

Harvest supper

7.30pm Friday 1st October in the village hall
tickets at the door £7 (£5 children) but please let one of the
following know at least one week in advance of your intention to come
Robin Tandy 01488 658048
Jamie Gladstone 01635 44868

excellent food – fine wine – good company
and the traditional harvest supper auction

Could you contribute an item to the auction?
Please contact Robin Tandy on 01488 658048
Could you contribute a salad or dessert to the supper?
Please contact Julie Althaus on 01635 524346

Bonfire and firework party

Friday 5th November
on the village hall field
watch notice boards for more details

Could you help build the bonfire on the weekend of 30th/31st Oct?

Could you help with the barbecue and refreshments on the day?

If so, please contact Sue Watts on 01488 658932
or Lanie Allen on 01488 658168

Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society

Flower Show and Fete

2pm Saturday 4th September
at Hazel Paddock (opposite Enborne School)

tombola - grand draw - refreshments - many stalls
and of course a staggering display of
prize-winning produce in the marquee

News in brief

The Stobart Rail depot and yard which has been set up on Sutton estate land near the level crossing is serving as a base for repair operations on the rail bridge over the river and canal downstream at Marsh Benham. The operation is expected to last six weeks.

The new house which is nearly completed on the site of the demolished Holtwood House has been named Holtwood Corner.

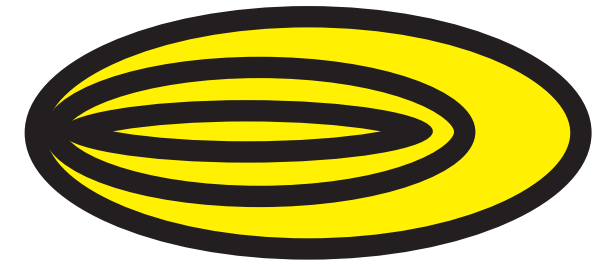
The village hall is expecting to make a further insurance claim against last year's break-in and flooding because, on drying out, the sink unit and work-top have buckled.

The hall floor is due to be sanded and rewaxed on 31st August as part of the hall's maintenance programme to preserve improvements carried out in previous years.

Sue Watts thanks all those who sponsored her in the Race for Life which took place in July. She raised over £450 for cancer research.

A willowcraft afternoon in the village hall is planned for half term.

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Bus blaze outside Craven Arms



photo: J Handy

It may look like downtown Baghdad, but this was the scene outside the Craven Arms in Enborne at 5.30pm on 18 August. The driver of Newbury Buses service no 13 was heading back into Newbury - fortunately with no passengers - when he smelt burning electrics, stopped and got out. Within a minute or two the bus was ablaze, and within 10 minutes, when the fire brigade arrived, it was burnt out.

Newbury Buses has continued to provide the No 13 service through the village, but no explanation could be obtained as to what caused the fire. Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue declined to comment or confirm its involvement with any kind of investigation, referring the *Hornet* to the formal process of a Freedom of Information request.

Following its transfer to a new estate agent - Brunsden Associates - the White Hart has been sold subject to contract.

Details of the deal are confidential at present but, when asked if the White Hart would continue to be a pub, a Brunsden contact said "As far as I am aware, yes." This is good news for locals, and it has done nothing to dampen the strong rumour that the buyer is connected to the Red House at Marsh Benham.



The White Hart, or Old White Hart as it has sometimes been called, has long been the centre of village life. In the nineteenth century beer was brewed on site here, and the inn also provided a meeting place for fawn suppers, coroner's inquests, auctions, local societies' gatherings and annual rent days, when tenants queued up to pay the Craven bailiff. Had the site been redeveloped, as was feared, the loss to the village and its history would have been irrevocable.

News stories from the *Hamstead Hornet* are posted and updated on www.hamsteadmarshall.net which also carries detailed information about the village.

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What's on		
19.30-21.30 Thur 2 Sept	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) Alison Mawdsley and Himalayan singing bowls	Sue Watts 01488 658932
14.00 Sat 4 Sept	Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Flower Show at Hazel Paddock, oppo Enborne School <i>stalls, competitions, amusements</i>	Dawn Taylor 01635 32006 Penelope Lake 01635 48701
14.00 Sun 12 Sept	Guided walk at Elm Farm, marking second weekend of Organic Fortnight	Pam Tibbatts 01488 658298
20.00 Mon 20 Sept	Parish council meeting in the village hall all parishioners welcome	Jo Wheeler 07766 629235
19.30 Fri 1 Oct	Harvest supper £7 (£5 children) pay at door, but book in advance	Robin Tandy 01488 658048 Jamie Gladstone 01635 44868
19.30-21.30 Thur 7 Oct	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) talk on millinery in village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 9 Oct	Community Market in village hall local produce & refreshments	Sue 01488 658932 Lanie 01488 658168
19.30-21.30 Thur 4 Nov	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) local crafts, gifts, ideas in village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
Fri 5 Nov	Village bonfire & firework party volunteers wanted	Sue 01488 658932 Lanie 01488 658168
10.00-13.00 Sat 13 Nov	Community Market in village hall local produce & refreshments	Sue 01488 658932 Lanie 01488 658168
20.00 Mon 22 Nov	Parish council meeting in the village hall all parishioners welcome	Jo Wheeler 07766 629235
16.30 Sun 19 Dec	Carol service in Elm Farm barn	Jamie Gladstone 01635 44868
19.30-21.30 Thur 2 Dec	Circle of Friends (ladies' group) Christmas party in village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
tba	carol singing around the village details to be confirmed	
10.00-11.30 Weds termtime	yoga classes	Inga Craven 01488 658744
13.30-16.00 Mons termtime	oil painting classes for beginners & improvers	Newbury College 01635 42824
weekdays termtime	Little Sunflowers preschool	Teresa 01635 253201 Trudy 01635 255363

Village property for sale

The agents Strutt & Parker and Peter Maclaine are currently offering three options for buying North Lodge:

- the four-bedroomed house with Kennet fishing and a total of 4.31 acres for £1.05 million
- the former studio, now a three-bedroom house, together with summer house and 8.32 acres for £1.15 million
- the whole 13-acre site with both houses for offers in excess of £2 million.

Other properties, advertised for sale earlier in the summer and now described as sold subject to contract, are:

- Meadow View at Chapel Corner, advertised by Marc Allen at a guide price of £475,000
- Hobsons Cottage, formerly Hillside, offered by Strutt & Parker at a guide price of £650,000
- No 8 Hamstead Marshall (opposite Salters), advertised by Hillier & Wilson at £375,000
- and, as described on the front page, the White Hart offered by Peter Brunnsden Associates at £650,000.

Planning applications

information taken from the West Berkshire Council website 23 August 2010

Foxlee Farm has submitted another application for a replacement dwelling and garage plant room, following refusal of an earlier application, on grounds of scale and size, last February. This new application is pending consideration.

The Old Post Office is seeking permission for a new pond in the paddock, an application which is also pending consideration. The Holtwood House application, dating back to April, for an enclosed swimming pool with bat loft above, is still undecided. Approval has been given to Holtwood Farm's application for change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling. Craven House has been refused permission to replace a 1.8m fence with a 2.8m wall on its north-east boundary.

Support your local flower show

Help is being sought for this year's flower show and fete. Could you:

- provide a cake?
- donate a raffle prize?
- find something for "Granny's Attic"?
- offer tins or bottles for the tombola?
- offer jam, plants or vegetables for the produce stall?
- spare an hour to help on a stall or side-show?
- help with putting up tents on Sunday 29th August?

If you can offer any of the above please contact either Dawn Taylor on 01635 32006 or Penelope Lake on 01635 48701.

Fireworks

Sue Watts and Lanie Allen are ensuring that the splendid tradition of a free bonfire night party for Hamstead Marshall will continue this year, even though the White Hart is out of action.

Friday 5th November is the night. The children of Sunflowers Preschool are building a guy for the bonfire, and donations are being sought for the fireworks. There will be refreshments as usual.

If you could help with building the bonfire the week-end before, or with the barbecue and refreshments on the night, please contact Sue on 01488 658932 or Lanie on 01488 658168.

You *SHALL* go the ball (et)

Sue Watts is once again organising a trip to the Arlington Arts Centre at Mary Hare School in December, this time to see Prokofiev's *Cinderella* performed by Ballet Theatre UK.

Last year 22 local people joined the trip to see the *Nutcracker* and this time, as last time, transport will be shared. *Keep an eye on <www.hamsteadmarshall.net/noticeboard.htm> and village noticeboards for further details about both of these events.*

Carols in the barn

The village carol service is to be held in a new venue this year. All are welcome to the service at 4.30pm on Sunday 19th December in the Elm Farm Barn.