

## TODAY'S USES

The Red Hall is used today for various club and society functions, along with weddings and parties booked by the general public.



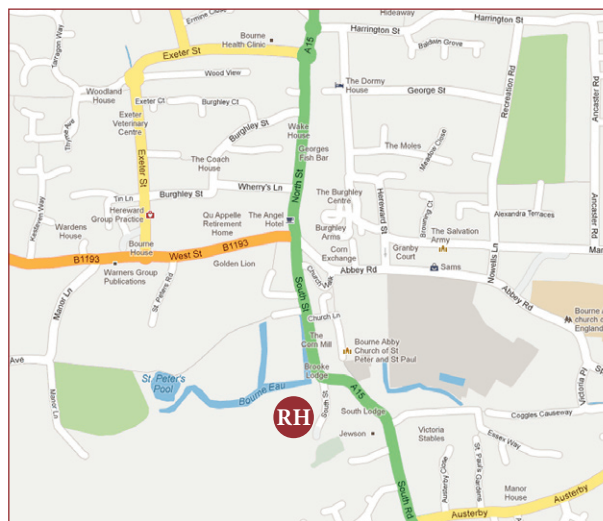
The main function room on the first floor can hold a maximum of 100 people for dancing or the close seating of 70 people for comfortable dining.



There is a fully stocked kitchen for use if catering is required and a bar area. Both lead from the main room, along with a smaller room, which can also be hired. There is a lawned area adjacent to the Red Hall on which a marquee may be erected.

## WHERE TO FIND US

We are situated in Bourne, Lincolnshire, a small market town on the edge of the fens



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## A SHORT HISTORY

Standing a short distance to the west of Bourne Abbey Church, the Red Hall dates back to about 1600 and has been used as a home, school and even as part of a Victorian railway complex, having survived 100 years of vibrations from steam locomotives and rolling stock to become our most famous secular building which has been Grade II listed since 1977.

The house is believed to have been built for a wealthy London Grocer, Gilbert Fisher. After his death, there were various owners until the Digby Family came to the Hall.

Lady Catherine Digby was the last member to live here from when she married James Digby in 1777 until her death in 1836, when the property was again leased to various tenants and even used as a private boarding school for girls until it was sold again in 1860 to Bourne & Essendine Railway Company for use as a booking office & Stationmaster's House.



In 1892 the railway company attempted to pull the Hall down but were stopped by a public outcry and the building was saved.

When the railway closed in 1959, the hall was offered for sale at £1 but there were no takers. In 1962 Bourne United Charities acquired the Freehold, the building being saved once again from demolition. The Trustees implemented an extensive programme of restoration to ensure the Hall's survival. As a result the Red Hall reopened in 1972 and today is the home of the offices of Bourne United Charities.

