

Historic Towns & Villages

Newport Pagnell

The 'New Market Town'



Probably most famous for the oldest iron bridge in the country still in daily use for traffic.

The name Newport implies 'new market town' and still has an area known as Market Hill. Newport appears in the Domesday Book as a manor and later passed into the Paynel family which gives us Pagnell.

The manor passed down through various families until in 1819 the manor was split up and major enclosures took place. Fortunately one of the town's major assets Bury Field escaped this fate and today many older properties in the town still hold Common Rights.

The medieval town ran along the High Street joined roughly midway by the London-Woburn-Northampton road known as St Johns Street. Other important streets at this time and still in existence were Mill Street, Union



Street, Silver Street, Church Passage and Ousebank/ Riverside, once known as Dungeon Lane. Because of its location Newport featured in the English Civil War.

Newport had a canal and a railway as well as being a coaching town. It is famous for lace and parchment-making, and until recently the making of Aston Martins and Taylor's mustard, as well as the M1 services!

