

Forging links with Moulton Mill

CHAIN Bridge Forge in Spalding was fired up in earnest on Friday to create an essential part for Moulton Mill.

Chris Hammond, who undertook an apprenticeship as a blacksmith before doing all kinds of other work, is helping at the forge by putting his skills to good use. Chris, assisted by Grenville Owen, forged 12 clamps that will secure the main shaft of the windmill's construction.

Geoff Taylor, a member of the Friends of Chain Bridge Forge, said: "If we can get commissions from people who want items to go back into a church or something similar we are re-creating something of the past. At the end of the day we are going to have to raise money to keep the forge going so that's all part of the plan of engineering an income."

The Friends have made huge progress in conserving the building, which will eventually open as a living history museum. Volunteers are in the process of preserving the hundreds of items removed from the forge by applying wax oil before photographing them and returning them to the forge in time for May 5, Flower Parade day, when people will be able to get a good idea of what a working forge looks like.



Chris Hammond works on the clamps that will be used on Moulton Mill.

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