



29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*Unfortunately, the mill has had to cease milling operations due to a leak through the mill race wall. This leak has put us in a position where it is unsafe to operate the water wheel.*

*The low-pressure system I was concerned about last week did not come our way in the end. Although we had tides that touched the underside of the floor, we did not flood. Best to be prepared though.*

*It is very pleasant here when the pond is full. We have a number of different types of bird on the pond. Good to see the Swan and cygnet back. The cygnet is almost as big as mum now. As I look out of the mill today, I can see two of the three Egrets, but no sign of the Kingfishers.*

*We have Engineers in the mill, early on Monday to do a survey of the wet areas, and then later in the day of the whole building. Hopefully it is the start of our repair cycle.*

*I have continued the inspection of the bearings of various parts of the machinery and although some are fine, we will have to replace a few. Some of the bearings have wooden tops, which I hope to replace. Although functional, I do not like them as I believe that they are a fire risk. They only have to be overtightened and the friction on oil / grease soaked wood, can generate a lot of heat.*

*We are always happy to talk and explain what we are up to.*

*I will try and keep the web site ([www.elingexperience.co.uk](http://www.elingexperience.co.uk)) up to date with our progress so please keep an eye on that and hopefully we will be milling again soon.*

Pete, The Miller