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Editor's comments: At the special price of £10 this is very good value, and I thoroughly recommend it, although it is sad that with so few extant windmills, most of the text and pictures are a historic record. The final section on pumping mills includes Crux Easton, although I think its statement that the wind wheel was taken down and put into storage after the wind engine ceased working in the 1920s is incorrect. If you have the 3 watermill books, you need this one as well.