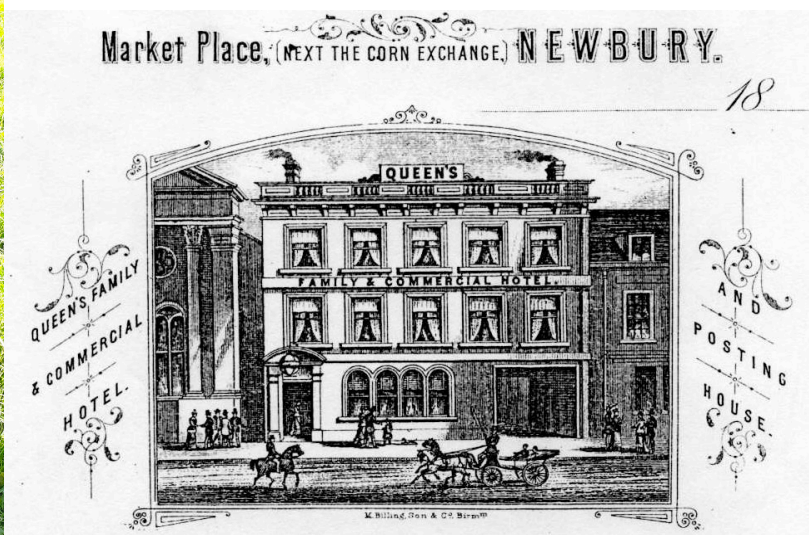


## GRAVE OF THE MONTH



### JOHN HAMLEN

1845 - 1894



Born in Preshute, Wiltshire. In the 1860's came to Newbury as a draper's assistant to Edward Hanington, father of H.S. Hanington (last month's Grave of the Month).

In 1872 took over as landlord of "The White Hart" in the Market Place (now, in 2021, the offices of Gardner Leader, Solicitors.)

1879 he moved to the Three Tuns, coinciding with its refurbishment and name change to "The Queens's Hotel"<sup>1</sup> from where he ran a successful business.

At one time he was a member of The Newbury Company of Volunteers. Joined the masons in 1875 on the same day as W.B. Wilson (a previous Grave of the Month), and the Queen's was frequently used for dinners after their meetings.

One of his seven children, daughter Jessie, married Edward Pellew Plenty III and mothered Edward Pellew Plenty IV the subject of The Friends' resurrection play on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Sadly John died on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1894, and was buried in Newtown Road Cemetery. His wife Mary took over the business, remaining there until shortly before her own demise in 1908 after which she was interred in the same grave.

Our grateful thanks to Phil Wood for his information; an expanded version may be found on the Friends' website : <http://www.fnrnewbury.org.uk/biography.asp?BiogID=422>

<sup>1</sup> Now (2021) known as "The Elephant at the Market"