

You state the Mill in Loudwater had a major fire in 1945. My family and I had survived the blitz in London and when the V1 rockets began landing we moved out of London to my aunt's cottage at Station Road Loudwater right opposite the mill. We moved there in June/July 1944. The mill was already a burnt out shell because as kids we would play there although forbidden to do so as it was considered dangerous due to large holes in the concrete foundations where the machinery had been, plus those holes were usually full of water. We would also go through the mill to get to fields at the back. Also, I am the only living witness in the world today that saw the remains of the crew of a B17 American bomber crash being retrieved by auxiliary personnel at Lude Farm in Penn just above Loudwater. That was on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1944. The Mill was a burnt out shell on that date.

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