

# HEMPSTEAD GOLDEN JUBILEE WALK

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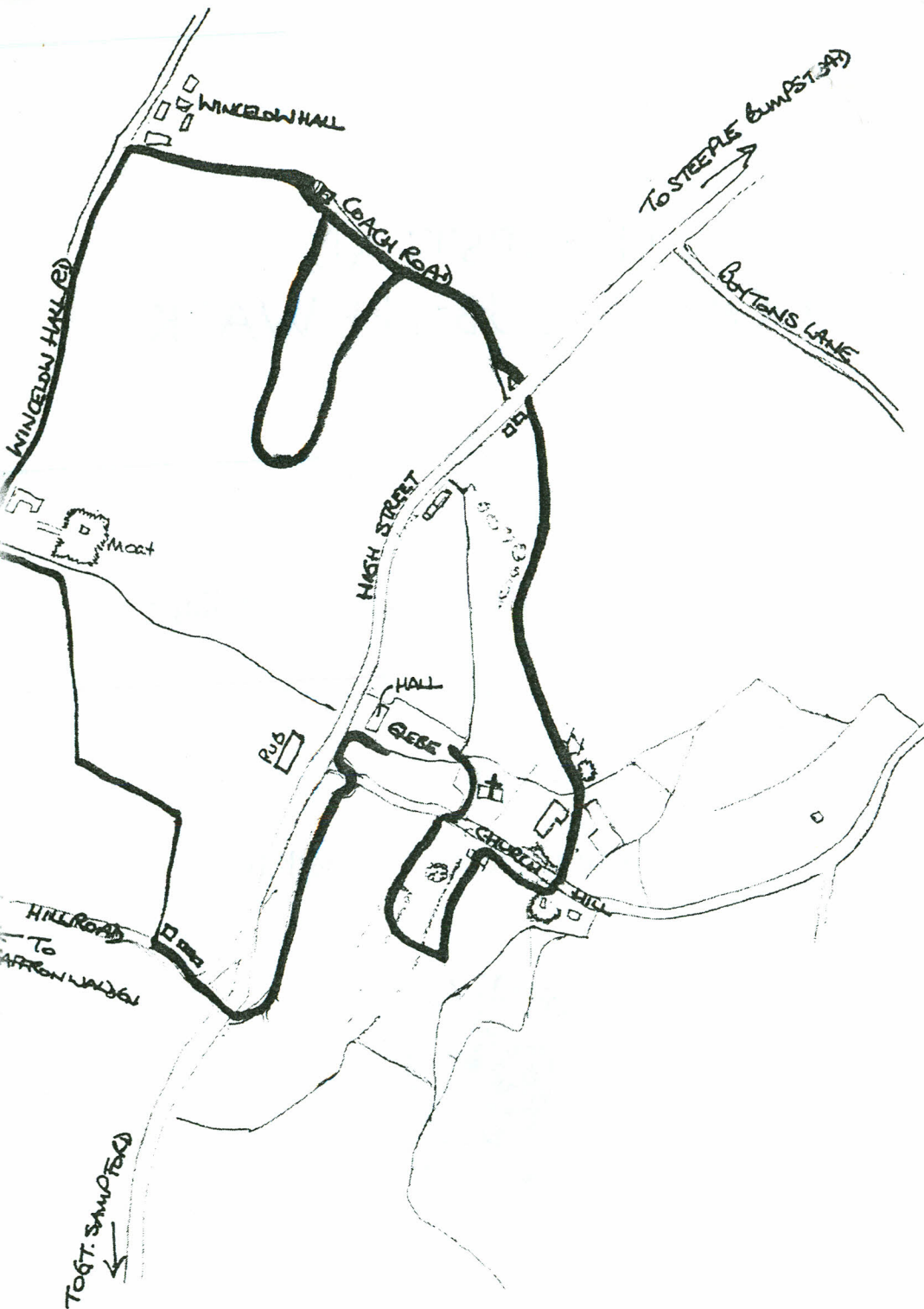
A 4 mile walk around the heart of the village

of Hempstead to celebrate

50 years of reign of

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II





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This entire walk is just over three miles and takes just over an hour at a good pace. There are many options to cut it shorter and return to the Glebe in less distance and time. The full walk encounters some long grass, stiles and planks over ditches, but all of these can be avoided if you alter the route to suit yourself.

Start by leaving the Glebe and head for The Burrough, the byway between the ring of trees and The Manse at the bottom of Church Hill. At the far end turn right up Hill Road until you find the public footpath sign on your right through the old thatched cottage garden and access the field with the footpath already marked out. If in doubt, head for the first telegraph pole, turn immediately left and walk to the second pole and then a line at 45° to join Wincelow Hall Road.

Go along the road and turn right on arriving at the stable complex. Keep to the side of the field and go down through the gate, and now you have a choice - for a swift easy walk, go straight on along Coach Road - for a rough field walk turn right over the sticks and follow the trodden trail. This will go round in a giant hoop to the left bringing you back onto Coach Road, and involves you crossing planks over ditches and stiles. This part of the walk has some of the best flora and fauna to enjoy.

Back on Coach Road, follow it to the far end where it joins the main Hempstead to Steeple Bumpstead Road and cross straight over through the right of way at Basil Cottage and across the field bearing right towards Church Farm. The footpath takes you right alongside the outbuildings and turn right through the farmyard back onto Church Hill. (In dry weather you can extend the walk here by turning left down the field towards the bottom of Boytons Lane)

Turn right for a few yards on the road and then take the footpath on your left between the low garages. Follow the trodden grass down the side of the field and then sharp right going across the ditch into the next field. This ditch line has 2 heights of BARBED WIRE - step through carefully. The path across the field in front of you is cut through the crop. The stile at the far end is an upright only, and head just a few yards on across the cut hay meadow, bearing right to the gate in the corner. Go straight on from here 150 yards until you come to Church Hill again. Go right and immediately left into the churchyard and following the left side of the church, swing left to find yourself back on the Glebe where you started.

*Well Done!*



## Jubilee fun for everyone . . .

### Hempstead



A BENCH donated by two kind Hempstead residents was unveiled on Monday as part of the village's jubilee celebrations.

Ken and Margaret Richards gave £100 to a specially formed jubilee committee for the bewnch in the willow dome sited on The

Glebe.

A village picnic was also held while jazz band Somewhere To Go provided entertainment.

The World Cup mood was also apparent with a beat the goalkeeper contest in addition

to children's games, tug-of-war and giant Jenga in the village hall. The day finished with a walk around the village.

● Dome constructors Diana Frost and Nigel Smith cut the ribbon watched by villagers.

### Abington



CHILDREN from Abington showed their true talents as they put on a jubilee talent show on Monday evening.

It was split into singing and talents and winners of the singing were Samantha Atherton, Bethany Dowden and Daisy Cookson with Abba's Dancing Queen.

They each received a £5 voucher to spend at the village shop. Second place were Emily and Lucy Edgar and Victoria Alexander who sang The Bangles' Eternal Flame. They each won a free DVD or video rental from

The show was one of many things Little Abington, Great Abington and Hildersham organised together as part of the celebrations.

There was also a childrens party, church services, jubilee teas, fireworks, lighting of the beacon, a barbecue and tug-of-war.

On Wednesday there was a film evening with slides of Abington's silver jubilee celebrations shown.

Tomorrow there will be a whist drive at the institute in memory of villkager Freda Turner. She helped at the beginning of planning for the cele-

### Haverhill

