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## Memories of a kind old miller

THE destruction early this year of Barham Mill was brought to mind by Mr. Aubrey Sutton's recollections in his *History Of Nonington* of the similar building that used to be a landmark on St. Alban Down until it too was burnt down in 1965.

It survived by only a year the last miller, Mr. Teddy Gaston, who had been there for 55 years.

Mr. Gaston declared himself an atheist and was reputed to be very bad tempered. But I have pleasant memories of his visits in an old four-wheel open waggon delivering chicken food all ground at the mill. He always struck me as a most kindly old man.

He gave up the waggon as he got older and made his deliveries with a magnificent veteran motor cycle and side-car. The cycle was so old that for years he made most of the spare parts he needed to keep it running.

Bad tempered or no, many young cycle owners went to him with their problems.