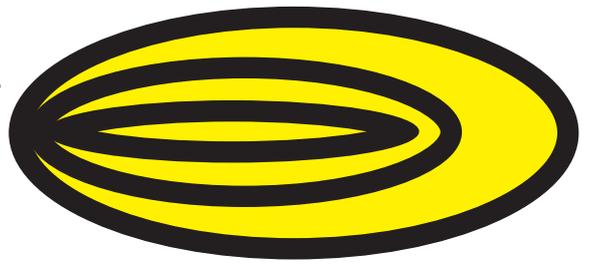


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## Pub night in the village hall draws the crowds



The pub night in the village hall on 16th February attracted about 50 local residents, most of whom stayed from opening time at 7 to closing time at 10pm. Entry was free, the bar served wines, local beers, soft drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls and crisps, and both darts and shuffleboard were played. £65 was raised for the village hall.

The organisers have scheduled a second pub night to be held on Friday 27th April.



## White Hart appeal date set



- 2004:** White Hart bought by Camilla & Kevin Riley.
- 2010:** White Hart closes and stands derelict.
- 2011:** Stella Coulthurst buys, refurbishes and reopens White Hart.
- 2015:** White Hart closes. Planning application for conversion to dwellings refused by WBC. Pub lease offered. Save-the-White-Hart campaign formed.
- 2016-17:** Campaigners gain ACV status for pub. WBC report finds the pub potentially viable. Several interested parties reportedly make enquiries about lease but none takes it up.
- 2017:** 2nd planning application for change of use is refused. Applicant goes to appeal.

The planning inspector's hearing of the case for and against turning the White Hart into four dwellings will take place in the council chamber in Market Street, beginning at 10am on Tuesday 24th April. Members of the public may attend, but they will not be able to contribute other than by prior application to the inspector, who may or may not consent to any individual request. The window for objections to be lodged with the inspectorate closed on 19th January.

The proceedings are expected to be informal (ie, without legal counsel). The owner, Stella Coulthurst, will present her argument in support of her planning application refused by WBC last spring. The Save-the-White-Hart campaign is allowed 15 minutes to respond. The inspector may then ask for further information from either party, or from WBC planning officers.

The inspector's decision will be given two months later, and is final.

# What's on in the village

for St Mary' Church services see here

10.30 Thu 8 Mar	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>Trevor Goodall of the New Life charity</i> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00-23.00 Fri 9 Mar	<b>Barn dance and ceilidh</b> <i>£10pp, bar</i> <i>in aid of St Mary's Church</i>	Elm Farm	Hallam Goad 07597 127801
10.00-13.00 Sat 10 Mar	<b>Community market</b> <i>locally produced food, refreshments, crafts</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00-21.30 Thu 5 Apr	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies group</i> <i>Sugarcraft with Alicia</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
19.30 Wed 11 Apr	<b>Garden Soc spring meeting</b> <i>Paul Sievers: Gardens of southern Britain</i>	Village hall	Penelope Lake 01635 48701
10.30 Thu 12 Apr	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-13.00 Sat 14 Apr	<b>Community market</b> <i>locally produced food, refreshments, crafts</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00-22.00 Fri 27 Apr	<b>Pub night</b> <i>free entry, bar, snacks, pub games</i>	Village hall	Penny Stokes 07899 796753
19.00-21.30 Thu 3 May	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies group</i> <i>Creative art evening</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 10 May	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-13.00 Sat 12 May	<b>Community market</b> <i>locally produced food, refreshments, crafts</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00-21.30 Thu 7 Jun	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-14.30 Sat 9 Jun	<b>Community summer market</b> <i>locally produced food, refreshments, crafts</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 14 Jun	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	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
18.00-19.00 & 19.00-20.00 Mons	Ballet fit with Olivia Stott	07766 404984 olivia@balletfit.com
18.00 Tues	Puppy and dog training classes Field & Homedog Training	Andrea Capewell 07783 583212
18.15-19.00, 19.00-20.15 Thurs	Fun dog classes: tricks and skills, scent detection Book 3 sessions for £30	Yvette Curtis
weekday mornings termtime	Jane's House Montessori pre-school	Jane Doyle 07738 969358

# Planning applications taken from <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on

6 Mar 2018. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

## AWAITING DECISION

### Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood, RG20 oJL

17/02878/FULD validated 18 Oct 2017

Section 73A: Variation of Condition 3 - Materials, 4 - Levels, 5 - Landscaping and 7 - External Lighting, of planning permission reference 16/00775/FULD (Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home).

No objection from parish council.

### Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood, RG20 oJL

17/02197/FULD validated 17 Aug 2017

Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home with staircase, attic bedroom, dressing area, en-suite and dormer windows.

No objection from parish council.

### Craven House RG20 oJG

18/00375/FULMAJ validated 19 Feb 2018

One and two storey extensions, pool hall structure, alterations to external elevations, creation of leisure facilities and ancillary accommodation, demolition of existing single storey canopy structure and green house.

No objections posted online other than from the Royal Berks Fire & Rescue Service pointing out the lack of water supply for firefighting in the area, and requesting that permission be dependent upon such provision.

## APPROVED

### 4 Hamstead Mill, RG20 oJD

17/02799/LBC2 validated 6 Oct 2017

Internal alterations to floor Plan, new kitchen and bathroom layouts, partial removal of ceilings to form vaulted ceilings to expose existing oak structure, replacement windows and doors, replace roof coverings, fascia and soffits, repairs to existing oak beam and install a wood burning stove.

No comment from parish council.

Approved 7 Dec 2017.

### White Hart Cottage annexe opposite RG20 oHW

17/03056/COND1 validated 7 Nov 2017

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 - Materials and 7 - Landscaping, of planning permission reference 16/01467/FULD (Conversion and extension of existing garage to accommodation for elderly relatives serving White Hart Cottage).

No comment from parish council.

Approved 19 Dec 2017.

### Hamstead Lock

17/03457/LBC2 validated 27 Dec 2017

Replace coping stones on 25m length on towpath side of the lock.

Approved 22 Feb 2018.



Chapel Corner residents need wellies to read what's on their smart new noticeboard. WBC was informed about this inconvenient pothole by a local resident on 13th February; they promised to respond within 10 days. As of 6th March nothing has been heard.

Elm Farm did not come together as a single holding until the late nineteenth century. In 1840 it comprised 120 acres, Craven-owned, and was held by James Cokes from Ramsbury. By 1861 it had expanded to its present 200 acres, and employed five men and five boys. James Cokes also ran a tailoring business with apprentices, represented Hamstead on Newbury Union's Board of Guardians for the workhouse and, at other times, was the local surveyor of highways. He was probably the most prominent member of village society after the Craven family and the rector. He died aged 81 in 1881 and is buried in St Mary's churchyard.

After several more tenancies Elm Farm was bought by the Organic Research Centre in 1980.

## ORC seeks share-farming partner

ORC is looking for a partner with whom to share Elm Farm's 80 organic hectares.

*"It is envisaged that the joint venture will seek to fulfil the aims of ORC, to support research and innovation and demonstrate inspirational, best organic practice. The trustees are open to suggestions on the farming system, and a number of options including adding value, community supported agriculture, rural tourism or other on-farm diversification are possible avenues a partner may wish to develop."*

The invitation envisages financial as well as practical investment in operating the farm. Further details can be found on the ORC website.

## Parish plan mk2: questionnaires in circulation

The aims of Hamstead's parish plan of 2007 have now largely been achieved, and an update is in progress. Printed copies of a questionnaire have been delivered to all village households, seeking opinion on what is good and not so good about the village, and what action needs to be taken to improve the quality of local life.

Distribution has been limited to one printed copy per household, but opinions are wanted from all individuals.

### To obtain multiple copies of the printed questionnaire you can either:

- a) make your own photocopy;
- b) download and print a pdf from the village website.

Completed print copies should be delivered to the village hall.

### If you prefer to return your copy electronically, you can either:

- a) scan your completed form and send it as an attached file;
- b) download this pdf online and save it as a Word document, which can then be completed on screen and saved;
- c) email the Hornet requesting a Word version.

Completed digital forms should be emailed to the parish clerk.

Returns are wanted by 14th April.

*The 2007 parish plan can be seen on [www.hamsteadmarshall.net/parishplan.pdf](http://www.hamsteadmarshall.net/parishplan.pdf).*

*Its main achievements were:*

- 1) *traffic-calming measures such as extension of the 30mph limit, erection of village "gates" and the installation of a VAS;*
- 2) *village hall refurbishment;*
- 3) *village information point at Ash Tree Corner;*
- 4) *publication of walks leaflets.*

One-to-one computer help continues to be offered by the Walbury Computer Group in Kintbury. One-hour sessions are held at Inglewood on the first Wednesday morning of each month, and at St Mary's Hall on the remaining Wednesdays. To get to grips with that infuriating laptop, phone or camera ring Patricia Poyton on 01488 668901 and book a free session (small donations always welcome).

## Planning a trip to London? You need to know this

Trains from Newbury to Reading will be intermittently cancelled and replaced by buses during the period 12th March to 8th June, while Network Rail and GWR are installing overhead power cables for electrification. Hamstead's level crossing is not scheduled to close.

Details of confirmed dates can be seen online, but additional closures are also possible. You can ring the 24-hour national helpline on 03457 114111 for specific details.

Network Rail promises brand new electric trains on the Newbury to London line from January 2019. These will have more seats, better wheelchair access, at-seat power sockets, and free wifi.

## Barn Dance and Ceilidh

at Elm Farm  
7.30pm Friday 9 March  
£10 on the door  
and a paying bar

In aid of St Mary's Church

Information from Hallam Goad

Enborne & Hamstead Marshall  
Garden Society  
Spring Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 11th April  
at the village hall

Paul Sievers will give an illustrated talk on  
the famous gardens of southern England



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Printed copies are produced for a very small number of villagers who have no internet access.

News stories are updated between issues on [www.hamsteadmarshall.net/noticeboard.htm](http://www.hamsteadmarshall.net/noticeboard.htm).

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