



stroudwater textile trust

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# Walking with Budding Engineers

From Foundry to Mill

Celebrate 200 years of Stroud ingenuity. Part of the national Heritage Open Days 'Astounding Inventions'.



## Walking distances

- Stroud Brewery to the Salt House – 0.6 miles
- Salt House to St Mary's Mill – 1.2 miles
- Belvedere Mill to St Mary's Mill – 0.4 miles

## Walking the tow path between the venues...

- Be prepared for a wet towpath, especially if coming from Chalford.
- Much work is being done along the canal so some areas of tow path may be closed. The A419 has a pavement which can be used in case of a diversion. There will be signs showing the way, too.
- Beware of trains if using a pedestrian railway crossing; sightlines are not always very good. St Mary's Mill has one of the last manned railway crossings in the country. If entering from this direction for disabled parking or as a pedestrian, press the bell and the crossing keeper will indicate if it is safe to cross.



**A FREE event**  
for all as part of  
Heritage Open Days

## 1 Stroud Brewery

Stroud Brewery, Kingfisher Business Park, GL5 2BY

Stroud Brewery (formerly Phoenix Ironworks) will have on display the engineering innovations in the local cloth industry that led to the invention of the lawn mower. The beer on sale downstairs is fabulous too!



1960s Castle class engine Cromwell Castle passing the Waller's Foundry with the newly built office block to the left. A cricket match is in progress on the sports field, now Stroud Brewery, between the office and the railway.



### Key to map:

- A vintage bus will be providing free transport between the three venues. It will do the route every hour. Ask at the venues for times and locations.
- Walking route

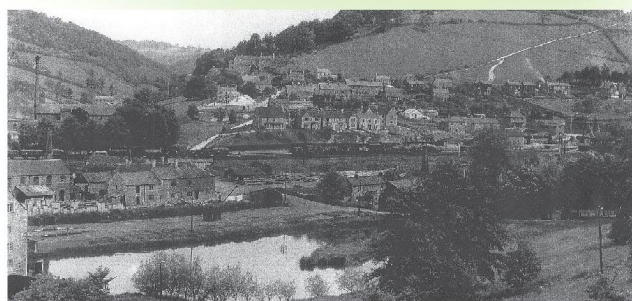
## 2 The Salt House, Brimscombe Port

Port Lane, Brimscombe Port, London Road, Stroud, GL5 2QJ

Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity will be joined by the Miniature Museum in presenting archive maps, images and oral history to bring the space alive. The archives are the oldest and most complete in the country. Visitors will be immersed in the sights and stories of the port from days gone by.

### Brimscombe Port:

The Port industrial buildings have recently been demolished to allow the restoration of part of the Port and the development of houses. You can view the extent of the site by walking into the car-park after the bridge over the river.



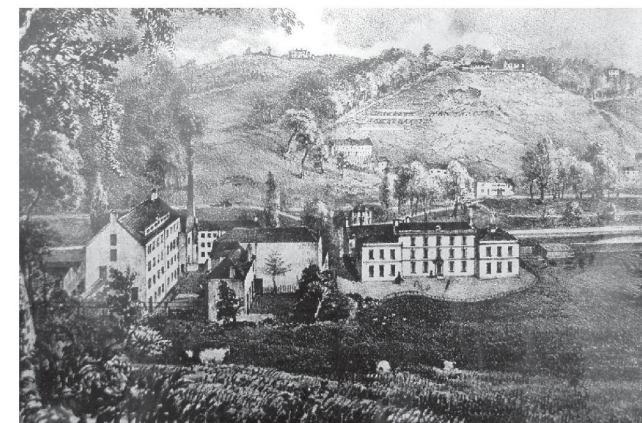
c1900 View of Brimscombe Station and its sidings from south of Dark Mill millpond. The derelict buildings are the Quay Inn and the former Bourne Mill with the tall chimney and buildings of Lewiston Mill behind the trees. Courtesy Howard Beard



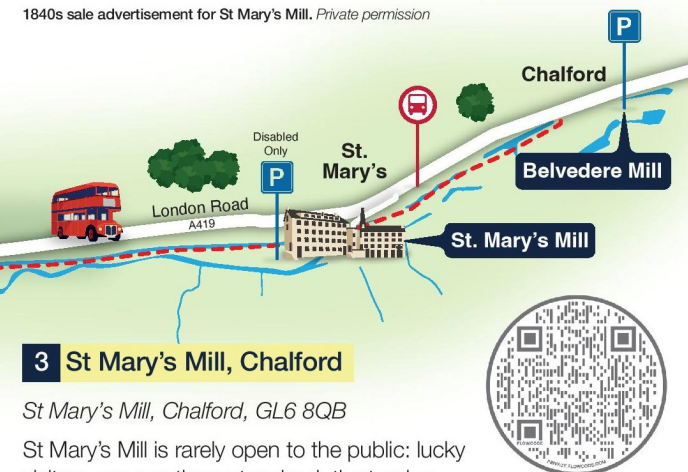
c1850 View of the west end of Brimscombe Port with Port Mill before it was rebuilt following a fire. Courtesy Museum in the Park



The Salt House was used for this commodity, historically so important for the preservation of food etc.



1840s sale advertisement for St Mary's Mill. Private permission



## 3 St Mary's Mill, Chalford

St Mary's Mill, Chalford, GL6 8QB

St Mary's Mill is rarely open to the public: lucky visitors can see the waterwheel, the turning steam engine and historic textile machinery. Booking essential on our website: [www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/](http://www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/)

There is only disabled parking at St Mary's Mill. Please park on road at Belvedere Mill and walk the 1km to St Mary's Mill.



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