



Young Heritage Hunters

Battlefields and Bridges



Building models inspired by the Tickford Bridge



Reading a plaque near the river in Newport Pagnell



Visiting Chandos Hall Museum with Don Hurst from Newport Pagnell Historical Society

Year 5: Visit to Newport Pagnell

First mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, the town stands next to the River Great Ouse and the River Ouzel (Lovat). The town was an important stopping place for travellers in the age of coach and horse travel.

Newport Pagnell has strong links to the English Civil War and there are remnants of the garrisons, fortifications and battlefields surviving today. It started as a Royalist stronghold but was taken over and fortified by the Parliamentarians. There are stories that John Bunyan the writer of 'Pilgrims Progress' served there and that Oliver Cromwell's son died in the town.

Another important historical feature is the Tickford Bridge, located on one of the main roads into the town. It celebrated its bicentenary in 2010 and is the oldest cast-iron bridge in the world which still carries regular traffic.

Chandos Hall is the local museum and the headquarters of the Newport Pagnell Historical Society. It was a former chapel and owned by the Oddfellows Friendly Society; a social and charitable organisation.

You can find out more at:
www.mkheritage.co.uk/nphs

