
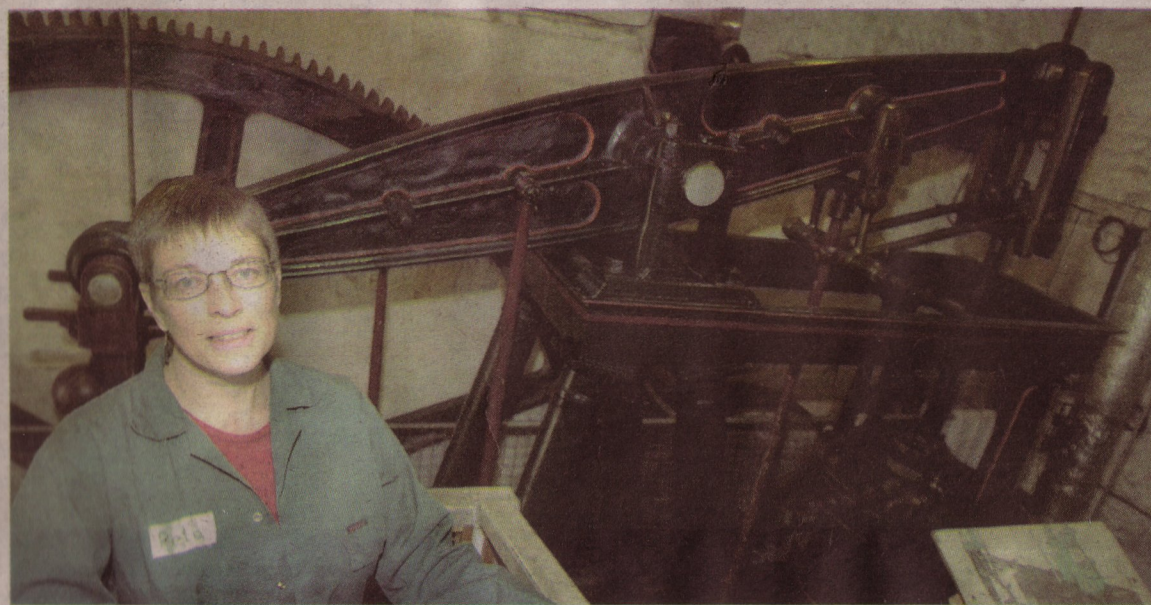


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## OUT OF STEAM

A TREASURED piece of history is being dismantled as an old mill finally runs out of steam.

The Combe Mill is to be moved from its present site because of the construction of a new set of offices by owners Blenheim Estates.

Peta Simmons, secretary of the Combe Mill Society, said: "The closure of the mill doesn't come as a complete surprise.

"It is very difficult to find enough people to look after the mill. Richard Brown, our boilerman, is 73 years old and can't go on forever!

"Our major concern is that the mill doesn't just end up on top of a scrapheap.

A Public Steaming Day on October 19 will be the last run of the steam mill in its familiar format by the society.