



# malthouse news

St Matthew Housing -  
Housing and support for people in need

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## St Matthew Housing moves in



*The Malthouse Project on moving in day*

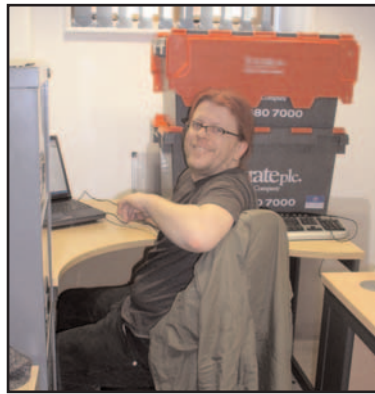
Central office staff officially moved into The Malthouse Project on Monday 26th

March 2007 making it a new home for St Matthew Housing.

After 18 months restoration work the flagship centre is complete comprising of a café, heritage and training centre, community rooms for hire, accommodation for local people and offices for SMH.

Staff packed up their offices at Western Way at the end of one week and then unpacked at The Malthouse Project the next. All staff were rewarded for their hard work with a much-needed pizza lunch.

The next stage is completion of the Kiln Café, which is anticipated to be opened in the summer. Work is also being carried out on setting up the two historic rooms to make them ready for hire to the public.



*Staff unpacking at The Malthouse Project*

## St Matthew Housing say 'thank you' to the workers

To thank all the building contractors for their continued hard work over the last 18 months, St Matthew Housing held a worker's gathering at the Rising Sun pub on Risbygate Street in Bury St Edmunds on Friday 9th February 2007.

A buffet was laid on and speeches of thanks were given by Richard Goodall, SMH Board Member and Wendy Cullingworth, SMH Chief Executive.



*Contractors enjoying the buffet*

**By Sarah Yarrow, Funding and Marketing Assistant**

## Visit by the Bishop and Dean

On Tuesday 30th January 2007, The Right Reverend Richard Lewis, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich and The Very Reverend Neil Collings, Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, along with Malthouse Project Founding Friends visited the site for a talk and tour.



*Bishop, Dean and Founding Friends with project team*

It was an opportunity for the project team, including architects, building contractors, project managers and SMH Board Members to show the Bishop, Dean and Friends the progress being made on site.

Wendy Cullingworth, Chief Executive of SMH gave an introductory presentation in the Beamed Room and then the nine visitors were split into two groups and given a tour by Sean O'Neill of Northcroft and John Abbot of Milburn Leverington Thurlow Architects.



*Bishop and Dean touring the site*

Over refreshments, the Bishop congratulated the project team on their hard work and promised to come and bless the site when it is complete.

## Become a Malthouse Project Volunteer

As advertised in the last issue of Malthouse News, St Matthew Housing is looking for volunteers for the café and public tours of the Malthouse Project.

**Catering volunteers** are required for 'front of house' support in the café. There would be the opportunity for volunteers to undertake training in Basic Food Hygiene, which, if successfully completed, offers opportunities to work in the kitchen with food preparations.

**Heritage Guides** are required for the public tours that will be offered at the Malthouse Project once a month between April to October. The Heritage Guides would be responsible for taking small groups on a tour of the building. Training would be given to volunteers before they start and will continue with updates.

*If you are interested in becoming a Malthouse Project volunteer or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Emma Nicholson or Sarah Yarrow on telephone 01284 732550 or email [emma.nicholson@stmatthewhousing.org](mailto:emma.nicholson@stmatthewhousing.org) or [sarah.yarrow@stmatthewhousing.org](mailto:sarah.yarrow@stmatthewhousing.org).*

## Service to Business students



Artwork from Service to Business students, which were hung on the exterior of The Malthouse Project during the restoration period.

## Malthouse Project contacts

Allan Scott-Davies, Heritage Centre Project Manager contract at St Matthew Housing has now finished, so please direct all enquiries or comments on The Malthouse Project to either; Emma Nicholson on 01284 732554 or Sarah Yarrow on 01284 732574. Alternatively, email: [malthouseproject@stmatthewhousing.org](mailto:malthouseproject@stmatthewhousing.org)

Please note the new address for St Matthew Housing: The Malthouse Project, 8 Eelsey's Yard, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3AA.



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