

COURT CLOSE AND ADULLEM CHAPEL ROTTEN ROW

Court Close in Rotten Row was once several cottages which have now been turned into a single dwelling. One of the original cottages was the premises of a soap boiler and tallow chandler who made candles and rush lights.



The large chimney stack at the left is probably associated with this. The business was carried on in association with that of farmer and grocer by a family called Smith. One of whom, John who died in 1794, is commemorated on a memorial in the south aisle of the church. The family were Nonconformists and their premises were used as a meeting place.



In 1856 a Calvinist Chapel was built in front of the cottages by one Thomas George. The chapel was bought by the Primitive Methodists in 1883 from Jabez George and was then known as Adullem Chapel. This remained in use until the 1960s when it was demolished.