

New church porch gates



The churchwardens of St Mary's have expressed their thanks and delight that donations from parishioners have now paid for the church's new south porch gates, illustrated above.

The gates, which replaced a "temporary" predecessor in place for 25 years, were commissioned from Rob Bowyer of Warwick Hill as the church's Diamond Jubilee project. Crafted in oak, they are not locked, but serve chiefly to keep birds out of the porch.

At the same time the gravel pathway from the road to the porch, and on to the park gate, has been relaid. The churchyard itself was given its annual makeover by a work party of volunteers in March.

The new rector of St Mary's, the Rev Rachel Lewis, is now in office, having been inducted at a service at St Mary's, Kintbury, on Wednesday 21st March. She has moved into Enborne Rectory.

ENBORNE & HAMSTEAD MARSHALL GARDEN SOCIETY

Summer Garden Meeting

at Viewlands, on Red Hill
7.30pm Wednesday 4th July
*refreshments - raffle - bring-and-buy plant stall -
produce stall - classes for roses and sweet peas*
newcomers welcome

Flower Show and Fete

at Hazel Paddock, Enborne
2pm Saturday 1st September

Details from Dawn Taylor 01635 32006 or
Penelope Lake 01635 48701

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<www.facebook.com/pages/Hamstead-Marshall>

The Hamstead Marshall community Facebook page is for everyone who lives in the village. Here you will find information, questions, observations, photos, requests for help, offers of goods/services* posted by your friends and neighbours in the village. And you can post stuff there yourself, too.

**But free stuff only please – no commercial ads.*

But to use it you need to have a Facebook account.

Are you afraid of Facebook?

Don't be. You can sign up with an absolute minimum of information: name, birthdate and an email address,* and no more. You don't have to post anything on your wall. You don't have to have any "friends". Ignore everything that Facebook begs you to do, but having a Facebook account means you can use the community page.

**It doesn't have to be your regular email. You can create another address that you don't actually intend to use, with for example gmail, yahoo or hotmail, just to keep Facebook happy.*

Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart Inn

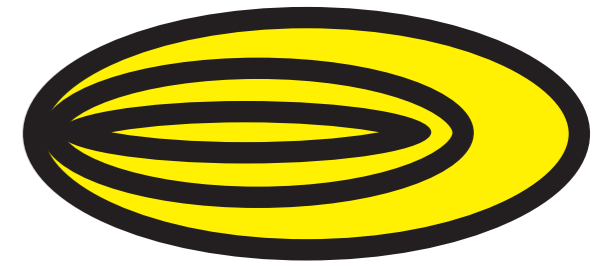
Wed 6th June
Wed 4th July 8.00 for 8.15pm
Wed 1st August
£1 pp entry; proceeds to charity; £5 snack plate available.
The White Hart Inn also now has a Facebook page at
<www.facebook.com/Whitehartinnhamsteadmarshall>.

More (short) walks on hamsteadmarshall.net

The village website now has information on 18 short walks (of less than 6 miles) all within five to 30 minutes' drive of Hamstead Marshall. See them via the link on
<www.hamsteadmarshall.net/walks/index.htm>.

The Community Market needs more paperbacks, DVDs and tombola items. Please bring donations to the next market on Saturday 9th June.

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Holtwood kennels plan turned down

The planning application to establish an extensive dog-breeding establishment at Rickety Gate Farm has been refused by West Berkshire Council.

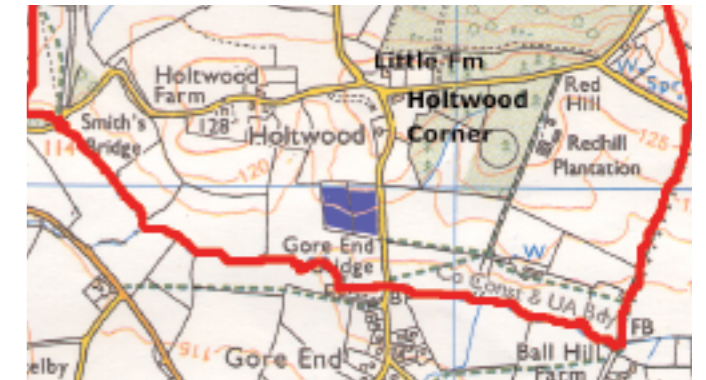
Rachel Paul, owner of the 2.4 acre site, wanted to relocate from Old Burghclere the breeding kennels known as Shadowsquad, set up by her mother in the 1950s. She was seeking to build accommodation for an estimated 50 dogs, and a temporary residence for staff.

The application drew hostile reaction from residents of Holtwood and Gore End, who sent 49 letters of objection to WBC expressing concerns about noise, traffic, waste disposal, light pollution, animal welfare and the intrusion of new residential accommodation on a greenfield site. Hamstead Marshall Parish Council objected (with reference to the Village Design Statement), as did the CPRE, North Wessex Downs AONB, WBC highways department and the RSPCA.

Five letters of support were submitted, one of which contained a petition with 64 signatures. Supporters included retired police and prison

officers (representing markets supplied by Shadowsquad) and the Newbury and District Dog Training Society.

The council's refusal cited the Local Plan and the AONB, in which there is a presumption against new residential accommodation outside settlement boundaries. The application was said to have submitted insufficient information with regard to noise mitigation and odour control. Proposed staffing levels were also queried.



*Rickety Gate site marked in blue.
Red is the parish boundary.*

Going the eggstra mile

You can now have fresh, local, free-range eggs delivered to your door.

Val Russell's Defra-registered brood of rare breed hens at Hayseed Hollow (formerly Clareville) numbers 70 since she took over 40 hens from Christmas Farm. She has been selling eggs at the gate for £2.50 a dozen,* and she is now offering to deliver locally on a Saturday morning, at no extra charge. Customers should ring her on 07515 669174 or email <valcrussell@yahoo.co.uk> by Friday evening to place an order.
**Or £3 a dozen for blue eggs laid by Cream Legbars*

Walbury Computer Group Technocafé

10.30 - 12 Wed 13th June at Elm Farm

Free computer help

with everything you've been too afraid to ask about doing email and writing letters on a computer

Book your place with
Patricia or Colin Poyton on 01488 668901

What's on in Hamstead Marshall

09.00-16.00 Sun 3 June	Garden furniture sale in village hall	Mr Edgar 01453 827177
16.00 Sun 3 June	Jubilee celebration tea at ORC Elm Farm followed by the evening parish party	see page opposite
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 6 June	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
19.30 Thur 7 June	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) in the village hall <i>plant swap and strawberries</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 9 Jun	Community market in the village hall <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 - 12.00 Wed 13 June	Technocafé at Elm Farm <i>free help with computers: email and letters</i>	book with Patricia or Colin Poyton 01488 668901
12.00-16.00 Sun 24 June	Dogs Trust open day and dog show at Plumb's Farm	01635 658391
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 4 July	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
19.30 Thur 5 July	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) in the village hall <i>poems of June Hiscock</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 14 July	Community market in the village hall <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168
20.00 Mon 16 July	Parish council meeting in village hall	parish_clerk@ hotmail.co.uk
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 1 Aug	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
14.00 Sat 1 Sept	Garden Society Flower Show and Fete Hazel Paddock (opposite Enborne School)	Dawn Taylor 01635 32006 Penelope Lake 01635 48701
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 5 Sept	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
19.30 Thur 6 Sept	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) in the village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 8 Sept	Community market in the village hall <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168
20.00 Mon 14 Sept	Parish council meeting in village hall	parish_clerk@ hotmail.co.uk

regular events in the village hall

13.30-16.00 Mons termtime	Oil painting classes for beginners & improvers	Chris Turner 01488 658587
17.00-18.30 Weds	Yoga classes	Inga Craven 01488 658744
weekdays termtime	Little Sunflowers nursery school	Teresa 01635 253201 Trudy 01635 255363

Planning applications

Information taken from <<http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk>> on 19 May 2012

REFUSED

Enborne Equestrian (formerly Hamstead Growers Equestrian) 12/00302/FUL: retrospective application to change the grass surface of the mange to all-weather surfacing of sand and rubber. Refused on grounds of impact on local amenity and roads by intensified usage of the site.
Old Post Office 11/02758/HOUSE: revised proposal for a single sitting room for an elderly parent, and double garage. Refused on grounds that the Grade-II-listed sixteenth-century cottage had already reached its maximum potential for extension.

Rickety Gate Farm 12/00311/FULD: relocation of existing dog-breeding establishment – see front page.

APPROVED

24 Hamstead Marshall (Chapel Corner) 12/00696: for a new obscured-glass window in an ongoing extension.
Holtwood Corner 12/00314/COND2: to approve details in connection with a bat loft above the swimming pool.
Hamstead Park 12/00066/LBC: repair and conservation to Grade-I listed gatepiers.



Jubilee events in the village

Traditional afternoon tea

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 4PM AT ELM FARM

By now you should have received your invitation to the village jubilee celebration tea. If you haven't already replied to the organisers, please do so, to help catering plans. Call Lanie 01488 658168 or Sue 01488 658932.

Contributions to the tea (sweet or savoury) are being sought – again, call Sue or Lanie if you have something to offer.

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In the evening after the tea the parish party will be held at Elm Farm, from 6pm until 9pm, with live music, a hog roast and bar.

Family fun in the garden of the White Hart Inn

The White Hart Inn is celebrating the jubilee in the afternoon of Saturday 2nd June. From 12 noon there will be a bouncy castle, giant four-in-a-row, snakes and ladders, face-painting, beer and a barbecue.

Property on and off the market

information taken from estate agents' websites on 19 May 2012

East Gate Cottage in Craven Hill has been sold for the third time in as many years. The five-bedroomed house and cottage annexe in 1.14 acres changed hands for £800,00 in 2009, £880,000 in 2011, and most recently, Strutt and Parker were advertising it at a guide price of £950,000. East Gate Cottage comes with planning consent for a single-storey extension including an additional hall, study, kitchen/diner, utility and boot room.

No 3 Hamstead Mill is being advertised by Strutt and Parker at a guide price of £275,000. The leasehold, two-bedroomed flat last changed hands in 2006 at £250,000.

Mansard continues to be offered by Hillier and Wilson at £475,00.