

**NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND**  
**HEREFORDSHIRE & NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES**  
**SAT. 12<sup>th</sup> and SUN. 13<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2018**

**This year 6 mills will be grinding corn in this area, 3 in Herefordshire, 1 in Worcestershire, 1 in Shropshire & 1 in Powys. 19 waterwheels will be turning.**

**HEREFORDSHIRE**

**OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY**

**Pontynys Mill, Longtown**

HR2 0LU NGR.:SO326288

**10.00-4.30 Donations** (to charity). **Limited parking.** 400 yards N of Crown Inn, Longtown, 1<sup>st</sup> turn left off road to Ewyas Harold; entrance on left. Extra parking on road near the bridge. ***A complete corn mill with large high-breast waterwheel and 4 pairs of stones, iron machinery with horizontal shaft.***

**Clenchers Mill, Eastnor**

HR8 1RR NGR.:SO731351

**10.30-15.30 Free entry. Limited parking at ford,** 100 yards away. 1½ miles S of Eastnor church, down Clenchers Mill Lane. 18<sup>th</sup> century timber-framed mill on 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 and a recently restored bolter. A second-hand Armfield grain cleaner is being assembled. ***Water supply permitting, the mill will be working at 11.00-11.45am & 2.00-2.45pm.***

**The Corn Mill, Michaelchurch Escley**

HR2 0JS NGR.:SO315345

**12.00-5.00. Donations. Limited parking.** ¼ mile NW of Michaelchurch Escley church; where the Vowchurch road crosses the Escley Brook. A house conversion, but the main machinery, mostly of iron, on the ground floor has been restored. ***The interior iron overshot waterwheel will be turning.***

**Fair Oak Farm, Bacton**

HR2 0AT NGR.:SO354321

**2.00-6.00 Donations** (to The Laurie Engel Fund for Birmingham Children's Hospital) **Parking.** From Bacton church continue up hill for about a mile. At the T-junction the drive to the farm is straight ahead. Traditional horse-worked cider mill and press, still in original setting in barn, recently fully restored and now the only one to work in Herefordshire. In Autumn for the last four years the mill was again worked by a horse, after a gap of a hundred years. There is also a petrol engine and a very old apple scrapper. ***The cider makers will be racking Fair Oak cider made last year, which will be available for tasting, and mature cider will be available to buy.***

**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 within 50 yards on r.h.s. Visitors may also walk round the water gardens. These fed the waterwheel, now restored, which ground corn for prize Hereford cattle. The 19<sup>th</sup> century low breast-shot waterwheel and complex iron gear drove barn machinery and a pair of millstones. ***The waterwheel will be turning.***

[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 & extensive irrigation. 18<sup>th</sup> 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](#) HR14LW 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. ***Waterwheel completed, machinery under restoration.***

[The Clover Mill Spa Retreat, Cradley \(Archer's Mill/Beanhouse Mill\)](#)

WR13 5NR NGR.:SO732488

**11.00-5.00 Free entry. Parking. Refreshments & cakes available.** Take the northward turning of the A4103 (Hereford-Worcester road), half a mile E of Stony Cross. After half a mile bear left, cross the stream, and turn left again along a track to the mill with a 'Clover Mill' sign.

Late 19<sup>th</sup> cent corn mill, complete with waterwheel & 3 pairs of stones. Older generation of mill alongside is now house. ***Impressive building with machinery and turning waterwheel.***

[Clodock Mill, near Longtown](#)

HR2 0PD NGR.:SO326273

**Sat. 11.00-5.00; Sun. 2.00-5.00 Donations** (Air Ambulance). **Parking. Light refreshments available.** 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, and ***mill will be grinding during the weekend.***

## HEREFORDSHIRE

## OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY

[Arrow Mill, Kingsland](#)

**Please note : this mill will *not* be open this year due to bereavement.**

[Rowlestone Mill, near Ewyas Harold](#)

HR2 0DP NGR.:SO370270

**10.00-6.00 Donations. Parking at village hall** (by church) **or in field near mill** (weather permitting). Dramatic leat to mill from waterfall. **Refreshments. *The external overshot waterwheel will be turning, driving a Victorian apple scrapper (the alternative to the horse-worked cider mill).***

[Olchon House Mill, Llanveynoe, nr. Longtown](#)

HR2 0NS 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.***

[Waterworks Museum, Hereford](#)

HR4 0LJ NGR.:SO496393

**12.00-4.00 Entry £6, Seniors £5, Children £2. 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, with a small waterwheel driving a dynamo. **All engines in steam, waterwheels turning & pumps etc. working from 1.00pm.**

[Crowards Mill, Eyton](#)

HR6 0AD NGR.:SO487604

**2.00-5.00 Donations. Limited parking outside property.** From Leominster take B4361 road towards Ludlow. Within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile turn left towards Eyton. Crowards Mill is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

[Newchurch Mill, Kinnersley](#)

HR3 6QQ NGR.:SO353506

**3.00pm. 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.**

## SHROPSHIRE

### OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY

[Charllotte Iron Furnace, Neenton](#)

WV16 6RR NGR.:SO639861

**11.00-4.00 Free entry. Limited parking.** Down farm track, 1 mile S of Neenton. Early 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles S of Neenton. Fully restored complete corn mill with 3 pairs of stones. **The waterwheel will be turning.**

## 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. **Modern waterwheel generating electricity.**

[Daniel's Mill, Bridgnorth](#)

WV16 5JL NGR.:SO718918

**11.00-4.00 Charges: adults £5, concession & children £4. Parking.** Off the B4555,  $\frac{3}{4}$  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. **Working mill, flour etc. on sale. Refreshments available.**

## 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,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile SW of Whitton and 2 miles SE of Caynham. In the same family ownership since 1640, a restoration challenge of an empty mill building being brought back to full working condition with second-hand waterwheel and machinery. **The waterwheel and machinery will be turning.**

[Clun Youth Hostel, Clun](#)

SY7 8NY NGR.:SO304813

**2.00-5.00 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.

3 sets of millstones, *a drying kiln and a rare and early turbine in a deep pit. Afternoon teas available.*

## **WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY**

[Forge Mill, Redditch](#) B98 8HY NGR.:SP046685  
**11.00-4.00 Charges: adults £2, children free.** Off A441 Birmingham to Evesham road, N of Redditch. Follow brown signs off Sainsbury's roundabout. Restored water-powered needle scouring & polishing mill. ***Specially reduced admission charges for the Weekend. A fascinating place; waterwheel will be turning machinery.***

## **WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

[Danzey Green Windmill, Avoncroft Museum](#) B60 4JR NGR.:SO952682  
**10.30-5.00 Charges: adults £11.00, seniors £9.90, children £6.60, family £33.** Parking.

2 miles S of Bromsgrove; follow signs to museum. A 19<sup>th</sup> century post windmill restored to working order. ***Tours of windmill, restored 19<sup>th</sup> century upright Lister Mill in action, baking in historic building, tea room with 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).

[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 via side gate. Very limited parking on adjacent bridle path.** 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**

[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 be turning, driving line shafting in the main workshop. It is also hoped to have the press running for the first time in 40 years.***

## **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, restored to working condition as BBC & Big Lottery project. Guided tours with 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 11:00-3.00*** (water levels permitting).

## **NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND IS 11-12<sup>th</sup> MAY IN 2019**

**2019 will be the last year I organise this programme. Is there anyone who will take it over?**

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