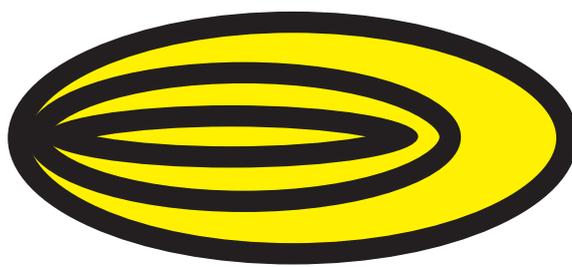


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## White Hart to close pending "rethink"

The future of the White Hart is once again in doubt. The owner, Stella Coulthurst, has announced that the pub will close after 11th September whilst she considers its future.

Stella Coulthurst rescued the pub from the possibility of redevelopment into housing in 2011, when it had been closed for about a year and was on the brink of dereliction. Her substantial investment transformed it into a popular bar and restaurant, with rooms which are regularly let to business people needing to stay near Newbury, and to weekend visitors. The overnight accommodation was expanded a few years ago to offer facilities to disabled guests. Sunday lunches usually saw the car park full to capacity, and on occasions such as Mothering Sunday the number of meals served often went well into three figures. The Monthly Mindbender quizzes have been attracting regulars from well beyond the village, but that of 2nd September will be the last for the foreseeable future.

The pub is not repaying the investment put into it, and a halt, hopefully temporary, is being called in order to reassess viable options. One possibility is that the owner may seek a leaseholder, given that the past regime of managers has been a dizzyingly rapid succession. Outright sale is not, according to Stella Coulthurst, at present on the cards.



*The White Hart in 1900, on the day of the funeral of the publican, James Minchinton.*

*In 1946 the pub had been leased by Simond's (formerly South Berks) Brewery and tenanted by the Coleman family since 1910.*



*Nicky and Dorothy Aromando owned and ran the pub from the early 1980s until 2004.*

*Camilla and Kevin Reilly took over in 2004, departing in 2010.*



*Bailiffs and burglars sacked the premises, and dereliction threatened, until Stella Coulthurst refurbished and reopened the White Hart in summer 2011.*



# What's on in the village

time & date	event	venue	more info/booking
20.00 Wed 2 Sep	White Hart Monthly Mindbender Quiz possibly the last one	White Hart	website or 01488 657545
19-21.00 Thu 3 Sep	Circle of Friends talk by Helen Bates on Dementia Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 10 Sep	Ladies who Brunch bubbles, good food and a talk for £15 (£1 to charity)	Halfway Inn	booking 01488 658168
10-13.00 Sat 12 Sep	Community Market cakes, crafts, coffee and company	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
19-21.00 Thu 1 Oct	Circle of Friends	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 8 Oct	Ladies who Brunch bubbles, good food and a talk for £15 (£1 to charity)	Halfway Inn	booking 01488 658168
10-13.00 Sat 10 Oct	Community Market cakes, crafts, coffee and company	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
19-21.00 Thu 29 Oct*	Circle of Friends ideas for Christmas *NB date change because of Bonfire Night	village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
18.00 Thu 5 Nov	Bonfire party and fireworks the best in Berkshire, and free	recreation ground	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 12 Nov	Ladies who Brunch bubbles, good food and a talk for £15 (£1 to charity)	Halfway Inn	booking 01488 658168
10-13.00 Sat 14 Nov	Community Market cakes, crafts, coffee and company	village hall	01488 658168, 658932
19.30 Thu 3 Dec	Circle of Friends Christmas party	Red House	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 10 Dec	Ladies who Brunch bubbles, good food and a talk for £15 (£1 to charity)	Halfway Inn	booking 01488 658168
10-15.00 Sat 12 Dec	Christmas Community Market the big one: lots of Christmas present ideas	Elm Farm	01488 658168, 658932

*There are at present no volunteers willing to organise the traditional Harvest Supper. If you would like to, contact Robin Althaus*

<b>regular events in the village hall</b>		
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

## Walbury Computer Group free computer tuition

*If you have a problem, or want to know how to do something with your computer, we will probably be able to help.*

As St Mary's Room is having some building work done, the sessions for the remaining Wednesdays of the month are moving to the Methodist Church Rooms, Inkpen Road, Kintbury, RG17 9TU, not far from the Corner Stores. Sessions start at 10am and 11am. Booking is essential. For an hour's individual tuition phone Patricia Poyton on 01488 668901. Tuition is free but small donations are always welcome.

# Planning applications taken from <http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> 1st September 2015. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

## APPROVED

### Enborne Equestrian RG20 OJL

15/00155/FUL validated 19 February 2015.  
Retention of existing mobile home for a further 3 years.

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

14/00366FULMAJ validated 26 January 2015.  
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.  
Correspondence states that the number of kennels and dogs are to be reduced.

### Rickety Gate Farm

15/01530/COND1  
Final go-ahead given July 2015 for a dog-breeding establishment, as granted on appeal nearly a year ago, following a reptile survey by Ecologist PV, a consultancy in Winchester, on behalf of West Berkshire Council in April/May 2015. (No reptiles were found.)

## PENDING

### Craven Keep RG20 OJQ

15/01969/FUL validated 10 August 2015.  
Removal of existing entrance and driveway to create a new one, eight metres further uphill, to allow access to new building.

## WITHDRAWN

### The Old Pound (land between No 23 and Little Orchard), Chapel Corner RG20 OHR

15/01343/FUL 19 May 2015  
Change of status of .0736-hectare plot from agricultural to residential with provision of off-road parking for two cars. HM parish council opined that the plot "should only be used for the parking of cars, with the remainder of the land being used solely for amenity woodland/garden. No other built development."  
The application was withdrawn in July.

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## Property

**No 4 Hamstead Mill** is being offered by Winkworth at a guide price of £430,000. It is a three-bedroomed maisonette occupying three floors of the octagonal tower.

**Knowle House** in Chapel Corner is being offered for rent at £1,500 per month by Jones Robinson. The four-bedroomed house has been recently refurbished.

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## On the parish borders

### Inkpen Village Hall

**Saturday 12th September: Race Night** in aid of Arthritis Research UK. Tickets £10 (including supper) from Gilly Burrough 01488 668 882.

**Friday 25th September: Macmillan Coffee Day** from 10.00 till 4.00. Stalls and raffle.

**Thursday 29th October: *The Pigeon with the Silver Foot***, by Pamela Hansford Johnson, presented by the Hungerford Theatre Company.

### Kintbury Coronation Hall

**Saturday 12th September *Far from the Madding Crowd*** (12A) film starring Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts, Michael Sheen. Tickets £5 at the door. Bar opens 6.45pm, curtain up 7.30pm.

**Kintbury Volunteer Lunch** is held on the third Thursday of each month at 1 pm. All are welcome from Kintbury and surrounding areas for a home-cooked two-course meal with a glass of wine or juice, coffee and mints for £7, followed by a raffle. To find out more or to book a place, ring the Volunteer Office on 01488 657119.

### Marloes, Church Street, Kintbury

A **coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research on Friday 25th September** 10am to 12 noon, as part of "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning". Sara Culver will be hosting.

## 4G broadband: not for the faint-hearted

A Vodafone 4G signal is now obtainable in some parts of the village and – in theory – could offer users significantly faster broadband speeds than are currently being obtained with either 3G or satellite systems. Download speeds of more than 15Mb are obtainable with 4G in the right conditions.

The first problem is that it is very difficult to determine whether the 4G signal in any given location is sufficiently strong to justify the expenditure necessary to harness it for broadband. A 4G mobile phone may detect the signal, but it will not give an exact measurement of its strength.

As with 3G, the 4G system requires a roof-mounted aerial (not the same type as the 3G aerial), costing about £65, connected to the right kind of router, of which few are available and they can cost more than £200. Vodafone's own routers do not have the necessary socket for connecting to the aerial.

Like any mobile broadband system, there is a cap on usage and a minimum contract period: for example, a one-year contract at £26 per month buys 8Gb per month download, which probably wouldn't suffice for regular Netflix viewing.

It would seem that the Vodafone customer service team is very much oriented towards mobile telephony, and callers may be passed around for some time before finding someone who is familiar with the technicalities of the system which is Hamstead Marshall's only viable prospect at present.

## Watch this space

Hamstead Marshall parish council has announced its intention of setting up a website, and has registered the domain name [www.hamsteadmarshallpc.co.uk](http://www.hamsteadmarshallpc.co.uk).

## Jazz evening success

Around 180 locals took advantage of a glorious summer's evening to attend the church fund-raiser held in the garden of Park Lodge on 25th June.

Visitors brought their own picnics, which they enjoyed whilst being entertained by The Hipcats, a jazz duo.

With proceeds from a raffle, tombola and the bar, boosted by Gift Aid, the evening's takings were £3,427.

The organisers, Sarah and Johnny Stevenson, are hoping to stage a similar event same time next year.

## Park Lane crash

Two fire engines were called to Park Lane in July after a Ford Fiesta with three occupants left the road and mounted the embankment. Firefighters had to cut the door off to enable the three women to climb out. Police were also called to the incident, and Park Lane was closed for around an hour.

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ENBORNE & HAMSTEAD MARSHALL GARDEN SOCIETY

## ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW & FETE

2PM SAT 5TH SEPTEMBER AT HAZEL PADDOCK, ENBORNE  
(OPPOSITE ENBORNE SCHOOL)

CRAFT STALLS, SIDE SHOWS, GRANNY'S ATTIC, TOMBOLA,  
RAFFLE, TEA TENT AND BARBECUE

*Help needed – could you offer*

*cakes and tray bakes for refreshments: Helen Forsey 01635 841621*

*raffle prizes: Jane Arnold-Round 01635 36370*

*items in good condition for Granny's attic: Dawn Taylor 01635 32006*

*tombola items: Susan Watts 01488 658932*

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