

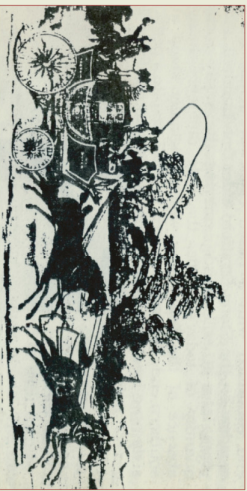
Bridge Meadow



The River Great Ouse, constricted by the bridge, used to flood the High Street as far as the Cook Hotel.
A Medieval stepping stone can be seen in the Memorial Garden on Horsefair Green.
This stone pre-dates the building of the Ouse Bridge.
This land is managed by The Parks Trust.

STONY STRATFORD

The Crown Prince coaching disaster



On 6th November 1830, the Crown Prince Coach was caught by the flooded river. The horses were drowned whilst attempting to cross the bridge. The occupants clinging to the stage coach in fear of their lives and had to be rescued.

Roman coins



Found at Old Stratford river crossing settlement post.

Look out for these landmarks as you follow the Riverside Walks

Did You Know...?

It may not be apparent, but the area covered by the Riverside Walks is farmed commercially. The Parks Trust lets the riverside meadows as grazing rights for cattle and sheep. Some commercial logging is also undertaken.

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But Willows

The willow trees which grow here are still used to make cricket bats in India.

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Queen Eleanor Cross

Stony Stratford is one of the sites of 12 memorial crosses erected for King Edward's wife Queen Eleanor following her death in 1290. No precise details of this cross are known. It was destroyed in 1646 during the Civil War.

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Flora & fauna around the River Great Ouse

The willow trees grown on the river bank here are polarded so that they can be used for the ridges on local thatched roofs.

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Did You Know...?

A Hayes' farmer apprentice, later to become Sir Ernest Rabbick, went on to the Belfast shipyard of Harland & Wolff, where he worked as one of the principal designers of their most famous ship - the Titanic.

Hayes Boats

From the 1860s, steamboats were built at the Watling Works, sited on the London Road. By the 1900s Edward Hayes' prestigious boats were commissioned by companies and governments around the world. These large vessels were towed along the High Street, to be launched at Hayes Wharf, Old Stratford, on to the Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal from whence they began their journey to the sea.

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