

# Open days 2020

2020 is a special year for Holgate Windmill as it is our 250th anniversary. As you will see in our open days below there are several anniversary events throughout the year.

Mill open 11am-4pm, special events are shown in boxes below. See website for full event details and timings.

**Jan 25-26**

- ◆ York Residents Festival. Free mill entry to all York residents.

**Feb 22-23**

- ◆ Pancakes and games around the mill (Sun 11-12)

**Apr 13**

- ◆ Easter Monday trail round the mill. Find the clues and solve the puzzle to win a chocolatey prize.

**May 8-10**

- ◆ Historic millers costume weekend, to celebrate National Mills weekend. Come along in Georgian, Victorian or Edwardian outfits to join in the fun (Sat/Sun)



**May 23-25**

- ◆ Display of 250th Birthday Cards created by local schools and community organisations
- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: 250th Birthday Card making (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ [Guided history tour of Holgate: details below \(Sun 2pm\)](#)

**Jun 6-7**

- ◆ "Holgate Windmill: 250 years" exhibition. Part of the City-wide Festival of Ideas.

**Jun 13**



Anniversary party (12.45 – 4pm only) 250th Anniversary party at the mill. All welcome to join us as we officially mark our anniversary year. A procession up Windmill Rise accompanied by York RI Golden Rail brass band will be followed by birthday cake, food, Ebor Morris Dancers and other local musical entertainment. Dressing up in historic millers costumes is optional, but will add to the atmosphere!

**Jun 20-21**

- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: Historic toys in the mill (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ [Guided history tour of Holgate: details below \(Sun 2pm\)](#)

**July 4-5**

- ◆ Pinwheels and mill towers. Craft activity drop in session (Sun 11-4pm)

**July 18-19**

- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: Flatbread making (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ Flatbread making drop in session (Sat 11-1pm)
- ◆ [Guided history tour of Holgate: details below \(Sun 2pm\)](#)

**Aug 1-2**

Display of models of 16th Century mills, modern draughtsman drawings and original sketches. Meet the model maker, Richard Green, who also built the Holgate windmill model on display in the mill, to find out what was involved in creating these superbly detailed models.



- ◆ [Guided history tour of Holgate: details below \(Sun 2pm\)](#)
- ◆ **Aug 15-16**
- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: Wood in the mill (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ **Aug 31**
- ◆ "Holgate Windmill: 250 years" exhibition
- ◆ **Sept 5-6**
- ◆ Art Show "What the Mill means to you". We welcome all contributions in any art forms (paintings, drawings, photos, poetry etc.) to demonstrate the strength of community connection to our mill.
- ◆ [Guided history tour of Holgate: details below \(Sun 2pm\)](#)
- ◆ **Sept 19-20**
- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: Salt dough modelling (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ Art Show "What the Mill means to you"
- ◆ Baking competition. Lots of event categories will offer the chance to test your creativity, taste or craftsmanship skills! Mill prizes and rosettes to be won.
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- ◆ **Oct 17-18**
- ◆ Mini Millers activity session: Dough and Bread plaits (Sat 10-11)
- ◆ Bread plaits and W heatsheaf making drop-in session (Sat 11-4pm).

## [Guided history tour of Holgate details](#)

Discover the history of Holgate, from its origins as a rural retreat to the coming of the railways, in a guided walk around the village by Anna Cook, HWPS archivist. Learn about some of Holgate's famous inhabitants and how this tiny hamlet contributed on the world stage. Meet at The Fox Inn car park at 2pm. No booking required, collection for Holgate Windmill.

