

# Hamstead *Hornet*

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## LOCAL LINKS

### Parish council

**White Hart Inn:**  
[website](#); [FB](#)

**St Mary's Church** [website](#);  
[FB](#)

### Dogs Trust at Plumb's Farm

### Community market [FB](#)

### Hamstead Marshall Wildlife Group [FB](#)

### *Village Whatsapp groups*

**Community Support** local chit-chat, news, tips, advice, requests. Contact [Sarah Stevenson](#).

**HM Growing Tips** for sharing gardening triumphs and disasters. Contact [Lanie Allen](#).

## The village is coming back to life....

THE COMMUNITY MARKET is back in business on the second Saturday each month. The first in August was low-key, but gradual expansion is planned, back to normal business. The 11<sup>th</sup> September market will feature a new stall selling Dexter beef and marsh-bred lamb.

PILATES began last Monday, with a full turnout for Jenny Carter's class in the village hall. The course of eight classes costs £50, or £8 per class pay as you go. Jenny has several more people interested in joining, and is considering setting up a second class, either to follow on from the first (ie, at 10.30 on Mondays) or on Thursday mornings. Check out her [website](#) or [contact her direct](#) for more information.

THE WHITE HART MONTHLY MINDBENDER QUIZ is back, on the first Thursday of each month, with a new prize of a £50 voucher. Next fixture is Thursday 7th October.

THE GARDEN SOCIETY has booked the hall for its AGM on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30. Formal business will be followed by the usual cheese and wine. This will be the first time that members have been able to meet face-to-face since March 2020, as a variety of problems have scuppered the planned event for members at Hazel Paddock in September. The society has also booked the hall for a December meeting, speaker to be announced. Guests are always welcome, and more information can be obtained from the secretary of the society, [Penelope Lake](#).

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS has restarted, meeting on the second Thursday of the month in the hall. The topic for 7<sup>th</sup> October is Laughter Yoga, and meetings for November and December have been booked. Contact [Sue Watts](#).

HAMSTEAD MARSHALL WILDLIFE GROUP is holding an event in the hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. See below for more details.

## and further ahead (fingers crossed)....

BONFIRE NIGHT on 5<sup>th</sup> November is planned to be celebrated with the now traditional village party with fireworks, bonfire, barbecue and guy competition on the recreation ground. Watch the [website noticeboard](#) for further details.

LADIES WHO BRUNCH will hopefully be tucking in and raising charitable funds from next month. [Lanie Allen](#) is establishing a new venue.

## Chapel Corner takes another hit

Not since February 2016 has there been a significant crash at Chapel Corner, but on the weekend of 21/22 August somebody took the corner too fast, destroying assorted items of road signage which have yet to be repaired.



Hopefully, when WBC's highways department comes to repair it, they will also restore the fingerpost, which lost its third pointer (towards Enborne and Newbury) several years ago. The detached pointer lay on the grass triangle for a long time, but has now vanished.



## Wildlife group invites villagers to BBOWT talk

The recently formed Hamstead Marshall Wildlife Group has secured a speaker for the village hall event on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Simon Claybourn is the West Berkshire wild verges officer for the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. An ecologist who has been working with BBOWT for more than 10 years, Simon will tell us about his project, with illustrations.

The talk begins at 7.30, and will be followed by refreshments. Free wildflower seeds will be available. There will be a raffle in aid of the Hedgehog Preservation Society. Entry is free, but please book your place with Anne Budd on 01488 657022.



*The Hamstead Marshall Wildlife Group's Facebook page now has 25 followers, mostly local but one or two from far afield, including a former villager now living in NSW.*



## Ash Tree Grove stars

George Clarke, the award-winning Channel 4 presenter of architectural programmes, came to Ash Tree Grove in June to make a promotional video for Mitsubishi, makers of the Ecodan heat pump system which replaced the Grove's night storage radiators in 2018.

Filming centred upon No.8, home of Anne and Alan Budd. Covid compliance posed a few extra hurdles for the tripartite team (Sovereign Housing also being represented) but Anne reported that the experience was not just painless but positively pleasant and professional. The video was completed in a morning.





**Good Hope Farm on Park Lane has made great strides and is opening its gates to visitors on 18<sup>th</sup> September. From 11am to 4pm Karine Giannamore and her team will welcome local people who would like to visit and see this project in development. There are toilets, and there will be refreshments.**

The former meadow has been divided into zones for fruit, herbs, vegetables and an orchard. Trees are in place, and beds prepared for planting. The purpose of the venture is to create a therapeutic day centre for people with learning difficulties. See more on the [farm's website](#).



Good Hope Farm's fund-raising application for a greenhouse can be seen (and contributed to) on the [Good Exchange](#), where donations are matched by Greenham Trust.

## Miscellaneous parish council news

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council joined with those of the Woodhays, Inkpen and Kintbury in sending a joint email to West Berkshire MP Laura Farris expressing concern for the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

The parish council's application to renew the White Hart Inn's status as an Asset of Community value was rejected by WBC on grounds of insufficient evidence in support of the application. The status expired on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Following pressure from the parish council, WBC has restored the village hall car park to good condition, remedying damage caused by a leaking storm drain.

Returns filed for the financial year 2020-21 indicate that the parish council had a gross income of £4,587, and gross expenditure of £3,128. The full submission can be seen [here](#), but it does not itemise the expenditure.

The next parish council meeting will begin at 8pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The agenda should be posted on the Ash Tree Corner and Chapel Corner noticeboards in advance.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details taken from the [WBC planning portal](#) on 6th September 2021.  
To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

### AWAITING DECISION

#### **The Barn House, Watery Lane RG20 OJH**

21/01534/HOUSE validated 3rd Jun 2021  
Partial demolition of existing dwelling and erection of outbuilding.  
Objections from 3 neighbours, and from HMPC on grounds that "this is an attempt at what is ostensibly the same objective via another route and does not take account of our previous reasons for objecting."  
(Two previous applications: 20/01664/FUL was withdrawn, 21/00247/FUL was refused.)

#### **9 Salters RG20 OHH**

21/02103/HOUSE validated 13th Aug 2021  
Section 73: Variation of Condition 2  
Re previously approved application 20/02067/HOUSE: proposed two-storey side extension to house. Demolish garage and summer house and erect new detached timber frame garage.  
No comments received.

### APPROVED

#### **Garage site next to 1 The Village RG20 OHN**

21/00721/REM validated 29th Mar 2021  
Reserved matters following outline permission 19/03076/OUTD [for demolition of existing garages and erection of a two-storey detached dwelling with three parking spaces. Matters to be considered: access and layout.] Matters seeking consent: appearance, landscaping and scale.  
Approved 18th Jun 2021.  
21/01162/COND1 Approval of details reserved by Conditions 6 (details of an electric vehicle charging point), 9 (scheme for the protection of trees to be retained) and 10 (surface water drainage)  
Approved 19th July 2021.

#### **Oak Tree Barn, Watery Lane RG20 OJH**

21/01318/COND1 validated 14th May 2021  
Approval of details reserved by condition 11 (spoil) of planning permission re 20/00901/FULD for conversion of existing redundant building into a dwelling and garage, together with associated landscaping.  
Approved 24th June 2021.

#### **27 Hawthorn Cottage, Warwick Hill RG20 OHP**

21/01233/HOUSE validated 30th April 2021  
Garage conversion.  
No comments received.  
Approved 2nd July 21.

#### **North Lodge, Park Lane RG20 OJD**

21/01391/HOUSE validated 11th June 2021  
First floor extension and alterations to the existing dwelling.  
No comments received.  
Approved 24 Aug 2021.



*North Lodge had its origins as a cottage, extended for occupation by the dowager Countess of Craven in the 1970s. However, an early eighteenth-century map suggests that it was the site of the original rectory for St Mary's Church. This probably became redundant in the early nineteenth century when Hamstead began to share a rector with Enborne.*

### APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

#### **Land next to 18/Hayseed Hollow RG20 OHR**

21/01777/AGRIC validated 8th July 2021  
To construct a simple timber-framed open-fronted hay barn. Fibrecrete roof cladding with top half of weatherside Yorkshire boarded. Free draining to surrounding field.  
Approval not required: 3rd Aug 20.

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