



*Adderbury Quaker Meeting House with attendant cottage, c.1830.*

The Meeting House was formally opened in 1675 by George Fox, the founder of the Quaker Movement, who was also a friend of Doily: it was designed to accommodate 162 attenders as the Quakers called themselves, 102 men on the ground floor and 60 women in the loft (Quaker parlance for a gallery). Once the Meeting House was established it acted as a magnet attracting Quakers to come and live in the area, thus exacerbating the, already, unhappy relations between the vicar, Doily and the Quakers. Those Quakers attending meetings at Adderbury were known, in Quaker parlance, as the Adderbury Particular Meeting; they were part of the Banbury Division; Adderbury was regarded as being second to that of Banbury

It was not too long before the local Quakers had to find more accommodation as so many attenders were turning-up for meetings – they came from Deddington, Clifton, Bloxham, Milton and South Newington. They eventually had to build two small cottages immediately in front of the Meeting House to accommodate the women's meetings; although they were used from time to time as somewhere to house Quaker families that had become temporarily homeless.