

THE AMERSHAM SOCIETY
WELCOMES YOU TO

OLD AMERSHAM

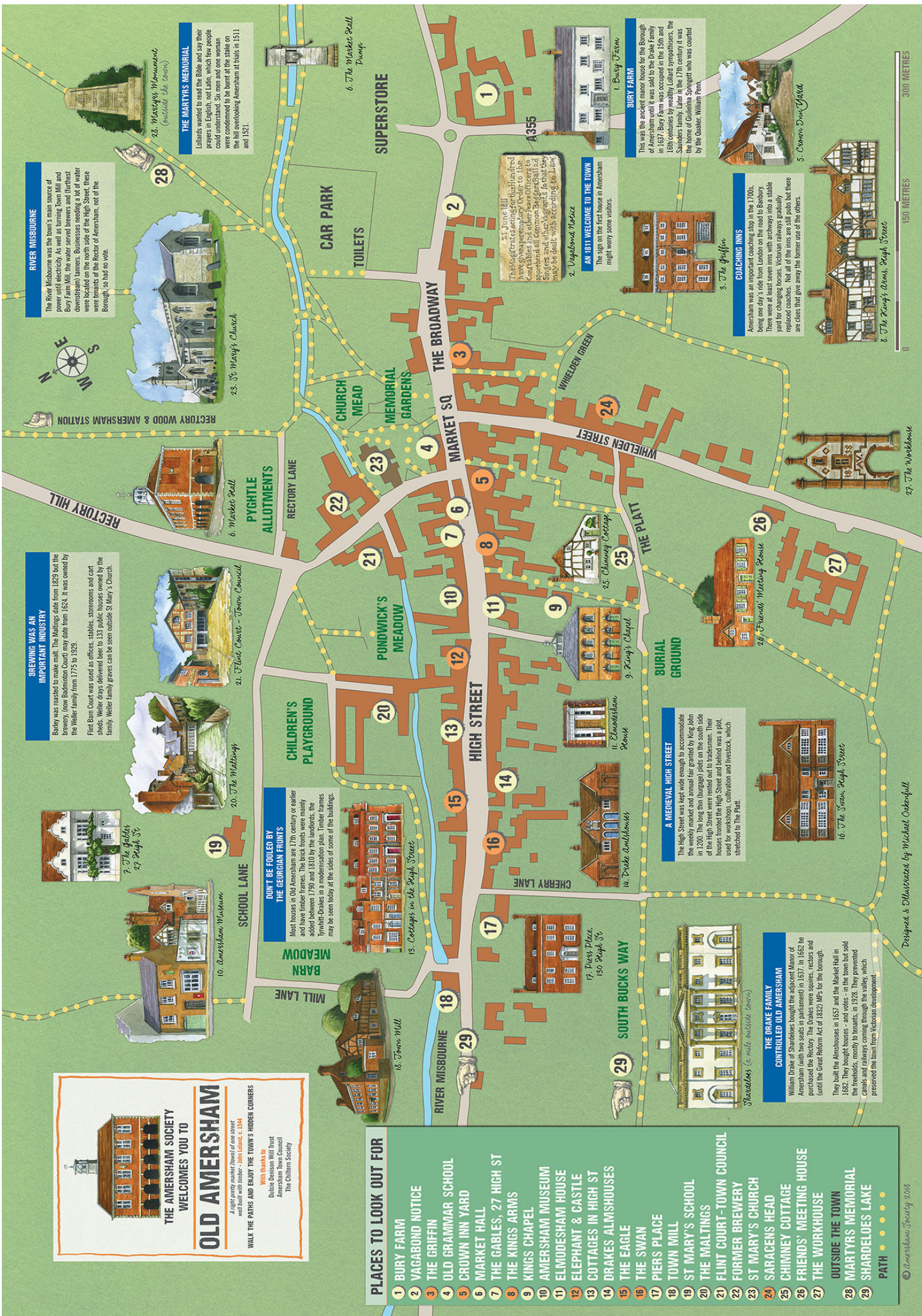
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WALK THE PATHS AND ENJOY THE TOWN'S HIDDEN CORNERS

A right route marked (most) of our street
with blue and red - open plan, c. 1544

PLACES TO LOOK OUT FOR

- 1 BURY FARM
- 2 VAGABOND NOTICE
- 3 THE GRIFFIN
- 4 OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL
- 5 CROWN INN YARD
- 6 MARKET HALL
- 7 THE GABLES; 27 HIGH ST
- 8 THE KINGS ARMS
- 9 KINGS CHAPEL
- 10 AMERSHAM MUSEUM
- 11 ELMODESHAM HOUSE
- 12 ELEPHANT & CASTLE
- 13 COTTAGES IN HIGH ST
- 14 DRAKES ALMSHOUSES
- 15 THE EAGLE
- 16 THE SWAN
- 17 PIERS PLACE
- 18 TOWN MILL
- 19 ST MARY'S SCHOOL
- 20 THE MALTINGS
- 21 FLINT COURT - TOWN COUNCIL
- 22 FORMER BREWERY
- 23 SARACENS HEAD
- 24 ST MARY'S CHURCH
- 25 CHIMNEY COTTAGE
- 26 FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE
- 27 THE WORKHOUSE
- 28 OUTSIDE THE TOWN
- 29 MARTYRS MEMORIAL
- SHARDELOES LAKE
- PATH



RIVER MISBOURNE

The River Misbourne was the town's main source of power until electricity. As well as turning Town Mill and Bury Farm Mill, the water served brewers and (first-hand) tanners. Businesses needing a lot of water were located on the north side of the High Street, these were tenants of the Rector of Amersham, not of the Borough, so had no vote.

28. Martyrs' Monument

THE MARTYRS MEMORIAL
Lollards wanted to read the Bible and say their prayers in English, not Latin, which few people could understand. Six men and one woman were condemned to be burnt at the stake on the hill overlooking Amersham at trials in 1511 and 1521.

23. St Mary's Church



6. The Market Bell Pump



SUPERSTORE

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Since 1811 The Magistrates are for the most part have given a peremptory Order to the Constables and other Officers to apprehend all Common Beggars, and to Singers and other vagrants, whom they may be dealt with according to law.

2. Vagabond Notice

AN 1811 WELCOME TO THE TOWN
The sign on the first house in Amersham might worry some visitors.



1. Bury Farm

BURY FARM
This was the ancient manor house for the Borough of Amersham until it was sold to the Drake family in 1637. Bury Farm was occupied in the 15th and 16th centuries by wealthy Catholic sympathisers, the Stammers family. In the 17th century it was the home of the Quaker, William Penn.



5. Crown Inn Yard

COACHING INNS
Amersham was an important coaching stop in the 1700s, being one day's ride from London on the road to Banbury. There were at least seven inns with arched ways into a stable yard for changing horses. Victorian railways gradually replaced coaches. Not all of the inns are still pubs but there are clues that give away the former use of the others.



8. The Kings Arms, High Street

BREWING WAS AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

Barley was raised to make malt. The Maltings date from 1829 but the brewery, (now Boddington Court) may date from 1624. It was owned by the Weller family from 1775 to 1929.
First Barn Court was used as offices, stables, storehouses and cart sheds. Weller drays delivered beer to 133 public houses owned by the family. Weller family graves can be seen outside St Mary's Church.



21. First Court - Town Council



20. The Maltings



19. The Gables

27. High St



10. Amersham Museum

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

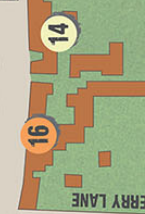
DON'T BE FOLLOWS BY THE GERMAN FRONTS
Most houses in Old Amersham are 17th century or earlier and have timber frames. The brick fronts were mainly added between 1750 and 1810 by the landlords, the Tyrwitts. Homes in a modernisation plan. Timber frames may be seen today at the sites of some of the buildings.



13. Cottages in the High Street

BURIAL GROUND

A MEDIAEVAL HIGH STREET
The High Street was kept wide enough to accommodate the weekly market and annual Fair granted by King John in 1200. The long thin (Gouge) plots on the south side of the High Street were rented out to tradesmen. Their houses fronted the High Street and behind was a plot, used for workshops, cartwage and livestock, which stretched to The Path.



14. Drake Antiques

11. Bowdesham House

9. Kings Chapel

25. Chantry Cottage

26. French Meeting House

27. The Swan, High Street

16. The Swan, High Street

17. Piers Place, 130 High St

18. Town Mill

19. St Mary's Church

20. The Maltings

21. Flint Court - Town Council

22. Former Brewery

23. Saracens Head

24. St Mary's Church

25. Chimney Cottage

26. Friends' Meeting House

27. The Workhouse

28. Outside the Town

29. Martyrs Memorial