

HAMSTEAD MARSHALL

A-Z guide to services in and near the village

ACCOUNTANTS

GMC Associates (Gill Cook ACA), Park Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HL
01488 658333 gmc@gmc121.co.uk.

BROADBAND

Most houses in Hamstead Marshall with an 01488 telephone number are unable to receive broadband by BT landline, because the houses are more than 5km (by cable distance) from the telephone exchange. Despite years of intensive lobbying by the village broadband subcommittee BT offers no hope of remedying this situation.

However, it has been found possible for most houses in the village to pick up a 4G broadband signal by using a high-gain, roof-mounted antenna, linked to a router with an express card.

Gigaclear <https://www.gigaclear.com> is working towards delivering a fibre-to-the-household solution for Hamstead Marshall, with delivery scheduled for the middle of 2017. This should be fast and, unlike 4G, will not be encumbered with a low download cap. Many households have signed up for connection when it becomes available, but it is not clear whether all village houses will be able to benefit from this system.

Satellite is the remaining option for those who cannot get a 4G signal and who are too far off the beaten track for Gigaclear.

BUILDERS

Bowyer Bros Contractors Ltd, Prairie View, Warwick Hill, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HP
01488 658656

BUSES

Newbury Buses no 13 service runs along the Kintbury Road between Newbury, Inkpen and Hungerford.

Check www.reading-buses.co.uk/kennections for the current timetable.

CHIMNEY SWEEP

Howard the Sweep

trevor@howardthesweep.co.uk 07531 277668, 01635 202262

CHURCHES

Anglican

St Mary's Church <http://www.hamsteadmarshallchurch.co.uk> stands on upon a hill in the north of the parish, overlooking the river Kennet.

The ecclesiastical parish of Hamstead Marshall has since 1981 been part of a united benefice which also includes Enborne, West Woodhay, Inkpen and Combe (www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk). Since 2005 this benefice and the separate benefice of Kintbury with Avington have been jointly served by one rector, who lives in Kintbury, supported by associate priests.

Rector: vacant at present

Associate priests:

Rev Sue Webster - 01635 32708, 07747 391291

Rev Matthew Cookson - 01488 669043

Jenny Veasey

Church contact: John Stevenson 07775 521704; Katie Wallis; Nick Wallis; Vicki Keppel Compton; Katie Goad; Martin Bates; Adam Bishop; Helen Bishop

Roman Catholic

The nearest Roman Catholic church is **St Francis de Sales** in Wash Common. There are also Catholic churches in Newbury (**St Joseph's**) and Hungerford.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (ladies' group)

The group meets usually on the first Thursday of the month in the village hall at 7.00pm, usually to hear an arranged talk, but sometimes to have an outing or a local walk. There is no membership as such – anyone is welcome to come, and to bring a friend. The entrance fee of £3.00 covers tea/coffee and the raffle. If you would like to know more, look for details on parish noticeboards,

www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm, in the *Hamstead Hornet* or contact Sue Watts: 01488 658932 or soosy.watts@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MARKET

Hamstead Marshall & Enborne Community Market is held on the second Saturday of each month, usually from 10am until 1pm at the village hall in Park Lane. There are larger special markets held at Elm Farm in mid-summer and at Christmas. Details available on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm.

Stalls vary, but they include food and refreshments, and the chance to meet your neighbours. The summer and Christmas markets are bigger, and feature gifts and crafts.

For further information or to book a stall, please call 01488 658932 or 658168.

COMPUTER HELP

Crossplatform: Patrick Rogers <http://www.crossplatform-it.co.uk>
07920 168996 or 01635 226116

Kintbury Computer Group: free, friendly, one-to-one, one-hour's tuition on phones, laptops, cameras. Book with Patricia Poyton 01488 668901

DOGS

Dogs' Trust Newbury, Plumb's Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HR
01488 658391

(rehoming of abandoned and unwanted dogs)

Enborne Kennels and Cattery, Enborne Street, Enborne RG20 0JP
01635 253288

Fraser, (gun dog breeding and training) Old Post Office, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW

DRUM LESSONS

Jamie Ryder-Phillips 07917 123336

EGGS, free range

Hayseed Hollow 07515 669174

FISH AND CHIPS

A mobile fish and chip van (**Flippers**) calls at Ash Tree Grove every Monday at 6.45pm.

GAME REARING (pheasants)

Andrew Pocock, **Enborne Valley Farm**, Holtwood, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH
0789 979 6755

GARDEN SERVICES

Penwood Nurseries, The Drove, Penwood, Highclere RG20 9EW
01635 254366 webmail@penwoodnurseries.co.uk

Yew Tree Garden Centre, Ball Hill, East Woodhay, Hants RG20 ONG
01635 255250 www.yewtreegc.co.uk

Fairoak Machinery (same place as Yew Tree) 01635 244533

J P Handy Forestry, 10 Salters, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OHH
01635 254800 www.jphandy-forestry.com

Jeffrey Kettle (gardener) 01635 439310, 07528 842382

Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society

was created in 1984 from a society whose origins go back to 1910. Members (and guests) meet four times a year, usually on a Wednesday evening:

- in spring (end of March or early April) either at a garden centre or in the village hall to hear a talk
- in summer (end of June or first week in July) usually as an evening visit to an interesting private garden
- in autumn for the **AGM, wine & cheese and quiz evening**
- and in December for a Christmas-themed talk.

First Saturday in September is the **Flower Show & Fete**, usually at Hazel Paddock (opposite Enborne School). There are many classes of competition (open to members, parishioners and others) spanning fruit, vegetables, herbs, preserves, bakery and crafts. The show includes stalls, a tea tent and usually a band.

Details of meetings are mailed to members, posted on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm.

New members are always welcome. The annual subscription is £5 per individual, payable on 1 January each year, and it entitles the member to certain garden centre discounts. Contact either

Dawn Taylor (8 Church Close, Enborne, 01635 32006) or

Penelope Lake (19 Glendale Avenue, Wash Common, 01635 48701).

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Jamie Ryder-Phillips 07917 123336

HAMSTEAD HORNET

The *Hamstead Hornet* is an independent, privately owned newsletter which comes out each March, June, September and December. It is published online at www.hamsteadmarshall.net/hornet.htm, and anyone may ask to be added to the email list which notifies readers and links to each issue as it becomes available. Printed copies are distributed to those who do not have internet access. The *Hornet* does not take adverts, but the editor is always pleased to hear about parish news admin@hamsteadmarshall.net.

HEALTH CARE

West Berkshire Community Hospital

London Road, Thatcham RG18 3AS

01635 273500

Minor Injuries Unit open 0800-2200 daily

nearest A&E

Royal Berkshire Hospital

London Road, Reading RG1 5AN

0118 322 5111 www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

or

The Great Western Hospital

Marlborough Road, Swindon, Wilts SN3 6BB
01793 604020

NHS GP surgeries which normally accept new patients from Hamstead Marshall:

Falkland Surgery

Monks Lane, Newbury RG14 7DF
01635 279972 www.falklandsurgery.co.uk

Eastfield House Surgery, Dr Weller and partners

6 St John's Road, Newbury RG14 7LW
01635 41495 or 522751

Kintbury Surgery

Newbury Street, Kintbury RG17 9UX
01488 658294

For GP out-of-hours services dial 111 NHS Direct

NHS dentistry

ADP Dental Surgery

32b Fairview Rd, Hungerford RG17 0BN
01488 686309

Dental Surgery

95 High Street, Hungerford RG17 0NB
01488 684142

Baldev's Dental Care

2 St Johns Rd, Newbury RG14 7LX
01635 49999

HORSES

Morewood Estate, Hamstead Marshall, RG20 0HD (DIY livery)

Hobby Horse, Sandra McDermott, Holtwood Farm, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall

RG20 0JH

07788 775854 (riding activities)

Organisation of Horsebox & Trailer Owners (OHTO) Whitehill Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HP

01488 657651 www.horsebox-rescue.co.uk (breakdown assistance for members)

W&S Lamperd Services Ltd, White Hart Stables, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW

07812 193747 www.whitehartstables.com (training horses and riders)

Enborne Equestrian, on the former Hamstead Growers site at Holtwood.

www.enborneequestrian.co.uk 07929 873071

(riding lessons, hacking, livery, horse sales and horse shows)

MEMBER(S) OF PARLIAMENT(S) FOR HAMSTEAD MARSHALL

House of Commons UK constituency: Newbury. MP: **Richard Benyon** (Con)
local office on 01635 551070; House of Commons office on 0207 219 8319
www.RichardBenyon.com BenyonR@parliament.uk

European Parliament UK constituency: South East. See
www.europarl.org.uk/uk_meps/MembersMain.htm for details of the MEPs.

MILK DELIVERIES

H J & A J Whiting, Dodds Farm, Burghclere, Hants
01635 278206

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Hamstead Marshall on alternate Thursdays at
Redhill 10.00-10.30am
Holtwood Corner 10.35-11.00am
village hall 11.15-11.35am
Ash Tree Grove 11.40-12.00noon
Dates are difficult to find on the WBC website, so it is best to ring 01635 519827 or
email NewburyLibrary@westberks.gov.uk

MUSIC TUITION

Viv Toll at The Barn House, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH
01635 253072
(piano tuition at all levels)

Max Hunt

01488 608770
(piano/keyboards/guitar, beginners to advanced, classical and popular)

NEWSLETTERS AND WHAT'S ON INFO

See *Hamstead Hornet* under **H**.

Also see **Pennypost**: community news and events calendar for West Berks and east Wilts. <http://www.pennypost.org.uk> You can sign up to receive a weekly email digest of local news and events.

The Breeze (Newbury's radio station) <http://www.thebreeze.com/newbury/local-events>

OIL BUYING GROUP

Several years ago, Lanie Allen formed an oil buying group which now has about 400 members in the villages around Hamstead Marshall, including Enborne, Kintbury, Inkpen, West Woodhay, East Woodhay, Ball Hill, East End, Wash Water, Woolton Hill, Penwood and Highclere. Bulk-buying can achieve significant price savings. Members supply their details and requirements to Lanie, who orders monthly, having rung round the oil companies to get the best price each time. Members pay their own bills directly to the company that delivers to them. A charge of £10 a year to group members is payable to Lanie to cover admin costs.

Contact Lanie on 01488 658168 or laonee@btopenworld.com.

OIL PAINTING CLASSES

for all levels are held in Hamstead Marshall village hall on Monday afternoons. New learners are welcome. Pupils provide their own art materials, but can take a trial lesson with materials provided if wished. Further details from **Chris Turner** on **01488**

658587.

PARISH COUNCIL

Members:

John Handy
10 Salters, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HH
01635 254800 john@jphandy-forestry.com

Peter Benest
Little Farm, Holtwood, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH
01635 253627 peterbenest@newburyweb.net

Jon Phillips
Whitehill Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HP
01488 658731 jon@whitehill-farm.co.uk

Stuart Morton
Elm View, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW
01488 657465 stuarttmorton@googlemail.com

Anne Budd
8 Ash Tree Grove, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury RG20 0HJ
01488 657022 anne.budd1@btinternet.com

parish clerk
Sarah Bosley parish_clerk@hotmail.co.uk

Meetings usually take place on the third Monday of January, March, May (the annual parish assembly), July, September and November in the village hall. Details are published on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm and parish noticeboards. All residents are welcome to attend. Any parishioner who is concerned about a local issue may ask any councillor or the parish clerk for the matter to be raised at a council meeting.

PARISH PLAN

Hamstead Marshall's Parish Plan is currently under revision. The team involved consists of:
Jane Arnold-Round 01635 36370
Anne Budd 01488 657022
Hallam Goad 07597 127801
Nick Wallis 07747 792549
Sue Watts 01488 658932

The first parish plan was adopted by West Berkshire Council in 2007, since when many of its planned actions have been completed, thanks to funding from a variety of sources such as WBC, Vibrant Villages, Greenham Common Trust and North Wessex Downs AONB. The plan can be read in full on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/parplan.pdf.

The Village Design Statement (VDS) is a separate document defining the character of the village for the purposes of future planning. It was drawn up in consultation with village residents over two years, and was adopted by WBC in August 2009. The VDS can be read in full on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/vds.pdf.

POLICE

Hamstead Marshall is part of Thames Valley Police Hungerford area. There is a police

station at Hungerford (Park Street) open from 10.00 to 14.00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Newbury police station, open 24/7, is in Mill Lane (beside the Sainsbury's roundabout).

For all non-emergencies (or to verify that a caller at your door is the police as s/he claims) ring 101. In emergency ring 999.

If you want to report something anonymously ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The local neighbourhood specialist is PC Claire Drewitt (based at Hungerford) and the Kintbury district has a PCSO Joanna King, who can be contacted on 07814 852137 or Joanna.king@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

The police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley Police is Anthony Stansfeld, who is also one of the two West Berkshire councillors representing Hamstead Marshall.

POST OFFICES

Kintbury Corner Stores 01488 658358

Stockcross Post Office Stores 01488 657602

PRE-SCHOOL

Jane's House Montessori Pre-School holds sessions in the village hall on weekdays in term time. Contact Jane Doyle on 07738 969358 for details.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING CONSULTANCY

Avril Chaffey MCIPR, 5 The Village Hamstead Marshall, RG20 0HN

01488 657115 avril.chaffey@btinternet.com

PUBS/RESTAURANTS

The White Hart Inn closed in September 2015

Craven Arms, Enborne RG20 0HG 01635 253336

Red House, Marsh Benham RG20 8LY 01635 582017

Dundas Arms, 53 Station Rd, Kintbury RG17 9UT

01488 658263 www.dundasarms.co.uk

Furze Bush, Ball Hill, East Woodhay, Hants RG20 0NQ

01635 253228 www.furzebushinn.co.uk

RUBBISH

Wheelie bins are emptied by West Berks Council on Monday mornings, alternating weekly between the green bins for garden waste, and the black bins for general waste. Food waste in compostable bags should be put out in the green wheelie bin. Recycling baskets for paper, card, glass and cans are emptied every other Monday, with the green bin.

The council will collect bulky domestic rubbish from householders on request.

See also *Unwanted household goods* below.

For a leaflet on recycling, or information about the tip at Sandleford ring Streetcare on 01635 519080 or email streetcare@westberks.gov.uk.

Streetcare (see above) is also the agency to which flytipping, litter, abandoned cars, potholes and road obstructions should be reported.

SHOPS

Kintbury Corner Stores, The Square, Kintbury 01488 658358
Stockcross Post Office Stores, B4000, Stockcross 01488 657602
Ball Hill Convenience Store (formerly the Old Bakery) RG20 0NU 01635 255111

UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Furniture, bedding, curtains, kitchen stuff, baby equipment, gardening equipment, CDs DVDs, household ornaments, even electrical goods (but not gas): if they are usable they can be sold to people in need by **Newbury Community Furniture Project** (charity). Deliver yourself or arrange collection. 01635 43933
www.cfpnewbury.org/donateus.php

VEG BOXES

Order a weekly organic veg box from Harroway Organics. Orders are placed through ORC Elm Farm (01488 658298) and paid for by Tuesdays. Delivery is to Elm Farm for collection on Thursdays usually after 11am.

VETS

Falkland Veterinary Clinic, 214 Newtown Rd, Newbury RG14 7ED
01635 46565
Small Animal Vets, The Coach House, Burlins, East Woodhay RG20 0NU
01635 528017

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall and the recreation field alongside hold a wide variety of public social events such as the Firework Night Party, the preschool group, keep-fit classes and the Circle of Friends. It is also available for private hire. See details on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/villhall.htm or contact Sue Watts on 01488 658932.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

Hamstead Marshall is represented as part of Kintbury Ward by **James Cole** (Con) jcole@westberks.gov.uk and **Anthony Stansfeld** (Con) astansfeld@westberks.gov.uk.
Anthony Stansfeld is also police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley Police.

WEBSITE

Almost everything you could want to know about the village – activities, services, facilities, topography, history etc – is detailed on www.hamsteadmarshall.net.

WINDOW CLEANING AND DECORATING

Douglas Cunningham, 11 Ash Tree Grove, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HJ
01488 608623 07766 447751

YOGA, REFLEXOLOGY, AQUA-DETOX

Inga Craven, 25 Chapel Corner, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HR
01488 658744
Neeta Madahar www.facebook.com/neetasyogacafe 07906 752620