

## Kingsfold Steam and Kite Rally



In September John Mears and I were treated to tickets for this very enjoyable rally, courtesy of HMG member, Alan Cullen. A cold but lovely, sunny day with a good headwind, on large grassy fields, provided us with an amazing array of stationary engines, ancient rural vehicles and retro 1940s ones plus lots of 'nostalgia' stalls containing bric-a-brac through the decades. The milling connection for me was made with the static machinery and the farm's swinging sign as in the photographs. Am I correct in assuming the Bentall Mills would have/could have been driven by waterwheels or sails via belt drives originally?

If you enjoy a mental trip back to yesteryear then look out for this rally next year. Put on by the Sussex Weald Stationary Engines Society the venue is Wattlehurst Farm in Surrey. Many thanks Alan for a memorable day out in the countryside. Sheila.



