

ADDENDA

COMPTON Looking at the photograph, Sue Burden (14/11/07) believes the mill may have had six quarterbars, though it is not clear on this point.

WINDSOR Towards the end of the eighteenth century a windmill was built by order of the King in Windsor Great Park, with the intention of providing cheap flour for the poor of the neighbourhood. A broadsheet entitled "Ode to the Charity Mill", published in 1795, contained the following poem:

"Blow, blow ye breezes! Faster, gentle gales!
Oh! For the poor of Windsor fill the sails!
Blow, gentle gales! Ye breezes, harder blow!
Or soon the charity will cease to flow."

But a note added, "This most astonishing charity soon expired. The Children of Famine poured in too plentifully upon the royal Munificence, which very soon must have reduced majesty to the same pitiful condition." (Windsor Old and New, by T Eustace Harwood, London 1929 (printed for the author), p168). There is a Windmill Field in New Windsor (Harwood p104), although the mill we are concerned with may have stood elsewhere. I am grateful to Mr Richard Williams of Egham Museum for drawing my attention to these items.

Ken Kirsopp has kindly informed me of the following (27/11/2007):

ARBORFIELD A wooden windpump was built by the Army c1907 to pump water to the stables at Arborfield Garrison. It is believed to have been only recently demolished.

BINFIELD A sale notice in the Reading Mercury describes the mill as a smock, probably erroneously as round brick bases were rare on mills of that type.

TWYFORD Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette between 1754 and 1801 makes several references to the Windmill public house here.

WEST WOODHAY In 1293 and 1301 the inhabitants of West Woodhay had to pay 5s at Easter and at Michaelmas for not having their corn ground at the local windmill. The mill was mentioned again in 1409 when the owner, John Jabyn, is said to have died in the plague (Hampshire Record Office.)

WINKFIELD

Between 1754 and 1801 the Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette makes a number of references to Windmill Hill at Maidens Green, Winkfield; this is a different site from Chavey Down, Ascot.

There was a mill at Beech Hill, shown on a map thought to be at the Berkshire Record Office, a second mill at Bracknell, and one at Leckhampstead. Further research will be carried out.