

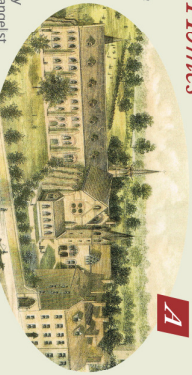
Lyon Close



A map of 1680 includes the fields lying between the High Street and the River Great Ouse, 'Town Close', 'Lyon Close' and 'Bridge Meadow'. A path named Harlots Pub led from Mill Lane to the site of Queen Eleanor's Cross at the end of the High Street. This land is managed by The Parks Trust.

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St Paul's Public School & Fegan's Homes



This magnificent brick & stone building was designed by architects Colville & Childs. It was built between 1863 & 1865, for the Rev. W.T. Sankey and became St Paul's Public School. In 1900 it was bought by JMC Fegan, a London Evangelist. When the building became an orphanage. This closed in 1963 and became a Franciscan Prep. School for a few years until it was bought by a property developer. It is now mainly residential but also houses a restaurant and several businesses.



In 1969 Tom McClean, a 'lad' from Fegan's home, rowed single handed in 'Super Silver' across the Atlantic Ocean in a record time of 70 days. He rowed the Atlantic again in 1982 in 'Giltspur', in 55 days. This boat is now in the Exeter Maritime Museum.

Look out for these landmarks as you follow the Riverside Walks



St Mary Magdalen Church Tower
St Mary Magdalen Church was severely damaged in a great fire which swept through the eastern side of the town in 1742. Following the fire, Bourne Willis, a wealthy Blechley man, funded the restoration of the tower.

Did You Know...
Townfolk used to pomade archery by erecting straw targets. Known as archery butts, in Town Close.



Flora & fauna around the River Great Ouse

For hundreds of years this area has been used for grazing cows and sheep.



Did You Know...
Stony Stratford is the only town in Buckinghamshire which can boast two medieval church towers.

The Old Bathing Huts
Just before his death in 1919 Mr Ancell gave £105 towards the construction of a bathing place which had a dressing room and lavatories. The huts were located by the river in the field known as Town Close.

Ancell Trust Sports Ground
Frederick Ancell was a builder in the town who left a legacy in 1919 to be used for the benefit of the residents. Part of the legacy was used to purchase the town's sports fields. Today five sports are played on these grounds: bowls, cricket, croquet, football and tennis. Entrance to the Sports Ground is from Osters Lane

