



malthouse news

St Matthew Housing -
Housing and support for people in need

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New Year progress at the Malthouse

The completion date for the Malthouse Project is getting closer but with the team of hardworkers behind the project it all looks like the renovation task is on target.

Since the New Year the Malthouse Project is rapidly receiving its finishing touches.

All the internal doors have been put up around the building. The doors are made from oak in a bead and panel style of the 16th/17th century.

The new floor has been laid in the café using red pammets and nine yellow floor bricks recovered from the couching floor during the work in that area. A number of the original Kiln floor tiles will be on display in the cafe. These will show the development of kiln floor tiles up to 1917 when malting ceased on site.



The original kiln tiles found on site

The staircases have been designed in an industrial style to reflect the buildings history with oak treads. These are now in place and looking great.

The two lifts are in place and are fully functional, providing disabled access to the first floor of the building and to the Beamed Room.

The front of the café has now been revealed for all to see. The large oak panelled windows were designed by the Architects; Milburn,



The front of cafe is on show to the public

Leverington and Thurlow with input from English Heritage and the conservation officer.

The five flats are now starting to look like flats! The exterior work is complete with windows and doors in place and the interior work is well under way. The kitchens are currently being installed and all rooms are being decorated. The residents will be moving in during April.



The exterior of the residents flats

"Time is really flying by now" said Ken Dobinson of Cocksedge Building Contractors, who is the Site Manager for the Malthouse Project. "The building is starting to look like the flagship centre for St Matthew Housing."

By Sarah Yarrow, Funding and Marketing Assistant

Become a Malthouse Project Volunteer

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. Duties would include; cleaning the tables, taking orders, serving food and drinks and helping with the washing up. 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. This experience could equip someone to go onto a job in catering.

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. This would include linking up with volunteers from other places on the Bury Tourist Trail, such as the Cathedral, Theatre Royal and Greene King, to undertake a training programme. The Malthouse Project will also be open to the public for self-led tours every Wednesday throughout the year and at the weekends during April to October between 12noon until 4pm. Heritage Guides will occasionally be expected to be available at these times.

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 or sarah.yarrow@stmatthewhousing.org.

Malthouse Project heritage displays

Visitors to the Malthouse Project will be able to learn more about the history of the building and take a look around the old maltings through a replica 'mini' model.

Work has begun on a 'mini' model, which stands 10" high by 2ft x 11". The model will show the layout of the building when it was a maltings in the 17th century.



The Malthouse model taking shape

A 5ft long timeline of the Malthouse Project is also being produced. This will show the development of the Malthouse Project through six different stages. The model is being designed to be a hands-on display so that everyone can read the projects timeline by sight as well as touch.

Both of these models will be placed in the Heritage Room and will form part of the tour's attractions.

Malthouse Project Fundraising

Since November 2006 we have received funds for the Malthouse Project from the following trusts:

- The Beatrice Laing Foundation
- Biffawards
- The Skinners' Company, Lady Neville Charity
- Edwin Fox Foundation
- The Stanley Foundation

A **big** thank you to these Trusts for their generous donations.

Thank you also to individuals who have made donations to the Malthouse Project.

Look out for the next issue of the Malthouse News newsletter for news and photographs of the visit by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, The Right Reverend Richard Lewis and the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, The Very Reverend Neil Collings to the Malthouse Project.

For more information on the Malthouse Project or to become a 'Malthouse Friend' contact St Matthew Housing on telephone: 01284 732550 or email: malthouseproject@stmatthewhousing.org



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