

**Amersham 12 Bell Eliminator  
19 March 2016**

**WELCOME TO OLD AMERSHAM**

Come to the historic Chiltern market town of Old Amersham and see if you can spot the site of a famous scene from the film *“Four Weddings and a Funeral”*.

**The draw and results will be in the Church.**

<b>The Church</b>	<p>Postcode: HP7 0DB.</p> <p>St Mary’s Church is near the middle of Old Amersham but is off-set just north of the High Street on Church Street - a turning off the junction of The Broadway and the High Street, just in front of the Market Square.</p>
<b>Train</b>	<p>Amersham-on-the-Hill is at the end of the Metropolitan tube line - regular and direct tubes from Baker Street (50 minutes) and trains from Marylebone (35 minutes) – and an Oyster card can be used.</p> <p>Note however that it is a 15 minute walk through the wood to the Church (or a friendly car ride), as Old Amersham is down a steep hill from “Amersham-on-the-Hill”.</p>
<b>Car</b>	<p>50 minutes drive from London with easy access to M40 and M25.</p> <p><b>From the M25/M40</b> Take junction 18 from the M25 or junction 2 from the M40. Old Amersham is situated west of the junction of the A404, A413 and A355 and west of the junction of A416 and A355.</p> <p><b>From the North, East or South</b> Take the M25 to Junction 18 and take the A404 exit to Amersham/Chorleywood. At the next two roundabouts go straight over. Turn right when you meet A355 and go straight on past Tesco into The Broadway.</p> <p><b>From the West</b> Take the M4 to A404 to Windsor and Maidenhead and then take the M40 towards London, and exit at junction 2 onto A355 to Beaconsfield. Take the second exit from the roundabout at the bottom of Gore Hill and take a left at the next one (at Tesco) into The Broadway.</p> <p><b>From London</b> Take the A40 all the way out onto the M40 and exit at junction 2 onto A355 to Beaconsfield. Take the second exit from the roundabout at the bottom of Gore Hill and take a left at the next one (at Tesco) into The Broadway.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Free all along The Broadway but only for two hours.</p> <p>Parking is also free along the High Street (beyond the Market Square in the middle) but it is generally busy.</p> <p>The public car park (postcode HP7 0HL) is on The Broadway between Tesco and the Church – it charges 60p per hour to £3.50 for over four hours.</p>

	The Church can be accessed via the back corner of the public car park (and Tesco) via a footpath by the river – 5/10 minutes walk. This route is pretty but may be muddy!								
<b>Toilets</b>	The only toilet in the Church is reserved for the judges and for emergencies only!  There are toilets in the <b>Church Rooms*</b> , and there are pubs/Tesco/cafes handy too of course.								
<b>Catering</b>	Bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be available from about 10am in the <b>Church Rooms*</b> , and tea and cakes will be served there in the afternoon.								
<b>Draw</b>	In the Church at 11am.								
<b>Pubs</b>	<p>Amersham is blessed with many hostelrys, restaurants and coffee shops within a few minutes walk so there is lots of choice for lunch and beer.</p> <p>Some of them are rather pricey so we have done a special deal with our favourite pubs. If you purchase a <b>£10 special lunch voucher</b> from the stewards on the day this will entitle you to a sandwich and a drink from the two closest pubs: <b>The Crown</b> or <b>The Kings Arms</b>.</p> <p>These two pubs are both a few minutes from the Church and they are expecting us – they have co-ordinated so that we will have enough space. If you are drinking a pint of beer or a glass of wine this is a really good deal. However there are plenty of alternatives if this offer does not appeal.</p> <p>All the pubs in Old Amersham are fine though we recommend those listed below primarily as they have more space, are very happy to welcome ringers and are more likely to sustain a thirst for real ale! They all have beer gardens too.</p> <p>The price of beer in the town is as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>The Crown</td> <td>£4.20-£4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kings Arms</td> <td>£3.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saracens Head</td> <td>£3.90-£4.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Eagle</td> <td>£3.50</td> </tr> </table>	The Crown	£4.20-£4.50	Kings Arms	£3.95	Saracens Head	£3.90-£4.15	The Eagle	£3.50
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<b>Queries</b>	<p>Before the event contact Elva Ainsworth (home tel 01494 727921), or email <a href="mailto:elva@talentinnovations.co.uk">elva@talentinnovations.co.uk</a>.</p> <p>On the day, stewards will be wearing appropriate badges.</p>								
<b>Useful links</b>	<p><a href="http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=727&amp;p=0">http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=727&amp;p=0</a></p> <p><a href="http://stmaryschurchamersham.com/">http://stmaryschurchamersham.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Amersham,+Amersham+St+Mary+with+Coleshill/@51.6669859,-0.6190299,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0000000000000000:0x27074e09e83bb2fe">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Amersham,+Amersham+St+Mary+with+Coleshill/@51.6669859,-0.6190299,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0000000000000000:0x27074e09e83bb2fe</a></p> <p><a href="http://amershammuseum.org/">http://amershammuseum.org/</a></p> <p><a href="http://themartyrsfamersham.co.uk/">http://themartyrsfamersham.co.uk/</a></p>								

\* The Church Rooms are opposite the West door of the Church, on Church Street.  
(This will be signposted, and stewards can point you in the right direction.)

## Things to do

### Enjoy Tudor Amersham!

Old Amersham is a historic market town and was described in 1540 as “*a right pretty market town of one street built in timber*”. Not much has changed! It later became an important staging point for coaches from London to the Midlands, hence why there are so many old coaching inns. Interested in learning more?

If you do, we have made special arrangements for Amersham Museum (<http://amershammuseum.org/>) to take you on short (60 minutes) guided **historic walks** around the town. We have been scheduled two walks – one at 12 noon and the other at 3pm at a cost of £3 per person – please reserve your place with the appointed steward on the day.

### Shopping

Old Amersham is famous for its shopping and is well-served with quality ladieswear boutiques, atmospheric coffee shops and restaurants. If you like buying nice clothes, bring your credit card!

### Theatre production

The popular production “*The Martyrs of Amersham*” has become famous in recent years and is a spectacular piece of theatre telling the tale of the ordinary folk living in 16th century Amersham.

The play is on in St Mary’s on the evening before the competition - Friday 18th and on Saturday 19th too. If you manage to get a ticket (book soon via their website <http://themartyrsfamersham.co.uk/>) then you will be immersed in the Amersham market of 1511 with 100 locals, and you will experience a grisly Tudor tale!

The market experience starts at 7.45pm and the story begins proper at 8pm.

**Have a good day!**

