

## Windmill in Little Hadham

Posted by John Piddington - 2005/03/29 19:24

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Hello,

can anyone tell me the location of the windmill in Little Hadham. I am interested in windmills and would like to visit it although it is in ruins. With thanks John Piddington.

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## Re:Windmill in Little Hadham

Posted by rome - 2005/05/08 21:23

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I'm sorry I cannot throw any light on the subject of a windmill in Little Hadham, however I cannot supply soem information about the windmill that stood in Much Hadham.

It was built near to the old St Margrets to Buntingford railway line, somewhere near to the old Much Hadham station. This is clearly why Windmill Way came to be so named. It was built by my great, great grandfather, Mr Richard Hunt in the latter part of the 19th century. I understand that Richard was not actually married to my great, great grandmother at the time. She was in fact in service in his household and no doubt was not too popular with Mrs Richard Hunt. Neither, no doubt, was Richard himself.

Anyway, I understand that Richard was a man of strong belief and principal and that the railway company suggested that the sails of the windmill overhung railway company land and that Richard should pay some form of rent. Richard wasn't having any of that and, as a result, the windmill simply didn't go into operation. I know not for how long, or if and when the dispute was resolved. I do know that during the first world war it was used to house prisoners of war. I suspect it was demolished shortly thereafter. If anybody has any further information it would be of interest.

I understand that Richard Hunt was born in 1815 (the year of the battle of Waterloo) at Yew Tree Farm in Kettle Green Lane and also resided at Culver House. He is buried at St Thomas's church at Perry Green, and he may have helped to finance the building of that church. He owned Uffords farm at Perry Green and the barn conversion, Hunt's barn, is named after him.

On his death his lawful family, and I believe considerable family wealth, moved to Bournemouth, whilst his unlawful, illegitimate, not so well heeled side of the family stayed in Much Hadham. I think that we've done fairly well out of the affair!

Ralph Camp, Malting Lane, Much Hadham.

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## Re:Windmill in Little Hadham

Posted by sue - 2005/07/06 18:16

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Hi

I saw your e-mail, not I am not 100% sure I have the correct place, but I don't think I am far off it.

If you go to www.streetmap.co.uk and put in the Lat/Long as TL438229 and look at the map, I think this is the area you are looking for.

As far as I can tell I have down two windmills but I am not sure which one this is.

The windmill that I gave you directions for, as far as I know used to be a smock mill. The last miller was a Mr Edwards.

I hope this jumble can be of some help.

Sue

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**Re:Windmill in Little Hadham**

Posted by David M - 2007/01/08 23:08

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Hello Sue. My Wife's Father was born in Little Hadham and it is rumoured that there is a possibility of a family connection with the Little Hadham Windmill. I was therefore interested in the information about the last Miller being a Mr. Edwards. Have you any information as to other owners and/or tennants, or do you have any idea who might be able to help? Many thanks.

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**Re:Windmill in Little Hadham**

Posted by Stockton - 2007/01/23 20:21

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Hi David,

If you let me know the surname of your father in law I can probably find some information on any family links with the windmill in Little Hadham.The owners for much of the 19th and early 20th century were the Thrift family but they also employed various millers to operate it.

Neil

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**Re:Windmill in Little Hadham**

Posted by tom\_h\_e - 2007/07/04 19:15

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Hi,

Just found your inquiry about the millers of Lt Hadham, my g-grand father was Thomas Edwards the last miller of Lt Hadham, he bought it in 1921 from Frank Thrift's widow. My family lived in Mill House untill 1998.

Tom

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**Re:Windmill in Little Hadham**

Posted by ifounts - 2008/01/23 23:48

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I have put a photo of the Little Hadham Windmill, but it had no sails just the tower on the photo gallery, it was on the Albury road and you could see it from the church, but I don't think there anything there now.:cheer:

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