



# malthouse news

St Matthew Housing -  
Housing and support for people in need

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## Are you looking for a new venue to host a meeting or function?



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

In the heart of Bury St Edmunds, The Malthouse Project offers three community rooms to hire; Beamed Room, Heritage & Training Room and the Kiln Café\*.

Each room offers surroundings with character for all types of functions; the Beamed Room with its vast space and exposed timber frames; the Heritage & Training Room with its original maltings door and bespoke cabinet containing years of history; the Kiln Café with its high ceiling and original kiln tiles and bricks on display.



All rooms have high tech equipment available to hire and can be catered for in house by the café staff and volunteers.

If you are interested in booking a room, please either email: [bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk](mailto:bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk) or ring Laura Asimakis on 01284 732550 for more information.

*\*Kiln Café available to book Mondays and evenings only.*

## The Malthouse Project official opening

The Malthouse Project will be officially opened by Lord Tollemache, Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk, on Tuesday 4th September 2007.

Lord Tollemache is the Patron of The Malthouse Founding Friends who are a group of people that lend their support to the project.

The opening event will commence at 12noon with speeches and the cutting of ribbon. The day will offer guests the chance to look around the building, to talk to those people who have been involved with the project and to see some of the original artefacts found on site during the restoration. To compliment the period when the building was a working maltings, a Georgian-themed lunch is being provided.

We look forward to seeing some of you at this event.

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## New member of staff at The Malthouse Project

On 23rd July 2007, St Matthew Housing was joined by Simon Johnson, the new Catering and Events Manager for The Malthouse Project. Simon is responsible for the running of the Kiln Café and managing Malthouse events. Simon has a vast amount of catering experience, previously managing the Sainsbury's café in Bury St Edmunds and the catering franchise for a golf club. Simon will be joined in the coming weeks by Sue Moss, our new Training and Catering Co-ordinator.

Simon said, "I am delighted to be working for St Matthew Housing and on such an exciting project. I hope to have the Kiln Café open very soon, so when you are next visiting Bury, do pop into the

café for a bite to eat and to say hello!"

St Matthew Housing have also recruited a Volunteer Co-ordinator, Gillian Peat who started on Monday 6th August. Gill is responsible for all aspects of volunteering at St Matthew Housing and at The Malthouse Project. Gill previously worked at the Volunteer Centre in Bury St Edmunds.



## Come and taste some Georgian treats



On Thursday 23rd August a Georgian Cookery event is being held in the stunning beamed community room at The Malthouse Project from 11am to 3pm.

Our new Catering & Events Manager will be laying on a spread of fine Georgian cuisine for visitors to sample.

St Matthew Housing is a member of the local Georgian Gem group, which includes members from a number of tourist attractions in and around Bury.

The event is free but donations welcome.

## Heritage Open Day

The Malthouse Project heritage open day is being held on Sunday 9th September. The open day will offer a chance to look around the building that had been a working malthouse up until 1917. Many historic features have been preserved and are on display throughout the building.

Timed tours need to be pre-booked via the Tourist Information Centre on tel: 01284 764667. The Kiln Café will also be open for refreshments.

## Meet the teachers

The School Focus Group meeting on Wednesday 27th June proved a real success. Three school teachers and an educational consultant from the Suffolk County Council attended the meeting. SMH Chief Executive, Wendy Cullingworth and Communications Officer, Sarah Yarrow, presented the malthouse project educational plans to the group and a discussion session followed.

SMH hopes to attract visits from local and regional schools to the project but before we can do this, educational resources and tour scripts need to be produced to fit into the national curriculum criteria.

The feedback from the teachers proved very useful and work on educational resources will commence in the new school year.

## Bury Town Trust malthouse tour

Over 50 members of the Bury St Edmunds Town Trust visited The Malthouse for a tour and talk on Monday 25th June. The event, organised by Martin Lightfoot, Chair of the Town Trust, provided the group an opportunity to have a look around the completed project.

The majority of the Town Trust members had previously visited the site during the restoration period, so the meeting was a chance for people to see how the building looks today.