



**Old Bourne End Farmhouse, c1934**

This was a substantial farmhouse of at least 16th or 17th century origins, and a relic of the former prosperity of Bourne End. Unlike 18-21 Bletsoe in the main village (now 2-3 Old Way) it was demolished before the potential value of such rural properties was more generally recognised. Its replacement, the present farmhouse (OS: TL019605) was built c1884 adjacent to the lane. This old farmhouse at 63, Bourne End, Bletsoe (OS: TL021606), was then divided and used for farmworker accommodation until after falling into disrepair, it was demolished c1958. The people in the foreground are Cliff Smith and his mother Beryl (nee Sabey) who lived in the cottage with Cliff's father, Ron, before the family moved to Whitwick Green Farm, Bletsoe.

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