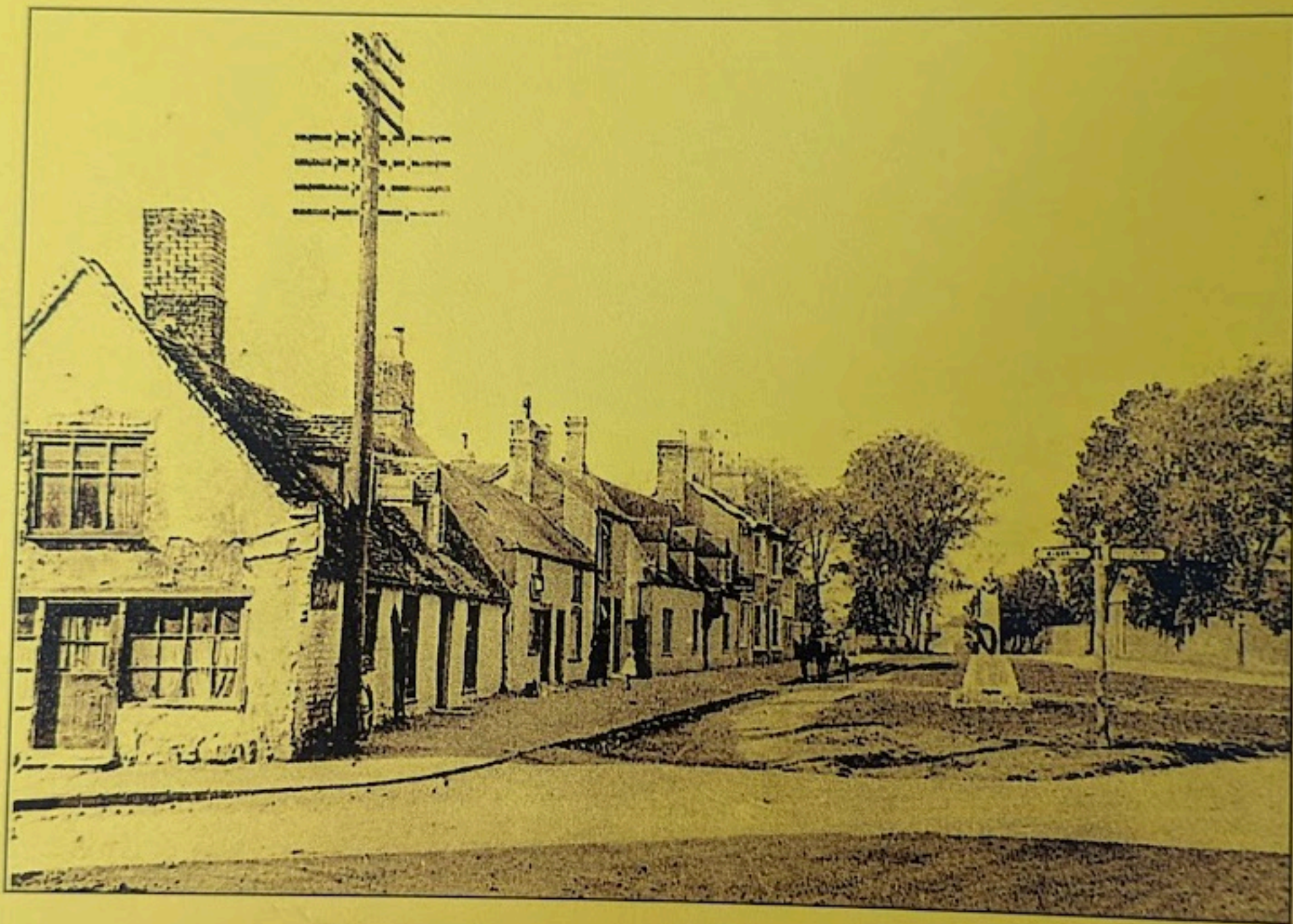


# Hadnam Housesen



A look at the buildings in the village and information of  
**LOCAL BUILDERS** in the twentieth century  
compiled by Lorna Delanoy.

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# Introduction

It was in the nineteen twenties that Hilda Everitt (Froize End) wrote and sold several booklets of verse; one of my favourite lines being "Climb the hill to Haddenham village, come and learn of Haddenham folk."

Now in the twenty twenties, and I am no poet, here is another study of the locality concentrating on domestic buildings and builders.

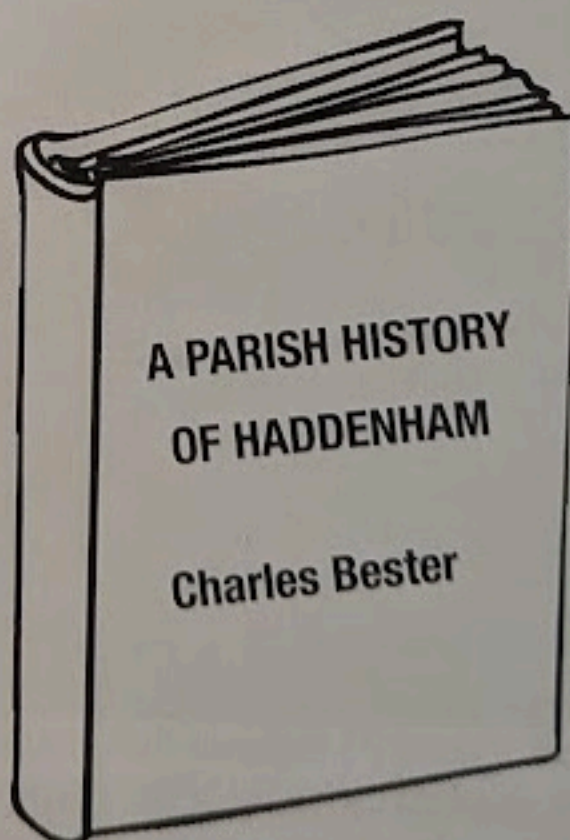
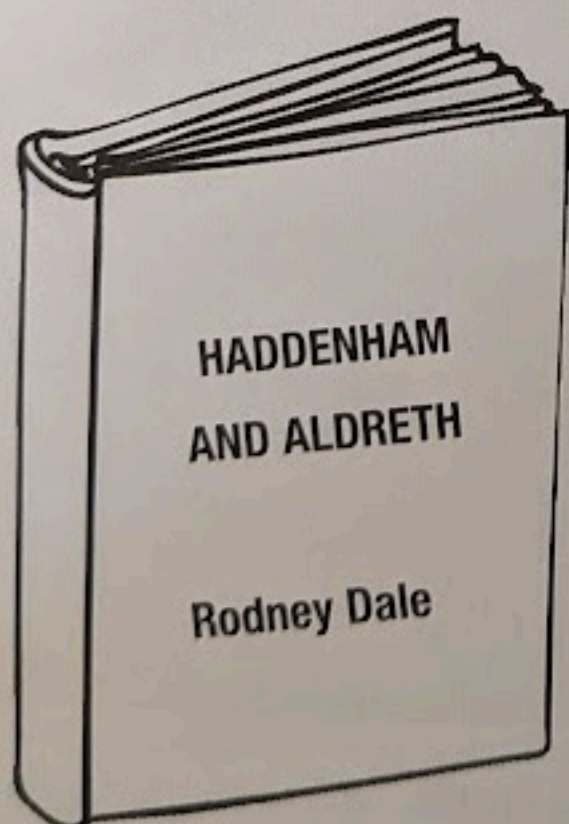
As a child in the 1940s I was taken by my parents for Sunday evening walks. *Do families do walks around the village nowadays?* One of my tasks was to spot Feasts houses. In this compilation I include information about the Feast empire and other builders over the last century.

I would like to thank friends and family who, like me, have recorded more about Hilda's Haddenham folk and this is a sequel to "Wossis Name?" 2020

*Lorna Delanoy 2025*

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## **OTHER HADDENHAM PUBLICATIONS**



# Feasts

The family name is recorded for posterity by "FEASTS GREEN" in West End; fruit gardens there until the last of the family, Sydney, died some years ago. His nephews and niece later sold the orchard and houses have been built there leaving the splendid view across to the Great Mill (1803) for all to see. In the Hight Street, no.48, a modern house was built for the retirement of Syd's niece, Sheila Searle, and named Feasts Lodge. It is of interest to note that, like her uncle and Grandpa Harry, all were members of the local Parish Council."

The headquarters of Feasts were Acacia House adjacent to Mill Yard and the modern surgery. As well as building the two non-conformist chapels and other bigger buildings further afield. I will list some of the Feast houses which are easy to spot because of their similarity in appearance. "

**St.Hilda's  
-> Homantin  
in Hop Row**



*Fieldfare, Haddenham Wilburton Hill for Steel family.  
Stone Cross Farm at south end of High Street for the Freemans.*

*Markwells* in Froize End and *Markwells* in Mill End near Sand Pits.  
*Herewake* on the site of Neville's mill in Aldreth Road that has an enormous cellar. The substantial house opposite Newtown which was built for Feast's "top man" Walter Ivatt.

A home that might follow Ivatt's design is St. George's Farm at the north corner of Jewson's brickworks field (now know as the Rally field) and another is the house-and-shop south of Lion Court.

One of the Feasts Houses near the cross-roads was built for one of the family and called *St. Hilda's*. It follows the traditional 4 x 4 often having a walk-in pantry and dairy on the north side. From 1947 until 1991 it was the home for the retired Methodist ministers Rev George Demaine and Rev. Fred Clifford (ref Farmland Voices).

## Wrights the Builders...

not to be confused with Wrights, farmers of Hermitage Farm, nor John the baker of High Street, nor Tommy the barber of Hop Row near the bier house nor Charles who built Haddon Hall opposite the pond in Station road - nor Wright Brothers who are farm contractors in Hill Row.

John who came from London in the 1890s to work for Feasts was first employed building the new Baptist chapel on the corner of Station Road where the spire is in memory of Chivers, the fruit farmers and land owner (see photo); his two sons, Johnny and Billy grew up and they too worked for Feasts...in the early 20 century young lads were apprenticed to the building trade.

It was in 1932 that the firm of John Wright and sons was established and I am grateful to Ivor, Johnny's only son for the following info.

The firm built over 40 houses/bungalows in the area....mainly along the Haddenham/Wilburton/Stretham ridge so that employees could bike to work. Individual properties in Haddenham parish include:

the chalet home on the site of Burtons the basket-maker in the High street, recently the home of the retired post-master, Glendenning; Steels bungalow in Hill Row, now the well-known nursery; the "house over the Road", for the Woolstenholmes family and a family home in Hop Row for the Steels whose garden was bought for the construction of Robert Arkenstall Primary School.... Down Lode Way the then chairman of the Parish Council, Ken Bowcock, had a Wrights house built...however the individual styles used by Wrights means

that their constructions are not as easy to spot as those of Feasts. Within living memory Ivor and his team included many local names....George Chapman (bill poster and town crier), his two sons, Stan and Tom (both keen players of Hadd Rovers)...interesting that John W senior and his two sons worked for Feasts and George C and his two sons worked for Wrights...history repeating itself! Travel for work was very local years ago when cars were scarce and for many labourers the transport was by bike.

It is of interest that in 2000 Ivor installed a "Memory Box" into the wall of Arkenstall Centre( where as a boy, he attended school) and where his firm had been doing renovations/repairs over the years....who will open it in a hundred years time? One of his special possessions is a commemorative plaque having served for 50 years as a committee member of the management of AVC.

## Bethells

A family dating back long before the 1920s (see business plaque in bar of Three Kings Public House); the family home was built in 1917, Ypres House in Froize End); the son, R.F (Fred) built the house almost opposite and was a well-known funeral director as well as builder (see bill heading)....by coincidence for the last 50years it has been the home of another funeral director, Alwyn Carter.

The latest Bethell connection is that Fred's nephew, Owen and later his son Garry, had a plant nursery in Chewells Lane which, 2025, is being developed into a housing estate adjacent to the Hinton Hall fields, opposite the Parish cemetery.

## Ted Smith

In the 1960s a big private estate was built by Ted and his team, linking the junction of Froize End to Aldreth Road; named as Linden Way/Close it commemorates the old name for that part of Hadnam (see old maps at library).

The headquarters of Smiths was one of the Peacock houses opposite the hump in the rec (recreation grounds) and as well as building the biggest estate in the parish, at that time, he built a modern family home in the High Street where there were derelict farm buildings which had belonged to Thulbons.

# Glenn Watts

This family can trace its tree back many centuries; market gardeners, chimney sweeps, blacksmiths builders...in fact the Watts name is inscribed on the West tower of Holy Trinity, it having been rebuilt in memory of one of the Hardwicke's, lords of the Manor, in 1876.

Glenn's own initials are marked on the wall of bungalow 2C Linden End which was built for his cousin, Linda (nee Peacock) in 2007; he also built a house for his family at the top of Nelson's Lane and bungalows for John Fairchild and Nigel Tebbitt in Hill Road.

# John Dolby

Two substantial homes were built by him at the junction of Hod Hall Lane and Froize End in the early 1960s...later he built two family homes in a park-like setting off Twentypence Road, Wilburton.

John's main work was converting smaller cottages into modern homes as at Stonecroft Terrace and the original bungalows beyond the Bell PH...their original name, Bell Gardens, is perpetuated in the newer development linking Camping Close with the High Street.

# Morton Bros

Both Tony and Ken were pupils at Arkenstall Boys' School (now AVC) when Bert Miles was the last headmaster before it was amalgamated with the High Street Girls' and Infants' Schools in 1955.

They went on to Witchford Sec Mod (now the village college) Like many of their peer group they joined the building trade and later formed their own business...local houses they built include Stan Wright's farmhouse in Hill Row, Highbury House in Aldreth Road near Lester Drive, a bungalow off Station Road and a house adjacent to York Villa.

Photos of Rovers Football Team on CCAN show that the Mortons were very keen sportsmen and members of the Social club...so they can be described as "True Hadnamites".

In 1925 the north part of the village contained suitable clay for Brick Works...along Hinton Hedges Road, (Porters and Hephers) and what is now

the Rally Field was then Jewsons brickyards... many local men were employed here.

Now in 2025 thanks to much hard work, there is a super private collection of bricks and tiles in Hill Row at Misery Farm... it is open by appointment and was for many years an integral part of the annual Blossoms and Bygones event which raised thousands of pounds for the Village Centre where now so many events take place.

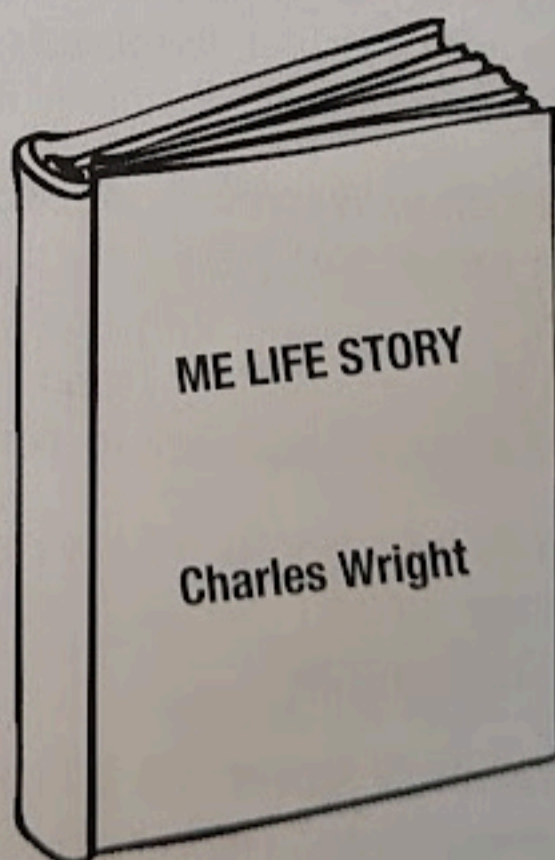
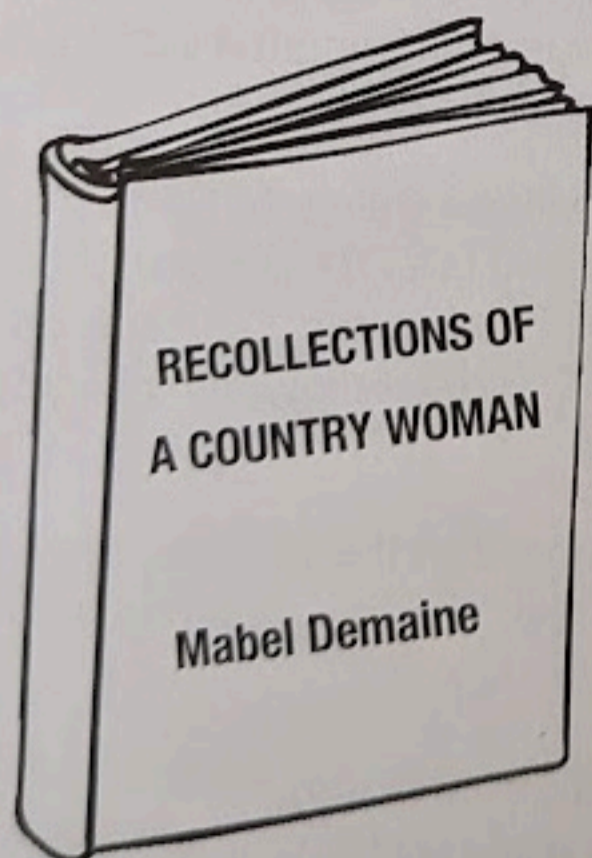
## WHAT CHANGES 1925 - 2025!

Apart from the bigger estates, listed elsewhere, it is the farmyards which have attracted my attention (see diagram/list).

Hinton Hall Farm has become executive homes; Linden Farm has had rebuilds as well as conversions of farm building; yards e.g. the Bell and White Lion Public house are residential and Ken Alsops is now Ashleaf Close. The farmyard once belonging to the Porter Family (where special bats used to roost) in Church Lane is now built on and their orchards off Duck Lane fortunately have been given "fruity" addresses...alas, the apples, pears (think Perry Way) and flowers (there used to be a Chrysanthemum Show here in the Fifties) have almost disappeared...with the exception of Robert's Orchard surrounding the Great Mill.

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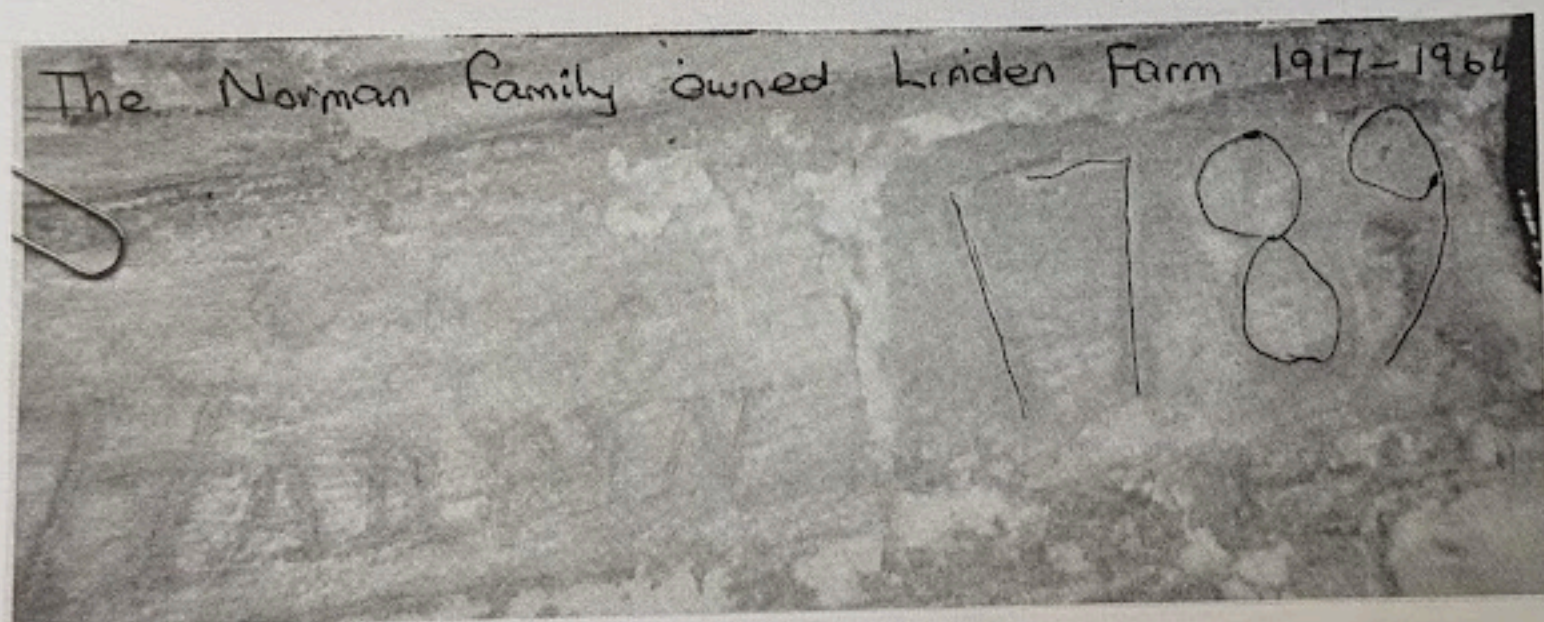
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# No flush Toilets and Water at the Turn of a Tap!

Extract from a letter sent from Pat Norman in 1999.

Two other note-worthy facts of Haddenham pumps and wells. With most villages there was this need of "convenience". So in many situations the domestic pump had to be near to the back door of the farmhouse as possible. So too had household 'privy', though the needs were vastly different and so were the effects! Sense of hygiene was difficult to maintain, especially in high summer. It provided a rich ground work for the studies of entomology (The rat-railed maggot about three feet long comes to mind) and the discomfort of enteritis and other diseases. For the second fact, that of the village pumps, we pumped Freemans' well dry when Spencer's house was on fire. (Later was the Head Quarters of Jack Richard's transport, now at Fakenham). Farm fires were often a long way from any pond and the liquid mud of the pond bottom would block the intake pipe and spell the proud end of the fire engine's life, as happened at both the Hinton Hall and Haddenham Pumping Engine blazes.



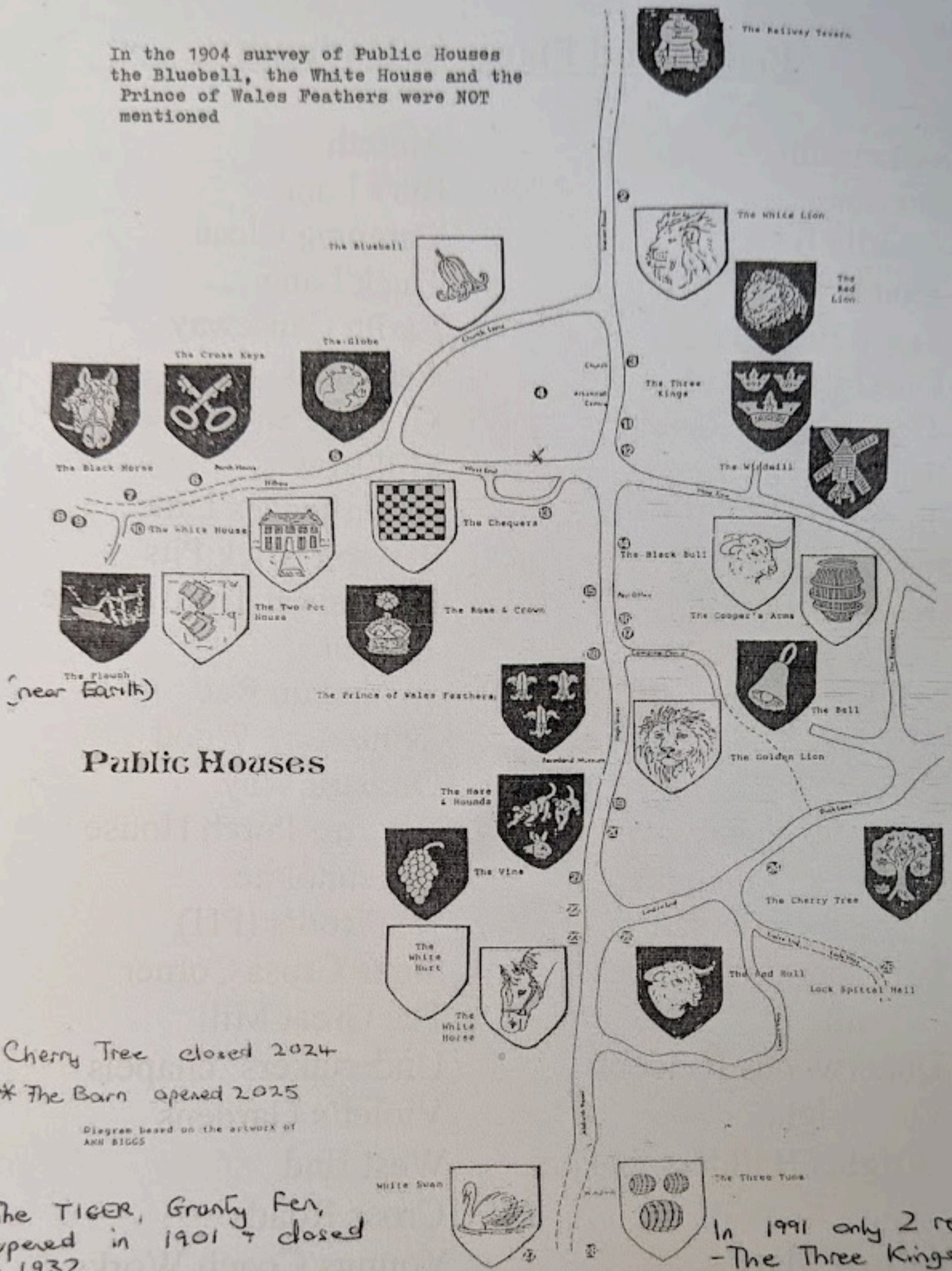
Date 1789. Linden farm: photography Ivan Chambers 2006

## People and Places in Hadnam

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| A Arkenstall               | Aldreth                 |
| B Benson                   | Bury Lane               |
| C Charlie B                | Camping Close           |
| D Dodds                    | Duck Lane               |
| E Eggie Burkitt            | Earith Causeway         |
| F Fairchild, David         | Fen Sides               |
| G George Fox, Rev.         | Grunty Fen              |
| H Hardwicke                | Hill Row                |
| I 'inton 'all              | 'inton 'edges Lane      |
| J Joe Gamgee Q C           | Jewson Brick Pits       |
| K Kenny Doctor             | Kennels at Third Bridge |
| L Leslie Stewart           | Linden                  |
| M McLaren Garage           | mound on Rec            |
| N Norman Robert            | Nine Acre Wood          |
| O Ovin                     | Orchard Way             |
| P Peacocks/Pakey           | Peterus/ Porch House    |
| Q Queen's G'daughter       | Queenholme              |
| R Rutterfords, butchers    | Red Roofs (PH)          |
| S Sid Feast                | Stone Cross Corner      |
| T Tebbutt                  | The Great Mill          |
| U Underwoods Paddock       | Undertakers' chapels    |
| V Vic Wright               | Violet's Gardens        |
| W Wrights Builders, bakers | West End                |
| X                          | Cross Roads             |
| Y Yarrow Misses            | Youngs Coach Works      |
| Z                          |                         |

This list was prepared by an OAP in 1980 for Homerton college educational project, many of the people are now no longer with us

In the 1904 survey of Public Houses  
 the Bluebell, the White House and the  
 Prince of Wales Feathers were NOT  
 mentioned



**Public Houses**

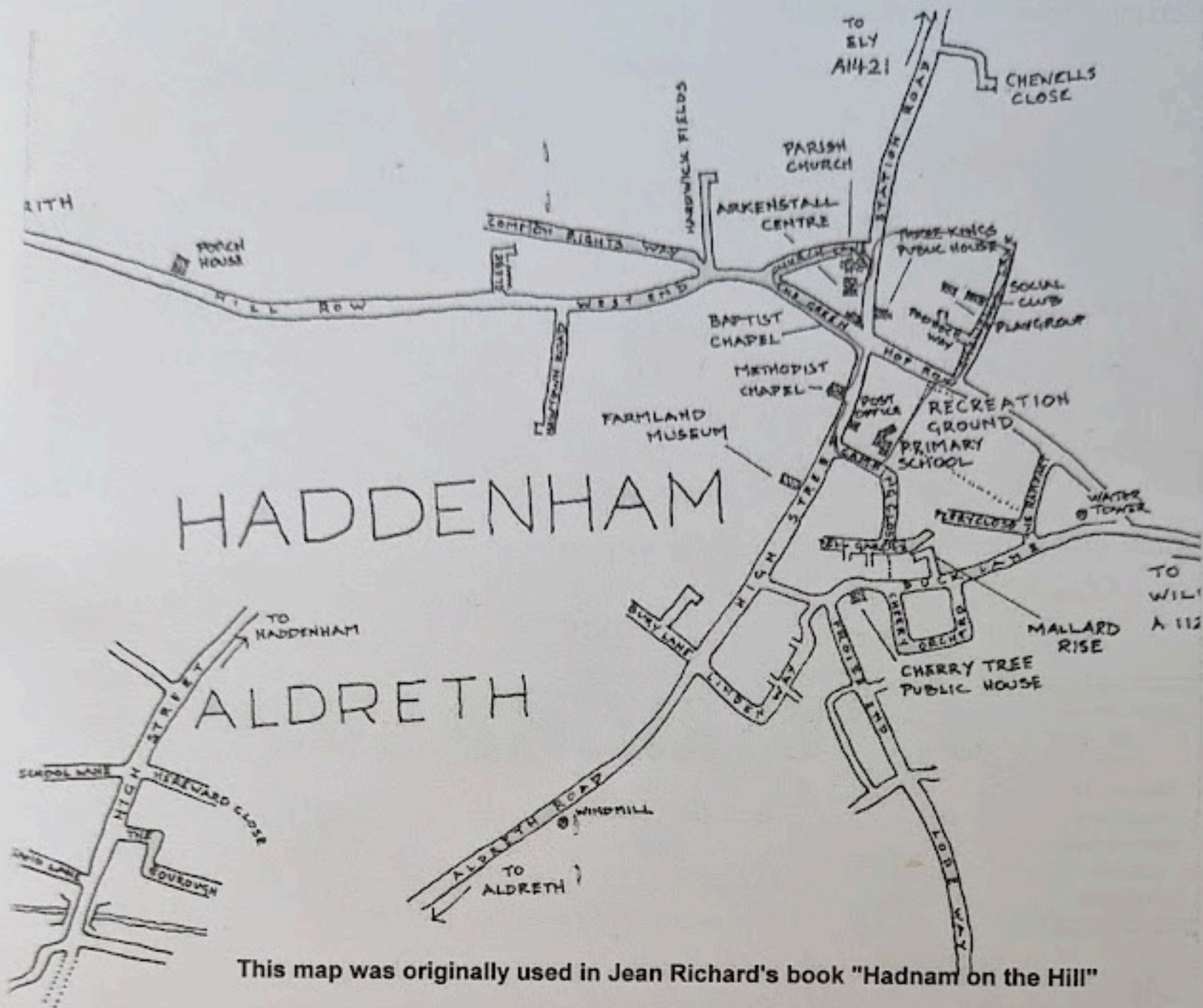
Cherry Tree closed 2024

\* The Barn opened 2025

Diagram based on the artwork of  
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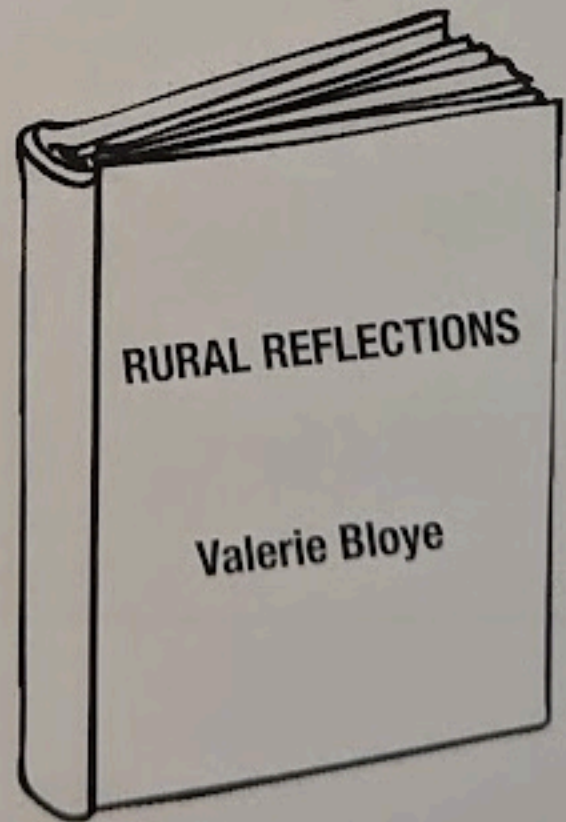
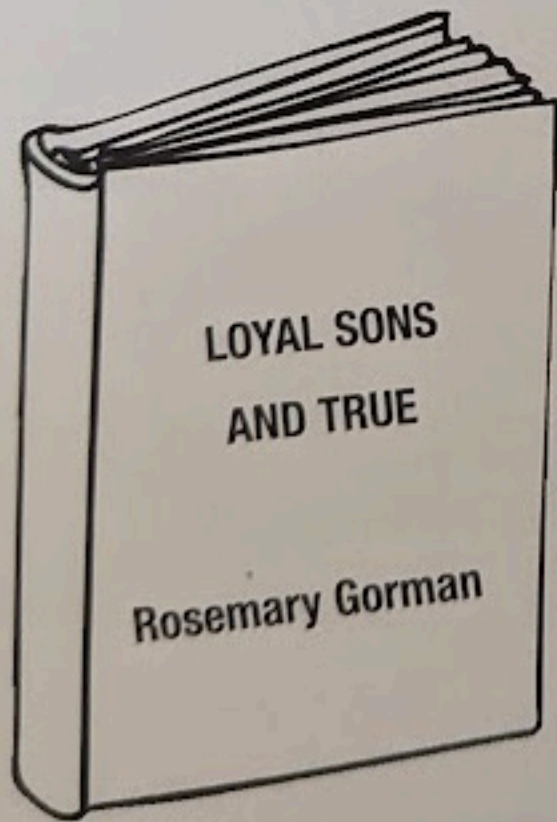
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 opened in 1901 & closed  
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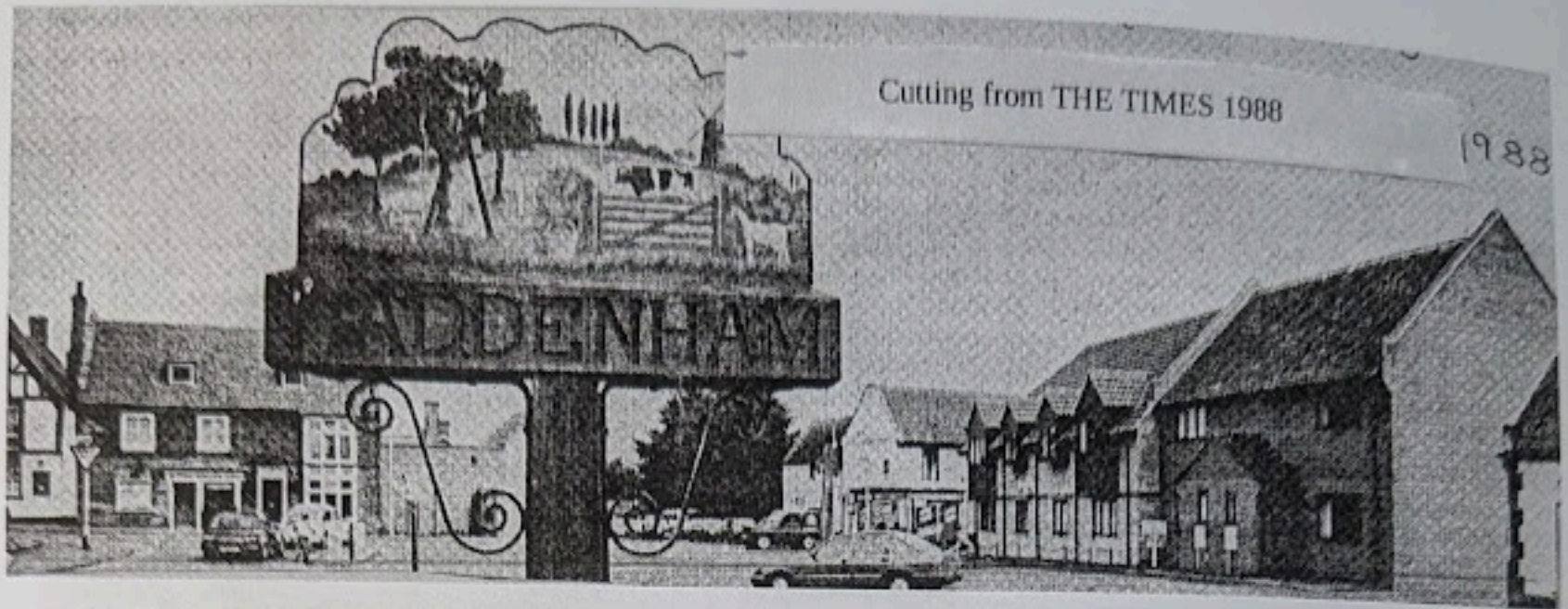
In 1991 only 2 remains  
 - The Three Kings + The  
 Cherry Tree



This map was originally used in Jean Richard's book "Hadnam on the Hill"

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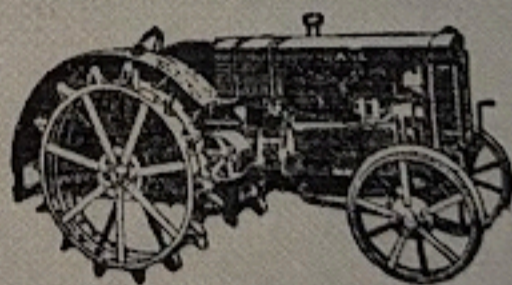
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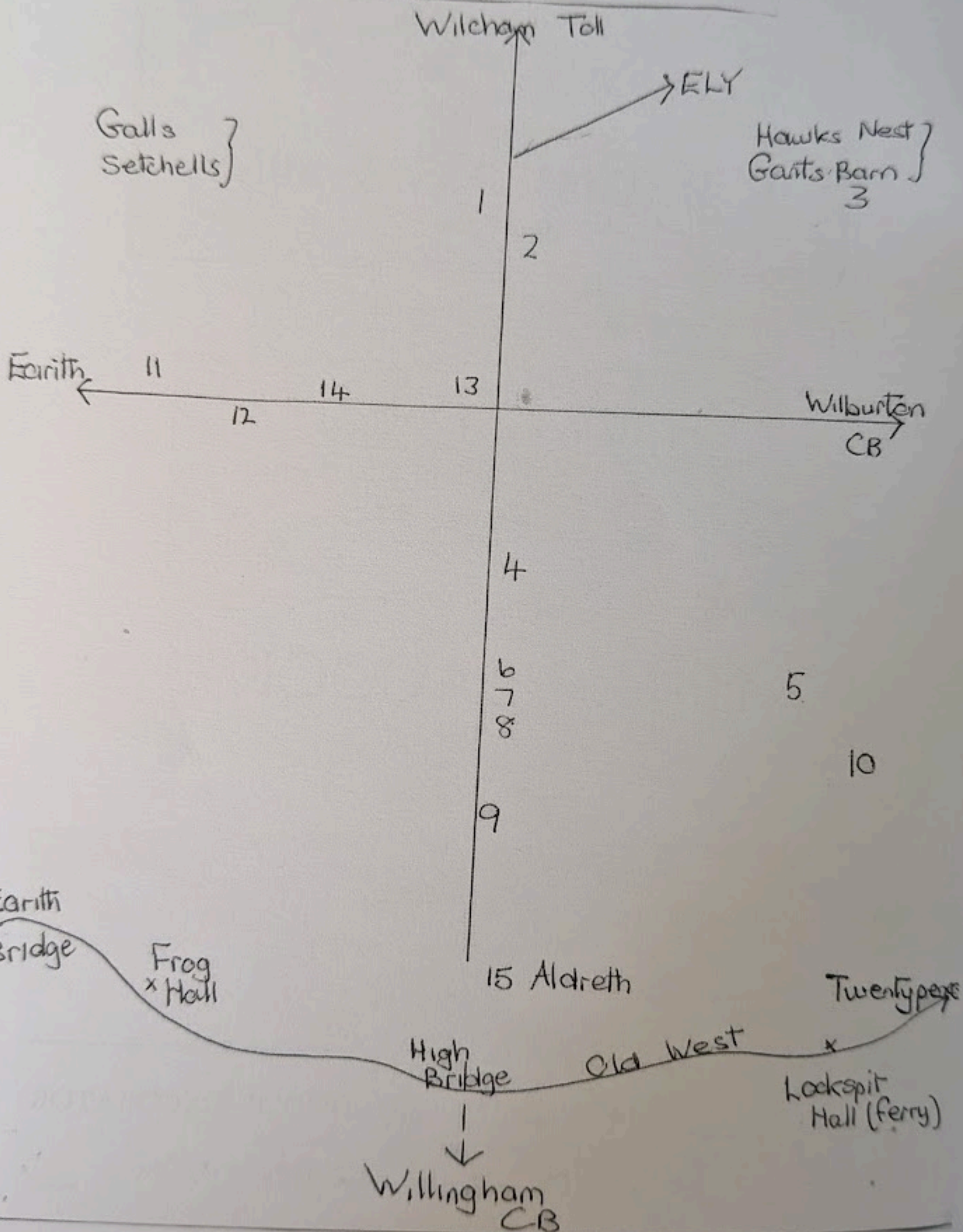
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# Farmyards 1-15

# Houses 2025

Plan to show Farmyards and their Development over the last hundred years

Farmyards in 1925.....now houses in 2025



# FARMS IN 1925.....HOMES IN 2025

see chart on previous page

1. York Villa; Hephers cheese factory; Hudson...reuse and new builds
2. White Lion PH; Barnes Transport...Lion Court
3. Hinton Hall; Morriss, Tarry...reused with new builds
4. Bell PH; Henry Hawes...Camping Close, R A school; leading to Mallard rise and Bell Gardens
5. The Elms; Chapman, Handley...Metcalfe Way and Walnut Drive
6. Linden Farm; Morriss, Norman, Chambers...reuse and new builds
7. Stone Cross Farm; Freemans ...four new bungalows in Linden End
8. Camps Yard; Richards transport...Lester Drive
9. Markwells; T, S and G...new site, Rowan Close
10. Vipans Farm; Porters, Haddocks, Lee...reuse x3
11. Highfield; Green Lane...reuse of farm buildings
12. Bill Coatman's Yard; bungalows
13. Porters Barn; new "town" houses in Church Lane...plus orchard development off Duck Lane
14. Ken Alsop's Yard; Ashleaf Close
15. Aldreth has three farm developments...Primrose, Bradfield, Chivers

## FARMS NOW DERELICT

- Lockspit Hall, Frog Hall, High Bridge and Flat Bridge along the Old West, parish southern boundary
- Galls Farm and Setchell's Farm in the N of the parish
- Gants Barn and Hawk's Nest on the Hinton estate
- Angoods and Bedlam on the Catchwater

## FARMING BUSINESSES

- High Ridge, Wards and Hillrow house, Palmers, both dairies delivering milk
- Hermitage Farm, Causeway, A G Wright's HEREFORD herd
- Salmons, Staple Leys, Grunty Fen Farm all AGRISERVEs, arable only

## FARMS WITH LIVESTOCK 2025

- John Darby, Cracknell Farm, Long Drove off the Causey
- Alan Salmons, Hill Top Farm, beyond the Great Mill, 1803
- Wright Brothers and Burton/Flint beyond Porch House, 1657

# PAGE FROM KELLY'S DIRECTORY 1922

These names would be familiar to Hilda and those underlined are mentioned in text.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

[KELLY'S

Benton William, farmer & carrier  
Bethell Walter George, builder  
Brand Thomas, farmer & beer retailer  
 Brooks Fred, florist & seedsman  
Barkitt Arthur, farmer, Hill row  
Barkitt Percy Wm. cycle agt. West end  
 Barkitt William, farmer  
 Barling John, farmer, Hill row  
 Barling Morris, farmer  
 Burton Henry, farmer, Hill row  
Barton John, basket-maker, High st  
Camps Henry Thomas F.Z.S. farmer  
 & landowner, Linden house  
Chapman William, farmer  
 Clark Thomas, farmer, Aldreth  
Coatman William, farmer  
 Cockle Daniel, farmer, High street  
 Cockle Dennis Herbert, machinist,  
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 High street  
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 Doggett Charles, baker  
 Doyly Herbt. Chas. grocer & draper  
 Drake Charles, ironmonger  
 Emery Watts, beer retailer  
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Feast Harry, builder & contractor  
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Fitch Walter Norman, Aldreth, beer  
 retailer, Aldreth  
Freeman William, farmer  
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 Gotobed Samuel, coal merchant  
 Granger Alfred, cartage contractor  
 to G. E. R. Co  
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 Green Wm. Hy. farmer, Stapeley Leas  
 Grey Brothers, farmers, Sutton hill

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 Hovell Martin, plumber & painter  
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 tory surgeon, High street  
Hudson W. E. & Sons, agricultural  
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 Jacobs Harry Edward, Chequers P.H.  
 Jewson Frederick, brick & tile manu-  
 facturer (Robert Hawes, manager)  
 Kelly James, beer retailer  
 Lawrance Joseph, miller (wind)  
 Lawrence Henry, beer retr. West end  
 Leach Thomas (Mrs.), farmr. Hill row  
 Longstaff George Edward, saddler  
 Lord William Anderson A. beer re-  
 tailer, Duck lane  
 Lown Charles, beer retailer  
 Lucas Percy John, tea dealer, High st  
 Markwell George, farm bailiff for M.  
 Pate esq. Aldreth road  
 Meeks James, pig dealer  
 Miller Walter, blacksmith  
 Moore Garrett, farm bailiff to Messrs.  
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Morris Emma (Mrs.), farmer  
 Moxom James, beer retailr. Aldreth  
Neville John James, miller  
 Newell John, carter, Hill row  
 Newman Tom, saddler & harness ma  
 Norman Edwin, farmer  
 Okey Leopold, beer retailer, Hill row  
 Pake Benjamin Howard, farmer  
 Palmer Adam, watch maker  
 Palmer Alfred Day, fruit grower,  
 Wilburton road  
 Palmer Richard, butcher, High street  
 Peach Sarah (Mrs.), beer retailer,  
 Station road

Peacock Frederick, agricultural en-  
 gineer, machinist, threshing ma-  
 chine proprietor & wheelwright  
Pearson John, farmer, Hill row  
 Peters Edwd. vet. surgn. Station rd  
 Peters Ernest Clay, butcher & castrator  
 Peters Robert, clothier & grocer  
 Pope Joseph, town crier & bill poster  
Porter Everard L. farmer, Station rd  
Porter Harry, market gardener, Sta-  
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 Porter Hy. Jn. (exors. of), brick mas  
 Porter Wm. market gardenr. Duck la  
 Powers George, Three Kings P.H.  
Prime Brothers, farmers & fruit  
 growers, Aldreth  
 Prime Ralph Burrows, shpkpr. Aldrth  
 Ringrow Joseph, farmer, Hermitage  
 Robinson Elliott Hugh, fruit grower,  
 South place  
 Russell Arthur (Mrs.), frmr. Hill row  
 Russell George, shopkeeper, Hill row  
Salmons George Walter, beer retailer  
 & farmer  
 Seppings William, insurance agent  
Setchell Henry Thomas, baker  
 Sole William, farmer, Aldreth  
 Steel W. C. & Son, bakers  
 Stephens John, engineer to Hadden-  
 ham Level commissioners, Fen  
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 Ward Frederick William, farmer  
 Watts Sarah (Mrs.), shopkpr. Hill row  
 Wayman Walter Beldam, farmer,  
 Sutton road  
 Webster Alfred, baker  
 Webster Robert, wheelwright  
 Welford Fredk. Rose & Crown P.H.  
 Wilkin Henry Martin, farmer, Aldreth  
Wright Alfred Edwin, farmer & land-  
 owner, Ivy lodge  
 Wright Edward Arthur, Cross Keys  
 P.H. Hill row

Note the familiar names back in the  
1851 Gazetteer of Cambridgeshire.

Davis C.J. surgeon  
Hughes Rev. Henry, M.A.  
iacambeat  
1. King Rev. Fred. (baptist)

*Farmers*

2. Amory Robert  
2. Biddal James  
1. Brand Robert  
Clay Frederick  
Clay Benjamin P.  
2. Collett Frederick  
Cockle John Read  
2. Cockle John Thomas  
1. Cockle William  
Drage Thomas  
Drage John  
Fison Jonathon  
Furbank William .  
2. Gibson Thomas  
Goodman William  
Gothard Benjamin  
Gothard William  
Goobey Robert  
2. Green Charles  
Grauger Thomas  
Hawes Francis  
Low Edward  
Martin William  
Mitchell Henry  
Pate William  
Pate William. Jnr  
Pate Rebecca  
Pate Robert  
Pate Robert. Jun.  
Porter William  
Porter Robert

Prime Watson  
Procter John  
Wallis Thos., vict., *Chequers*  
(& horse dealer)  
Whiteing William, shoemaker  
2. Procter Thomas  
2. Read John  
1. Read Jacob  
Roberts William  
Roberts Edward  
Sutton William  
Sutton John  
2. Tubbs Robert  
1. Uffindell Elizabeth  
Vipan Walter  
Waller John  
2. Wayman Samuel

*Traders*

1. Ashberry J., vict., *Three Tuns*  
Alsop Thomas. Blacksmith  
Charter T., relieving officer  
Clark M. vict., *Rose & Crown*  
Coatman Wm., beer retailer  
1. Croxton Jas., beer retailer  
1. Freeman Eliz., shopkeeper  
Dewey Richard, shopkeeper and  
letter receiver  
Gooby Robert, butcher  
Grounds Thomas, plumber and  
glazier  
Green Richard, blacksmith  
Harding Henry, vict., *White Hart*  
(and tailor)  
Hall Mary, vict., *Red Lion* (and  
butcher)  
Hopkins Thos., wheelwright

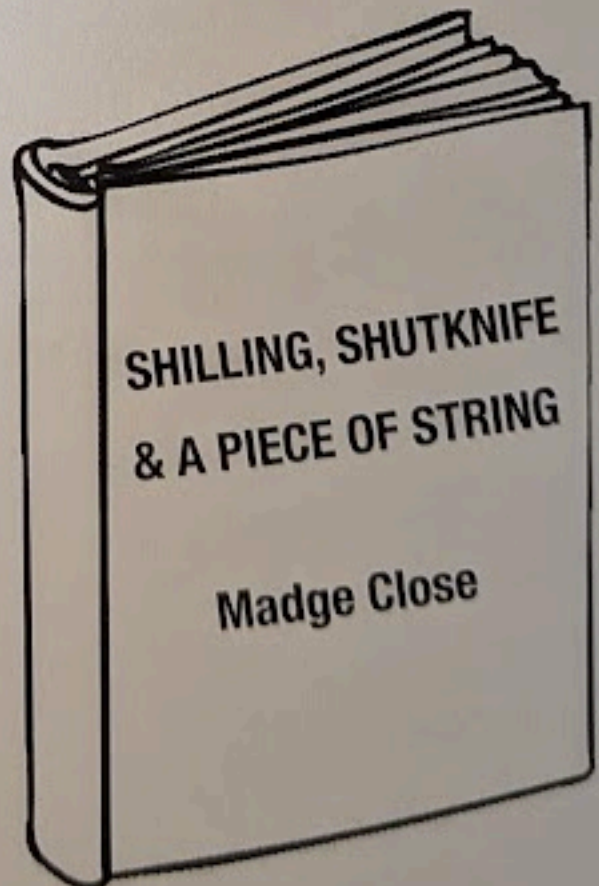
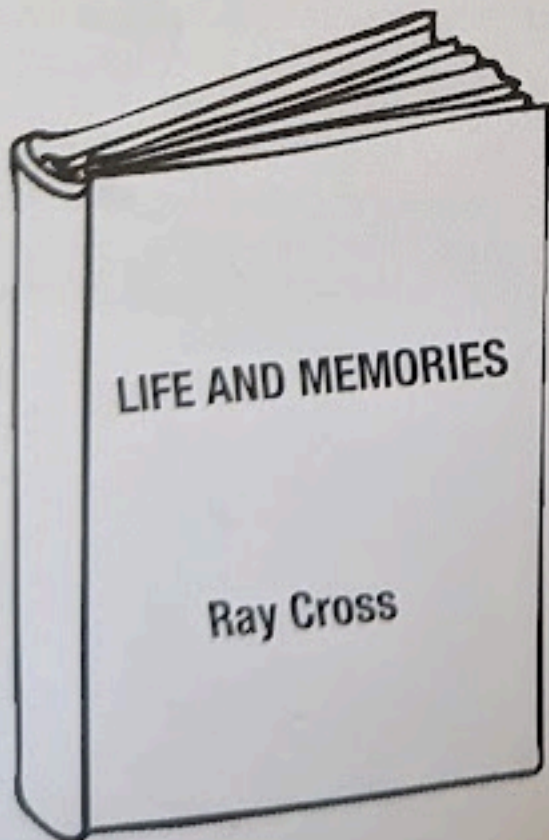
Johnson Richard, vict., *Greyhound*  
(and farmer)  
1. Kempton John, beer retlr.  
Kidd Gothord, vict., *Hare & Hounds*  
(and wheelwright)  
Metcalf Joseph, beer retlr.  
Morris F., brewer & builder  
Morris William, grocer  
Newman John, carpenter  
Nightingale Henry, vict., *Bell*  
(& butcher)  
Phillips Joshua, surveyor  
Porter H., beer retlr. & tailor  
Porter Richard, brewer  
Porter H., brewer & farmer  
1. Prime Willm., shopkeeper  
& farmer  
Procter Richard, vict., *Three Kings*  
(& farmer)  
Purver Thomas, baker  
Rose S.J., grocer & draper  
Robinson Hy., schoolmaster  
& registrar of births, &c.  
Robinson John, shopkeeper  
Robinson Robert, tailor  
Robinson —., beer retailer  
Robinson William, grocer  
Robinson William, tailor  
Seal William, farrier  
Setchell O., miller & baker  
Salmon John, horse dealer  
Stubbins John, brazier  
Waters Charles, builder  
Watts J. & W., blacksmiths  
Wayman John, watchmaker  
Wayman James, blacksmith  
Wheeler John, shoemaker  
& surveyor

Demolition of pub opposite the Parish Church with Stan Burgess' garage (now Idesons) at RHS.



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**OTHER HADDENHAM PUBLICATIONS**



Extract from Kelly's 1908 showing names mentioned in this project underlined; note numbers of farmers and allied trades.

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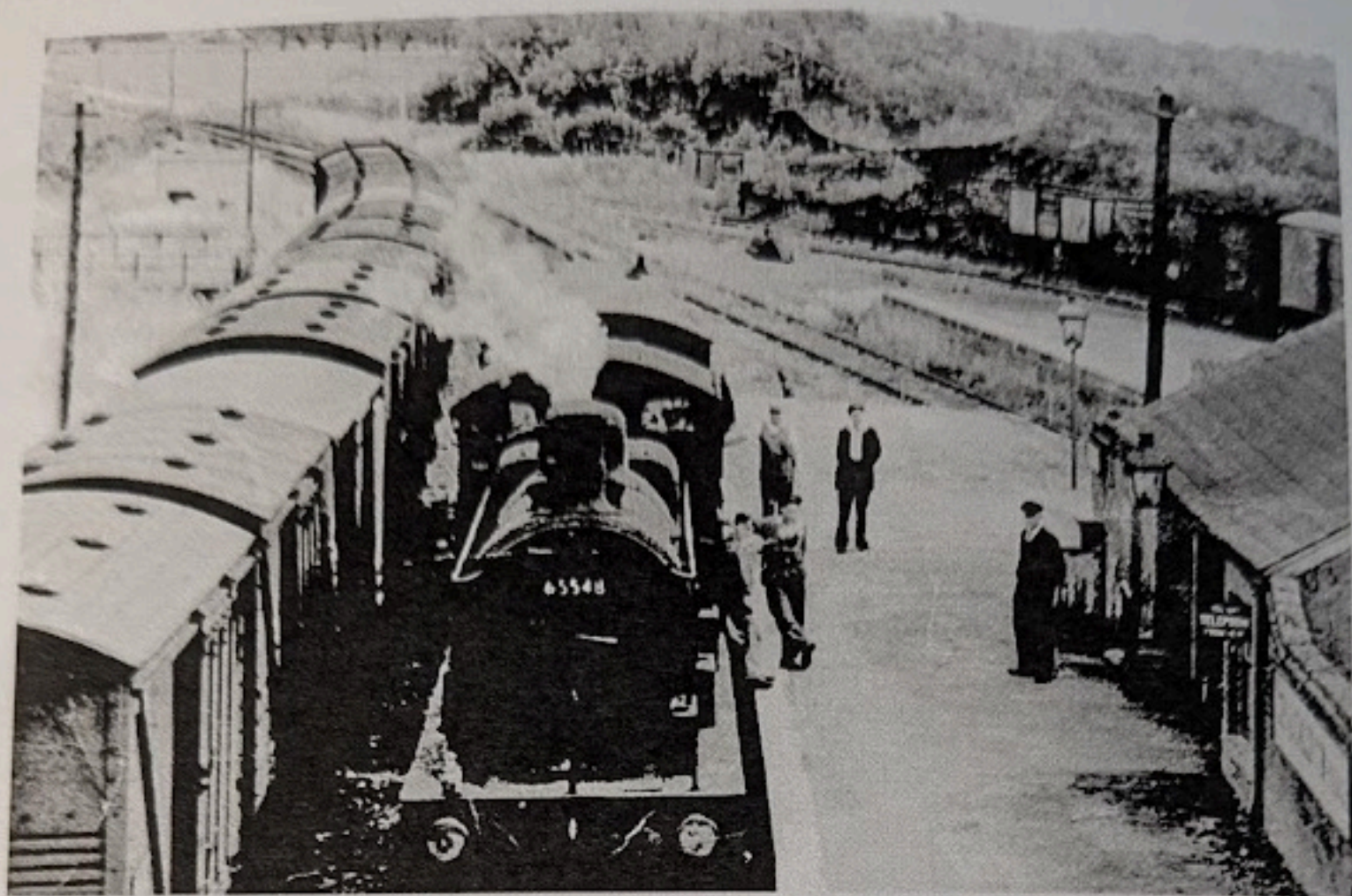
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Benton William, farmer & carrier  
 Bethell Walter George, builder  
 Brand Thomas, farmer & beer retailer  
 Brooks Fred, florist & seedsman  
 Burkitt Arthur, farmer, Hop row  
 Burkitt Percy Wm. cycle agt. West end  
 Burkitt William, farmer  
 Burling John, farmer, Hill row  
 Burling Morris, farmer  
 Burton Henry, farmer, Hill row  
 Barton John, basket-maker, High st  
 Camps Henry Thomas F.Z.S. farmer  
 & landowner, Linden house  
 Chapman William, farmer  
 Clark Thomas, farmer, Aldreth  
 Coatman William, farmer  
 Cockle Daniel, farmer, High street  
 Cockle Dennis Herbert, machinist,  
 Hill row  
 Collen Robt. Edwin, grocer & draper,  
 High street  
 Cox Charles, beer retailer  
 Crain Charles, beer retailer  
 Cutlack & Harlock Ltd. brewery  
 (stores); & at Ely & Littleport  
 Day Peter, farmer, Hill row  
 Doggett Charles, baker  
 Doyly Herbt. Chas. grocer & draper  
 Drake Charles, ironmonger  
 Emery Watts, beer retailer  
 Fairchild George, farmer, Hill row  
 Feast Harry, builder & contractor  
 Few Elisha Thoday, boot & shoe maker  
 Fitch Geo. King, farmer, Madingley frm  
 Fitch Walter Norman, Aldreth, beer  
 retailer, Aldreth  
 Freeman William, farmer  
 Gay Isaac, farmer, Aldreth  
 Gifford John, farm bailiff to Messrs.  
 Chivers & Sons, Aldreth  
 Goff Wm. boot repairer, West end  
 Gotobed Samuel, coal merchant  
 Granger Alfred, cartage contractor  
 to G. E. R. Co  
 Green Frederick William, relieving  
 & vaccination officer & registrar of  
 births & deaths for Haddenham  
 sub-district, High street  
 Green Wm. Edmd. chemist, Post off  
 Green Wm. Hy. farmer, Stapeley Leas  
 Grey Brothers, farmers, Sutton hill

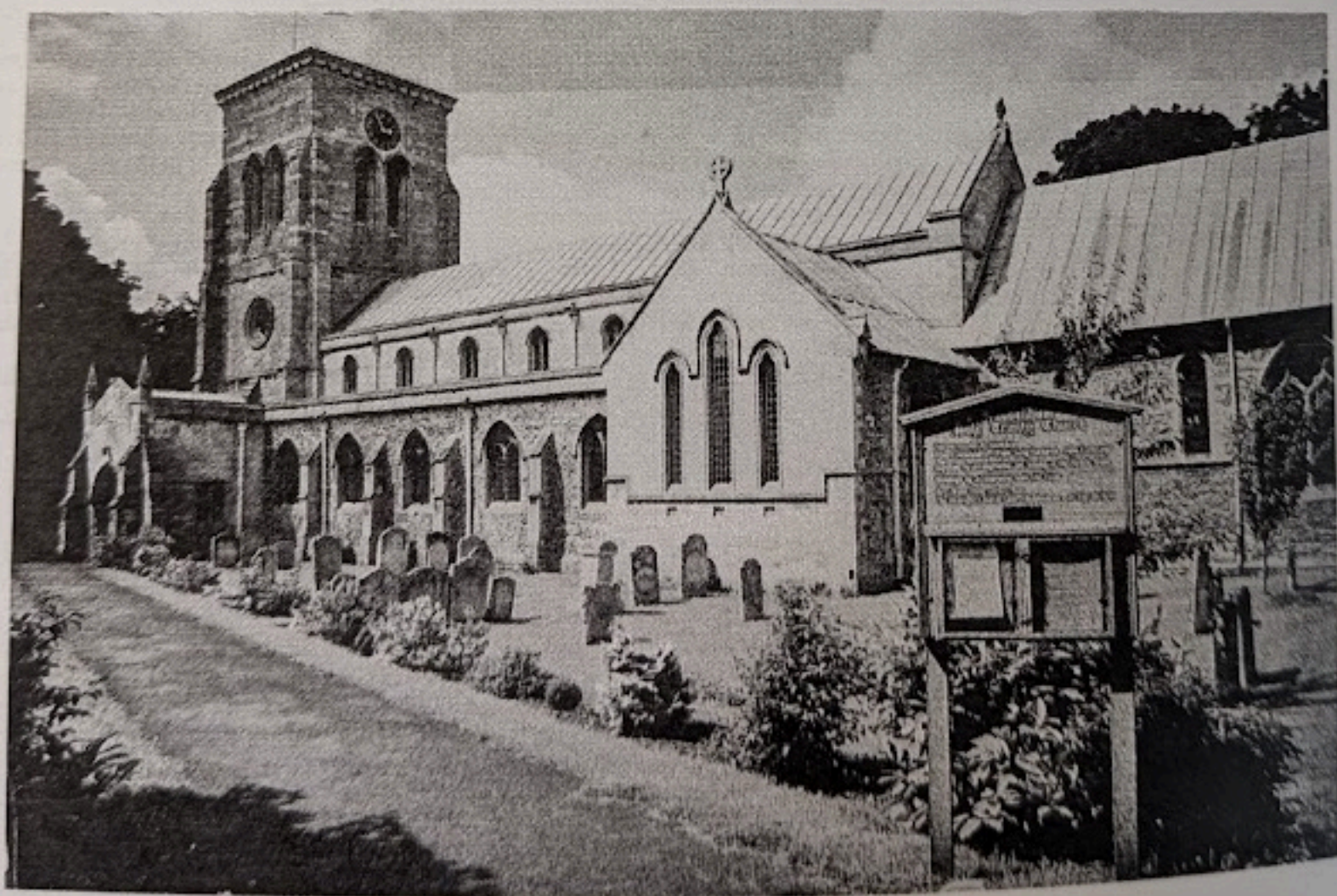
Hall William Henry, beer retailer  
 Hawkins William, Two-Pot House  
 P.H. Hill row  
 Hephher Arthur, farmer & cream  
 cheese maker  
 Hostler Jonathan Corkerton, builder  
 Hovell Martin, plumber & painter  
 Howard Samuel, farmer  
 Howe Charles William M.B., Ch.B.  
 Edin., D.P.H., R.O.P. & S. Edin. &  
 F.P. & S. Glas. surgeon, & medical  
 officer & public vaccinator for Had-  
 denham district & certifying fac-  
 tory surgeon, High street  
 Hudson W. E. & Sons, agricultural  
 engineers & smiths  
 Ivatt Edward John, farmer, Hill row  
 Jacobs Dal. Railway hotel & coal mer.  
 Jacobs Harry Edward, Chequers P.H.  
 Jewson Frederick, brick & tile manu-  
 facturer (Robert Hawes, manager)  
 Kelly James, beer retailer  
 Lawrance Joseph, miller (wind)  
 Lawrence Henry, beer retr. West end  
 Leach Thomas (Mrs.), farmr. Hill row  
 Longstaff George Edward, saddler  
 Lord William Anderson A. beer re-  
 tailer, Duck lane  
 Lown Charles, beer retailer  
 Lucas Percy John, tea dealer, High st  
 Markwell George, farm bailiff for M.  
 Pate esq. Aldreth road  
 Meeks James, pig dealer  
 Miller Walter, blacksmith  
 Moore Garrett, farm bailiff to Messrs.  
 Beldam, Hill Row fen  
 Morris Emma (Mrs.), farmer  
 Moxom James, beer retailr. Aldreth  
 Neville John James, miller  
 Newell John, carter, Hill row  
 Newman Tom, saddler & harness ma  
 Norman Edwin, farmer  
 Okey Leopold, beer retailer, Hill row  
 Pake Benjamin Howard, farmer  
 Palmer Adam, watch maker  
 Palmer Alfred Day, fruit grower,  
 Wilburton road  
 Palmer Richard, butcher, High street  
 Peach Sarah (Mrs.), beer retailer,  
 Station road

Peacock Frederick, agricultural en-  
 gineer, machinist, threshing ma-  
 chine proprietor & wheelwright  
 Pearson John, farmer, Hill row  
 Peters Edwd. vet. surgn. Station rd  
 Peters Ernest Clay, butcher & castrator  
 Peters Robert, clothier & grocer  
 Pope Joseph, town crier & bill poster  
 Porter Everard L. farmer, Station rd  
 Porter Harry, market gardener, Sta-  
 tion road  
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Haddenham Station where Hilda or Mabel could catch the train to Ely or St.Ives in 1925 ... now, in 2025, a building site for family homes.



Street furniture – useful for time (church clock),



weather (sun dial)



and communications (phone box and notice board).



The Elms pre-1920



The Bell Public House 1950



The Co-op now Bull Yard



## AND THE VILLAGE WENT ON TALKING

This was the title of a chapter in Edward Storey's book entitled THE WINTER FENS(1993); he listened to George Amory and Fred Woolstenholmes recalling the floods of 1947 on an ancient tape recorder; you too can listen to Haddenham voices today on your phone by tapping in [www.farmlandvoices.org.uk](http://www.farmlandvoices.org.uk) the wonders of communication in 2025 compared with posting a letter in 1925.

On that web you can hear Len Burton explaining the importance of horses on the farm; Frank Steel and Charles Bester recalling bygone days in the village and Joe Haddock being paid half a crown for a week's work on Vipans Farm...also on the web is the 1982 programme from Radio Cambridgeshire which includes the sheep farmer Ron Sulman, David Fairchild explaining the history of Arkenstall Village Centre and Thulborn Bros telling the importance of steam power and drainage in the Fens. One of the younger contributors was Shirley Wright a very keen member of the Haddenham Young Farmers Club which for well over thirty years was a meeting place for youngsters aged 13 to 20 plus; it was the oldest club in the Isle of Ely.

At the library at AVC there is a selection of books, documents, maps and papers all related to the village. It was started by Freda Crofts and is now looked after by the local history group together with the volunteer librarians who have also contributed photos to C.C.A.N. (Cambridge Community Archive Network) which is free to users.

## HOUSES AND ADDRESSES

It was before WW2 that Ely Rural District Council was responsible for building the following homes:

New Town (off West End); and linear development off Duck Lane, Hop Row, Station Road and High street Aldreth.

In the Fifties Perry Close and Cherry Orchard were built, each using an old name Perry (where there were pear trees) Way was the name of the road to Wilburton and the Misses Porters grew many cherry trees on their land...even the pub (now sadly closed) was The Cherry Tree.

Privately-built estates are listed as modern ... Glebe Way (off West End), Chewells Close (land once belonged to Richard de Chewells), Mallard Rise (named by a school boy), Northumbria Avenue (Etheldreda was queen of that northern land as well as inheriting the Island of Ely) ...together with farmyard development listed separately.

Described in old directories as a "FARMING VILLAGE"... in 2025 is that a true description? The acreage has not changed (a little less than ten thousand acres) but you will see from lists on earlier pages, that the number of farmers with livestock is now in single figures in the parish compared with over 40 farmers listed in Victorian times.

- Alan Salmons, Hill Top Farm opposite the Great Mill
- John Darby, Cracknell Farm off Long Drove
- Stan and Richard Wright, and Flint/Burton, in Hill Row beyond the Porch house

On-going development in 2025 includes:

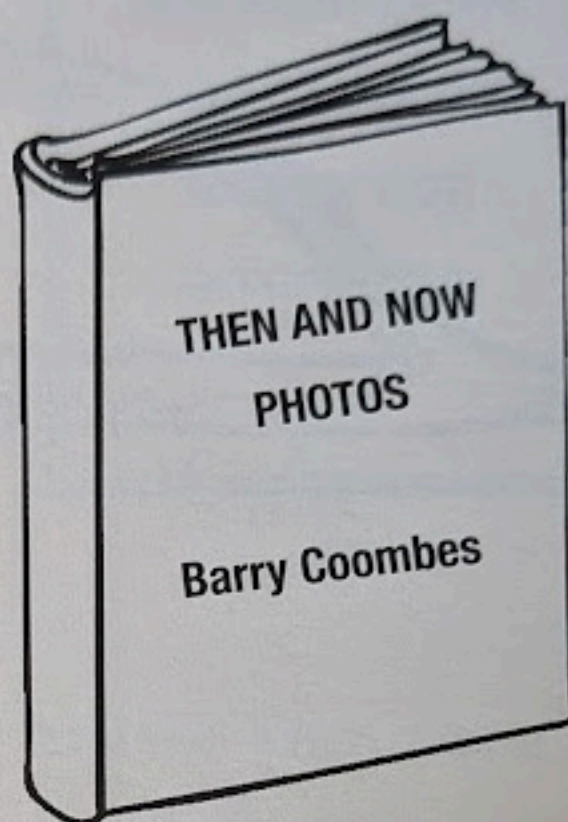
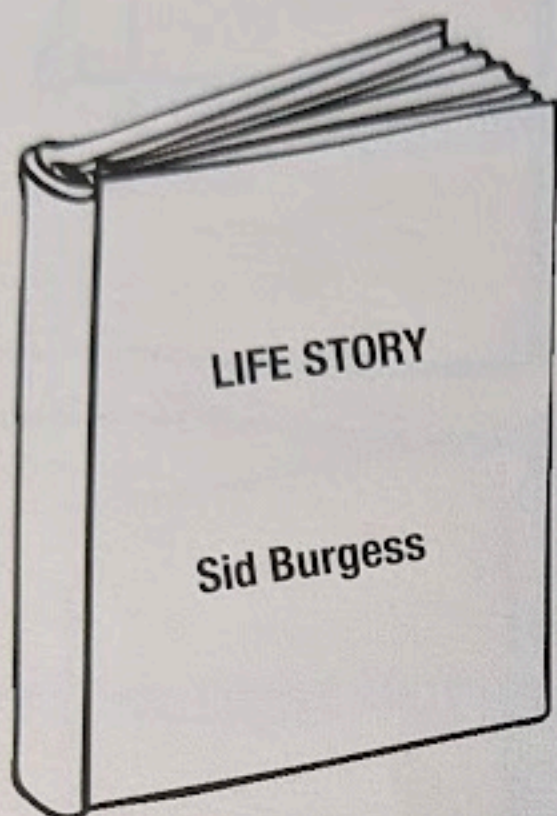
- Station Yard (Guide Halt/Anson Packaging)
- Markwells garden off New Road and land beyond Metcalfe Way
- Linear houses in Mill End...and there may well be others which I have sadly omitted...my apologies!

My favourite address is OVIN'S RISE, a very modern estate off Dun Way, West End; Ovin was the steward for Etheldreda who had property here in the seventh century; his memorial stoner, now in Ely cathedral, was for many years here in the village.

The GP Doctor Davies called his home *Saint Ovins* (it was the Black Bull and is now the supermarket with P.O.)...the *Rise* part is the fact that Hadnam village is on the highest point in the old Isle of Ely, rising to over 120 feet (36.48 metres) above sea-level. Adjacent to Ovin's Rise is Hardwicke fields...denoting the connection with the Earls of Hardwicke whose estate is Wimpole Hall (National Trust); the tower of Holy Trinity was built in memory of one of the family lost at sea, the former Hinton Hall (archaeology dig in 1969 by Leeds University) is remembered by Hinton View and Hinton Way. A former resident, Elsie Bester, loved the village and used to say it was "the best village in Cambs"...(ref Farmland Voices BBC Cambridgeshire Radio)...who knows

what it will be like in a hundred year's time? But like Hilda, in 1925, there will still be people to "climb the hill to Hadnam village, come and learn of Hadnam folk".

## ***OTHER HADDENHAM PUBLICATIONS***



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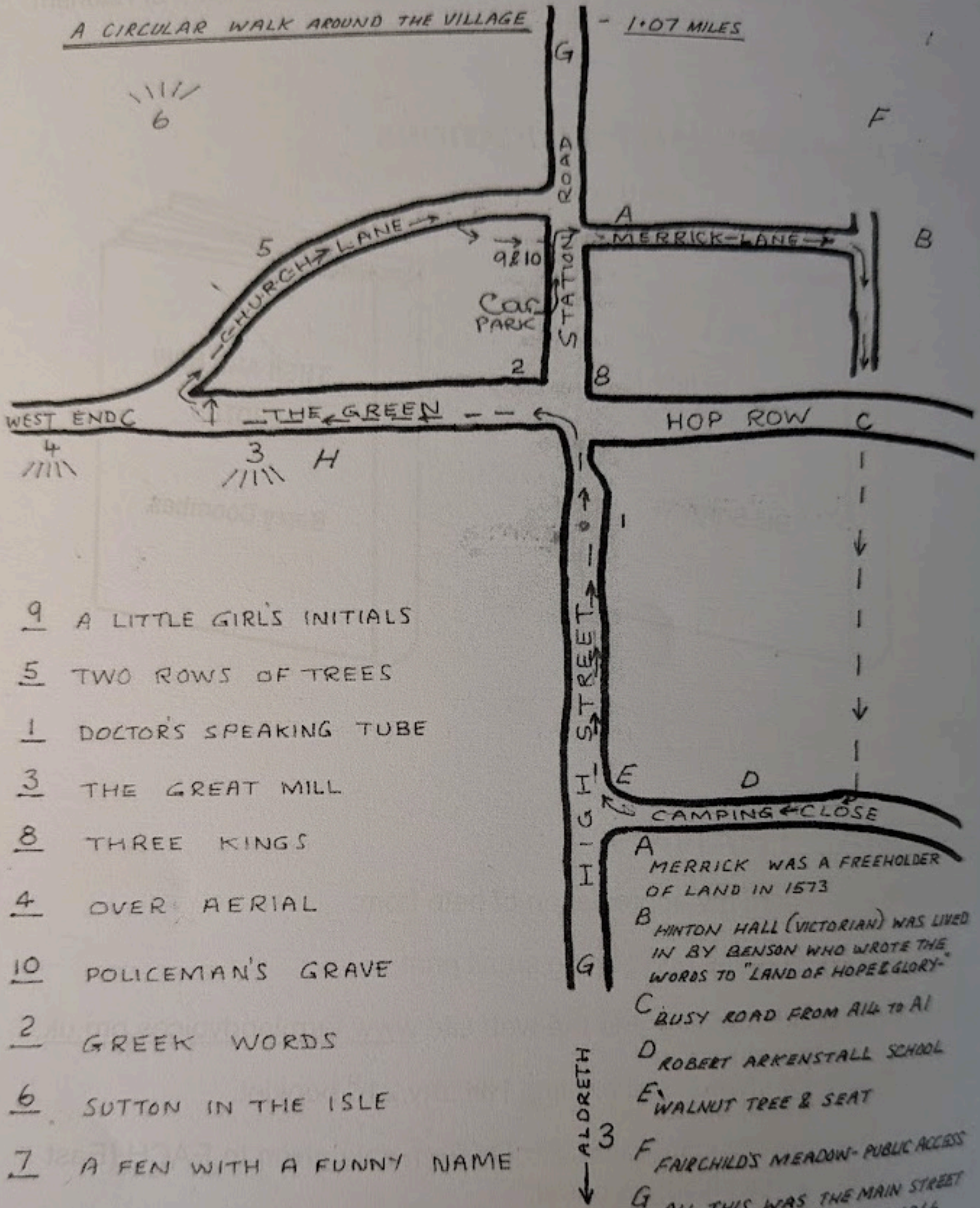
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*Lorna Delanoy 2025*

A CIRCULAR WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE

- 1.07 MILES



- 9 A LITTLE GIRL'S INITIALS
- 5 TWO ROWS OF TREES
- 1 DOCTOR'S SPEAKING TUBE
- 3 THE GREAT MILL
- 8 THREE KINGS
- 4 OVER AERIAL
- 10 POLICEMAN'S GRAVE
- 2 GREEK WORDS
- 6 SUTTON IN THE ISLE
- 7 A FEN WITH A FUNNY NAME

- A MERRICK WAS A FREEHOLDER OF LAND IN 1573
- B HINTON HALL (VICTORIAN) WAS LIVED IN BY BENSON WHO WROTE THE WORDS TO "LAND OF HOPE & GLORY"
- C BUSY ROAD FROM A14 TO A1
- D ROBERT ARKENSTALL SCHOOL
- E WALNUT TREE & SEAT
- F FAIRCHILD'S MEADOW - PUBLIC ACCESS
- G ALL THIS WAS THE MAIN STREET 'TIL RAILWAY OPENED IN 1866
- H SURGERY ON SITE OF OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

THINGS TO DO

MARK - 3 CHURCHES  
THE SURGERY  
THE "JAM MAN"

