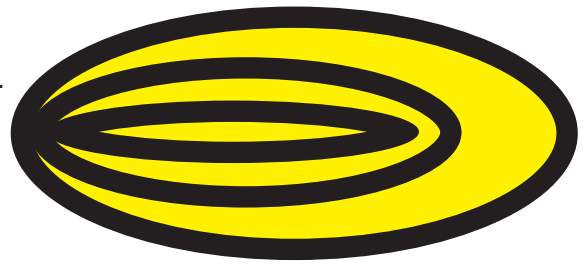


# Hamstead Hornet



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## New at the White Hart "Rishi reprise" Weds and Thurs

Stella's Sunak Suppers on Wednesdays throughout August have been a great success, and she is aiming to continue the momentum, albeit without support from the Chancellor, with a series of fixed-price menus for Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 6pm throughout September.

The menu offers a choice of two courses for £15, or three for £20.

### Friday night takeaways

Fish and chips, burgers (meat or veggie) available for collection between 5 and 8pm. Order via the website or ring 01488 657545.

Friday night special in the restaurant: Chateau Briand £50 for two. Details from the website.



## Opening Hours

Wednesday	Thursday	17:00 - 22:00
Friday	Saturday	12:00 - 23:00
Sunday		12:00 - 18:00



## Priest-in-charge to take early retirement

Rev Mark Wilson, who took over the Walbury Beacon Benefice three years ago, is taking early retirement at the end of September. In an open letter on the benefice website he says that he and his wife Deborah will remain in the area, where they are believed to run the Stockcross Post Office.

Replacement of Anglican ministers is never a speedy affair, but with services on St Mary's website scheduled through to the end of the year, it is assumed that other members of the benefice team will be officiating.

## Village hall pop-up shop goes fortnightly

Sue Watts and Lanie Allen, who have been running the village hall pop-up shop for eggs and bread weekly since the beginning of lockdown feel the time has come to move to fortnightly. The next opening will be 9.30-11.30 on Thursday 10th September. Continuation through the autumn will depend on villagers' needs.

At present the hall remains closed for all other activities because of the problems of sanitising to government guidelines between each booking.



Community market, Circle of Friends, Bonfire Night and private bookings all remain on hold



## Elm Farm: last two lots under offer

Carter Jonas' website is showing the last two lots of the Elm Farm sell-off as under offer. Lot 7, comprising 47 acres either side of the bridle path (pictured), and the cottage, No 3 Elm Farm, (which was not advertised with the original prospectus) were advertised together at £650,000 after the rest of the farmland had been disposed of, but they are thought to be the subject of two separate offers.

## Hawthorne Cottage

Hawthorne Cottage, also known as No. 27, at Chapel Corner continues to be advertised by Marc Allen, now at £825,000 rather than the £875,000 that was being sought earlier in the year.

## Parish council meeting

The next parish council meeting will take place by Zoom on Thursday 17th September. The agenda will be available on the council website five working days before the meeting, with details on how to join by Zoom.

## Mobile library back on the road

The mobile library is back in business, and will be calling at Ash Tree Grove between 10.40 and 11.10 on 24th September, 15th October, 5th and 26th November and 17th December. Order your books here.

## Village WhatsApp

The village WhatsApp has gone quieter of late, but continues as a useful forum for getting rid of surplus garden produce, finding lost dogs and cats, recommendations of local tradespeople and suchlike. There are currently 78 participants in Hamstead Marshall and adjoining parishes. If you would like to join contact Sarah Stevenson on 07802 235169.

## Extracted from WBC weekly bulletin 28th August

Total number of Covid-19 cases in West Berks 7th March to 27th August: 520

Total number of deaths in West Berks 1st March to 7th August: 132

Covid-19 cases reported in West Berks 17th to 23rd August: 10

Covid-19 deaths reported in West Berks in week ending 14th August: 0

Mobile Testing Units (MTUs) available over the next few weeks (subject to change depending on priority needs elsewhere):

- Herongate Club, Hungerford RG17 0YU: Wed 2nd Sept for up to 2 days
- Henwick Worthy playing fields, Thatcham, RG18 3BN: Wed 16th September for 1 day
- Herongate Club, Hungerford, RG17 0YU: Thurs 17th Sept for up to 2 days
- Drive Through Testing Site open every day at Newbury Showground

Applications as per current DHSC guidance.

Swimming pools in West Berkshire open from 1st September 2020. Public swimming subject to lane swimming, limited numbers, and sessions will need to be booked in advance. Details here.

Libraries are planning to open for visits from 21st September. Updates here.

## Planning applications taken from <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on 4th September 2020. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

### APPROVED

**Oak Tree Barn, Holtwood RG20 0JH**  
**20/00901/FULD validated 16th March 2020**  
**Conversion of redundant barn into dwelling and garage**  
**Approved 11th June 2020**

**Foxlee Farm, Holtwood RG20 0JH**  
**20/00704/FUL validated 16th March 2020**  
**New steel clad agricultural barn to replace pole barn destroyed by Storm Ciara**  
**Approved 26th June 2020**

### AWAITING DECISION

**Rickety Gate Farm, Holtwood RG20 0JH**  
**20/01520/FULD validated 9th July 2020-09-04 Section 73: Variation of condition 13 'removal of log cabin' of approved application 17/02099/FULD: Section 73A: Variation of Condition 15: Temporary log cabin permitted of approved application 13/01008/FULD: Relocation of existing dog breeding establishment involving the erection of a single storey kennel building; siting of a temporary mobile home; isolation kennel building and change of use of existing barn to ancillary storage building; the use of land as canine exercise area, associated parking, turning and landscaping (allowed on appeal APP/W0340/A/13/2206830)**  
**Hamstead Marshall Parish Council: "We understand that the above application is to rollover currently held permission for the temporary site dwelling. The parish council would like to note that it has objected to this proposal from the outset and acknowledge that West Berkshire Council also did the same; on the basis that it was in the AONB."**  
**1 neighbour objection**

**Barn House, Holtwood RG20 0JH**  
**20/01664/FUL validated 6th August 2020**  
**Replacement dwelling**  
**7 letters of objection from neighbours**  
**1 letter of support**

**Elm Farm, RG20 0HR**  
**20/02011/FUL and 20/02012/LBC2 validated 4th Sept 2020**  
**Installation of window and filling in of existing window**

### WITHDRAWN

**Barn between Salters Yard and Spicers Copse**  
**20/01059/PACOU validated 11th May 2020**  
**Change of use to form 2 dwelling houses**  
**12 letters of objection**  
**Withdrawn 5th August 2020**

**Fishery Cottage RG20 0JD**  
**20/00320/FUL validated 11th Feb 2020**  
**Demolition of current dwelling, replace with larger dwelling**  
**Objection from Hamstead Marshall Parish Council**



## Pictures from the past



The "Sham Castle" in Hamstead Park, built as a folly in the 1790s when such park ornamentation was fashionable. Marked on old OS maps but is thought to have been taken down during the First World War.



Stone steps in the garden of the house in Hamstead Park in an Edwardian postcard.



A game of cricket on the Plain before the First World War. The Plain is the field behind the modern Craven House in Park Lane -- note the gatepiers in the background. There was even said to have been a golf course here briefly.



Red Hill House/Cottage in 1902



Clareville Cottage (now Hayseed Hollow) at the turn of the twentieth century. Then often known as the High House.



Beaters on the Craven estate in the 1920s. Third from left, with the gun, was Victor Schmidt, the steward. His dog Peter has a small gravestone near the driveway into the park.

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