WORCESTERSHIRE continued

Knowles Mill, nr. Bewdley DY12 2LX NGR: SO762765 SATURDAY & SUNDAY Open all day. Free entry. Parking at foot of Dry Mill Lane, Bewdley, then 34mile walk upstream alongside Dowles Brook. Corn mill with main gearing and one pair of stones plus frames of an overshot waterwheel.

B96 6HX NGR: SP005614 **Brook House, Feckenham** SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11.00 am -3.00 pm. Free entry. Very limited parking on adjacent bridleway. The house is beside the B4090 west of village centre. Waterwheel installed in the pit of a demolished needle mill in 2015.

Churchill Forge, between Kidderminster & Hagley DY10 3LX NGR: SO883796 SUNDAY 2.00 - 5.00pm Entry £5, children under 14 free. Limited parking. At Churchill village, down a short private drive. Water-powered spade and shovel works with original machinery. Two waterwheels will be turning, driving line shafting and the press in the main workshop and the crocodile shears in the yard.

Shelsley Mill, Shelsley Walsh

WR6 6RP NGR: SO721630

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00 am - 4.00pm Donations. Parking. Follow brown signs for Shelsley Walsh Hill-climb. Small corn mill with two pairs of stones, restored to working condition recently. External overshot waterwheel turning all day. Hopefully milling from 2.00-4.00 on both days (subject to conditions on day). Wooden machinery. An exceptional and important survival.

POWYS

Pontysgawrhyd Mill, nr Meifod

SY22 6XT NGR. SJ194155

SATURDAY 10.00 am-4.00pm. Free entry. Off the A490, north of Welshpool. After crossing the River Vyrnwy, the drive to the mill is on the left. Surviving half of a very interesting early 19th century double corn mill complete with a waterwheel and machinery for two pairs of stones. Restoration ongoing.

Talgarth Mill

LD3 0BW NGR. SO155537

SATURDAY 10.00am -3.00pm. Free entry to the mill gardens. Guided tours (by the miller of the day) £5 per person. No booking necessary. Park in the free car park on SW side of village, then only a short walk to the village centre and mill. A fully working former corn mill, now milling a variety of award winning wholegrain flours with a single pair of stones (French burr stone) driven by a recently refurbished overshot waterwheel. Flour sales, gift shop, cafe and bakery...

NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND IS 11th-12th MAY IN 2024.

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NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND **HEREFORDSHIRE & PARTS OF NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES** SAT. 13th and SUN. 14th MAY, 2023

This year 23 mills hope to be open to the public in this area; and 2 in Powys.

PLEASE RESPECT THE OPENING TIMES

HEREFORDSHIRE

Clodock Mill near Longtown

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2.00 pm - 5.00pm; Donations to Air Ambulance. Parking. Light refreshments available. Entrance by bridge over the River Monnow near Clodock Church. A corn mill in a lovely situation with two pairs of stones. Nearby is a separate turbine, formerly generating electricity. The waterwheel shaft is currently undergoing replacement. If completed in time, the mill will be grinding during the weekend.

Fair Oak Farm, Bacton

SATURDAY 2.00 - 6.00pm. Donations to the Laurie Engel Fund for Teenage Cancer Trust. From Bacton church continue uphill for about a mile. At the T-junction the drive to the farm is straight ahead. Parking. A traditional 17th-century horse-drawn cider mill and press fully restored, still in its original setting. After a gap of a hundred years, the mill is again worked by a horse – the only one now operating commercially in the UK. Fair Oak cider will be available for tasting and purchase, and you can meet Featherstone, the apprentice mill horse.

HR2 0NT NGR: SO307299 Olchon House Farm Mill, Llanveynoe, nr. Longtown SATURDAY 11.00am - 4.00pm. Donations to Llanveynoe Church. Parking. This mill was recently restored to working order. There is a large iron waterwheel with an unusual rim gear, used for

milling animal feed and driving farm machinery. Hopefully it will be grinding corn on Mills Weekend.

Pontynys Mill, Longtown

Longtown, entrance on left immediately after the turn to Ewyas Harold. Extra parking on road near the bridge. A complete corn mill with large high-breast waterwheel under restoration and an unusual horiziontal shaft driving 4 pairs of stones.

Court of Noke Mill, nr. Staunton on Arrow HR6 9HW NGR: SO372595 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm Entry free, contributions to the Rivers Trust would be welcome. Water gardens fed the waterwheel, now restored, which ground corn for prize Hereford cattle. The 19th century low breast-shot waterwheel and complex iron gear drove barn machinery and a pair of millstones. The waterwheel will be turning.

10 in Herefordshire, 5 in Shropshire, 6 in Worcestershire

HR2 0PD NGR: SO326274

HR2 0AT NGR: SO354321

HR2 0LU NGR: SO326288 SATURDAY 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Donations. Limited parking. 400 yards N of Crown Inn,

HEREFORDSHIRE continued

Mordiford Mill

HR14LW NGR: SO572372

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm. Free entry. Donations welcome (to restoration). Parking at rear. Do not park in yard in front of mill. Access is off B4224, 100 yards S of mill, on S side of Mordiford village. A tall stone corn mill on a steep site. The large overshot waterwheel drove iron machinery & 2 pairs of stones. Being restored to working condition. Waterwheel should be working and possibly grinding.

HR2 0DP NGR: SO370270 **Rowlestone Mill, near Ewyas Harold**

SATURDAY 10.00am -6.00pm Donations. Parking at village hall (by church) or in field near mill (weather permitting). A dramatic leat to mill from waterfall. Refreshments. The external overshot waterwheel will be turning and driving a Victorian apple scratter (the alternative to the horseworked cider mill).

The Corn Mill, Michaelchurch Escley

HR2 0JS NGR: SO315345

SUNDAY 12.00 - 5.00pm. Like Clodock, this was one of the early medieval mills of Ewyas Lacy and was still working in 1942. There is some machinery in place and the internal overshot wheel will be turning if there is enough water. The garden will be open with a walk along the leet and riverside.

Waterworks Museum, Hereford

HR4 0LJ NGR: SO496393

SUNDAY 11.00 am -4 .00pm Entry £9, Seniors £8, Under 16s free, students £2.50. Parking. Café. S side of Broomy Hill, on W side of Hereford. (Follow brown signs from Barton Road, off N end of Greyfriars Bridge) Water pumping station. Exhibits include 1920s wind-pump from Bridge Sollars, 1890 turbine-driven pump from Warwicks., 1907 waterwheel from Carmarthenshire, tiny 1912 Pelton wheel from Ross, 1880 turbine from Dorset, 1937 turbine from Kington and Heritage Water Park for Children, with small waterwheel driving dynamo. Some steam engines, water wheels and pumps will be working.

The Clover Mill Spa Retreat, Cradley (Archer's Mill/Beanhouse Mill)

WR13 5NR NGR: SO732488

SATURDAY 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Free entry. Parking. Refreshments & cakes available. Take the northward turning of the A4103 (Hereford-Worcester road), half a mile E of Stony Cross. After half a mile bear left, cross the stream, and turn left again along a track to the mill with a 'Clover Mill' sign. Late 19th cent corn mill, complete with waterwheel & 3 pairs of stones. Older generation of mill alongside is now a house. Impressive building with machinery and turning waterwheel (water level permitting).

SHROPSHIRE

The Mill on the Green, Ludlow

Teme below Ludlow Castle. Much altered former mill building housing café and restaurant. Attractive site by very impressive weir. *Modern waterwheel generating electricity*.

Daniel's Mill, Bridgnorth

WV165JL NGR.SO718918 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm Admission charge: adults £5, concessions £4, family ticket £12. Off the B4555, ³/₄ mile S of Bridgnorth. 3 pairs of millstones, powered by very large waterwheel fed by water at 2 levels. In dramatic setting by Severn Valley Railway viaduct. It is possible waterwheel may be turning. Flour, gfts etc. on sale. Cafe may be open.

Down Mill, Eudon WV16 6AL NGR.:SO682898 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm Free entry. From the B4364 Bridgnorth to Ludlow road take the minor road towards Eudon George. The track to the mill is 200yds. on right.Former corn mill with machinery for two pairs stones but no waterwheel. Restoration ongoing.

WV16 6RS NGR: SO642858 Wrickton Mill, Neenton SATURDAY 11.00 am - 4.00pm Free entry. From B4364 at Neenton, take the minor road to Wrickton. Turn right at the end of the lane and the track to the mill is 100yd on the right. Corn mill with three pairs of stones and overshot waterwheel (not currently turning).

Charlcotte Furnace, Neenton WV16 6RR NGR SO639861 SATURDAY 11.00 am - 4.00pm Free entry. From B4364 at Neenton, take the minor road towards Wrickton. Just past a pair of cottages turn right onto a farm track. Charcoal-fired blast furnace constructed c1700 with blast formerly provided by a waterwheel. An important survival recently refurbished by English Heritage.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Danzey Green Windmill, Avoncroft Museum

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00-4.00pm Charges - gives access to the whole museum, adults £12-50, concessions £10.50, children £6.50 (under 5 yrs free), family £35.00. Parking. 2 miles S of Bromsgrove; follow signs to museum. A 19th century post windmill completely restored (though currently not workable). Tours of windmill, restored 19th century upright Lister Mill, tea room with sandwiches etc available.

Forge Mill, Redditch

B98 8HY NGR: SP046685 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10.00 am - 4.00pm: Specially reduced admission charges - adults £6.80, children free. Off A441 Birmingham to Evesham road, N of Redditch. Follow brown signs off Sainsbury's roundabout. Restored water-powered needle scouring & polishing mill; for more details see www.forgemill.org.uk. The mill is a listed bulding which houses original water-powered machinery.

SY8 1EG NGR: SO507745 SATURDAY & SUNDAY. 9.00-4.00pm Free entry. Café. By Dinham Bridge, on E side of river

B60 4JR NGR: SO952682