

## History of Mill "De Verwachting" Tholen city.

In 1847 Mr. Van der Stel decided to build a mill at de Vlasmarkt in Tholen. Objections about the foundation of this mill were made by Mr. K. De Korte. He feared that his cattle, that had their drinking place at the nearby dung pit, would be disturbed even his horse that was used to remove the dung. At first, for that reason, Mr. Van der Stel's request was rejected. Later on, the objections were withdrawn and Mr. Van der Stel was granted permission by the Minister of treasure provided that the mill would be stopped when horses were nearby. According to the year number on the cap, the stone stage mill was finished in 1848. In the years after, it appeared that the mill wasn't built at the right place. In 1872, the miller complained that the three rows of trees that surrounded the mill, blocked the wind. The town council was willing to do something about it and offered the trees for sale. The miller however, thought the price was double the worth of the trees. Three years later, the miller complained again. During a council meeting, it was stated that the founder of the mill had been warned about the nearby trees.



Former owners of this mill were:

Marinus van der Stel 1848-1871.

David Dignuszn. Van de Velde 1871-1897.

Willem van de Velde 1897-1921.

Hubertus Izaak Stoutjesdijk 1921-1934.

J. van de Velde 1934-1966. This owner got permission to install a diesel engine of about 25 hp. In the mill in 1924.

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As early as in 1926, the Provincial Zeeland Beauty- and Archaeological Committee feared that "De Verwachting" would be deprived of its blades. The committee

account of 1930 tells about mill "De Verwachting" that the cap, the stage and the blades have been removed so this seemed to be the last expectation about "De Verwachting". After the Second World War, miller Jacobus van der Velde got permission to use a electrical engine of 25 hp. on the mill's ground floor for his flour grinding. On the second floor of the added warehouse, a 3 hp. engine was placed for use of the mixing bowl. Mr. Van der Velde stopped grinding flour for consumption in 1964. Three years later, in 1967, all the other grinding activities were stopped. In 1971 the mill was sold. In the years 1975 / 1976 the ground floor of the mill was fitted up as a house and attached to the next door house. Between 1971 and 1980 the mill was sold twice. The Van Gorsel family bought the mill and the house in October 1980.

Short after that, it appeared that the mill hull was in bad condition. As a result of this there were leaking walls, woodwork was dilapidating, stones falling down etc. Again and again the family was busy trying to repair the leaking hull of the mill. After some time, only one solution seemed to be the best to solve the problem. To break down 8 meters from the top of the mill and build a new roof on it. This plan however was blocked again and again by the municipal council. Their most important argument for blocking the plan was that the mill was a quality defining object in the protected area of the city of Tholen. This point of view remained unchanged until in 2004, a letter from the municipal council arrived. It said that the old mill hull, dated from 1848, could become an official monument provided the van Gorsel family would be cooperative. So it happened that the old mill hull officially got the status of a monument under monument number 527659.

The family could make it a start and the plan for only the hull restoration was made. With a subsidy of 50% of the total costs, it seemed financial realistic to complete this renovation by the private owner of the mill. In 2006, the van Gorsel family was visited by an official of the National Office of the Conservation of Monuments in Zeist. Later on the name of this office was: RACM, Rijksdienst Archeologie Cultuurlandschap en Monumenten. From June 2009 it is named: Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed en Monumenten, nowadays, the office is in Amersfoort. The official told that minister Zalm had planned to reserve money to eliminate overdue maintenance such as old mills. This action is known as Plan Brim 43. He also asked the van Gorsel family how they thought about renovating not only the hull but to restore the whole mill so that it could do its work as in early years. Very much important in this case was that there would be two complete windmills inside the town walls of Tholen. This not only would be unique for Tholen City, it would be unique for the whole country too. The van Gorsel family became enthusiastic about it and decided to cooperate in the new plan.

One couldn't imagine something nicer than the appearance of a massive stately windmill on the old city walls at the edge of an old little town. A mill that with tremendous blows swipes the sky. Is there something more impressive than the interior of a windmill that's working, in which one feels and hears how wind power is converted into rotating wheels which almost silently grip each other and

transport their moving to the grind stones. Scenes so impressive and timeless that you don't dare to say a word but only look in silent amazement. Hearing the buzzing sounds of the rotating blades. Sniffing the smell of tar and having a chat with the miller, is there something more beautiful? The van Gorsel family will make it a start!

The Total costs of the Plan Brim 43 were estimated between € 300.000 and € 500.000. Lower or higher costs estimates wouldn't be awarded. A budget of € 493.000 was introduced. Dimensions reckonings and budgets were carried out by engineer G.H. Keumen who offices in Utrecht. Without the help of this retired engineer, this restoration would never had been realised. The owner would have been drowned in all sorts of procedures. Having fulfilled all the procedures, mill "De Verwachting" got , as the only mill hull in the provinces Limburg, Noord Brabant en Zeeland a National subsidy of € 291.104 to make the old mill fully working again. An excellent amount of money but not enough to fulfil the plan. After carrying out of all the procedures for the second time, such as asking for new offers, negotiating etc., the new estimated costs would be € 625.000, this without unforeseen expenses.

- € 180.000 for restoring al the brickwork of the mill hull.
- € 430.000 for all architectonic work such as: cap, blades, belt and all other inside work.
- € 150.000 for research and advice.

To be able to realise this unique project, the search for financial support started in 2007. Below a piece of one of the enthusiastic messages written by the owner of the mill. "We now know that the total costs of the renovation of the mill will be € 625.000. We have got good government rewards, subsidies and own investments of a total of € 505.000 to make it a start. So we still need another € 120.000. That's why we make this unusual writing. We seek support. Support to be able to realise this beautiful and unique project. We would like to keep up something from the far past (1848) and, in this way, to conserve it for the future. Not only for ourselves but for our nice city of Tholen, for the Province Zeeland and for all those who like culture. In short, for the whole community. We hope you will support us, we will take it up although it was a big and radical emotional decision. 2007 was the year of the mill for us. Another important thing was, Restoring that old mill hull from 1848 had to be done now or there would be no new possibility as the minister of finance cut out all new subsidies for old mill hulls after 2007. The van Gorsel family received the government subsidy of € 291.104 on 20 December 2006, after 30 months of preparations, the restoration was started on 6 May 2008. This overall conversation of the mill was at last made possible by the next councils, authorities, companies and a good part of own investment.

- Rijksdienst Cultureel Erfgoed
- Provincie Zeeland
- Vereniging De Hollandsche Molen
- BankGiro Loterij
- Gemeente Tholen

- Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds
- Stichting Bouwcultuurfonds Zuid Nederland
- Stichting Dr Hendrik Muller's Vaderlandsch Fonds
- Woonboulevard Poortvliet te Poortvliet
- M.A.O.C. Gravin van Bylandt Stichting
- Bouwonderneming Aan De Stegge te Roosendaal
- Traas Ongediertebestrijding te 's Gravenpolder
- Leunis Makelaars te Tholen
- SNS Regio Bank Tholen
- Willemsen Minderman Projectontwikkeling B.V.
- Notaris Knook & Schot te Tholen
- Overbeeke & Van Dijke Assurantiën
- ABN AMRO
- Van Gorsel Parket Oud-Vossemeer
- L.Geluk Afbouw & Montage Tholen
- Schildersbedrijf van der Kleijn Tholen
- Schipper Accountants te Tholen
- Allied Mineral Products Europe BV
- HypotheekCompany Sint Maartensdijk.
- Bernard Roerdink Groningen
- Babymode Hage Textiel te Tholen
- ABS naai-brei-en borduurmachines te Tholen
- C1000 Jurgen Stroot te Tholen
- V.O.F. Peter Terlouw Tholen
- Huisartsenpraktijk Vliethof te Tholen
- Selekhuis Holding Nieuwenhuis bv
- Drukkerij Dieleman Limovi te Tholen
- Verjaal St Maartensdijk
- Tegelhandel Den Engelsman Tholen
- Profielnorm te Tholen
- Delta Makelaars
- Droogers Verspreidingen te Oud Vossemeer
- Delta Glass Tholen
- Slijterij Stad Tholen
- Schoenhandel Quist Tholen
- Dieleman Boekhandel Tholen
- Deurloo Fysio-en Oedeemtherapie Praktijk te Tholen
- Ben van der Heiden Optiek te Tholen
- Walhout Wonen Zierikzee
- Eetcafe Hart van Tholen te Tholen
- Eetcafe The Sixties te Tholen
- Castria Wonen St Maartensdijk
- Steenhouwerij De Kort te Bergen op Zoom
- Minheere Installatie Techniek B.V.
- Nestaan Holland B.V. Tholen
- Allservice Specialist in lichtdoorlatende constructies te Tholen

- Jeroense VOF P Tholen
- L' Ete te Middelburg
- Atelier 28 Tholen
- De Eendrachtbode
- De Thoolse Bode
- PZC
- BN/DeStem
- Omroep Tholen
- Omroep Zeeland
- Maximaal TV Zeeland
- Van Rijn Brandbeveiliging te Tholen
- Timmerwerken Van Der Male Tholen
- van Dis groenprojecten Tholen
- MA Riooltechniek Tholen
- PontMeyer Steenberg
- Zink- en Dakwerkzaamheden Peter Roovers te Tholen
- Machinale Houtbewerking Mark van den Enden te Tholen
- Sierbestrating Van Haften Stavenisse
- De Bloemenhal te Tholen
- Bloemsierkunst Van de Berge te Tholen
- Landschaparchitect M. van de Sande te Gouda
- Wico Units Tholen
- De Schatkaemer te Tholen
- Grafisch Bedrijf Id4U te Tholen
- Bogert Klokken te Tholen
- Fixet St Maartensdijk
- Bejaardensoos Tholen W. Bijl
- Bouw Opleiding Zeeland
- Markiezaat College Bergen op Zoom



At last the warehouse, the front- and back garden were totally reordered in the

right style.

De companies, listed below, carried out the jobs.

- Adriaens Molenbouw Weert BV te Weert
- De Vink Gevelrestauratiewerken te Leiderdorp
- Restauratieadviesburo Groot-Gunneweg te Delft
- Steigerbouw Plompen te Tholen
- Projectleider was: ing. G.H. Keunen te Utrecht
- Projectopzichter: de dagelijkse leiding had Dhr. A. Joppe te Scherpenisse.

The final delivery of this last part took place on 30 June 2009. For years on end, Tholen city has added a unique monument to all that it has already. The opening took place on 5 September 2009 and was carried out by the Queen's representative in Zeeland Ms. Carla Peijs.

John and Liza van Gorsel went on and opened on 30 April 2010 their Mill Shop "De Vlaswiek".

There they sell:

- 70 types of handcrafted ground bread, cake and pancake mixes.
- Many sorts of ready to use products but also raw sorts of flour.
- Whole grain, flour, spelt flour, bio flour etc.
- All accessoires that go with these products.
- Souvenirs based on a beautiful wooden tulip programme.
- A number of present articles labelled with the mill sign, i.e. a nice bottle of wine, bags, candles, thimbles, postcards, stickers et.
- A cupboard full of present articles made by Iza and her four handicraft friends.

The Mill is open to visitors, there John gives guided tours (only when booked in advance).

Opening hours:

From 1 October to 30 April open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

From 1 May to 30 September open from Tuesdays up to Saturdays from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

Closed on Sundays.

To become a friend of the Mill and getting all that goes with it, just have a look at the webpage "Friendclub".

<b>In general</b>	
<b>Databasenummer:</b>	1375
<b>Ten Bruggencate nr.:</b>	03528
<b>National Monument nr.:</b>	527659
<b>Name:</b>	De Verwachting
<b>Address:</b>	Vlasmarkt 1 - 4691 BH Tholen
<b>Town:</b>	Tholen
<b>Municipality:</b>	Tholen
<b>Province:</b>	Zeeland
<b>Owners:</b>	John and Iza van Gorsel
<b>Miller:</b>	Jan van Gorsel
<b>Category:</b>	Windmill
<b>Type:</b>	Round, Stone stage mill
<b>Function:</b>	flour mill
<b>Building year:</b>	1848
<b>Technical details</b>	
<b>Type:</b>	Round, Stone objective mill
<b>v:</b>	flour mill
<b>Flight:</b>	23,50 mrs.
<b>Blade system:</b>	Old-Dutch
<b>Inner sail arm:</b>	23,35 m., fabr. Verdonkschot Service te Wessem, number unknown, building year 2009
<b>Outer sail arm:</b>	23,50 m., fabr. Verdonkschot Service te Wessem, number unknown, building year 2009
<b>Shaft:</b>	Cast iron, fact. Geraedts, number unknown, year of casting 2008
<b>Brake:</b>	Flemish brake, swich rod
<b>Top- or shaft wheel:</b>	63 cams
<b>further mill- or drive wheels:</b>	Toppimion: 29 bars Trackwheel: 73 cams Stone pimion: 25 bars
<b>Drive dimensions:</b>	1:6,34
<b>Belt- or stage height:</b>	7,30 m.
<b>Cross work:</b>	English cross work
<b>National Monument number:</b>	527659
<b>RD-coordinates:</b>	X = 73,967 Y = 394,150
<b>GPS-coordinates:</b>	51°31,83'N 4°13,16'
<b>Specifications:</b>	Grinding stones: one set of two 16-er art stones Luiwerk: sleepluwe



## Restoration of Windmill "De Verwachting` Tholen.

The Total time of the restoration of the mill, inclusive administration jobs, took up 5 years. At first, only the hull would be renovated, but at a later moment it was decided that the whole mill would be totally restored and make workable as it was in former days. The opening of the mill took place on 5 September 2009 and was carried out by Ms Karla Peijs Commissioner of the Queen in the Province Zeeland.



The Hull totally wrapped in plastic. First the hull was cleaned all the brickjoints were eroded and newly inserted with chalk mortar. This job was carried out by Gevelrestauratiebedrijf De Vink uit Leiderdorp.






Completely renewed top side. One and a half meters from the top down was totally rebuilt inclusive the red brick roll and the so called mice teeth.



Restored bare hull. Beautiful to see the hull looks brand new after rebuilding en restoration all of the brickwork.



Rotten beam parts. Throughout the mill 32 rotten beam parts were renewed by Firma Traas uit s Gravenpolder.





Start of constructing the stage. The big job started by placing the stage. The total repair works were carried out by Adriaens Molenbouw from Weert.





Cap being constructed.



Upper or great spur Wheel.



Set of new artificial stones.



Jan van Gorsel putting the first bag of wheat in the bin.

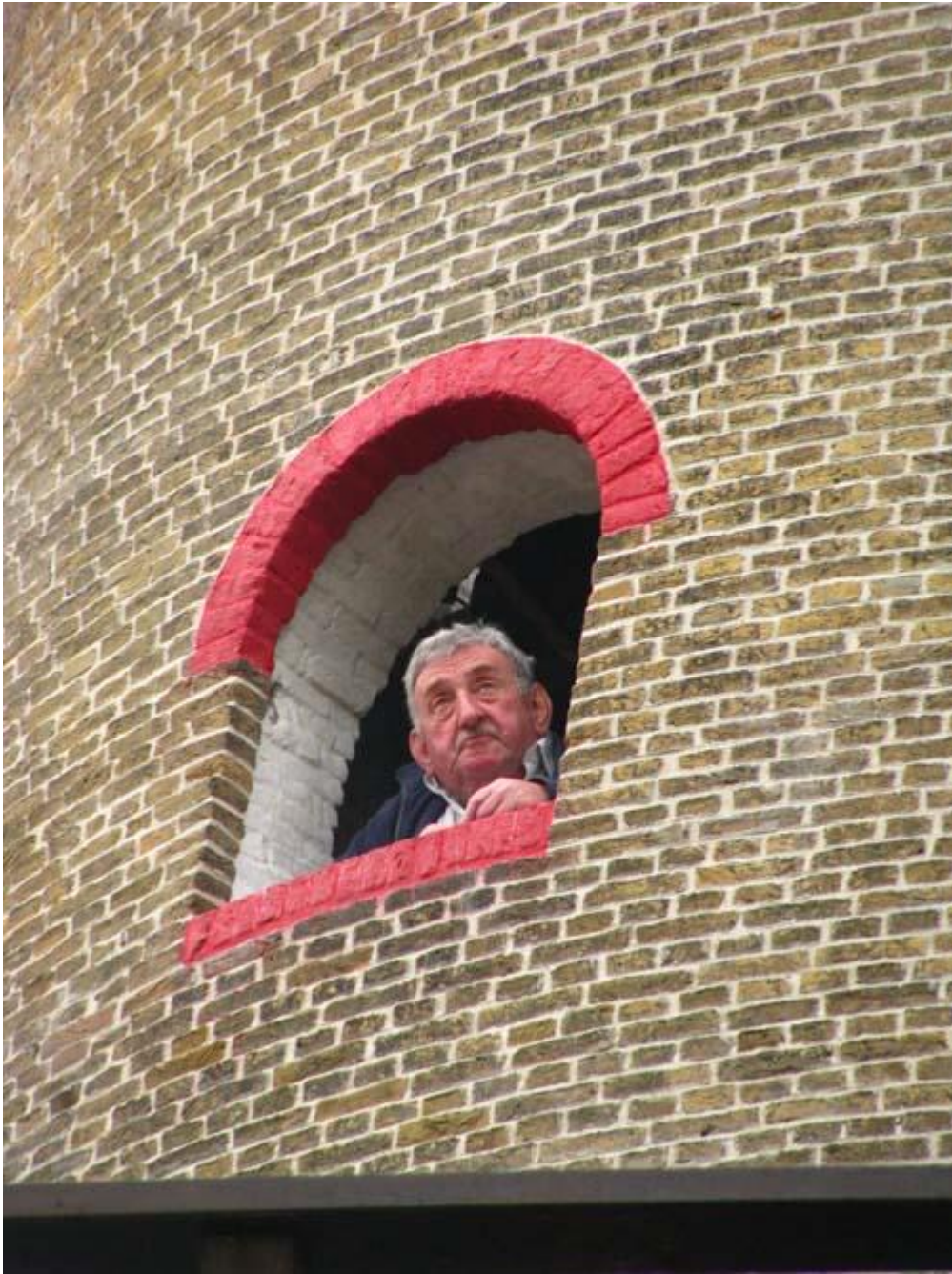


Eros de Vink senior at work.



Gevelrestauratie de Vink.





Controller Adrie Joppe.



The English cap traveller.



Time to rest for a while.





Lui table, spur wheel and upper traveller.



The cap is being placed.



Adriaanse Molenbouw takes away remains.



The two spars each 23,50 metres. Long.





Many times television reporters were on the spot.



Building league.



Directeur Wim Adriaens (met witte helm) had hoogst persoonlijk de leiding bij de kapzetting.



Director, Wim Adriaens with white helmet, personally guided placement of the cap.





Jan van Gorsel had to be sure that all was OK.



John and Iza during cap placement.



The mill garden.1.



The mill garden.2.