

BERKS. Wokingham or Binfield. The base of a 'small fat' tower mill stands by the Wokingham-Bracknell road, a little to the east of Buckhurst estate. It looks to be of early 19th. Century date, but have no evidence of its age. There is about 10 feet of ivy-covered brick wall remaining, with a doorway to the S.W. New brickwork on the N. side shows that the 'stump' has been repaired fairly recently - probably by the Water Company who now own it. Inside (diam. about 20-25 ft.) are twelve narrow buttresses tapering upwards and finishing at the 10 foot mark. Half a quern in two pieces lies at the doorway. The mill was taken over by the Wokingham and District Water Co. some years ago and because of its excellent position it was, like ~~many~~ other mills (v. Bledlow Ridge) made into a water tower by the insertion of a tank at the top. An old gentleman, who had lived near the mill all his life, said that it stopped working fifty or sixty years ago; a friend remembers the mill complete with sails about fifteen years ago. According to the 6" Ordnance Survey (sheet, Berks. 38. S. E.) the mill stands just within the parish of Binfield.

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Crowthorne. On the Ordnance Survey (sheet, Berks. 47 S. W.) there is a 'Windmill Stem' situated in the woods on Poppy Hills (about half-way between Broadmoor Asylum and Lower Star Post. I do not know what this is but it may be part of a mill.

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Compton. There are two mills, one Compton windmill near Windmill Farm; the other, north of the old church, was brought from Little Hungerford about 1760. Over the door is the date 1742 with the initials N. B. Esq., (both of these have now gone).

(Another case of a mill being dragged across country by one or two men, I presume.)

East Ilsley. A windmill on the manor of E. Ilsley is mentioned in the 16th. Cent. Windmill Down, the highest point is probably the site of the E. Ilsley Mill mentioned at the beginning of the 14th. Cent. (There is a drawing of the present (1914) windmill on page 25 of vol. IV).

Smock with
three sails.



(All that remains to-day is the central post and some of the framework.)

Hinton Waldrust. Windmill Hill in the S. of the parish probably marks the site of the windmill mentioned in 1360.

Lambourn. The 'windmill in South West Field' which, with this warren (Farncombe Down) belonged subsequently to the owner of the Place was presumably on the site of Windmill Farm ^{between Farncombe} and the town. Uplambourn had a windmill in 1273, and all the villages on the stream had water-mills at various dates.

Letcombe Regis. Windmill Hill on the boundary between Letcombe

(Berks. Letcombe Regis)

Regis and East and West Challow probably marks the site of a former windmill

Shalbourne. A windmill in the manor of Westcourt was worth 10 s. in 1330 but was in ruins in 1361, and is not again mentioned.

Stratfield Mortimer.there is a piece of uncultivated land called Windmill Common at the North-west end of the village, which presumably commemorates another vanished mill.

Sutton Courtney. (Appleford). In the Courtney lands were two windmills and a fulling mill in 1419