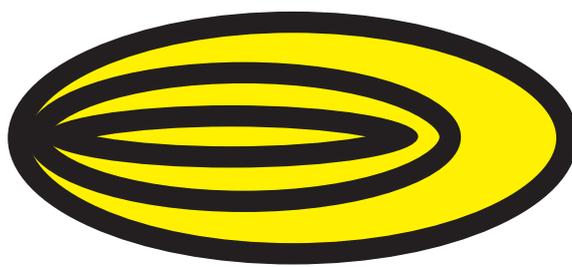


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## All change at Elm Farm

Following the end of Brian Goodenough's tenancy on 31st October, the cattle have now gone from Elm Farm, and are being replaced by sheep.

James Edwards, pictured right, is moving into No 3 Elm Farm Cottages with his sheep dogs this month, and he'll be working with ORC in a new share-farming operation. He has sheep on several farms in the region, but his Elm Farm flock will be managed organically. He will also contribute to supporting ORC's research, workshops and discussion groups.



The introduction of sheep to the farm presents a few challenges:

First, these sheep are naturally wool-shedding: they don't need shearing. Elm Farm assures villagers that, even if they look scruffy at times, they are well cared for.

Second, sheep get through fences that cattle don't. Work is under way to make the fences sheep-proof, but it can't be done all at once. James will use electric fencing, and at times this may cross the farm trail or public footpaths, but James is aware of these and will put in place stiles to enable footpath-users to cross the fences.

Third: dogs. Sheep and dogs don't get on well together. Please keep your dogs on leads everywhere on the farm, keep your dogs wormed and pick up any dog mess, as this poses a significant health risk to sheep. (And take it home too – leaving dog-poo bags on the trail doesn't help.) You'll find further information on dogs and sheep here.

Cattle will be coming back next year, and maybe other animals in a couple of years. In the event of any concern (such as escaped sheep), contact James on 07834 859095 or ORC on 01488 658298.

## Community Christmas Market 10am to 2.30pm Sat 8th Dec at Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall

Local artisan bread, free-range eggs, cheese, preserves, cakes & savouries, Tillys's Treats, Rocking Good Salt Co, Two Cocks Brewery, jewellery, scarves & bags, Tropic Skin Care, Beth's beautiful tiles, cards, hand-knitted toys, children's clothes in aid of Alexander Devine Hospice and local crafts.

*Drop in for shopping, refreshment  
or just to meet the neighbours.  
To book a table, ring 01488 658932.*

## Reach for the stars

Hamstead Marshall is beloved by astronomers because it has no streetlights. Val Russell, a member of Newbury Astronomical Society, is hoping for a clear sky on Thursday 10th January, when she has organised an event at the village hall which will offer both a star-gazing experience (weather permitting) and a talk on the [James Webb space telescope](#).

Successor to the Hubble, the Webb telescope will be launched in 2021, and will allow observation of some of the most distant objects in the universe, including the formation of the first galaxies.

Everyone is welcome. Meet at 5.30pm if the sky is clear, and see some stars, as NAS members will be bringing their telescopes. At 6.30 the talk will begin (inside). No need to book: entrance is £2 on the door, children free.

# What's on in the village

for St Mary' Church services see [here](#)

09.15-10.15 Mondays	<b>Paula Chandler's Pilates class</b>	Village hall	<a href="#">Paula Chandler</a>
Monday afternoons	<b>Chris Turner's oil painting class</b>	Village hall	01488 658587
19.00-21.00 Tuesdays	<a href="#">Andrea Capewell's puppy &amp; dog training</a>	Village hall	07783 583212
19.30 Thu 6 Dec	<b>Speakers' Corner:</b> Jess Mallison and Jack Dunlop on <i>Mud and Mangoes in Africa</i>	St Mary's Church	<a href="#">Venetia Dunlop</a>
19.00-21.30 Thu 6 Dec	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies group £3</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Sue Watts</a> 01488 658932
10.00-14.30 Sat 8 Dec	<b>Christmas community market</b> <i>bread, eggs, cheese, preserves, cakes &amp; savouries, beer, chocolate, jewellery, scarves &amp; bags, tiles, toiletries, cards, toys, children's clothes</i>	Elm Farm	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 13 Dec	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
16.00 Sat 15 Dec	<b>Watership Cantabile concert</b> <i>refreshments, free entry, charity collection</i>	St Mary's Church	<a href="#">Venetia Dunlop</a>
10.20-11.00 Thu 20 Dec	<b>Mobile library</b>	Village hall	<a href="#">WBC library service</a>
19.00 Thu 20 Dec	<b>Carol singing around Ash Tree Corner</b> <i>bright clothes, torches</i>	Meet at village hall	<a href="#">Sarah Ward</a>
10.30 Thu 10 Jan	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
10.20-11.00 Thu 10 Jan	<b>Mobile library</b>	Village hall	<a href="#">WBC library service</a>
10.30 Thu 10 Jan	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
17.30* or 18.30 Thu 10 Jan *if no cloud	<b>Newbury Astronomical Society talk on James Webb telescope</b> <i>all welcome, £2 on the door (children free)</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Val Russell</a>
19.30 Thu 10 Jan	<b>Speakers' Corner:</b> <i>Atul Wahi &amp; Jess Fanner on Tantalising India</i>	St Mary's Church	<a href="#">Venetia Dunlop</a>
10.30-13.00 Sat 12 Jan	<b>Community market</b> <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
20.00 Mon 21 Jan	<b>Parish council meeting</b> open to all	Village hall	<a href="#">parish clerk</a>
10.20-11.00 Thu 31 Jan	<b>Mobile library</b>	Village hall	<a href="#">WBC library service</a>
10.30 Thu 7 Feb	<b>Circle of Friends</b> <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Sue Watts</a> 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 9 Feb	<b>Community market</b> <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
19.30 Tue 12 Feb	<b>Speakers' Corner</b> <i>Patrick Whitworth on Armenia, Proud Survivor of a Tempestuous Past</i>	St Mary's Church	<a href="#">Venetia Dunlop</a>
10.30 Thu 14 Feb	<b>Ladies Who Brunch</b> <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	<a href="#">Lanie Allen</a> 01488 658168
10.20-11.00 Thu 21 Feb	<b>Mobile library</b>	Village hall	<a href="#">WBC library service</a>

**Bonfire Night raised £360, which has been given to local charities working for the homeless. The harvest supper in September raised £125 for the village hall.**

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

5th December 2018. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

## APPROVED

### 1 Elm Farm Cottages RG20 oHR

18/02492/HOUSE validated 11th Sept 2018  
Loft conversion to form two new bedrooms and shower room  
No objection from parish council  
Approved 20th Nov 2018

### Foxlee Farm, Watery Lane RG20 oJH

18/02395/FUL validated 20th Sept 2018  
Close up existing entrance to site, and reopen an existing entrance.  
No objection from parish council to revised application.  
Approved 20th Nov 2018

### Land by canal bridge

18/02362/TPC 26732 validated 20th Sept 2018  
Clear deadwood and snags: 6-8 dead branches over towpath  
No comment from parish council  
Approved 1st Oct 2018

### 24 Hamstead Marshall RG20 oHR

18/02219/HOUSE validated 19th Sept 2018  
Conservatory style garden room and skylights  
No objection from parish council  
Approved 14th Nov 2018

### Lamellion RG20 oHH

18/02490/HOUSE validated 3rd Oct 2018  
Reinstate access off a 'C' classified road  
No comment from parish council  
Approved 28th Nov 2018

### Park Lodge RG20 oJ

18/01764/FUL validated 26th Jul 2018  
Temporary gravel track  
18/01765/HOUSE validated 26 Jul 2018  
(Retrospective) tree house  
No objection from parish council  
Both approved 20th Sept 2018

### 4 Hamstead Mill RG20 oJD

18/02617/COND1 validated 4th Oct 2018  
Approval of details reserved by conditions 6 & 7 of planning permission 17/02799/LBC2  
No comment from parish council  
Approved 17th Oct 2018

### Oak Tree Barn, Holtwood RG20 oJH

18/02166/FULD validated 7th Aug 2018  
Conversion of existing redundant building to a

dwelling  
Objection from parish council  
Approved 2nd Oct 2018

### Craven House RG20 oJG

18/01267/HOUSE validated 25th May 2018  
Single-storey extensions, pool hall structure, alterations to external elevations, creation of leisure facilities, demolition of existing single-storey canopy structure and green house  
No comment from parish council  
Approved 22nd Oct 2018

## AWAITING DECISION

### Park Lodge RG20 oJD

18/00845/FUL validated 13th Apr 2018  
Erection of three-bedroom dwelling (to replace that lost by fire)  
Strongly supported by parish council

### Site of former Park Lodge RG20 oJ

18/02391/HOUSE validated 18th Sept 2018  
(Retrospective) single storey extension  
Supported by parish council

### Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood, RG20 oJL

17/02878/FULD validated 18th Oct 2017  
Section 73A: Variation of Conditions 3, 4, 5 & 7 of planning permission reference 16/00775/FULD (Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home).  
No objection from parish council

### 9 Salters RG20 oHH

18/02648/HOUSE validated 8th Oct 2018  
Proposed two-storey side and rear extension.  
Demolish garage and summer house and erect new detached timber frame garage with home office above.  
Objection from Hillside  
Supported by Enborne Parish Council  
No comment from parish council

### 4 Hamstead Mill RG20 oJD

18/03015/LBC2 validated 4th Nov 2018  
Section 19: Variation of condition 2 17/02799/LBC2  
No comment from parish council

### Redhill Cottage RJ20 oJL

18/02949/HOUSE validated 14th Nov 2018  
Single-storey side extension  
No comment from parish council

## Village property

The five-bedroom granary and barn conversion on Watery Lane in Holtwood offered by Brunsdon Associates a few months ago at a guide price of £1,100,000 has been taken off the market.

The 17 acres of land off Holtwood Road offered with planning for a 20m by 12m agricultural barn by Savills of Salisbury is reported to be under offer from a local buyer. Contracts are expected to be exchanged by Christmas.

## Concert at St Mary's

The Newbury mixed-voices choir Watership Cantabile returns to St Mary's Church for a concert of Christmas music on Saturday 15th December, starting at 4pm. Entry is free, and there will be refreshments. A collection will be made for St Mary's and the Brain Tumour Charity.

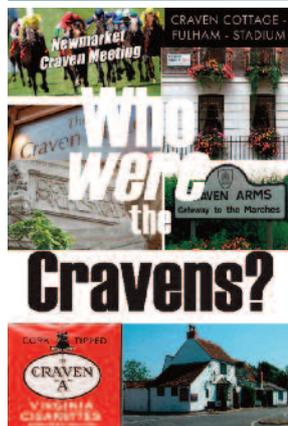
## Carols and Christingle

It's Ash Tree Corner's turn for the carollers this year. Sarah Ward's mobile choir will be meeting at 7pm at the village hall on Thursday 20th December, and they will be collecting for the Newbury Soup Kitchen. All are welcome. Wear bright colours and bring a torch.

St Mary's Christingle service is being held this year at Enborne School, at 4pm on Sunday 9th December.



Streetcare is not as responsive as it used to be. These two examples of local flytipping – binbags and paint pots in Park Lane, and concrete slabs by the passing place on Warwick Hill – have been reported to the council three times, but to no effect. The council claimed to have dealt with Park Lane, and to have been unable to find the dump on Warwick Hill, despite having been supplied with maps and photos. Over to the parish council, perhaps?



If you've often wondered, *who exactly were the Cravens?* you can now find out from a display recently mounted on the history board in the village hall.

The Cravens lent their name to around 30 streets in London, a village in Shropshire, several local pubs and houses, Oxford and Cambridge University scholarships, one of Newmarket's richest race meetings, Fulham football ground and a brand of cigarettes. And they once owned Hamstead Marshall lock, stock and barrel, probably your house included if it's more than 100 years old.

Learn a little more next time you're in the village hall.

**Speakers' Corner** is the title of a series of six talks being given by local people at St Mary's Church. Topics range around the world, from Africa to Armenia and India. See details on the [future events page](#) of St Mary's website, or on the [village website Noticeboard](#) or in the *What's On* calendar on page 2 of this Hornet.

**Get in early with your New Year resolution by booking into Paula Chandler's new Pilates class starting in the village hall on Monday mornings. Details are given on the What's On calendar on page 2 of this newsletter. Paula may also start yoga or tai chi classes if the demand is there.**

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