



## As we were...

This picture of the White Hart was taken in 1946, when the pub was leased to Simonds Brewery, whose hop leaf symbol adorns the east facing wall of the dining room (where now is a window).

Note the elm trees, after which Elm Farm was named. They fell victim to Dutch elm disease and, it is said, to the requirement of Inkpen sawmills for coffin wood.

The telephone box marks the entrance to the Old Post Office, when it functioned as such. In the far background (probably not visible in this print) is a roofline which probably belonged to one of the cottages which preceded Elm View.

## Holtwood man in fatal crash

Villagers were saddened to learn of the death of John Dickenson in a motorcycle accident in Cornwall over the August Bank Holiday.

John ran the Holtwood Farm riding stables with his wife Sandra MacDermott, who was riding as passenger on the Harley-Davidson at the time. She was taken to hospital with injuries.

## Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart Inn

first Wed of each month:

8.00 for 8.15pm

£1 pp entry; proceeds to charity

£5 snack plate available

Wed 3rd Oct

special subject (only three

questions): Asian cuisine

charity to benefit: Launchpad

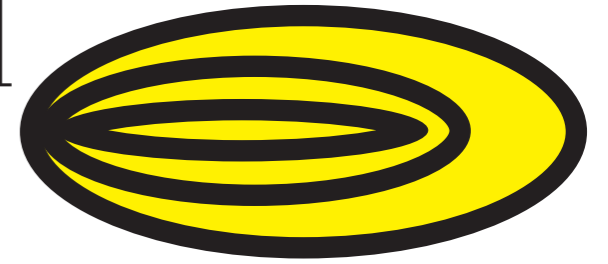
(Reading single homeless)

Wed 7th Nov

Wed 5th Dec

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## Hamstead's helping hands at the Olympics

Two local residents enjoyed a stimulating and hard-working fortnight as volunteers at the Olympics

**Jamie Gladstone of Marsh Benham House** rose at 4.30am each morning to be at Windsor Great Park in time to catch the shuttle bus to Eton Dorney, where he helped visitors to the rowing events. His duties varied from scanning tickets and advising on the availability of baguettes, to redirecting ladies away from blocked toilets (although he was not issued with a pink foam glove).

Jamie rowed in his youth, which made his assignment appropriate, but what prompted him to volunteer was having been in Mexico during the 1968 Olympics, an experience which imbued him with a lifelong enthusiasm for the Olympic ethos.



Avril Chaffey in uniform – and Olympic mood

As an ardent Olympic fan **Avril Chaffey of Ash Tree Corner** volunteered because “there comes a point when you realise it’s the only chance you’ll ever get to take part”. She stayed with a friend in High Wycombe and commuted into the badminton events at Wembley, where her PR expertise was put to work for the Olympic News Service. She interviewed players for bulletins that were posted online for the benefit of smaller countries which lacked the resources to cover every event. She also did one shift at the Olympic Park, covering rhythmic gymnastics.

Both Jamie and Avril had to make several trips to London for interviews, training and uniform issue. The volunteers’ deal did not include any expenses: only the uniform (which they could keep), food and an Oyster card in Avril’s case. However they were both lucky in the ballot for tickets to the technical rehearsal of the opening ceremony the Monday before. They saw most of the performance, although one or two of the higher profile turns were kept secret.

Both also commented strongly on the powerfully positive and cheerful atmosphere amongst all who were connected with the Olympics. Even the G4 employees soon caught the mood, according to Jamie, and joined in the general cheer.

## Craven Country is coming back into print

A second edition of *Craven Country: the story of Hamstead Marshall*, updated and enlarged, be out in print in time for Christmas.

The first edition went out of print several years ago, but demand for copies has endured. The availability of more local information and photographs has prompted the publication of this second edition which, unlike the first, will be digitally printed in full colour.

The book measures eight by ten inches, and has 120 pages and more than 50 pictures. Price is not yet confirmed, but likely to be between £10 and £15.

Sales will be handled by the author; you will not find copies in bookshops or on Amazon. If you would like to be told when it becomes available please send your details to the author: <[pennystokes@hamsteadmarshall.net](mailto:pennystokes@hamsteadmarshall.net)>.

## Wood you like?.....

The dead oak tree on the roadside between Craven Cottage and the Craven Arms has now been taken down by John Handy at Peter Benest’s request (West Berks Council having declined responsibility). If anyone would like some of the wood, for fuel or anything else, and is willing to cut up and collect, please give John Handy a ring on 01635 254800.

*If, on the other hand, you have dead wood to spare, Sue Watts would welcome deliveries to the village hall field for Bonfire Night. Please put contributions on the site of last year’s bonfire, and be assured that the heap will be checked for small inhabitants before it is fired. Any queries, ring her on 01488 658932.*

## Harvest Supper

Friday 26th October 7.30pm  
in the village hall

Tickets £7 (£5 children) available at the door, but please let either Robin Tandy (01488 658048) or Jamie Gladstone (01635 44868) know by 19th Oct if you are coming.

Good food, fine wines,  
excellent company  
and the traditional auction

Proceeds to benefit St Mary’s Church

Make your contribution by offering:

- an item for auction (to Robin Tandy)
- or
- a salad for the table (to Trish Tandy)

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## What's on in Hamstead Marshall

20.00 Mon 14 Sept	Parish council meeting in village hall	parish_clerk@ hotmail.co.uk
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 3 Oct	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
19.30 Thur 4 Oct	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) in the village hall <i>Christine Highnett on family trees TBC</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 13 Oct	Community market in the village hall <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.30 Fri 26 Oct	Harvest supper in the village hall	see ad back page
19.30 Thur 1 Nov	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) in the village hall <i>ideas for Christmas</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932
18.00-21.00 Mon 5 Nov	Bonfire, fireworks, barbecue & refreshments at the village hall field	Lanie Allen 01488 658168 or Sue Watts on 01488 658932
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 7 Nov	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
10.00-13.00 Sat 10 Nov	Community market in the village hall <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168
20.00 Mon 19 Nov	Parish council meeting in village hall	parish_clerk@ hotmail.co.uk
20.00 for 20.15 Wed 5 Dec	Monthly Mindbender Quiz at the White Hart <i>£1 per person entrance; charity benefit</i>	01488 657545
19.30 Thur 6 Dec	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) Christmas party at the Halfway Inn	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 8 Dec	Community Christmas market at Elm Farm <i>food, crafts, gifts etc</i>	Sue Watts 01488 658932 Lanie Allen 01488 658168

### 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

## Technocafé sessions at Hamstead on hold

The monthly computer help sessions at Elm Farm have been put on hold, due to lack of uptake.

In the meantime the organisers Patricia and Colin Poyton are moving the Kintbury sessions to Wednesdays, beginning 5th September and the format of the sessions is changing to bookable 30-minute tuition slots, as well as drop-ins wanting help with specific computer problems and queries. Tuition topics are at beginner level, but will be adaptable to suit individual needs.

Bookable topics are:

- Computer basics and documents
  - Spreadsheets
  - Drawing and presentations
  - Photos and images
  - Email and the internet
- Tuition and advice are free to local residents, including Hamstead's.

The Kintbury sessions are held at St Mary's Room, (next to the church) between 10.30 and 12.00. To book a session or to find out more, contact Patricia Poyton on 01488 668901 or <p.poyton@tiscali.co.uk>.

## Celebrations at Plumb's Farm

Maureen Iggleden is this month celebrating 30 years' as manager of the Dogs Trust kennels at Plumb's Farm.



The kennels at Plumb's Farm already had 20 boarders when they were officially opened in 1975 by Lady Craven, as pictured above. The National Canine Defence League, as the Dogs Trust was then called, spent £20,000 adapting and equipping the premises, and the League's chairman, General Sir Reginald Hewetson also officiated at the opening.

In a recent interview with the *Newbury Weekly News*, Maureen Iggleden described her arrival to take charge of Plumb's Farm in 1982. She identified the peak time for abandoned dogs as being between summer and Christmas, rather than after Christmas as is popularly believed.

The Dogs Trust's promise is that no healthy dog will ever be destroyed, and Plumb's Farm currently has 43 awaiting new homes.

## Planning applications approved

**Holtwood Farm** 12/01546/COND1  
tree protection re hay and straw barn

**Enborne Equestrian Centre** 12/01456/FUL  
retrospective change of manege surface from grass to all-weather

**Craven Hill Lodge** 12/01436/HOUSE and 12/01437/LBC2  
window alterations

**Holtwood Corner** 11/00254/HOUSE and 12/01096/HOUSE  
detail re enclosed swimming pool with bat loft above

**Hamstead Park** 12/01844/COND1, 12/01846/COND1 and 12/01008/LBC  
repair and conservation work to park gatepiers

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