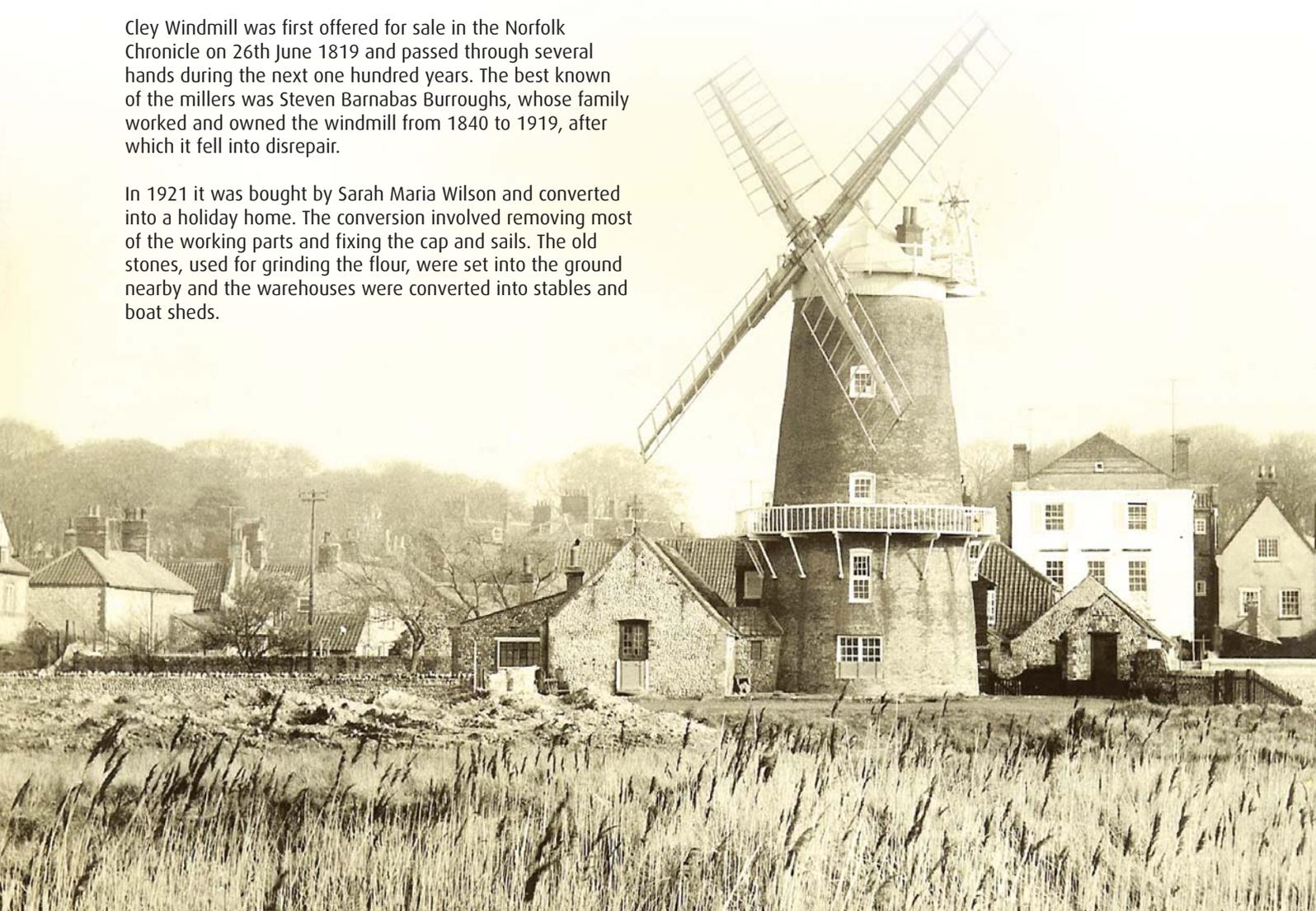
In 1921 it was bought by Sarah Maria Wilson and converted into a holiday home. The conversion involved removing most of the working parts and fixing the cap and sails. The old stones, used for grinding the flour, were set into the ground nearby and the warehouses were converted into stables and boat sheds.

In 1934 Cley Windmill passed to Sarah's grandson, Hubert Blount, who made many improvements, including replacing the sails in 1960. During the war years the windmill was used by his aunt, Sister Rachel, who, with another nun, Sister Catherine, became legends in the local area. The Duchess of Bedford, who was lost at sea flying her own aircraft, was one of the frequent visitors during this period.

In 1953 the sea again came to Cley which suffered its worst flooding for 400 years. Cley Windmill stood firm but much of the furniture was damaged or washed away. A sea wall was built around the remainder of the village.

In 1979 Cley Windmill passed to Charles and Jane Blount (parents of James, who is known to many as the singer and songwriter James Blunt). In 1983 the windmill was renovated and converted into a guesthouse. The sails, fanstage and galleries were replaced in 1988.

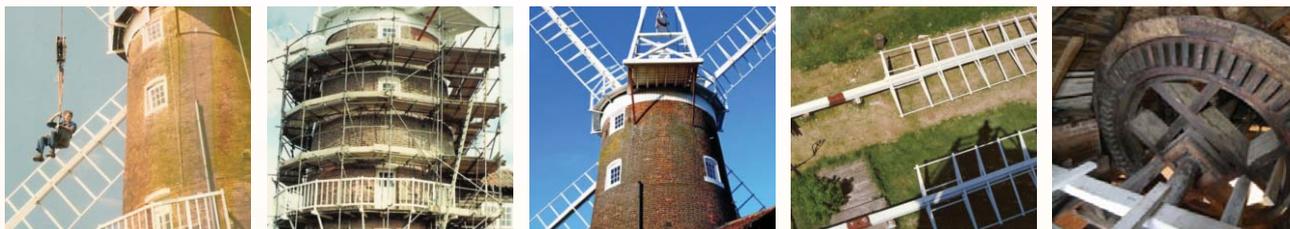
Colonel Blount and his wife continued to run the windmill until 2005 when it was taken over by their nephew John Woodhouse and his wife Val. They sold the property in 2006 to Dr. Julian Godlee, his wife Carolyn and their four children.



Help preserve Cley Windmill for future generations

Cley Windmill is a beautiful iconic landmark on the North Norfolk coast. As a child, on my frequent family trips to Norfolk, I grew to love this unique place. When the opportunity arose to purchase the windmill, I moved heaven and earth to make it possible.

Now I run Cley Windmill as a hotel, restaurant and gift shop. All profits that are generated go into maintaining the infrastructure of the windmill. This includes replacing sails, rectifying storm and salt water damage, flood prevention and many other costs unique to maintaining this historic Grade II listed building in good condition.



I need your help by becoming a Friend or Benefactor of Cley Windmill.

There is a long tradition of friends supporting the upkeep of the windmill, started by Harry Blount in the 1960s. A leather bound book 'Friends of Cley Windmill' is held in the office for all to see.

Friends **are vital** to the upkeep of Cley Windmill and there are 2 levels of participation:

Friends (£60 per year) receive:

- 10% off the cost of future dinners for two (excludes beverages)
- priority notification of room availability
- a welcoming complimentary bottle of wine in your room
- acknowledgement on our website (unless anonymity preferred)
- a regular newsletter about the windmill
- your name in the leather bound 'Friends of Cley Windmill' book

Benefactors (£150 per year) receive:

- 10% reduction on your personal future accommodation costs at Cley Windmill.
- 10% off the cost of future dinners for two (excluding beverages)
- 5% discount on all items purchased from our shop
- acknowledgement on our website (unless anonymity preferred)
- a regular newsletter about the windmill
- priority notification of room availability
- a welcoming complimentary bottle of wine in your room
- your name in the leather bound 'Friends of Cley Windmill' book

Most importantly:

you will know that you are supporting the upkeep of one of North Norfolk's most famous and iconic landmarks.



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Thank you for your valuable support

Julian Godlee

Dr Julian Godlee

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