

## A VISIT TO NEW MILLS CORN & FLAX MILLS



UPON ARRIVAL NOTICE THE CORN MILL IS LOCATED TO YOUR RIGHT



WHEN YOU ENTER THE RECEPTION AREA OUR FRIENDLY GUIDES WILL OFFER YOU A GUIDED TOUR OR SELF-GUIDE INFORMATION LEAFLET. ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS AT NEW MILLS IS THE WATERWHEEL WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST WORKING WATERWHEELS IN IRELAND. IT IS 25FT IN DIAMETER AND WAS INSTALLED IN 1907. THE RIVER SWILLEY POWERS THE WATERWHEEL



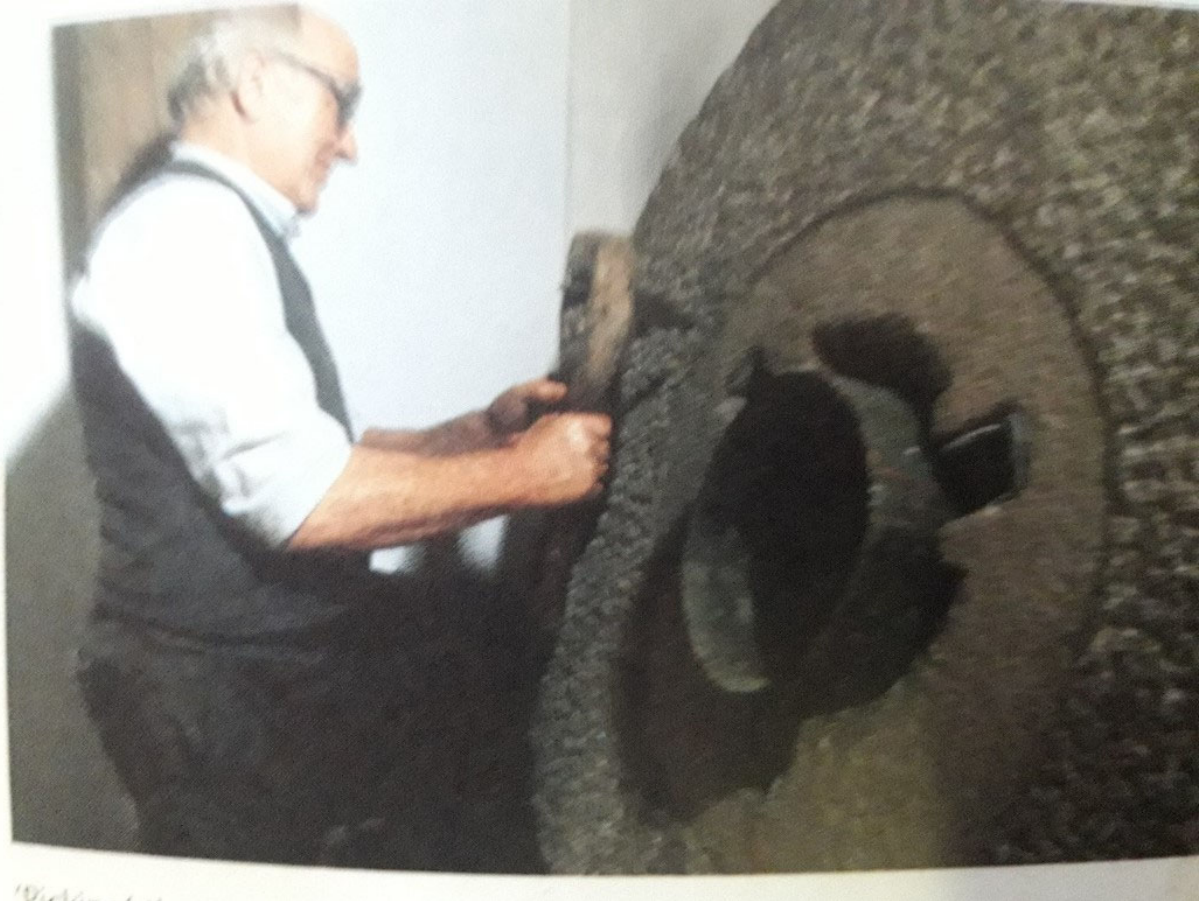


AS YOU ASCEND UP INTO THE CORN MILLS YOU CAN VIEW THE WORKINGS OF THE MILLING FLOOR AND GET A SENSE OF HOW THE MILL OPERATED. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ONE MAN COULD OPERATED THE ENTIRE CORN- MILL



The milling floor of the Corn Mill

THE STONES USED TO GRIND THE CORN HAD TO BE MAINTAINED AND YOU CAN SEE THIS BEING DONE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH. THIS PROCESS WAS CALLED DRESSING. LOOK OUT FOR THESE STONES ON YOUR VISIT



LEAVING THE CORN MILL YOU CAN VISIT THE FLAX MILL.WORKING CONDITIONS WITHIN THE FLAX MILL WERE UNPLEASANT AND FRAUGHT WITH DANGER.YOU CAN GET A SENSE OF THE DIRTY DUSTY ATMOSPHERE AND THE DANGERS WHICH THESE MEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH ( KNOWN AS SCUTCHERS) EXPERIENCED FROM THE RAPIDLY ROTATING WOODEN BLADES .





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