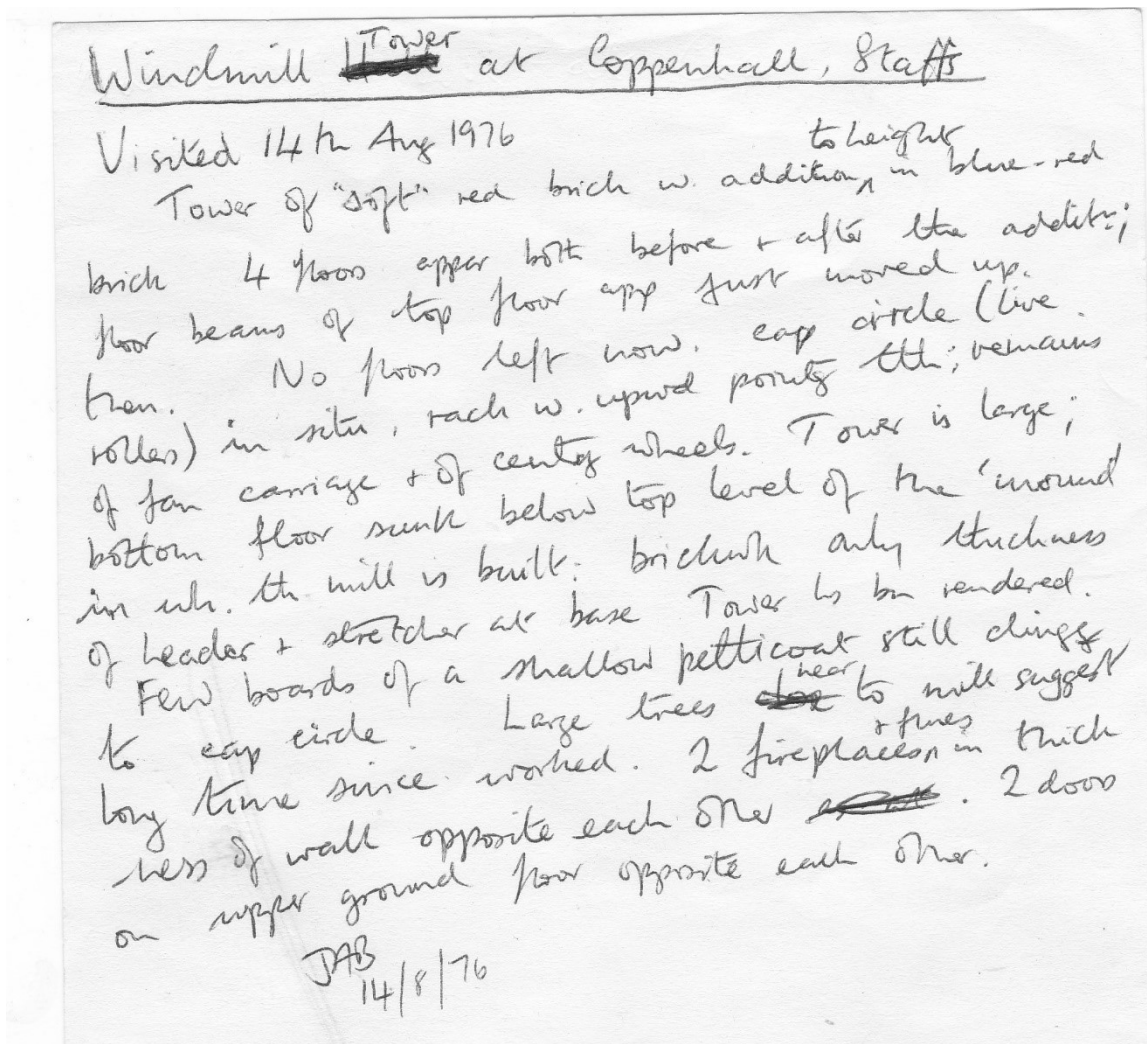


Note on Butterhill Windmill, Coppenhall, Staffs (near Stafford)

Grid Ref: SJ 8977 1910

1. An empty windmill tower. This note



of my visit to the mill reads "Windmill tower at Coppenhall, Staffs. Visited 14th Aug 1976. Tower of "soft" red brick, with addition to height in blue-red brick. 4 floors apparently both before and after the addition; floor beams of top floor apparently just moved up then. No floors left now. Cap circle (live rollers) in situ, rack with upward pointing teeth; remains of fan carriage and of centering wheels. Tower is large; bottom floor sunk below top level of the "mound" in which the mill is built; brickwork only thickness of a header and a stretcher at base. Tower has been rendered. Few boards of a shallow petticoat still clinging to the cap circle. Large trees near to mill suggest long time since worked. 2

fireplaces and flues in thickness of wall opposite each other. 2 doors on upper ground floor opposite each other. JAB 14/8/76”.

2. More information can be found in Barry Job’s book “Staffordshire Windmills” and Seaby and Smith “Windmills in Staffordshire” and in “The industrial archaeology of Staffordshire” by Robert Sherlock; further items at Mills Archive; several items in Staffs Record Office; various items on internet.

John Bedington, 2020

My photos with this note:

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- *Colour slides*: Taken in 1976 – ST bf 1, half-back view of mill; ST bf 2, Half-front view of mill.