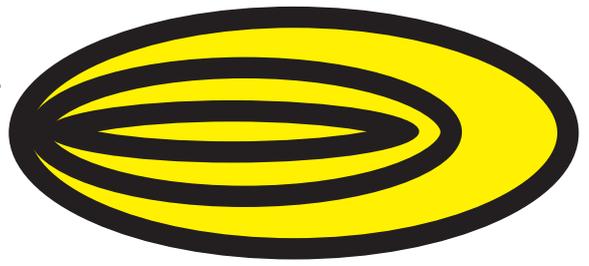


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White Hart appeal dismissed by inspector

Following the public hearing on 24th April, the planning inspector has dismissed Stella Coulthurst's appeal against WBC's rejection of her application to turn the White Hart into four dwellings.

In support of his decision, the inspector made the following points:

1. The main issue of whether or not the use of the appeal site as a public house is genuinely redundant includes considerations of community value, viability, and marketing.
2. The considerable amount of correspondence from local residents providing examples of its use as a place in which to meet informally, hold more formal gatherings and socialise with other residents makes it clear that the White Hart is still valued by the local community, even though these activities have ceased since its closure.

3. The time lapse since the pub's closure would represent a challenge for anyone now wishing to re-establish the business, but the previous accounts show a healthy level of turnover, and it is clear that reopening as a public house has considerable support within the local community and indeed from further afield.

4. Since 2004 the White Hart has been run on an owner-operator basis and, in order to show that the use of the site as a public house is genuinely redundant, the inspector considered it necessary for the appellant to demonstrate that there is no market interest in running it on a similar basis, ie, freehold. In the absence of any evidence that would demonstrate this he could not be certain that its use is genuinely redundant.

5. The arguments in favour of dismissal are not outweighed by other considerations such as: the owner's wish to recoup investment; the existence of other public houses in neighbouring villages; contribution to the housing supply; and the economic and employment benefits which would accrue locally from the construction work.

The full report can be seen on
www.hamsteadmarshall.net/appeal%20decision.pdf.



What's on in the village

for St Mary' Church services see here

19.00-21.30 Thu 7 Jun	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-14.30 Sat 9 Jun	Community summer market <i>bread, eggs, cheese, preserves, cakes, savouries, beer, apple juice, jewellery, chocolate, flavoured salts & sugars, vegetables, plants, planters, hanging baskets, cards, prints, ceramics, handmade bags, toys, silk scarves, outdoor games, tombola live music</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00 Tue 12 Jun	Elstree school choir concert	St Mary's Church	Sarah Stevenson 07802 235169
10.30 Thu 14 Jun	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.30 Wed 27 Jun	E&HM Garden Society <i>summer garden visit</i>	Redhill House, Holtwood RG20 0JL	Penelope Lake
19.00-21.30 Thu 5 Jul	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.30 Thu 12 Jul	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-14.30 Sat 4 Jul	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 9 Aug	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£16, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-14.30 Sat 11 Aug	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
19.00-21.30 Thu 6 Sept	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-14.30 Sat 8 Sept	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 13 Sept	Ladies Who Brunch <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 Tues (not Aug)	Puppy and dog training classes Field & Homedog Training	Andrea Capewell 07783 583212
18.15-19.00, 19.00-20.15 Thurs (not Aug)	Fun dog classes: tricks and skills, scent detection Book 3 sessions for £30	Yvette Curtis

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

29th May 2018. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

AWAITING DECISION

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.

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.

Flats 1-6 Hamstead Mill RG20 oJD

18/00917/LBC2 validated 27 Mar 2018

Replacement windows and doors, refurbishment of retained windows and doors, replacement roof coverings. New fascia board and soffit. Replacement rainwater goods. Acoustic upgrade to compartment floor. Exterior decoration. Waterproofing works to tunnel below flats 5 and 6.

No comment from parish council.

Park Lodge RG20 oJD

18/00845/FUL validated 13 Apr 2018

Erection of three-bedroom dwellings (to replace that lost by fire), with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access.

Strongly supported by parish council.

Eastgate House RG20 oJD

18/01129/HOUSE & 18/01130/LBC2 validated 25 May 2018

Demolition of existing ground floor living space and erection of a new enlarged living space. All listed elements will not be affected.

No comment from parish council.

WITHDRAWN

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.

Objections were posted online from:

- 1) parish council on grounds of size;
- 2) 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.
- 3) Historic England.

Application withdrawn 2 May 2018.

APPROVED

27 Hamstead Marshall (Hawthorn Cottage) RG20 oHP

18/00584/COND1 validated 7 Mar 2018

Details reserved by Conditions 6 - Arboricultural method statement, 7 - Tree protection, 8 - Landscaping and 9 - Gates of approved 17/02388/HOUSE - Demolish small summer house, new garden studio, new greenhouse/home office, improve existing access.

Approved 4 Apr 2018.

Village hall news

Jane's House Montessori preschool will be leaving Hamstead village hall in the summer, and the committee would welcome enquiries from any similar organisation which might be interested in the weekday vacancy from September.

Other regular hall users include: the parish council; St Mary's parochial church council; Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society; Young Farmers; the Monday afternoon oil painting class; occasional village pub nights; and of course the monthly community market (although note that 9th June, being the special Summer Market, will be at Elm Farm). The Circle of Friends, Andrea Capewell's puppy training classes on Tuesday evenings, and Yvette Curtis' fun dog classes (tricks and skills) on Thursday evenings, will all be taking a break during August, but plan to return in September.

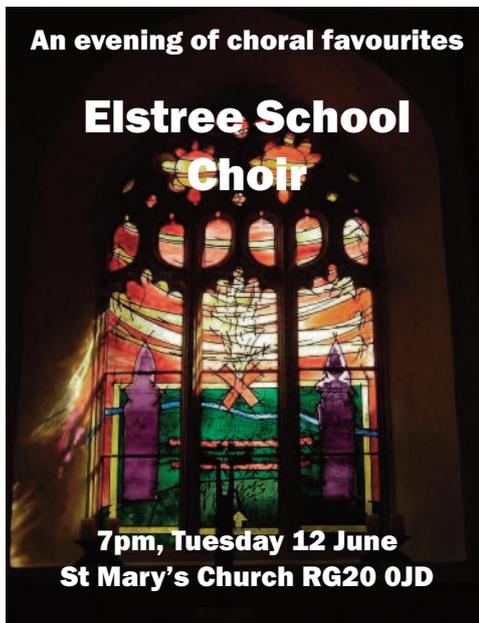
The August lull gives the management committee the opportunity to carry out maintenance, and this summer's project is repainting.

During May a ball-bearing gun was used against the hall, causing damage to the value of £222. The large front window appeared to have been used for target practice. The hall trustees ask everyone to be vigilant, and report or challenge this sort of behaviour.

Buzzards are back



The reintroduction of red kites into southern England a decade or so ago was applauded by birders, but locally they displaced the buzzards, presumably by hunting more efficiently. This year the buzzards are back. They've been seen over the park, Elm Farm and Chapel Corner. To learn how to tell the difference see the website noticeboard.



Please feel free to arrive anytime from 6.30pm. The performance will last for about one hour. Car parking will be in Hamstead Park (RG20 0JD). Enter from the Hamstead Mill gate, which will be clearly signed and manned. Light canapés and drinks will be served after the performance. Tickets are free but should be booked by email or to 07802 235169. There will be a collection for St Mary's during the evening.

'Showcase'
by the women of 'Circle of Friends'

Please make a diary date for Sunday 9th September, when a 'Showcase' event will be held in the village hall, celebrating artistic and creative skills of the Circle of Friends members. Exhibits will range from sculpture, artwork, fine knitting and needlework, to sugarcraft and fabric design. The event will be free, and will run from 2 to 4pm. For more information contact Anne Budd (01488 657022) or Sue Watts (01488 658932).

**Enborne & Hamstead Marshall
Garden Society
summer garden meeting
7.30 pm Wednesday 27th June
Redhill RG20 0JL**

Mary Skinner has invited members back for a return visit, to view and enjoy several alterations which have been made to the garden since the society's last visit in 2013.

News in brief

The parish plan questionnaires have now all been handed in, and their contents are being analysed by the parish plan team. When this is complete there will be an open afternoon (in July, it is hoped) at the hall for villagers to come and view the outcome, and to help prioritise the results.

In the last *Hornet*, ORC Elm Farm advertised for a farm-share partner to use the farmland when the present tenancy expires in the autumn. The ORC's CEO, Prof Nic Lampkin, says that a decision on the future of the farm is to be announced at the end of June.

Rev Matthew Cookson will be leaving the clergy team that serves St Mary's at the end of June, having been a member since 1996.

Hamstead parish council is drawing up a scheme for the circulation of emergency announcements and information on local events to villagers. Recent legislation (GDPR)* requires positive consent from anyone wanting to be included in this scheme, and councillors will be contacting each household individually to ask for this. The scheme is in its early planning stages at present, but in the meantime anyone wanting to offer consent can do so by writing to the parish clerk.

*Councillor Anne Budd and the parish clerk Sarah Bosley have been trained and are registered with the Information Commissioner. They have a legal duty to ensure all parishioners data is protected.

As we were...



These two photos, taken in 1952, show two houses which few villagers will remember. On the left is the house which occupied the site where now is Honeysuckle Cottage (on Warwick Hill), and on the right is the cottage which preceded Elm View.



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