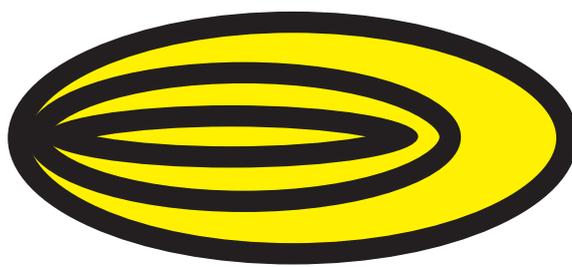


# Hamstead Hornet



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## Nearly £1,000 raised by Friends

Activities organised by the Friends of Hamstead Marshall and Marsh Benham have raised £928.50 for Enborne and Stockcross schools, St Mary's Church and the Newbury branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association since their inaugural meeting in February.



Local families flocked to the barn dance at Elm Farm on 20th May. The bands Caper and Misspent Ukles played from 5.30pm until 10 for 50 adults and 22 children. £487.50 was raised here for MND.



### "As I was a-walking"

The folk concert by Watership Cantabile in St Mary's Church on 27th May attracted 30 people and was so much enjoyed that a repeat performance by candlelight is being planned for next winter.

Homemade rafts took to the river Kennet on Palm Sunday for an Easter egg race which raised £380 for Enborne and Stockcross schools, and St Mary's.

### Party in the Parish

village hall field  
15.00-18.00  
Sat 22nd July

*games, bar, food and fun*

### TREASURE HUNT

from the village hall 10.30 Sun 23rd July

20 puzzles, 20 treasures, £10 per car (unlimited passengers)  
bring 20 sandwich bags numbered 1-20, mobile phone, picnic lunch

book in advance to [valcrussell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valcrussell@yahoo.co.uk)  
or to Hayseed Hollow RG20 OHR  
01488 657496, 07515 669174

*more details on [www.hamsteadmarshall.net/treasure.pdf](http://www.hamsteadmarshall.net/treasure.pdf)*

### Jazz in the Park

7pm Friday 30th June, in the garden of Park Lodge

Two great bands: one jazz, one C&W  
BYO picnic • pizza and ice cream on sale  
Tables in marquee reservable  
Full details and table-booking on

[www.hamsteadmarshallchurch.co.uk/jazz-in-the-park-2017.html](http://www.hamsteadmarshallchurch.co.uk/jazz-in-the-park-2017.html)

# What's on in the village

for St Mary' Church services see here

10.00 - 14.30 Sat 10 Jun	<b>Summer Community Market</b> <i>artisan bread, local produce, refreshments, secondhand books, crafts, kids' corner</i>	Elm Farm	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168 Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00 - 17.30 23/24/25 Jun	<b>West Woodhay Gardeners' Fair</b>	West Woodhay House RG20 OBS	<a href="http://westwoodhayfair.co.uk/">http://westwoodhayfair.co.uk/</a>
19.00 Fri 30 Jun	<b>Jazz in the Park</b> <i>fund-raiser for St Mary's; see front page for de- tails</i>	Park Lodge garden	Sarah Stevenson 0780 2235169
19.30 Wed 5 July	<b>Garden Society</b> <i>summer evening meeting</i>	Little Farm RG20 OJH	Penelope Lake
19.00 - 21.30 Thu 6 Jul	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies' group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00 - 13.30 Sat 8 Jul	<b>Community Market</b> <i>artisan bread, local produce, refreshments, secondhand books, crafts</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168 Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 13 Jul	<b>Ladies who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
15.00 - 18.00 Sat 22 Jul	<b>Party in the Parish</b> <i>games, tug-of-war, crafts, bar and food</i>	Village hall field	<a href="#">Katie Wallis</a>
10.30 - 16.00 Sun 23 Jul	<b>Treasure hunt</b> <i>see front page for details</i>	by car, village hall	<a href="#">Val Russell</a>
10.30 Thu 10 Aug	<b>Ladies who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
10.00 - 13.30 Sat 12 Aug	<b>Community Market</b> <i>artisan bread, local produce, refreshments, secondhand books, crafts</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168 Sue Watts 01488 658932
19.00-21.30 Thu 7 Sept	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies' group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 14 Sept	<b>Ladies who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
19.00-21.30 Thu 5 Oct	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies' group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
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***Jane Doyle's Montessori school at the village hall is trailing a baby group on Friday mornings, 10 - 12, leading up to the summer holidays. Details from Jane on 07738 969358.***

***Also being planned: a Fun Run in the park, another concert at St Mary's, a safari supper, the quiz revived, Bonfire Night...***

# Planning applications

taken from <http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on 6th June 2017. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

## APPROVED

17/00720/TEL56

**Dogs Trust Plumbs Farm**

Validated 30th March 2017.

15m lattice mast with dish antenna.

No objection from parish council.

Cllr Anthony Stansfeld expressed concern at the precedent of a private-use mast.

Approved 24th May 2017.

17/00712/LBC2

**No 1 Hamstead Mill RG20 OJD**

Validated 20 Mar 2017.

Internal alterations.

No objection from parish council.

Approved 5th May 2017.

17/00221/FUL

**Morewood RG20 OJD**

All-weather riding arena.

Hamstead Marshall parish council requested a

ban on floodlighting. This condition incorporated in the decision notice.

Approved 23rd March 2017.

17/00455/HOUSE

**Hall Cottage RG20 OHL**

Validated 21 Feb 2017.

Various extensions.

No comment from parish council.

Approved 17th May 2017.

## AWAITING DECISION

17/00994/COND1 re 17/00221/FUL

**Morewood RG20 OJD**

All-weather riding arena - conditions

17/01251/HOUSE

**Irish Hill Cottage RG20 OJB**

Validated 2nd May 2017.

Two storey extension at rear.

17/00258/FUL

**Elm Farm RG20 OHR**

Rear two-storey extension to farmhouse.

No objection from parish council.

According to <http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on 6th June 2017, the refusal of application 17/2727/FULD for conversion of the **White Hart Inn** to four houses has not been taken to appeal. This option remains open to the applicant until mid-August.

### regular events in the village hall

13.30-16.00 Mons termtime	Oil painting classes for beginners & improvers	Chris Turner 01488 658587
18.00-19.00 & 19.00-20.00 Mons from 3 Apr	Ballet fit with Olivia Stott	07766 404984 olivia@balletfit.com
18.00 Tues from 14 Mar	Puppy and dog training classes with Andrea Capewell of Field & Homedog Training	Andrea Capewell 07783 583212
weekday mornings termtime	Jane's House Montessori pre-school	Jane Doyle 07738 969358

## Two villagers mourned

After the thanksgiving service for Robin Althaus, 7th May



Hamstead Marshall has lost two long-standing residents in recent months.

**Rob Bowyer** of Chapel Corner had lived in the village for many decades. In business with his brother, Rob was well known as a skilled carpenter. His woodwork for St Mary's Church included an altar table in the north aisle, commissioned for the millennium, porch gates to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, and new south gate after the old one was vandalised. For the village hall he supplied the sign outside and a large display board inside. His funeral was held in Inkpen.

**Robin Althaus** died at the beginning of May, and a thanksgiving service for him on Sunday 7th May at St Mary's was attended by over 100 people. A collection afterwards raised £780, which is to be used for a memorial bench. Robin was a devoted supporter of St Mary's Church, serving as a church warden and on the parochial church council for many years. In his eulogy Robin Tandy summed him up as "working tirelessly in support of the church for a quarter of a century, and we should all be very grateful. He was a good friend, full of energy, good humour, enthusiasm and ideas, and always with the sole aim of doing his very best for our church and the benefice."

## Village property on the market

Holtwood Corner, a six-bedroomed, 2010-built house in 17 acres, continues to be offered for sale by Strutt & Parker. The guide price of £3,950,000 is unchanged.

Common Cottage is being offered by Winkworth for £1,250,000. The four-bedroomed house, formerly two Craven estate cottages, lies in grounds of 5.79 acres.

No 2 The Village is advertised as under offer with Hamptons at £629,000. The semi-detached former council house now has four bedrooms.

Hamstead Holt Farm ("Porters" to older villagers, and actually now outside Hamstead) is under offer with Jackson-Stops at a guide price of £1,750,000.

**Looking for some grazing?**  
**The four-acre Poor's Allotment (by Gore End) administered by the parish council needs a grazing tenant. If you are interested in taking a short-term lease contact Peter Benest on 01635 253627.**

## Gigaclear

### *superfast broadband for Hamstead Marshall within weeks?*

Contrary to the expectation that Thames Water works might hold it up, Gigaclear has installed a control box at Ash Tree Corner. Fibre-to-household connections are promised within weeks.

If you have not already registered your interest in taking out a subscription, visit Gigaclear's website.

## Thames Waterworks

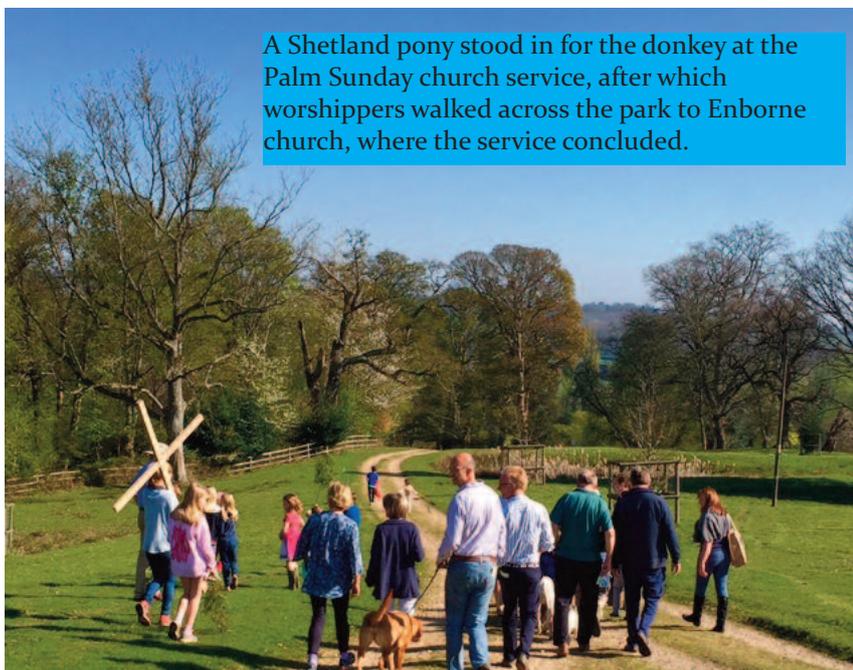
The traffic lights along the Kintbury Road come and go, and if the official letter is to be believed, will continue until mid-December. The geographical extent to which the water main is being renewed is unclear in Thames Water communications, and the drop-in Q&A session was no more enlightening, but villagers may hope for fewer bursts when it is completed. However tiresome the delays, they have the unexpected bonus that some rush-hour rat-runners are finding an alternative route to the Kintbury Road.

## New noticeboard for Chapel Corner

Chapel Corner at last has a brand new noticeboard. Unlike the last, it is locked, so should not suffer from commercial flyposting.

**West Woodhay Gardeners' Fair**  
**West Woodhay House**  
**10.00 - 17.30 on 23rd, 24th and 25th June**  
**don't miss the Hamstead Marshall stall**

A Shetland pony stood in for the donkey at the Palm Sunday church service, after which worshippers walked across the park to Enborne church, where the service concluded.



## Easter at St Mary's



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