

The Mill
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The mill lies on the road just outside the village heading south towards Great Fencote opposite the pinfold. As far as records show it was run by the Burgess family for generations. It was fed by the Mill Beck, driven by a water wheel. In the mid 19th century, a steam engine was added, the entry in the 1913 Kelly Directory being: Burgess T & Sons, millers(water & steam), Roller Flour mills. About the time that this directory was published a gas engine was installed. The Burgess family of millers appear in the Kelly Directories up to 1921, they do not appear in the 1925 edition. Stories say that it closed down after the Great War due to flooding neighbouring farmland, however we can pin it down to between 1921 and 1925 and the most likely reason is not being able to compete with imported and 'factory' milled flour.