

NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND

HEREFORDSHIRE (& BEYOND)

SAT. 9th and SUN. 10th MAY, 2015

This year 7 mills will be grinding corn, 3 in Herefordshire, 2 in
Worcestershire, 1 in Shropshire & 1 in Powys

HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY:

Clenchers Mill, Eastnor

HR8 1RR NGR.:SO731351

10.30-12.30 Free entry. Limited parking at ford, 100 yards away. 1½ miles S of Eastnor church, down Clenchers Mill Lane. 18th century timber-framed mill of Eastnor Castle Estate with restored water supply and working 1820 iron overshot waterwheel - one of the oldest in the county. Machinery of wood & iron drives a pair of millstones. *The mill will be working at 11.00-11.45.*

Rowlestone Mill, near Ewyas Harold

HR2 0DP NGR.:SO370270

10.00-6.00 Donations. Parking at village hall (by church) or in field by mill (weather permitting). Refreshments. The external overshot waterwheel will be turning and working a Victorian apple scrapper. Dramatic leat to mill from waterfall.

At 2pm some local people who remember the mill from their youth will share old memories. You are welcome to listen.

Olchon House Farm Mill, Llanveynoe, nr. Longtown

HR2 0NT NGR.:SO307299

11.00-5.00 Donations (to Llanveynoe church) Parking. Tea available. Take the Craswall road from Longtown and turn left into the Olchon valley. After crossing the Olchon Brook, turn right. The mill is the first building on the right. Farm mill with overshot waterwheel and ring gear for millstones and barn machinery. Recently restored, *mill will be grinding corn at intervals during the afternoon.*

Home Farm, Dulas

HR2 0HJ NGR.:SO377294

2.00-5.00 Donations. Parking. ¾ mile NW of Ewyas Harold, on road to Longtown. A complete farm waterwheel, with drive to barn machinery and millstones, dating from the 1860s. *A rare survival.*

Fair Oak Farm, Bacton

HR2 0AT NGR.:SO354321

2.00-6.00 Donations (to The Laurie Engel Fund for Birmingham Children's Hospital) **Limited parking.** From Bacton church continue up the hill for about a mile. At the T-junction the drive to the farm is straight ahead. Traditional pony-worked cider mill. Mill and press, still in original setting in barn, recently fully restored to working condition. In November 2014 the mill was again worked by a horse - the first time in 100 years. *The cider makers will be racking Fair Oak cider made last year, which will be available for tasting, and 2013 cider will be available to buy.*

HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY:

Arrow Mill, Kingsland

HR6 9AT NGR.:SO437587

10.00-3.00 Free entry. Parking. At Arrow Green, 1½ miles S of Kingsland; entrance on W side of A4110 road, just N of bridge over River Arrow. A large 17th century building with a low breast-shot waterwheel - which will be turning. 19th cent. machinery, mostly of iron, and 3 pairs of stones. Special features are a machine for beating out clover seeds, and the drive to it, the original beaten-earth ground floor, old flour dresser, and an internal hop kiln. *The waterwheel will be turning.*

Risbury Mill, near Stoke Prior

HR6 0NG NGR.:SO540550

Sunday 10am.-4pm. The entrance is by the bridge over the Humber Brook, on the road from Risbury towards Stoke Prior. Limited parking. Donations (the Little Princess Trust) Refreshments. This small 18th century corn mill is in an idyllic situation formerly fed from the Humber Brook, but it has lost its water supply. The 19th century machinery, two of the three pairs of millstones, and the frame of the external overshot waterwheel remain. Extra storage room has been obtained by the upward brick extension of the mill. There is a large flour dresser on the first floor, and a grain cleaner has been installed nearby with a remarkably complex drive. *A small complete mill in a lovely setting.*

Hergest Mill, Kington HR5 3EL NGR.:SO288561
10.00-6.00 Free entry. Limited parking. ½ mile down Hergest Road from Kington church. 18th cent. building on ancient site with some later iron machinery to 4 pairs of stones. The two overshot wheels, the water supply, and the ancillary machines have all gone. *Two sets of impressive machinery.*

Waterworks Museum, Hereford HR4 0LJ NGR.:SO496393
1.00-4.00 Entry £6, Seniors £5, Children £2, Family £14. Parking. Café. S side of Broomy Hill, on W side of Hereford. (Follow brown signs from Barton Road, off N end of Greyfriars Bridge) Water pumping station. Exhibits include 1920s wind-pump from Bridge Sollers, 1890 turbine-driven pump from Warwicks., 1907 waterwheel from Carmarthenshire, tiny 1912 Pelton wheel from Ross, 1880 turbine from Dorset, 1937 turbine from Kington and Heritage Water Park for Children - which includes a *small waterwheel driving a dynamo. Engines in steam.*

Crowards Mill, Eyton HR6 0AD NGR.:SO487604
2.00-5.00 Donations. Limited parking outside property. From Leominster take B4361 road towards Ludlow. Within ¾ mile turn left towards Eyton. Crowards Mill is the 1st building on left. Take track on left before mill. Park neatly along side of track. Converted mill with outside waterwheel; attractive garden. *Accompanied access to internal machinery by request.*

Yarpole Mill HR6 0BB NGR.:SO470649
2.00-5.00 Free entry. Limited parking. In Yarpole village, NE of church, access via drive to Church House. Wellington boots required for crossing stream. Disused corn mill, stripped of waterwheel and much of machinery but otherwise unaltered. *Impressive earthworks of former millpond and some 18th century gear.*

Newchurch Mill, Kinnersley HR3 6QQ NGR.:SO353506
3.00 Guided walk across fields from Newchurch Farm by owner (approx. 500yds. each way). Free entry. Parking. From Kinnersley take the A4112 road towards Leominster for 1 mile. Turn left towards Logaston and Woonton and the yard of Newchurch Farm is within ½ mile on the right hand side. Ruins of mill with millstones and fine early Kington-made overshot waterwheel formerly fed by large pond. *Guided walk at 3.00pm. only.*

HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

Court of Noke Mill, nr. Staunton on Arrow HR6 9HW NGR.:SO372595
10.00.-4.00 Donations (Staunton church). Parking. N side of road, halfway between Shobdon and Lyonshall. Turn into lane on W side of house. Large car park is within 50 yards on r.h.s. Visitors may also walk round the water gardens. These fed the waterwheel, which ground feed for prize Hereford cattle. The 19th century low breast-shot waterwheel and complex iron gear drove barn machinery and a pair of millstones. *Restoration of the mill has begun.*

Staunton Mill, Staunton on Arrow HR6 9HR NGR.:SO369599

10.00-5.00 Donations (Staunton church repairs). Limited parking. Down hill from church. Once part of scheme of corn milling & irrigation. 18th century mill with mostly iron machinery. Two overshot waterwheels, each drove two pairs of stones. *A fine mill with two sets of interesting machinery.*

Mordiford Mill

HR1 4LW NGR.:SO572372

10.00-5.00 Free entry (Donations welcome towards restoration). Parking at rear. Do not park in yard in front of mill. Access is off B4224, 100 yards S of mill, on S side of Mordiford village. A tall stone corn mill on a steep site. The large overshot waterwheel drove iron machinery & 2 pairs of stones. Being restored to working condition. At present, no water supply; *waterwheel under restoration.*

Clodock Mill, near Longtown

HR2 0PD NGR.:SO326273

Sat. 10.30-5.00; Sun. 2.00-5.00 Donations (Air Ambulance). Parking. Snacks available on Sat. & tea/coffee on Sun. Entrance by W side of bridge over River Monnow near Clodock church. Corn mill in lovely situation with mostly iron machinery; two pairs of stones. Nearby is a separate turbine, formerly generating electricity. . The large breast-shot waterwheel has been repaired recently, and *mill will be grinding during the weekend.*

SHROPSHIRE

OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY:

Ashford Mill, Ashford Carbonell, near Ludlow

SY8 4BT NGR.:SO521710

1.00-5.00 Donations. Parking. No access to upper floors of mill. Mill alongside weir across River Teme, E of bridge linking A49 road with Ashford Carbonell village. Complete corn mill with external waterwheel and two pairs of stones, also internal turbine to saw timber and generate electricity. *The waterwheel will be turning.*

SHROPSHIRE

OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY:

Rockhill Mill Greete

SY8 3BT NGR.:SO571721

10.00-4.00 Donations. Parking. 5 miles SE of Ludlow. Mill is on minor road, ½ mile SW of Whitton and 2 miles SE of Caynham. In the same family ownership since 1640, a restoration challenge of an empty corn mill building being brought back to full working condition. The project is still at a fairly early stage, but a second-hand waterwheel from Wales is already being installed. *Hopefully the waterwheel will be turning by May.*

Charlcombe Iron Furnace, Neenton

WV16 6RR NGR.:SO639861

11.00-4.00 Free entry. Limited parking. Down farm track, 1 mile S of Neenton. Early 18th century charcoal-fired blast furnace, originally powered by waterwheel. *An amazing survival.*

Wrickton Mill, Neenton

WV16 6RS NGR.:SO642858

11.00-4.00 Free entry. Limited parking. Off short lane, 1½ miles S of Neenton. Fully restored complete corn mill with 3 pairs of stones. *The waterwheel will be turning.*

Cleobury Mill, Cleobury North

WV16 6RP NGR.:SO626872

11.00-4.00 Free entry. Limited parking. Take B4364 towards Bridgnorth from Cleobury North and the first track to the right leads to Mill Farm. Follow signs to mill. An ancient corn mill with some fine 18th cent. wooden gear. Frame of waterwheel survives. *Probably the oldest gear in Shropshire.*

SHROPSHIRE

OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

The Mill on the Green, Ludlow

SY8 1EG NGR.:SO507745

10.00-4.00 Free entry. Café. By Dinham Bridge, on E side of river below Ludlow Castle. New building incorporating café on site of former mill. Impressive weir. *New waterwheel generating electricity.*

Daniel's Mill, Bridgnorth

WV16 5JL NGR.:SO718918

11.00-5.00 Charges: adults £5, concession & children £4. Parking. Off the B4555, ¾ mile S of Bridgnorth. 3 sets of millstones, powered by very large waterwheel fed by water at 2 levels. In dramatic setting by Severn Valley Railway viaduct. *Refreshments available, flour etc. on sale. This is a working mill.*

Clun Youth Hostel, Clun SY7 8NY NGR.:SO304813

12.00-4.00 Donations. Limited parking. Follow signs in Clun to Youth Hostel, which is on lane to NE of village. Formerly a corn mill, it retains its machinery, including a rare and early turbine in a deep pit, 3 sets of millstones and a drying kiln. *Afternoon teas available.*

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

Danzev Green Windmill, Avoncroft Museum B60 4JR NGR.:SO952682

10.30-5.30 Charges: adults £8.80, seniors £7.70, children £4.50, family £25. Parking. 2 miles S of Bromsgrove; follow signs to museum. A post windmill restored to working order. *Hopefully milling on both days* (subject to conditions on day). *Tea room; light lunches available.*

Shelsley Mill, Shelsley Walsh WR6 6RP NGR.:SO721630

11.00-4.00 Donations. Parking. Follow brown signs for Shelsley Walsh Hill-climb. Small corn mill with two pairs of stones, restored to working condition recently. External overshot waterwheel turning all day. *Hopefully milling from 2.00-4.00 on both days* (subject to conditions on day).

Forge Mill, Redditch B98 8HY NGR.:SP046685

11.00-4.00 Charges: adults £4.90, seniors £3.80, children £1.65, family £11.10. Off A441 Birmingham to Evesham road, N of Redditch. Follow brown signs off Sainsburys roundabout. Restored water-powered needle scouring & polishing mill. *A fascinating place; waterwheel will be turning machinery.*

Knowles Mill, nr. Bewdley DY12 2LX NGR.:SO762765

Open all day. Free entry. Parking at Natural England car park near foot of Dry Mill Lane, Bewdley. From car park continue to bottom of lane, then turn left and follow track upstream by brook for ¾ mile. Small corn mill with wheel and machinery; 1 pair of stones. *Mill in attractive setting, owned by National Trust.*

Brook House, Feckenham B96 6HX NGR.:SP005614

Available all day. Free access and very limited parking on adjacent bridle path or house forecourt. The house is beside the B4090 about 400m W of the turn into Feckenham village. External waterwheel in wheel-pit of demolished needle mill. *Waterwheel completed in 2015 will be turning.*

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY:

Birchley Mill, Bockleton WR15 8PW NGR.:SO590644

10.00-4.00 Free entry. Parking. 2½ miles S. of Tenbury Wells. Just over a mile S of Tenbury Wells, at Oldwood Common on the A4112 Tenbury to Leominster road, turn left onto a minor road, and immediately take the left-hand fork. In 1½ miles, just after crossing a stream, the drive to the mill is on the right. Corn mill; complete with wooden and iron machinery. *Recently restored waterwheel will be turning.*

Churchill Forge, between Kidderminster & Hagley DY10 3LX NGR.:SO883796

2.00-5.00 Entry £4. Limited parking. At Churchill village, down a short private drive. Water-powered spade and shovel works with original machinery. *Two waterwheels will hopefully be turning.*

POWYS OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

Talgarth Mill LD3 0BW NGR.:SO155537

10.00-4.00 Entry £4, children £1, family £9. Please use free car park near roundabout on SW side of Talgarth. Short walk to mill, which is in Square, in town centre. Corn

mill, recently restored to working condition as BBC & Big Lottery project. Guided tours with a short walk along the mill leat and riverbank to view the overshot water wheel. Flour on sale. Café, bakery and gift shop on site. *Milling at 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00* (water levels permitting).

For further details please see www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk or contact Alan Stoyel (01544-230235).

Notes for your diary:

**NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND IS ALWAYS THE SECOND WEEKEND IN MAY
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