



# Suggested Laneham Heritage Trails

There were many inns in Laneham catering for people using the ferry, Lincoln being approximately a day's ride away. To the left of the inn is the site of what used to be the thriving village shop and post office. The outbuildings were used to produce flour and animal feeds. They all closed in 1985. The premises are now used to produce animal feed supplements.

You will notice this building and the one opposite have Welsh slate roofs – this was not typical but a sign of affluence.

**Turn left out of the car park.** You will pass typical old farm houses on both sides of the road. The house by the stables to your right has a particularly steep roof which indicates that the original roof was thatched. **Walk on and as you approach the T junction you come to The Cottage on the left.** In its early days it was used by the village blacksmith (note the stone circle in the verge used for putting the metal rim on wheels. Opposite is **Endon House**. Pay particular attention to the outbuildings on the right which are the oldest buildings in Laneham. One of these was used as a granary. The steps leading up into the granary are well worn by the constant use of the grain carriers.

Opposite Endon House, where the bungalows stand is an area called Ring O Bells, the site of another Inn! The Ring O Bells was turned into 2 cottages before being demolished to make way for the bungalows.

**Proceed left along Dunham Road until you cross the Beck. Take the footpath immediately on your left over the stile.** Enjoy a country walk around the back of Laneham. Notice plants growing in the willows, particularly gooseberries. **Cross four stiles to reach the road linking Laneham & Church Laneham. Turn left and walk back into Laneham.**

*You will notice the 4 stones with "slot holes". These provide additional flood protection and boards are inserted and propped up with sandbags to prevent the village from being flooded. The last time they were used was in 2000.*

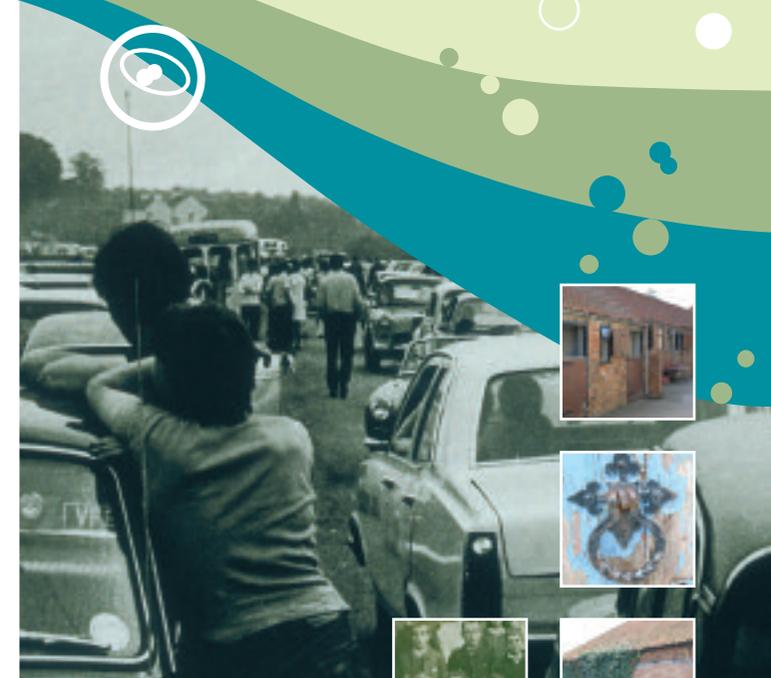
You will pass the **Village Hall** again with a slate roof on the right. This was the old village school that closed in the 1960s. Walking a few yards further on brings you to the **Methodist Chapel**. At one time the 2 villages were known as Chapel Laneham and Church Laneham.

The Methodist Chapel was built in 1834 and renovated in 1884. Next you will come to the **Old Post Office**, originally built as a tailor's shop. Recently this gem of a building was renovated, keeping much of its old character.

Past the Old Post Office is the war memorial providing you with the sad story of young lives lost in the First World War. Fortunately there were no lives lost in the Second World War despite numerous men and women being called to serve their country. The name Rawson has only recently been added. Originally his family were disappointed that the Memorial was not erected in the Church grounds and refused permission for his name to be engraved on it. His grave is in the church graveyard and he is the only person to be buried in Laneham with full military honours.

**Cross the road to return to the Butcher's Arms to complete the walk**, noting how the house next door but one to the Inn has had the pitch of its roof widened to accommodate more room upstairs.

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## Church Laneham

Time: 30 minutes

**Walk gets muddy in wet weather – take care!  
Not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs**

Start the walk by the riverside, next to the noticeboard on elevated ground facing the River Trent. **The Manor House** across the road was once owned by The Markham Family (see their family monument in St. Peter's Church). The cellars of the house are reputed to have been part of an ancient palace used by the Archbishops of York in the 13th & 14th Centuries, particularly Archbishop Gray.

**Walk along the riverside past the Parish notice board.** Note the black & white metal posts alongside the road. In winter when the river floods these posts are the only means for road users to know where the edge of the road is. In the past one or two people have drowned after straying from the road.

**Continue along the grass track by the river, Wharf Road, and you come to the Maltkins.** Malt was taken by barge to Gainsborough. The house with the verandah still has a hook visible that was used for retaining the barges. **Retrace your steps and turn right onto the road so that the Maltkins will be on your right.** 25 metres to your left at the bottom of the hedge is a flood marker dated Feb 27th 1977 – this is the highest recorded level of flood in the village.

These buildings were also used to house German prisoners during the First World War. Some of them have left graffiti inside the house. **Before turning left down the Byway,** you can see Meadow House further down the lane on the right hand side. Refreshments were served to the many visitors to Laneham between 1945 and 1970. You can still make out the paint on the end wall advertising "Teas".



**Walk along the Byway known as Clayhough Lane. Follow the Lane until you reach the Beck. To continue this walk turn left and walk straight along the beck towards the sluice gates.**



### Extension of walk to Laneham

*Turn right at the Beck, walk alongside it until you reach a stoney track. Turn left and walk along this for approximately 300m until you come to the main road into the village. Turn right and walk into Laneham, starting the trail at The Butchers Arms pub*

The Sluice Gates help to control flood waters in the winter. Cross over them and continue along the footpath, crossing over the stile and look for the next one diagonally to your right. Cross this and walk past the bungalow, keeping it to your left until you reach the road linking Laneham & Church Laneham. Turn left into **Church Laneham.**

After a short distance, on the left is the old vicarage where the Reverend Samuel Skene brought up 7 sons who were all ordained as priests. His only daughter is said to have married a priest! You will then come to the impressive St. Peter's Church dating back to Norman times. The "herring bone" stonework is an interesting feature. The tower was added in the 14th Century. If you have time feel free to take a look inside. Opposite the church is **Ashwood House** which was once the village rectory.

**Walking on you come to the Ferry Boat Inn.** Opposite is the lane which leads to the old ferry that crossed the river until the late 1920s. The owners of the ferry continued to pay tithes to the church long after the Enclosures Act 1774 which abolished tithes for the other Laneham landowners. As you can see by the cover photo it used to get very busy down by the riverside!

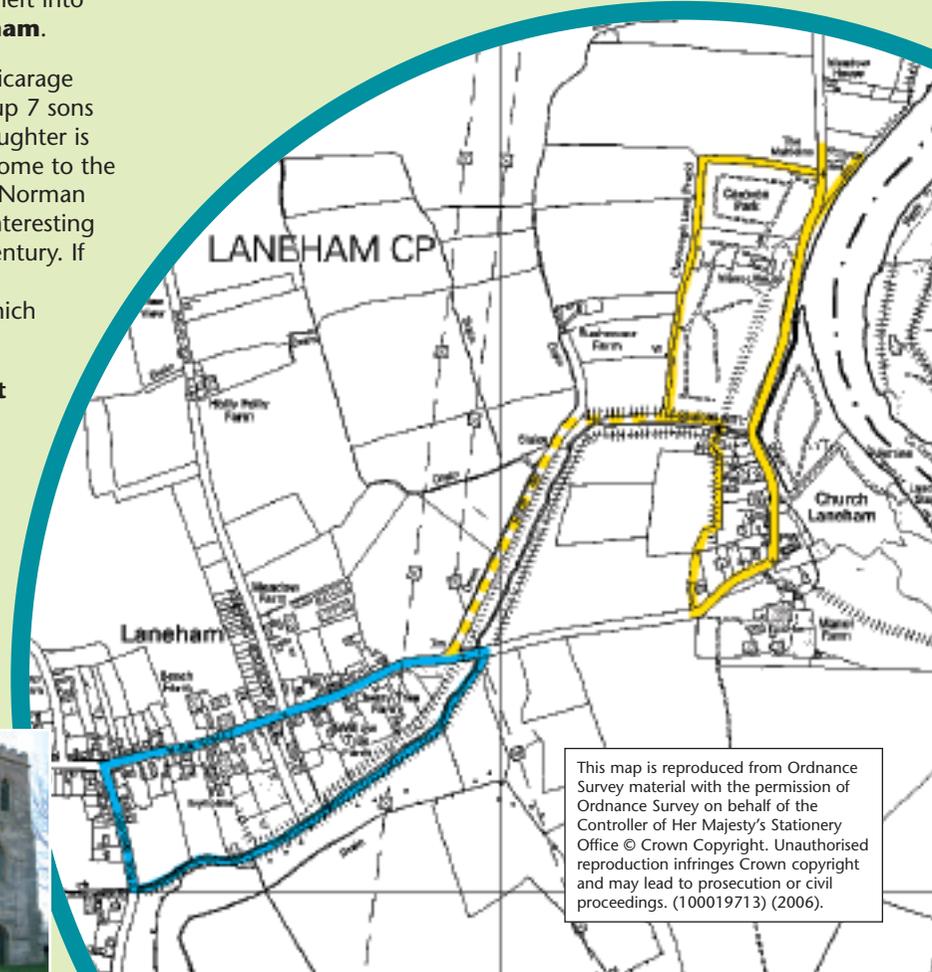
**Continue on past the Ferry Boat Inn** and you will come back to the riverside starting point.

## Laneham

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Start the walk from the **Butcher's Arms** car park. This building has been an Inn for over 200 years. It presumably gets its name from the butcher's shop which was housed in the grounds of the inn up to the beginning of the 20th Century. You can see this small white outhouse directly behind the main pub building.



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