



Engraving on boat

A representative of Dover Museum said "It was certainly intended to be a boat and obvious that, when launched, it immediately sank — like a stone." 19

A further interesting detail is that, roughly engraved near one end, are five marks (see sketch) which gives rise to the theory that, like us, our ancestors also celebrated this day

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CRABBLE CORN MILL

In 1988 when the responsibility for the mill was taken on by the Crabble Corn Mill Trust the Friends Group was born and has continued to play an important and active part in the mill's preservation. The Friends are a locally organised group of people who are interested in the mill's past and future : they have done much work on the building and the millpond as well as raising substantial sums towards the cost of restoring, maintaining and running the mill.

The restoration project was carried out by a professional team who worked to standards laid down by English Heritage. The quality of the work was recognised by awards from The Times/RIBA, Kent Archaeological Society and the Dover Society. In 1992 an award was given under a Civic Trust Commended Scheme which aims to highlight good environmental design.

The Crabble Corn Mill Trust is a small independent non-profit making body that receives no regular financial subsidy from any organisation. The cost of restoring the mill to a very high standard, the statutory requirements and the maintenance of the millpond have left the Trust with no financial reserves.

Since re-opening in 1990, 26,000 people have passed through its portals, including 6,000 children from 100 Kent Schools who have used the mill as a source for study. Though thousands more have used the café and have enjoyed the pleasure of the sights of the pond, the cost of future maintenance must come from admissions to the mill, from retail sales and from donations and sponsorships.

The 1993 Appeal is aimed at ensuring that this uniquely preserved watermill continues to be preserved and is always readily available for everyone's enjoyment and education.

If you want to help or perhaps just find out more about this Trust you could write to the Membership Secretary, c/o Crabble Corn Mill, Lower Road, River, Dover.