



malthouse news

St Matthew Housing -
Housing and support for people in need

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The Malthouse Project receives two prestigious awards



Right to left: Patrick Stephenson, President of Suffolk Association of Architects presenting certificate to John Abbott, Architect at Milburn Leverington Thurlow, Ken Dobinson, Site Manager at Cocksedge and Kevin Marshall, at the annual awards supper

The Malthouse Project has received a Craftmanship Award from the Suffolk Association of Architects and an Architectural Award from the Bury Society, both in recognition for the restoration of the 17th century building.

"We are thrilled to have received, not one, but two impressive awards for our flagship centre, said Kevin Marshall, Corporate Services and Development Director at St Matthew Housing.

Malthouse meeting to develop partnership opportunities

On Thursday 26th April 2007, St Matthew Housing (SMH) held an Agency meeting at The Malthouse Project, which was attended by voluntary organisations, housing associations, local groups that provide services to socially excluded people, and SMH accommodation and floating support staff.

The 50 attendees listened to presentations from Wendy Cullingworth, Chief Executive of SMH, Marion Mardall, Training Advisor to SMH and Anne Utting from Shaw Trust on the proposed partnership plans and opportunities at The Malthouse Project. The presentations generated good discussion and many questions were raised during the Q&A session.

If you would like to find out more about The Malthouse Project partnership opportunities, please ring 01284 732550 or email info@malthouseproject.co.uk.

"The project would not have been accomplished without the funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Bury St Edmunds Town Trust and other trusts and statutory sources, and the hard work and dedication from our contractors and architects who have all played an important part in creating a building to be proud of."

St Matthew Housing were presented with the Craftmanship Award for The Malthouse Project at the Suffolk Association of Architect's annual award supper in Ipswich on Thursday 3rd May 2007.

John Norman, Honorary Member of the Suffolk Association of Architects said, "Restoration of the maltings involved an intricate combination of traditional and new materials to produce a building that was acceptable to architect, client and conservation officer. Craftmanship throughout is to a very high standard and the main contractor and his team are to be congratulated for delivering a quality building."

St Matthew Housing were presented with a plaque at the Bury Society's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th June 2007. This plaque will be displayed at The Malthouse Project to acknowledge the Architectural Award.

**Are you looking for somewhere to hold a meeting or function?
Somewhere that is a bit different and has a lot of character?
Somewhere that is quiet and high quality?
Somewhere that provides freshly prepared lunches and high tech audio visual equipment?**

Then, The Malthouse Project might be just what you are looking for.

For more information on room bookings at The Malthouse Project, please ring 01284 732550 or email bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk.

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The Malthouse Project website

Work has started on a website for The Malthouse Project and will be launched early summer 2007. The website is being designed by a year two student at West Suffolk College as part of his final project towards his BTEC National Diploma in Multi Media Design.

The website will be a user friendly site, with an easy to follow navigation toolbar and clear text and images.

There will be lots of information on the site, including the history of the building, training and education opportunities in the cafe, details on room hire, a photo gallery and even a 360 degree virtual tour of The Malthouse Project!

Some of the photography on the website is courtesy of the Bury Free Press, Suzanne Abbott Photography and another West Suffolk College student.

Keep your eyes on www.themalthouseproject.co.uk – it will be launched soon!

Event for residents and services users at The Malthouse Project

To introduce St Matthew Housing's local residents and service users to The Malthouse Project an informal event will be held on Thursday 16th August 2007 at 12noon.

The event is an opportunity for residents and service users to visit The Malthouse Project and find out how they can get involved in the scheme. There will be stalls with information about the educational and volunteering opportunities, a tour of the building and a buffet lunch.

School Open Day event

St Matthew Housing hopes to attract visits from local and regional schools to The Malthouse Project. To establish interest for these educational tours, St Matthew Housing will be holding a Schools Open Day event on Wednesday 27th June 2007. This open day will be an opportunity for teachers to come along and look around the building, discuss the resources that they require and establish working relationships.



A painting produced by pupils at Westley Middle School in Bury on the malting process

Kiln Cafe to open in the summer

St Matthew Housing have advertised the two catering job vacancies for the Kiln Cafe. The positions are: Catering and Events Manager and Training and Catering Coordinator. Interviews are taking place throughout June and July 2007. SMH aim to have the cafe open this summer when the new staff are in post.



St Matthew Housing had an exhibition stand at the official launch of the Georgian Gem group, which has members from a number of tourist sites and facilities in and around Bury.

A Georgian Gem event will be held at The Malthouse Project on Thursday 23rd August 2007, which will have demonstrations of table decorating and Georgian cookery.

If you would like to attend, please contact tel: 01284 732554 for more information.

SMH settled into new offices

Two months have passed since St Matthew Housing's central office moved to The Malthouse Project and staff are settling into their new surroundings.



Left to right: Laura Asimakis, Corporate Services Assistant and Emma Nicholson, PA to Chief Executive, making a cup of tea in the new staff kitchen