



PRESS RELEASE

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THE MALTHOUSE PROJECT CELEBRATES ITS GEORGIAN HISTORY

The Malthouse Project, a former maltings, will be celebrating its 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 of the building and hosting an evening talk by a local historian.

In the Kiln Café, staff and volunteers will be serving a special Georgian menu, including our popular chicken pie and delicious range of cakes, all made following authentic recipes. There will be recipe cards of all our specials available for customers to take away. Continuing with the Georgian theme there will be Georgian prints on display in the café, which are on loan from Moyses Hall.

Throughout September, guided tours of The Malthouse Project will be available every Wednesday on the hour, between 12noon and 4pm as well as self-led tours on Saturdays. All tours are free.

Dr Pat Murrell, a local historian, will be hosting a 'Small Beer' talk on Thursday 11 September at 7pm. This slide-illustrated talk concentrates on beer production for home and public consumption in Bury St Edmunds during the Georgian period. Tickets cost £3.50, which includes free tea/coffee and cakes made to a Georgian recipe. To purchase a ticket ring 01284 732550 or email bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk.

Simon Johnson, Catering & Events Manager at The Malthouse Project, said, "We are delighted to be involved in this years new Georgian Gem Festival. This event will offer local people and visitors to Bury St Edmunds the opportunity to explore and learn about the fascinating Georgian heritage of the town.

"During the Festival a number of events and activities are being held at The Malthouse Project and we look forward to welcoming visitors to our historic building."

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Notes to editors:

1. The Malthouse Project is owned by St Matthew Housing (SMH), a charity and housing association, which provides accommodation for people who are homeless or unsuitably housed. The Malthouse Project officially opened in September 2007 providing a café, heritage centre, community rooms to hire and accommodation for local people with a general housing need. The Project also provides opportunities for residents and services users from SMH and other support agencies to gain work experience and training qualifications in the café. All income generated from The Malthouse Project funds the social objectives of the project.
2. Dr Pat Murrell is a late Stuart and Georgian historian native to Bury St Edmunds. Regularly lecturing locally on a wide range of topics some of her earlier years were spent in the brewing industry working as a laboratory assistant and for a short while as an archivist at Greene King. Dr Pat Murrell occasionally runs courses on Suffolk's Inns and Taverns and she has published short histories of The Fox Inn and Cupola House in Bury St Edmunds. Other lectures are being given by her as part of Bury's 2008 Georgian Gem season at the Suffolk Record Office in Bury St Edmunds.