

# Time Travel Trail!

Explore the details of Amersham's historic High Street and the river Misbourne. Discover details about how people lived here in the past!



Start at the museum

Did you know?

Part of the museum is over 500 years old, the oldest home in Amersham!

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MUSEUM

Did you know?

The river Misbourne is a chalk stream. What can you see in the water?

Barn Meadow!

Run, skip and jump!

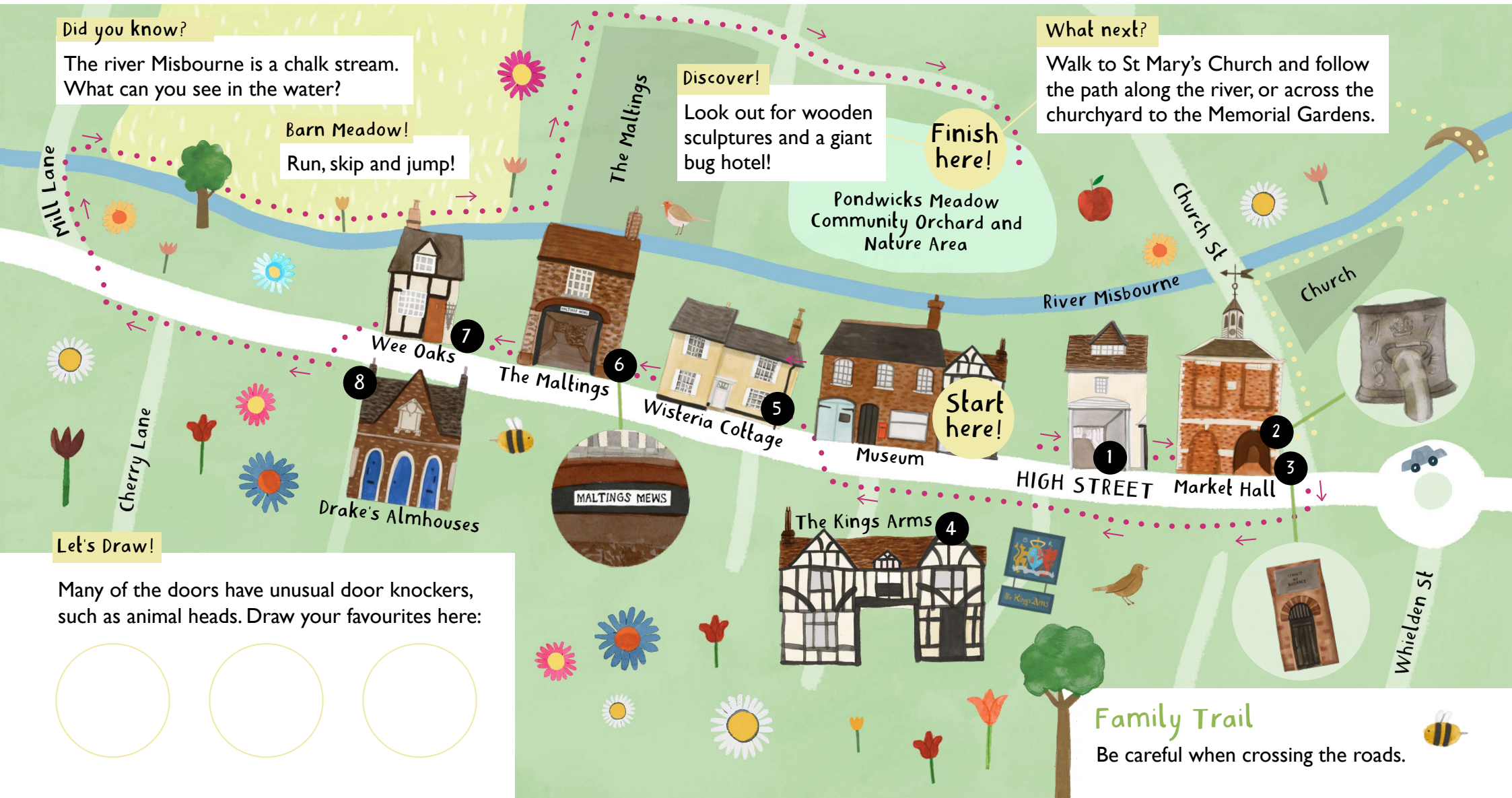
Discover!

Look out for wooden sculptures and a giant bug hotel!

Finish here!

What next?

Walk to St Mary's Church and follow the path along the river, or across the churchyard to the Memorial Gardens.



Let's Draw!

Many of the doors have unusual door knockers, such as animal heads. Draw your favourites here:



Family Trail

Be careful when crossing the roads.



# 1 Archway

There are lots of high archways along the High Street. They were built before cars and buses were invented.

What form of historic transport needed so much space?

How many archways can you spot on your walk?



# 2 Market Hall - Pump

Before people had running water in their homes, they would collect water from the pump.

Can you read the date that the pump was installed?

Find the plaque round the corner. What are the old names for Amersham?



# Market Hall 'Commit No Nuisance' sign



What do you think this means?

Why is it placed above a small jail cell?



# 4 King's Arms pub hanging sign



There are many pubs along the high street, where people stayed overnight to break up a longer journey. Amersham is a day's ride from London so the horses would need to rest at the pub, or inn, before going further.

Have a look at the sign.

What does it show?



# 8 Drake's Almshouse

Almshouses were created to provide homes for people with little or no money. This almshouse was built by Amersham's Lord of the Manor, the Drake family.

Can you read the sign above the doorway? (Please stay outside the gates.)

How many widows was it built for?



# 7 Wee Oaks



Wee Oaks is one of the smallest houses on the High Street.

The house is over 400 years old. Can you identify some of the materials it is made from?



# 6



# Maltings

A Maltings is a place where grain is stored, soaked in water and dried. In Amersham the grain was used to make a popular drink, sold in the pubs.



Can you guess what it is?



# 5 The home of a famous author



A very famous children's author lived here before moving to Great Missenden.



Can you guess who it was?

Clue: He wrote about witches, giants, foxes and a GIANT peach!



ANSWERS: 1. Horse-drawn carriages 2. 1782. Old names for Amersham: Agmodesham & Elmodesham 3. Don't do anything naughty! It is warning you to behave. Otherwise you might end up in the jail! 4. A royal coat of arms, used by Tudor monarchs 5. Six widows 6. Wooden beams, clay bricks and roof tiles, glass windows 7. Beer 8. Roald Dahl



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