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Open Day at The Malthouse Project



St Matthew Housing, part of Genesis Housing Group, is hosting an Open Day to provide the opportunity for individuals or companies to drop by to view

the facilities on offer here at The Malthouse Project, 8 Elsey's Yard, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3AA, on Wednesday 4th February 2009 from 2pm-5pm.

This Open Day event is an opportunity to view The Malthouse Project facilities which includes; three community rooms to hire, a café providing an internal and external catering service and a heritage centre set up with guided tours. The Project also boasts the latest audio visual equipment in each room.

Our Catering & Events Manager will be on hand to show you around the 17th century former maltings and to discuss any room hire or catering packages you might require.

If you attend this event St Matthew Housing will provide you with a **10% discount** on a room booking at The Malthouse Project.



St Matthew Housing will also offer you a **further 10% discount** off your next booking if you recommend a company or friend who makes a booking.

If you would like to attend this event please email simon.johnson@stmatthewhousing.org or ring 01284 732550 to let us know. Alternatively, please feel free to pop by on the day.



Celebrating the Georgian history of The Malthouse Project

St Matthew Housing celebrated The Malthouse Project's Georgian history during a week of the Georgian Gem Festival (9 – 13 September 2008) by serving authentic food in the Kiln Café, providing themed guided tours and hosting an evening talk by a local historian, Dr Pat Murrell.

In the Kiln Café, staff and volunteers served a special Georgian menu, including the popular chicken pie, asparagus soup and a delicious range of cakes, all made following authentic recipes. There were free recipe cards of all the specials available for

customers to take away.

Dr Pat Murrell, a local historian, gave a talk on beer production during the Georgian period and there were a number of Moyse's Hall's Georgian prints on display in the café.

Brian Ansell, Malthouse resident and volunteer, (*pictured above*) said, "I am one of the lucky people to be living in a Malthouse Flat and by being involved in this event it was my way of giving something back to St Matthew Housing."

Simon Johnson, Catering & Events Manager at the project said, "During the Festival we had over 400 visitors to The Malthouse Project and we received a good number of compliments on the Georgian cuisine."

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On Tuesday 11th March, The Malthouse catering team served up a buffet lunch for over 80 people at the Bury St Edmunds Registered Guide Familiarisation event at The Athenaeum.

The event provided an opportunity for all local visitor attraction providers and Councillors in West Suffolk to learn more about the Bury Guides and to promote each others services.

The Bury Registered Guides

Simon Johnson, Catering and Events Manager at The Malthouse Project, said, "This event provided an ideal opportunity for us to demonstrate to a large number of potential customers the type of catering service that the Malthouse can provide.

"I hope everyone enjoyed the buffet, particularly our famous Malthouse loaf!"

Left: Simon preparing the buffet.

The Malthouse Project were also provided with a slot in the events programme to give a presentation on the new visitor attraction.

If you would like to find out more about The Malthouse catering services, please contact Simon Johnson on tel: 01284 732550 or email: info@themalthouseproject.co.uk.

Volunteer Corner



Interview with Penny Stone who is a St Matthew Housing resident living in Bury St Edmunds.

How did you hear about volunteering at The Malthouse Project?

I was invited to a volunteer

meeting where I heard about all of the opportunities available at The Malthouse Project. I was asked if I would like to be a volunteer and I decided that I would.

How long have you been volunteering here?

I have been volunteering here since October 07

What do you do during your time here?

I wait on tables, clear tables, take meal orders and prepare the cutlery. I can serve cups of coffee and tea but I am unable to use the coffee machine due to my arthritis.

What new skills have you learnt?

I have learnt to put customers first and how to interact with customers.

What do you most enjoy?

The whole lot! I enjoy making myself useful and although I have to sit down on occasions because of my arthritis, I feel it is good for me to be active. I thought it would be hard work to start with and I was concerned about how I would manage with my condition but if I pace myself I can do it.

How do you plan to use your new skills in the future?

Volunteering here has opened up some very special moments and help me to interact with people more. I have always wanted to work with customers.

Would you recommend volunteering at The Malthouse Project to others?

Yes I would recommend other people to volunteer at The Malthouse Project.

Hold your Christmas party at The Malthouse Project

Are you looking for a venue to host a Christmas party?

Then look no further, as The Malthouse Project could be your answer.

The Malthouse Project has three function rooms available to hire, which can accommodate between six and 50 people. Each room offers its own unique atmosphere.

In addition to room hire, the Kiln Cafe at the project offers a mouth-watering 2008 Christmas menu. Prices range from a main course at £7.00 per person to a choice of four courses at £13.50 per person.

All income generated from the room hire and Christmas catering funds the social objectives of the project.

For more information or to make a booking, please ring 01284 732550 or email bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk. Alternatively, visit www.themalthouseproject.co.uk to download the Christmas menu.

Tales of Christmas past talk

Dr Pat Murrell, a local historian, will give a seasonal talk on 'The Victorian Christmas: late 1830s - 1900' at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 December 2008 at The Malthouse Project.

This slide-illustrated talk will look at the 'traditional' Victorian Christmas and how elements of 19th Century festivities are still evident and enjoyed today.

There will be refreshments, including the chance to sample a mince pie made from an authentic Victorian recipe!

The funds raised from this event will be donated to St Matthew Housing.

Tickets cost £5.00 and to book, please ring 01284 732550/email bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk

St Matthew Housing Christmas cards now on sale

St Matthew Housing has a selection of 2008 Christmas cards currently on sale. The cards are in packs of 10 and cost £3.50 per pack. There is also a special card designed by local Suffolk artist, Michael Coulter, which cost £4.00 per pack. To view cards and download an order form go to www.stmatthewhousing.org. Alternatively ring 01284 732574 to request an order form.

