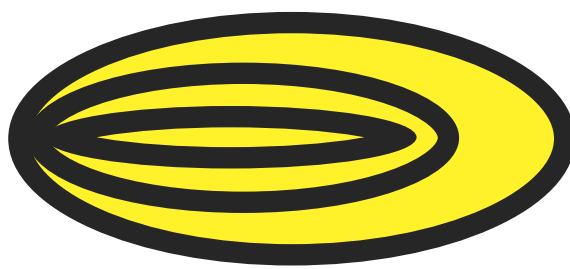


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## Ash Tree Corner school girl wins bobsleigh gold

Annabel Chaffey took the gold in the Women's Youth Bobsleigh at the Omega FIBT (International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation) Youth Monobob\* Series at St Moritz in Switzerland in late February.

The 16-year old Park House School pupil from Hamstead Marshall also won the junior sports personality of the year award at the Berkshire Inspiration and Participation Awards.

As reported on [www.hamsteadmarshall.net/noticeboard](http://www.hamsteadmarshall.net/noticeboard) earlier this year, Annabel came second in the first ever FIBT monobob race held in Lillehammer, Norway, just before Christmas. Whilst there she set a world record for the ladies' monobob start time for the track.

Annabel's rise to fame in this sport has been meteoric, beginning just over a year ago when she secured a place at Team GB's Ice Camp. She is sponsored by SportsAid and the Newbury-based IT company Ntegra, and is acknowledged to be the best monobob driver for her age.



See an interview with Annabel on [www.sportsaid.org.uk/athletes/profile/annabel-chaffey](http://www.sportsaid.org.uk/athletes/profile/annabel-chaffey), and follow her on [https://twitter.com/chaffey\\_annabel](https://twitter.com/chaffey_annabel).

*\*Monobobs are smaller bobsleighs, designed to be pushed and driven by a single athlete, and will be the only type used in the next Youth Winter Olympic Games.*

## Villagers mourn Dorothy

Around 200 people, including many from Hamstead Marshall, attended the funeral of Dorothy Aromando at West Berkshire Crematorium on Friday 2nd March. Most of them also attended the subsequent reception at Elm Farm.

Dorothy, who was born and lived most of her life in the Newbury area, was best known to Hamstead Marshall as the landlady of the White Hart, which she and her husband Nicky bought in 1982 and ran until their retirement in 2004. There, she was renowned for her desserts, tiramisu and Chocolat St Emilion being popular amongst her many specialities, the recipes for which were closely guarded secrets. Her artistry embellished the specials board with elaborate chalk drawings, and she decorated the pub with lavish floral and Christmas displays. She also worked hard in tending for the flourishing pub garden.

Dorothy died after a short illness, leaving her mother Grace, her husband Nicky, their daughter Susie and son Adrian, and two grandchildren.

Learn or brush up your

## First Aid skills

by joining a small group at

**Elm Farm on 31st March**

Cost is £60 – significantly less than going direct to Red Cross or St John's Ambulance

**Contact Pam Tibbatts  
on 01488 658298**

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# What's on in the village

20.00	Wed 4 Mar	White Hart Monthly Mindbender Quiz	White Hart	website or 01488 65754
19-21.30	Thu 5 Mar	Circle of Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
19.30	Wed 11 Mar	Garden Soc spring meeting Louise Peters talking about snowdrops	village hall	Penelope Lake 01635 48701
10.30	Thu 12 Mar	Ladies who Brunch	Halfway Inn	booking 01488 658168
10-13.00	Sat 14 Mar	Community Market	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
20.00	Mon 16 Mar	Parish council meeting open to all	village hall	parish_clerk@ hotmail.co.uk
20.00	Wed 1 Apr	White Hart Monthly Mindbender Quiz	White Hart	website or 01488 657545
19-21.30	Thu 2 Apr	Circle of Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30	Thu 9 Apr	Ladies who Brunch	Halfway Inn	booking essential 01488 658168
10-13.00	Sat 11 Apr	Community market	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
20.00	Wed 6 May	White Hart Monthly Mindbender Quiz	White Hart	website or 01488 657545
19-21.30	Thu 7 May	Circle of Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10-13.00	Sat 9 May	Community Market	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
10.30	Thu 14 May	Ladies who Brunch	Halfway Inn	booking essential 01488 658168
20.00	Wed 3 Jun	White Hart Monthly Mindbender Quiz	White Hart	website or 01488 657545
19-21.30	Thu 4 Jun	Circle of Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30	Thu 11 Jun	Ladies who Brunch	Halfway Inn	booking essential 01488 658168
10-13.00	Sat 13 Jun	Community Market	Elm Farm	01488 658168, 658932

## ***regular events in the village hall***

13.30-16.00 Mons termtime	Oil painting classes for beginners & improvers	Chris Turner 01488 658587
19.00 and 20.00 Mondays	Suzi Moores' exercise class £5	Suzi Moores 07900 518652
weekdays termtime	Little Sunflowers nursery school	Teresa 01635 253201 Trudy 01635 255363

# Planning applications taken from <http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> 4 March 2015.

To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

## APPROVED

### Chapel Cottage RG20 OHP

14/02908HOUSE 4 Nov 2014

Demolish timber garage, concrete garage and timber outbuilding. Replace with single building containing double garage and garden room. Approved subject to conditions including use only as a garage, not a separate dwelling.

### East Gate Cottage RG20 OJD

14/03104HOUSE validated 24 Nov 14

Emergency back-up generator and associated works.

Approved 19 Jan 15.

### West Barn Bothy RG20 OJG

14/02613HOUSE & 14/02614LBC2

Insertion of a wood burning stove and flue.

Approved 17 Dec 14.

## PENDING

### 5/6 Hamstead Mill RG20 OJD

14/03351/LBC2 validated 15 Jan 15

Remove existing chimney stack; instal new conservation style roof light. Remove existing front entrance steps and replace with new. Remove wall between bedroom 2 and sitting room.

### Plumb's Farm (Dogs' Trust) RG20 OHR

14/00366FULMAJ validated 26 Jan 15

Demolish existing kennel buildings and erect new kennels, exercise area, paths, ditches, retention pond drainage, car parking. Subdivide existing house into two for staff use only. Retain existing flat reduced in size for overnight staff accommodation.

### Enborne Equestrian RG20 OJL

15/00138FUL validated 19 Jan 15

External lighting to arenas 2 and 3 for riding classes on winter evenings to 19.30.

15/00155/FUL validated 19 Feb 15

Retention of existing mobile home for a further 3 years.

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## Property **There appear to be no properties for sale in the village at present.**

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## Church news

*The Parish News, compiled on behalf of the churches of Hamstead Marshall, Enborne and West Woodhay and which became two-monthly from 2015 (December/January, February/March, April/May, June/July, August/September and October/November), is hopeful of having secured help for a relaunch from a voluntary group in Newbury.*

The benefice website is back up and running in a new, improved version. See it on [www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk](http://www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk) where service times for all the churches (Hamstead Marshall, Enborne, Inkpen, West Woodhay, Combe and Kintbury) are posted, together with schools news, contacts, details of forthcoming events and the "ramblings of the rector".



*The Lent lunches series includes one to be hosted in Hamstead Marshall by Emma Newton of West Barn Bothy (Craven Hill) on 13 March, 12.30 to 2pm. Ring 01488 760077 for details.*

Time is about to be called on the deathwatch beetle in St Mary's Church, as Robin Tandy is close to obtaining a faculty (the ecclesiastical equivalent of planning permission) for some major refurbishment and drainage work. The church is to get a water supply and improved electrics, which will allow the creation of a small kitchenette at the back for the refreshment of worshippers.



*St Mary's photographed circa 1952*

# Thursday 7th May is not just general election day

It is also the day on which voters will choose their representatives on West Berkshire Council for the next four years.

Andrew Rowles has announced that he will not be standing for re-election as one of the two councillors for Kintbury ward, in which capacity he has served for about 15 years. His replacement as Conservative candidate is expected to be James Cole of West Woodhay.

Anthony Stansfeld, who is also the police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley Police, is currently Kintbury ward's other Conservative councillor, and is thought to be standing for re-election.

Candidate nominations can be made to WBC between 23rd March and 9th April, and candidates will not be officially named until 10th April. The deadline for voter registration in person is 20th April. Hamstead Marshall's polling station is the village hall, which will be open from between 7am and 10pm on 7th May.

*Hamstead Marshall parish council is also up for re-election, although there has been no actual vote in living memory because there is never a surplus of candidates. The current members are John Handy (chair), Peter Benest (vice-chair), Jon Phillips, Stuart Morton and Anne Budd. They will declare at the parish council meeting on 16th March whether or not they are willing to continue to serve for the next four years.*

## Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm Job vacancy Events liaison assistant

The Organic Research Centre (ORC) in Hamstead Marshall is looking to appoint a part-time (flexible hours) Events Liaison Assistant to assist with its out of office hours (evening and weekend) events. These events include a wide range of activities that will require greater or lesser time commitments such as weddings, birthday parties, singing workshops, etc, including some time on-site and availability on-call offsite but close to ORC during the event. Candidates living in or close to Hamstead Marshall would be ideally suited. If you are interested, please visit <http://bit.ly/orcworkwithus> for further information.

## News in brief

The village carol singers raised £150 for Daisy's Dream last Christmas, and this sum was matched by a donation from the Greenham Common Trust. Daisy's Dream offers bereavement and serious illness support work in West Berkshire.

*Walbury Computer Group volunteers are at Inglewood on the first Wednesday of the month, and at St Mary's Room, Kintbury, for the remaining Wednesday mornings in March, from 10 till noon. For an hour's individual computer tuition ring Patricia Poyton on 01488 668901. Tuition is free but small donations are welcome.*

The ORC Elm Farm woodfuel district heating project is now in abeyance. Whilst the survey by Oxford Renewables found the scheme to be technically feasible, the recent reduction in government grants has rendered the enterprise financially unviable.

Work on the metal enclosure at Hamstead rail crossing appears to have come to a halt, with very little activity having been evident since Christmas. (Even the Portaloo has gone.) This may be connected to Network Rail's announcement that electrification of the track, scheduled for completion by 2016, is running a year behind due to "ballooning costs and delays" (*Rail Technology Magazine*). IEP rolling stock is due to be unloaded at Southampton this month, and expected to be put straight into mothballs.

Nonetheless, the spacious car park created as part of the works is proving handy for walkers, fishermen and canoeists.



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