

A Walkers' Guide.

Always keep to the path to avoid trespass. If the path is obstructed you are allowed to seek a reasonable way round the obstruction, taking care to avoid damage. Please report the obstruction to the highway authority.

Remember to close gates behind you. Straying can cause damage or spread disease and carelessness may lead to tragedy.

To avoid harm or distress to farm animals and wildlife it is best to leave dogs at home. If you have to bring them they should be kept on a leash.

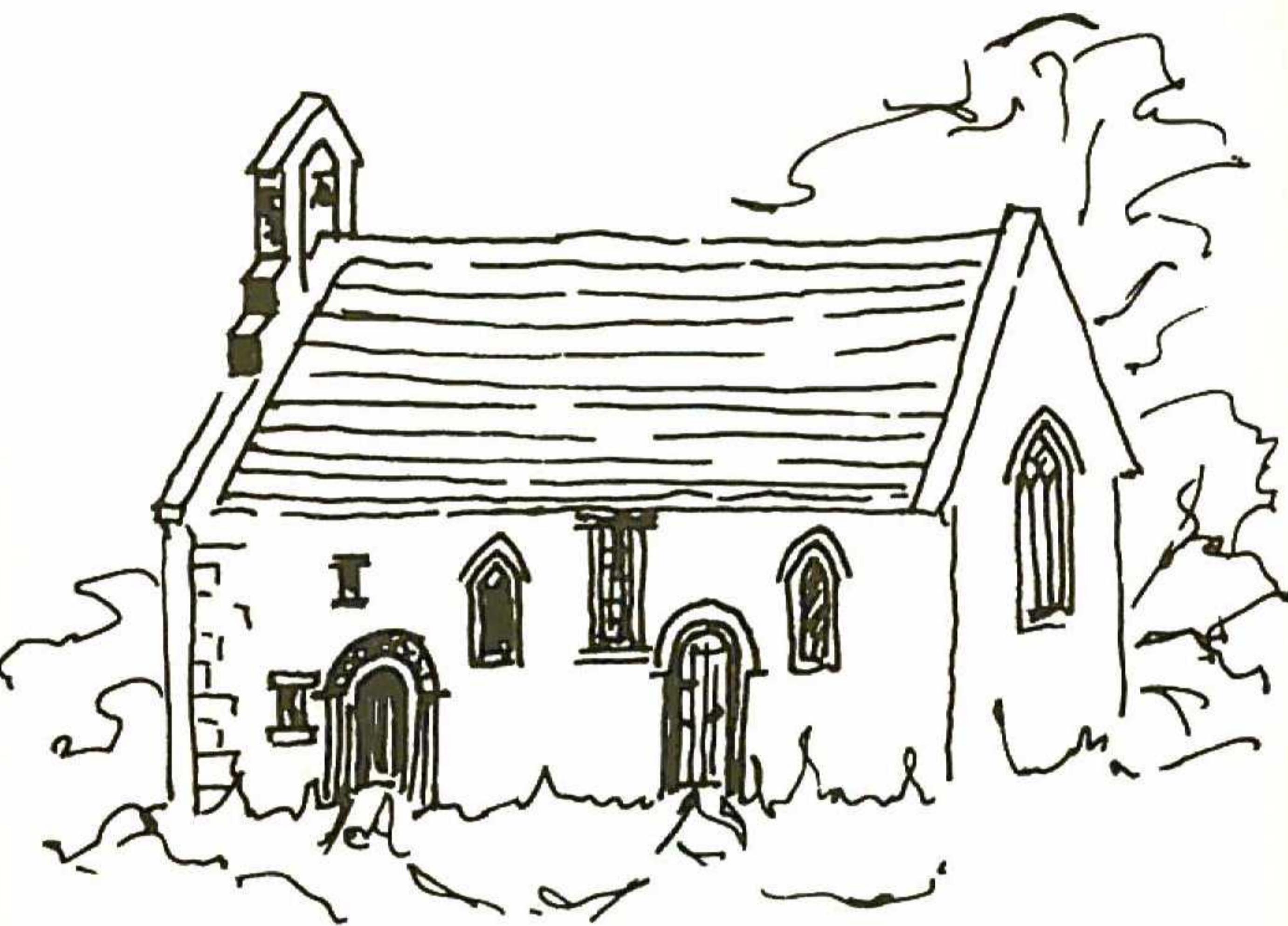
If your route takes you onto a road keep to the right facing oncoming traffic and use the verge if one exists.

Always wear suitable clothing and footwear for the season, and remember to allow plenty of time to complete your chosen walk.

Remember that every piece of land in the countryside belongs to someone. So please treat it with respect and other walkers will be welcome.

If you experience any difficulty on your walk, such as barbed wire, locked gates, or damaged stiles and footbridges, please report them to the following:

Principal Rights of Way Officer,
Area 2 Office,
55, Brackley Road, Towcester,
Northants.



The old Chapel of St. John the Baptist

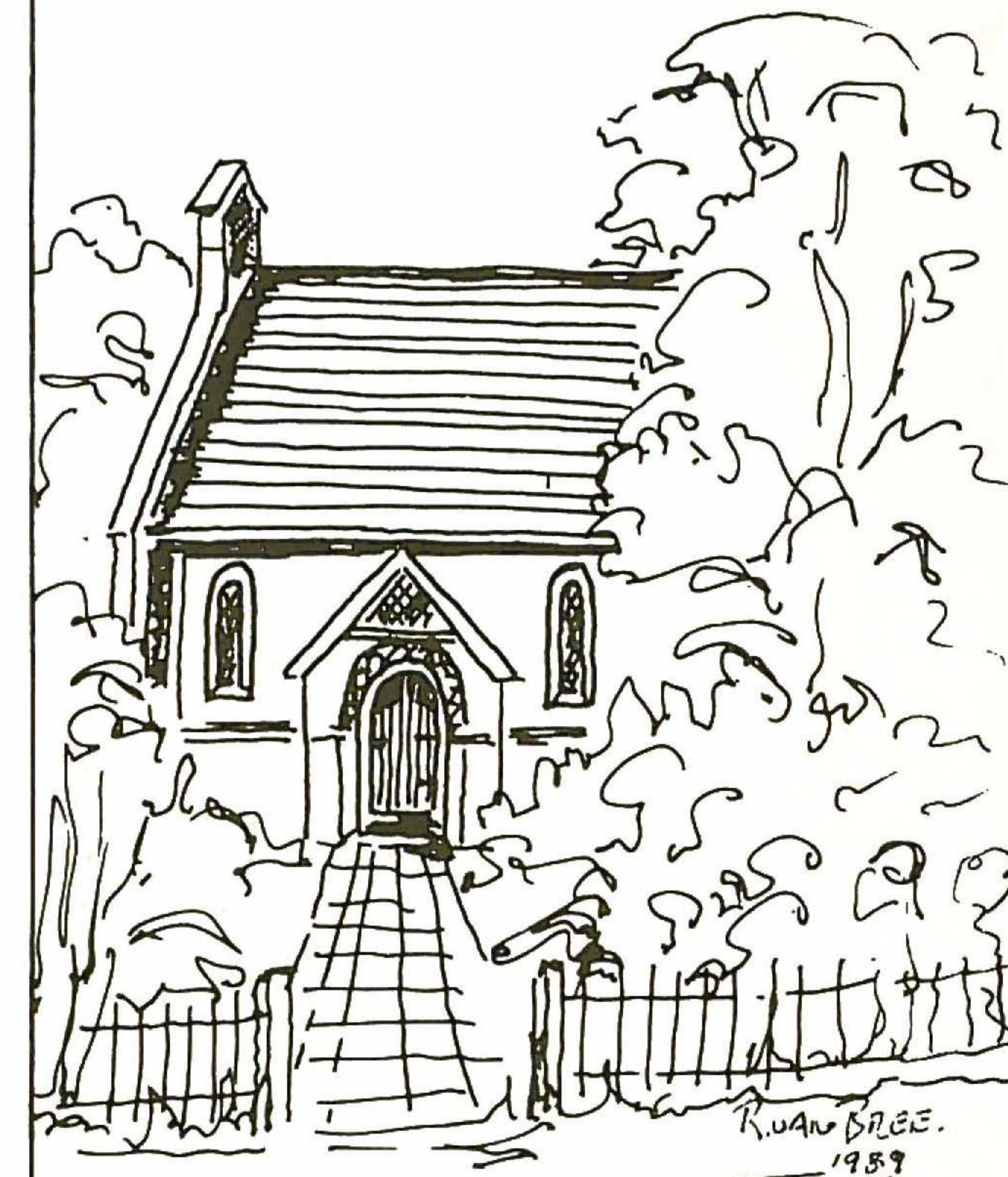
Situated near Chapel Farm much of this building was of Norman origin but was demolished at the time the new church was built (1851). Prior to this inhabitants of Hartwell were buried at Roade.

Colonel Philip Skene was buried in the old church on June 14th 1810 "supposed to be the first and only person buried there".

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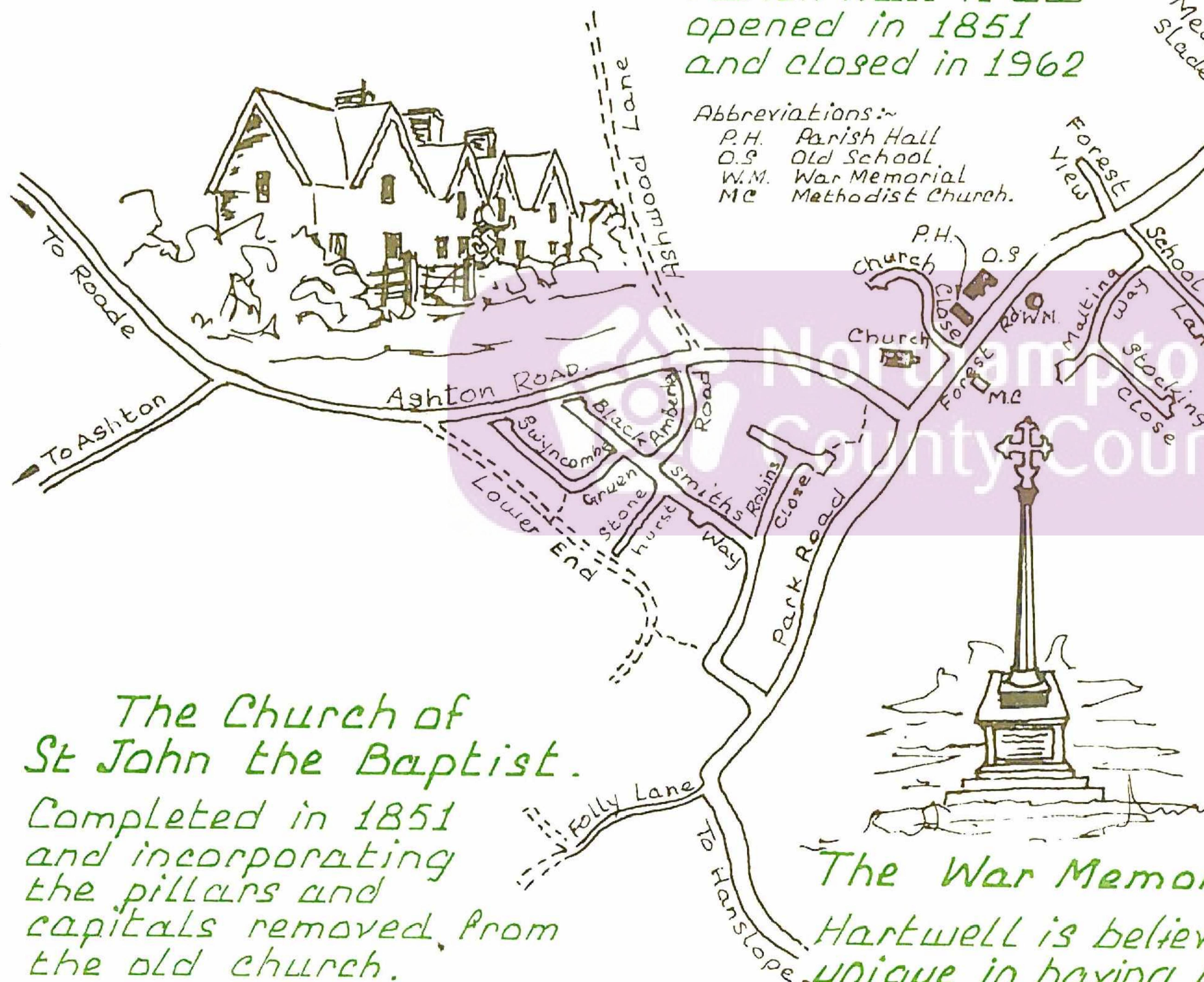
Countryside Walks

Hartwell



Ashton Road

A new road laid out by the Enclosure Commissioners in 1828



The Church of St John the Baptist.

Completed in 1851 and incorporating the pillars and capitals removed from the old church.

The Methodist Church

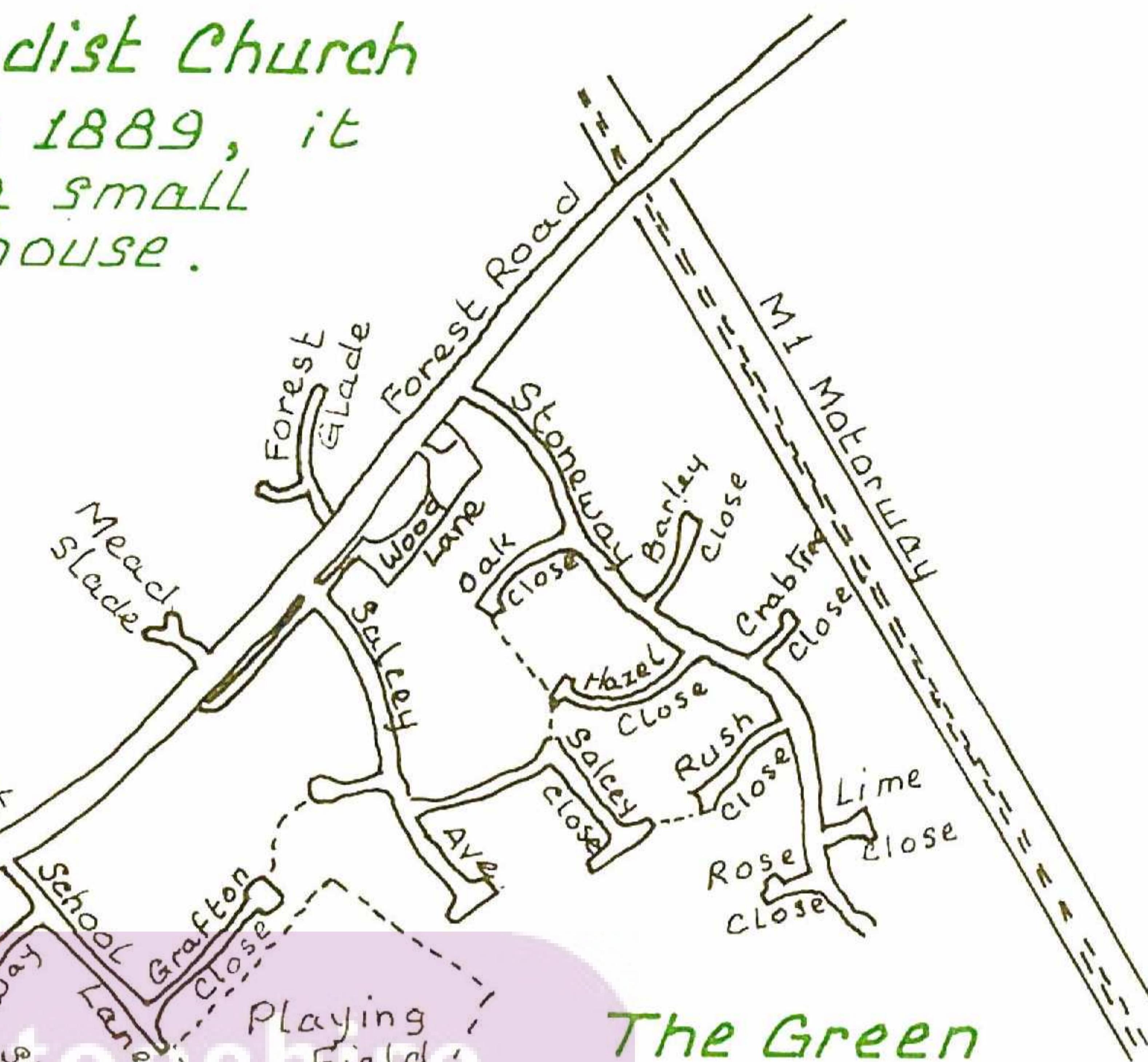
Erected in 1889, it replaced a small meeting house.

The old school

Adjacent to the Parish Hall it was opened in 1851 and closed in 1962

Abbreviations:-

P.H. Parish Hall
O.S. Old School
W.M. War Memorial
M.C. Methodist Church.

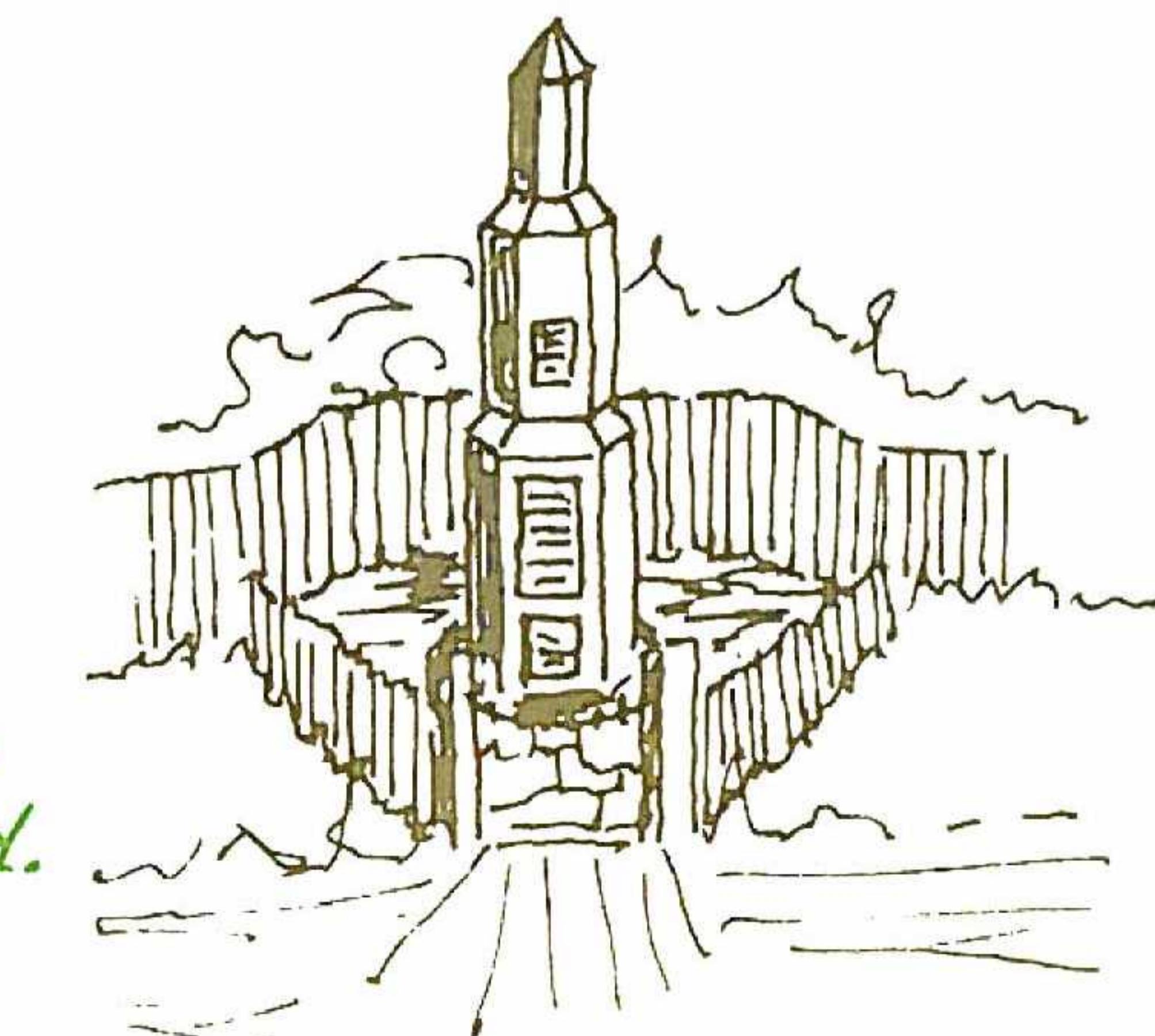


The Green

Non-existent now, but until the Enclosure Award, it extended from Lower End across to School Lane and to the boundary with Ashton Parish. Houses in Ashton Rd. and the North-West side of Forest Rd. post-date this period.

The War Memorials

Hartwell is believed to be unique in having two War Memorials one in Forest Rd. and the other in the churchyard.



A hand-drawn map of the town of Roade. The town is depicted as a cluster of buildings with a church tower. A river flows through the town, with a bridge spanning it. A road leads into the town from the bottom right. The map is drawn with brown ink on a white background.

Hartwell
In Domesday Hartewelle,
taking its name from
harts-spring. The earliest
settlement is thought to
have been in the vicinity
of Chapel Farm.

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— Ashton

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Ancient Ridge and Furrow

The medieval method of farming in strips can be easily discerned when crossing Lord's Close (Travell's Close 1828) on KR17 whilst the hollow way of the old road which joined Folly Lane and ran through Lower End from The Green is clearly visible (KR 25).

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Bozenham Mill

Gordons Lodge

Hartwell Park
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Salcey Forest

A royal forest and the hunting ground of Kings. It contains several ancient oaks said to be over 1000 years old.

The scene of timber stealing riots in 1727-8 and of a famous prize fight between Simon Byrne & Sandy McKay the latter being knocked unconscious after 47 rounds. He died the following day in the Watts Arms, Hanslope, on June 3rd 1830.

to Hanslope