

NOTE F.

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

1. These were listed by Dr. Imrie. In most cases sources and explanations were evidently not known. They are included here in the hope that a future Ufford historian may be able to elucidate them.

- Church Lane. Formed in eighteenth century after the building of the Dower House.
- The Knoll. The junction of Lower Street and Church Lane.
- Barrack Corner. The junction of School Lane and Loudham Road. The cottages nearby were believed to be built with timbers from the Woodbridge barracks.
- The Avenue. A 'new' road c1820 to replace the former Sonoveves Lane (q.v.) across the Park. Formerly lined with trees on each side, which were cut c1945?
- The Run/The Little Bridge. Previously known as the Ford, or SISILFORD (CHESILFORD), where a shingle bottom to the stream of Byng Brook allowed for the original ford. A modern bridge replaced the ford after the first World War.
- Loudham Lane. SHAKEL LANE. (See BLUEGATES, 116).
- East Lane. MILL LANE, from Watermill.
- Spring Lane. Numerous springs along the hillside, feeding Byng Brook.
- School Lane. So named after 1873 building of school. Formed by 1817 road changes, see NOTE D.
- Clapper Path. Footpath from School Lane to the Crown, with a clapper stile formerly at the upper end.
- Eyke )  
Melton) roads. Led to these villages.
- Byng Hall Lane. From Upper Street to Byng Hall and eventually to Pettistree.
- Upper and Lower Street. The names apply to the whole length designated.

2. Footpaths listed by East Suffolk County Council in 1949.

1. From Bredfield Road to northern parish boundary at Wood Cottage, now demolished.
2. From Wood Cottage, STONEY LANE - from Byng Lane along boundary towards Thicks.
3. STONEY LANE, corner of Byng Hall Lane near pit to Wood Cottage and thence to Bredfield.
4. From the HERMITAGE to Byng Hall Lane.
5. From Byng Hall Lane to the Hall and thence to Pettistree.
6. )
7. ) Paths linking the Council Houses, Spring Lane, uphill to the Main
- 25.) Road and the Pettistree boundary.
- 26.)
8. )
9. ) From Spring Lane near Longacre to the Sick Houses on Loudham Road.
- 20.)

10. From the base of the hill above East Lane to Loudham Hall.
11. From Sandpit Coitages, East Lane, to the river and the Eyke boundary.
12. From the Bridge along the east river bank to the Eyke boundary.
13. Short path from the Church to the Lion.
14. From path 13 to the Church gate.
15. ?
- 16/17/18/19/20. A series of paths from the Churchyard over the meadows to the Mill and Spring Lane stile, thence to Loudham Lane.
21. The Council Depot on the main road (2nd milestone from Woodbridge) south and southwest to St. Audry's Hospital.
- 21A. The Clapper Stile path, School Lane to the Crown.
23. From Spring Lane over the fields to Byng Brook, then west to the main road opposite the Hermitage.
24. From Long Acre, Spring Lane, over stiles and meadows to Council Houses, Spring Lane.
25. Spring Lane Council Houses to intersection of 6/7/26.
26. From Main Road above Council Houses to junction of 6/7/25.

NOTE G.

THE MILLS OF UFFORD

Peter Dolman of the Suffolk Mills Group has kindly provided the following information:

1. The Watermill (TM 85, 87).

1066/1086 Domesday Book. Ely Abbey/Robert Malet, Aelmar, manor, 60 acres land, mill.  
1365 F.F. John the miller.  
1601 Norden. Ufford Mill.  
1843 T.M. Mill House and yards, Ann and Joseph Button.  
1844 S.C. 28/9. Sale of Mill, William Meadows.  
1853 K.D. Mrs. Maria Gowan.  
1854 P.O.D. Mr. Fuller, Ufford Water Mill; William Wolton miller.  
1858 P.O.D. G. Fuller.  
1868 M. James Last.  
1869 K.D. Henry P. Mills, miller, Ufford Water Mill.  
1874 W.D. - Barber.  
1883 W.D., 1888/1896 K.D. Alfred E. Acfield, MILL HOUSE,  
1908 K.D., 1912 K.D. water miller.  
1916 Mill ceased work.  
1975 Gear and wheel (?) remained.  
No stones. House converted.  
c.f. notes on 85/87.

2. The Windmill (TM 164/165).

The first mention is in the 1820 O.S. map.

2/4/1825. (Sfk. Chron.) Case of Westrop (Bredfield Miller) v Gowing (Ufford Miller) re purchase of flour.  
[23/12/1826. (Sfk. Chron)] Thomas Pierce, miller, of Ufford (may have been watermill?)]].  
17/9/1825 (Sfk. Chron.) To let. Capital Tower Mill, 2 pair of stones, good dwelling house, circa 2 acres land. Apply Danl. Button, Crown, who will show premises.  
20/3/1841 (Sfk. Chron.) Auction. Late occupied Fredk. Geater, bankrupt. Situated on Windmill Hill, Ufford, under 40 year lease just begun.  
28/7/1841 C. W. Stephenson, Ufford, miller.  
11/6/1842 (Sfk. Chron.) Mill (?watermill) to be let, Ufford, late occupied Edward Cook.

1844 W.D.

Henry Stephenson, miller.

6/10/1860 (Sfk. Chron.)

To be sold by Private Contract, or let: Ufford: Freehold Brick and Tile Messuage, bake office, granary, stables and outbdgs, Windmill, 2a land.

S.H.F. By 1882

Smock Mill from Ufford moved to Lower Hacheston.

1888

Again moved, to Framlingham. (Possessed 1 pr 3'4" stones, flywheel, 4 patent sails).

Oral tradition: Sam Meen moved a mill from Ufford to Worlingworth. (Wightman, S.H.F.) Meen's grand-daughter, then aged 90, knew about it, and remembered being taken to Ufford (as a child) and told "This is where your grandfather's mill came from."

This may possibly tie up with the Sfk. Chron. advertisement of 17/9/1825. It is the only reference to a mill near Ufford Crown.

So there appears to have been three mills:

1. The Watermill, q.v.
2. A Tower Mill/Smock Mill on "Windmill Hill" (Spring Lane).
3. A Tower Mill/Smock Mill opposite the Crown.

The only full description is from the Windmill Hill Auction, as follows:

"She is newly erected, has patent sails, winds herself, one pair of 4½ feet Fr. St., sack tackle &c. complete. She is to be sold, to be removed or not at the option of the purchaser."

Miss M. Oxborrow has kindly supplied this additional quotation and comment:

From "Suffolk Windmills" by Brian Flint.

"Probably the most travelled smock mill in the county was the very small one pair mill which stood at Saxtead Lodge Farm, Framlingham, until 1921. It started life as a marsh mill somewhere, and was then moved to the farm opposite Ufford Crown and converted to corn grinding. From thence it was moved to Hacheston by Whitmore & Binyon and set up at Bridge Farm. As if this were not enough it was shortly moved again, bodily with sails on, across a couple of fields to a neighbouring farm, but ere long it travelled to its final resting place c1890, where it was worked for the farm until around the outbreak of the First World War".

"A post mill? - Worlingworth New Mill which was brought from Ufford in 1848". .....

"the only corn tower mills remembered with 4 sails were at Ufford, and one smaller at Wickham Market" .....

(Gazeteer) "Ufford. Post. Grid 303525, built c1840, moved to Worlingworth.

Smock. Grid 294530 moved to Hacheston.

Tower. Grid 298532 1820 earliest siting."

Miss Oxborrow adds "my grandfather Oxborrow, my father and other brothers farmed the Crown farm in the early years of this century", (i.e. farm next to the Red House.)

(Any further information would be gratefully received by Mr. Dolman).

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