

# HAMSTEAD MARSHALL

## A-Z guide to services in and near the village

### ACCOUNTANTS

GMC Associates (Gill Cook ACA), Park Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HL  
07867 801218 [gmc@gmc121.co.uk](mailto:gmc@gmc121.co.uk).

### BROADBAND

Gigaclear <https://www.gigaclear.com> is currently delivering a fibre-to-the-household solution for most of Hamstead Marshall.

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.

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

### BUSES

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

Check [www.reading-buses.co.uk/kennections](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/kennections) for the current timetable.

### CHIMNEY SWEEP

Howard the Sweep

[trevor@howardthesweep.co.uk](mailto:trevor@howardthesweep.co.uk) 07531 277668, 01635 202262

### CHURCHES

*Anglican*

[St Mary's Church](#) stands on upon a hill in the north of the parish, overlooking the river Kennet.

The ecclesiastical parish of Hamstead Marshall is part of a united benefice which also includes Enborne, West Woodhay, Inkpen, Kintbury and Combe.

([www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk](http://www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk)), served by one rector, who lives in Kintbury, supported by associate priests.

Priest-in-charge: Rev Mark Wilson

Associate priests:

Rev Sue Webster - 01635 32708, 07747 391291

Rev Matthew Cookson - 01488 669043

Jenny Veasey

**Church contact:** John Stevenson 07775 521704

*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](http://www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm), in the *Hamstead Hornet* or contact Sue Watts: 01488 658932 or [soosy.watts@gmail.com](mailto: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 are available [online](#) and on [facebook](#).

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, call 01488 658932 or 658168.

## COMPUTER HELP

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

**Walbury Computer Group:** free, friendly, one-to-one, one-hour's tuition on phones, laptops, cameras (in Kintbury). 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 OHW.

## DRUM LESSONS

**Jamie Ryder-Phillips** 07917 123336.

## FISH AND CHIPS

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

## GARDEN SERVICES

**Penwood Nurseries,** The Drove, Penwood, Highclere RG20 9EW  
01635 254366 [webmail@penwoodnurseries.co.uk](mailto:webmail@penwoodnurseries.co.uk).

**Yew Tree Garden Centre,** Ball Hill, East Woodhay, Hants RG20 ONG  
01635 255250 [www.yewtreegc.co.uk](http://www.yewtreegc.co.uk).

**Fairoak Machinery** (same place as Yew Tree) 01635 244533.

## Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society

was re-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, and are also posted [online](#).

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](#), and anyone may ask to be added to the email list which notifies readers and links to each issue as it becomes available. The *Hornet* does not take adverts, but the editor is always pleased to hear about parish news [admin@hamsteadmarshall.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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).

**Holtwood Stables**, Sandra McDermott, Holtwood Farm, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OJH  
07788 775854 (riding activities).

**Organisation of Horsebox & Trailer Owners** (OHTO) Whitehill Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OHP  
01488 657651 [www.horsebox-rescue.co.uk](http://www.horsebox-rescue.co.uk) (breakdown assistance for members).

**W&S Lamperd Services Ltd**, White Hart Stables, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OHW  
07812 193747 [www.whitehartstables.com](http://www.whitehartstables.com) (training horses and riders).

**Enborne Equestrian**, on the former Hamstead Growers site at Holtwood.  
[www.enborneequestrian.co.uk](http://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](http://www.RichardBenyon.com) [BenyonR@parliament.uk](mailto:BenyonR@parliament.uk)

European Parliament UK constituency: South East. See  
[www.europarl.org.uk/uk\\_meps/MembersMain.htm](http://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 the village hall 10.20 -11.00am.

Dates can be difficult to find on the WBC website, so it is best to ring 01635 519827 or email [NewburyLibrary@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:NewburyLibrary@westberks.gov.uk) quoting D route.

## **MUSIC TUITION**

**Viv Toll** at The Barn House, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OJH  
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. You can sign up to receive a weekly email digest of local news and events.

[The Breeze](#) (Newbury's radio station)

## OIL BUYING GROUP

Lanie Allen runs 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](mailto: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](mailto:john@jphandy-forestry.com)

Peter Benest

Little Farm, Holtwood, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH

01635 253627 [peterbenest@newburyweb.net](mailto:peterbenest@newburyweb.net)

John Stevenson [john@johnstevenson.biz](mailto:john@johnstevenson.biz)

07775 521704

Stuart Morton

Elm View, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW

01488 657465 [stuarttmorton@googlemail.com](mailto:stuarttmorton@googlemail.com)

Anne Budd

8 Ash Tree Grove, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury RG20 0HJ

01488 657022 [anne.budd1@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.budd1@btinternet.com)

*parish clerk*

Sarah Bosley [parish\\_clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 [online](#) 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 [online](#).

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 [online](#).

## **POLICE**

Hamstead Marshall is part of Thames Valley Police, Hungerford area.  
Hungerford no longer has a police station.

Newbury police station is at Mill Lane, Newbury RG14 5QU.

Open 8am to 10pm daily, except for Christmas Day.

To contact the neighbourhood police team email

[HungerfordandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HungerfordandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

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 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](mailto: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](http://www.dundasarms.co.uk)

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

01635 253228 [www.furzebushinn.co.uk](http://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, plastic bottles 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](mailto: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](http://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 Bonfire Night Party, the preschool group, keep-fit classes and the Circle of Friends. It is also available for private hire. See details

[online](#) 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](mailto:jcole@westberks.gov.uk) and **Anthony Stansfeld** (Con)

[astansfeld@westberks.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](#) 07906 752620