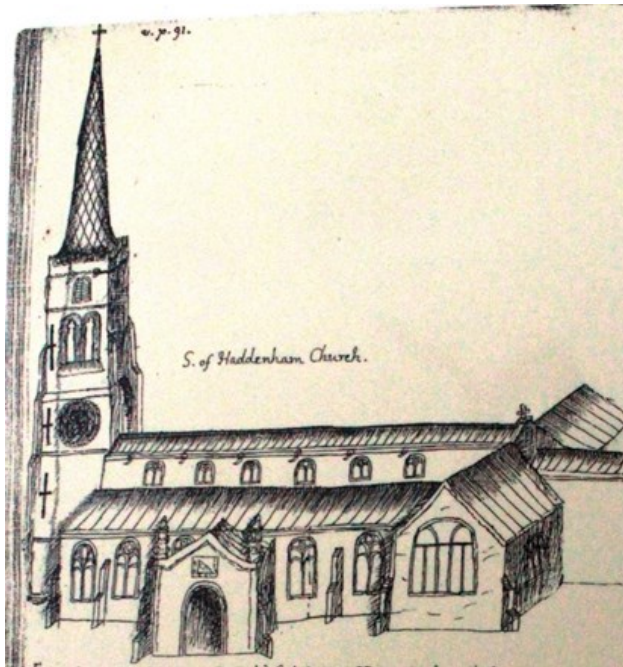


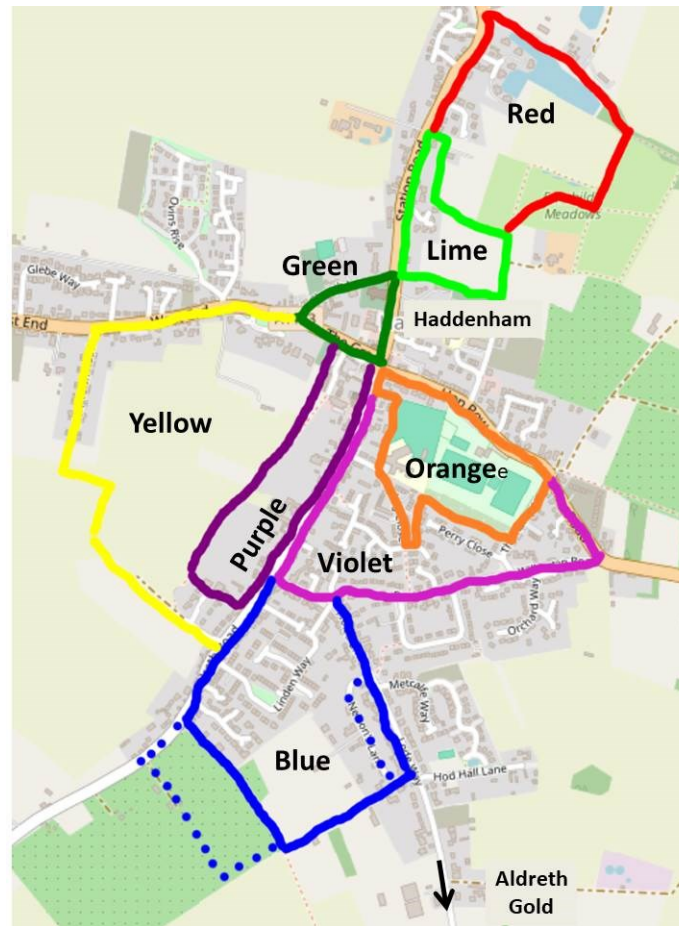
Holy Trinity Church before restoration



1742 sketch of Holy Trinity
by local antiquarian,
William Cole

Haddenham Holy Trinity Church used to have a spire before the 1871-76 restoration

Other available routes



Gold Walk in Aldreth

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Haddenham Green Walk



Alfred Bethel outside Sundial House where the Baptist Church now stands c.1900

A leisurely stroll around the Green, Church Lane and Station Road will take you on a trip back in time to stories of pubs and sundials, dissent and establishment.

4. Trade & Travellers

Up to the end of the 19th century trades and the manufacture of items required for regular use could be found in the parish. Haddenham had builders, carpenters, brewers, chemists, engineers, blacksmiths, saddle and harness makers, grocers, drapers, ironmongers, newsagents, plumbers, vets, doctors, surgeons, schoolteachers, watchmakers, coopers and wheelwrights and many farmers. Turning into Church Lane, the cottage opposite, now 28 Church Lane, used to be 3 properties, which were owned by Ann Kidd, aged around 50, in 1846 when the Haddenham Tithe Apportionment took place. Her husband, Benjamin, was a wheelwright and they had 5 children. With the prospect of abundant food and a better life all seven of the Kidd family emigrated to Illinois at this time, where Benjamin established himself as a Wagonmaker. Agents for emigration to North America had been set up in Cambridge since the early 1830s, which, no doubt the Kidds may have used to get them to their new home.



Hugh Porter escaped to America in 1881

5. Establishment & Escape

Church Lane forms an important triangle with The Green and Station Road. This triangle contained the two main farmsteads of the parish: Glebe Farm on the left towards Station Road and Manor Farm on the right. The Church and the Lord of the Manor had the largest land holdings in the parish, but there were many other large farms spread over the 8,845 acres of Haddenham. The Pates ran the Glebe Farm and the Porters the Manor Farm. The old Church Hall, now two residences, was built in 1906, and it was here that many couples met for the first time at the regular talks and dances that took place there. On the right the newly replaced wrought iron gates stand at the entrance to the Manor House. This building was constructed in 1872 for Hugh Porter on the site of an old manor (of Graies), to the highest specifications. Hugh Porter married Emily Drage Pate in 1871, joining the two main Haddenham dynasties. He was also one of the honorary secretaries of the Hardwicke Memorial Committee, in 1877, to raise money to erect a spire on the newly renovated tower of Holy Trinity Church. He was a flash individual, dressed well, liked to gamble and hang out with the county set. He was declared bankrupt on 11 November 1881 and having already escaped to America, he worked as a teamster (animal herder), to survive. He later took a job as a night watchman at a foundry and died in poverty in Connecticut in 1920. There is a lot of circumstantial evidence that it was indeed Hugh Porter who had mismanaged and lost the funds collected for the Hardwicke Memorial, which is why there still is no spire atop Haddenham's church tower.

6. School & Skills



A painting of Philip Hard who was a blacksmith in Station Road. His smithy was where the entrance to the Arkenstall car park is today

The Arkenstall School for Boys was completed in 1863 – notice the date brick in the gable end over the Library. It took John Feast and Charles Waters, both local builders, six months to build at a cost of £697. Although Robert Arkenstall, after whom the school was named, had left money in his will for the purpose in 1640, the village had used some of the money to hold a school in the old Blue Bell Inn on the site for many years. Next to the Blue Bell Inn used to be a Smithy's, an open-sided building with accommodation, where Philip Hard was blacksmith for over 30 years.

1. Beer & Beliefs



The Green was the ancient centre of the parish. Before the Baptist Church was built in 1905, there was a three-storey house which had been the shop for a tailor and later a bootmaker called Alfred Bethel. The large sundial on the side of this house, overlooking the Green, set the time for the village. Across the road stands the Three Kings, a 17th century coaching inn, which hosted important meetings concerning the future of the village. Next door but one, where the K2 phone is, stood the Windmill pub, later a cycle shop, demolished to improve vision for turning traffic in 1936. Another inn, The Chequers, now 3 The Green, was used to host coroners' courts in cases of sudden deaths.

2. Fire, Flour & Dancing

On the left of 4 The Green, where it joins the old red brick wall of the Manor House, was the Old Fire Engine House, built in 1806. It is now incorporated into a family home. Haddenham had a fire engine until 1939, which was an old steam engine that had been the fire engine for March for 61 years, before it was bought by Haddenham councillors in 1934! No. 4 The Green held the first corn mill in the parish powered by a stationary eighteen horsepower oil-fired steam engine. This was bought in 1891 by John James Neville, who also owned the "second windmill" in Aldreth Road, opposite Haddenham's Great Mill



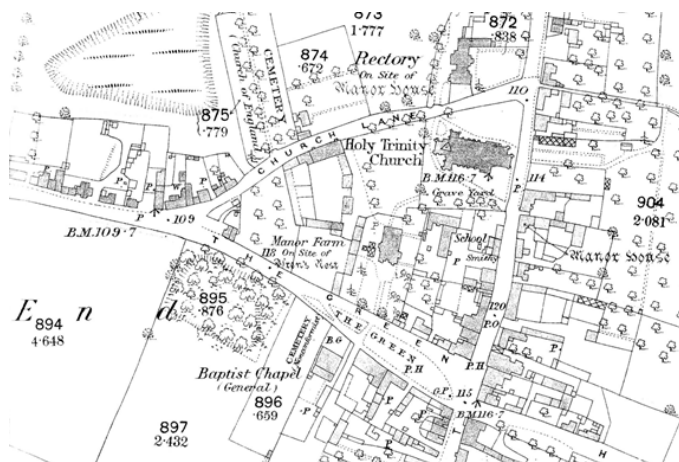
Haddenham once had a maypole on the Green, although it had been removed by 1819, when the buildings at 4 The Green were referred to as being "near where the May Pole formerly stood". A new housing for a temporary maypole or Xmas trees was put in the Green in 2017 ready for a May Day celebration on the 1st May 2017.

Haddenham Green 1st May 2017

3. Death & Dissent

Just past the Doctors' Surgery, on the site of the old Baptist Chapel, is the Non-Conformist cemetery, with its grander monuments still in their original positions, although most of the others were relocated around the walls in 1984 by the Parish Council for a small park. The laying out of this cemetery came about after a fierce village argument arose in 1861 about whether the new cemetery that was to be set out in Church Lane, following the closure of the parish ground at Holy Trinity, should allow burials of individuals who did not worship at the established church. Previously all parishioners had the right to be buried in the parish church ground. Family was set against family, and the simmering enmities between those of the established church and associated landowners, and those who followed Wesleyan or Baptist teachings who also owned land in the parish came to a head. Despite the fact that at the vestry meeting, made up of representatives of both sides, where the proposal was defeated by a majority of 7, it was taken to a three-day poll. Only those who had the right to vote, due to ownership of land in the parish could take part in the poll. 347 votes were taken, with 178 effectively winning the day to allow all parishioners to be buried in the new Church Lane cemetery. However, just one year after the new burial ground was consecrated a group of leading Non-Conformist men met in the Red Lion Inn (site of 14 Station Road) to form a committee to build a Non-Conformist cemetery. Lord Hardwicke, who was then the Lord of the Manor, donated land to both groups for their burial grounds.

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The Centre of Haddenham, as it was, 1887.

Haddenham was a thriving agricultural parish in the 1870s with over 2,000 inhabitants living off 8,845 acres of land. Many historic achievements are still visible today in the buildings and places themselves.

This walk starts on the Village Green, then across the top of the old Non-Conformist cemetery, into Church Lane, past the Manor House and across Holy Trinity churchyard to Station Road. A short walk packed with stories.

Haddenham Green Walk

The Spirit of Haddenham



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About the walk: 1/3rd mile-easy - flat

