

Marnhull

Kings Mill

Location ST 767171

River: Stour

‘To be let by Tender. All those Capital and newly erected GRIST FLOUR MILLS, advantageously situated on the never failing river Stour in Marnhull .. adjoining the road leading from Bristol to Poole, comprising one water wheel with sufficient power and machinery for driving two pairs of excellent stones for grinding wheat (there is also an additional pair of stones for barley), with a smut machine, a flour ditto, a dressing machine, lifting machine, and every other requisite for the flour trade and stores sufficient to hold upwards of one thousand quarters of grain, with waggon-house, stable for six horses .. together with a neat and comfortable Dwelling House situated on a lawn, at a small distance from the Mills ..

.. the Proprietor, who from ill health is now obliged to retire ..’

Sherborne Mercury 4 May 1829 p 4 last col.

‘.. To be Sold by Auction .. At the Grosvenor Arms, Shaftesbury .. the very compact and desirable ESTATE called KING’s MILL. Comprising substantial, roomy and convenient Dwelling-House, pleasantly situate in a Lawn .. a detached Cottage and Garden for a labourer. 80 acres of exceeding rich grazing Land, and an extensive and valuable right of common.

Also, a Capital newly-erected FLOUR and GRIST MILL, with two pair of excellent stones, for grinding wheat, and one ditto for barley, Dressing Mill, Flour and Smut Machines ..

.. To view the Premises, and for further particulars, apply to Mr C Parsons (the owner) ..’

Sherborne Mercury 2 May 1836 p 4

‘Owing to the lack of water pressure [weir gone] this mill no longer works. The wheel now in a very dilapidated state is of double width [low breastshot, about 10’ x 10’] is of double width. The stone and slate buildings are quite imposing and were probably rebuilt in the late 18th or early 19th centuries. The lower stonework however, shows a considerably older foundation.’

Dorset County Planning Officer, Mr Abbott, 1952.

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