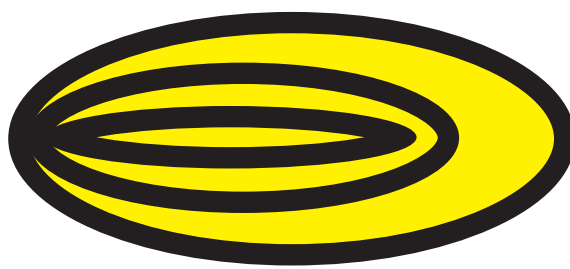


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What's new at the village hall?



The Montessori school has moved on, but there's still plenty happening.

On Sunday 9th September there will be a **showcase celebration of the creative skills of the Circle of Friends and their partners**, organised by Anne Budd, displaying skills such as sculpture, artwork, knitting, needlework, sugarcraft, fabric design, quilting, photography, and woodcraft. Entrance is free (with a small charge for refreshments) and opens from 2 to 4.30pm.

Young Farmers is a youth group affiliated to the National Federation of Young Farmers. It currently has 20 members, with ages ranging between 10 and 26, and they meet on alternate Wednesdays. If you're interested in joining (no requirement to be a farmer) contact [Emma Collins](#).

Ruth Tsoi's mini-professors science classes are fun, interactive sessions for pre-schoolers and their parents. With hands-on experiments, stories and videos based on 80 varied topics you and your child will be taken on a scientific adventure. On Monday mornings Ruth runs two separate sessions (10.00 for 2 to 3.5 year olds and 11.00 for 3 to 5 year olds), and the monthly Saturday sessions (09.30 and 10.30) are for mixed ages (2 to 5 years) to enable siblings to attend together.

Chris Allen is holding **two woodwork-ing Sundays** between now and Christmas. October is now fully booked but 18th November still has places. [Email](#) him or ring 07899 907448 for details.

The **Harvest Supper**, once a staple of the village calendar, lapsed some years ago, but is being revived for 29th September this year. Helpers are being sought to make the food, and to supply raffle prizes. Contact [Sue Watts](#) (01488 658932).

And the regulars return...

Chris Turner's oil painting group continues to meet on Monday afternoons, sometimes outdoors, sometimes indoors. Ring him on 01488 658587 if you'd like to join them.

Andrea Capewell's puppy training classes resume on Tuesday evenings. See [her website](#) or ring her on 07783 583212.

The now traditional village **bonfire night party and fireworks** takes place on 5th November, with a massive blaze, the guy competition, refreshments and spectacular pyrotechnics. Entry is free but there will be a collection for a nominated charity.

The **Circle of Friends** gathers at the hall on the evening of the first Thursday of each month to hear a speaker or watch a demonstration. There's no membership, nor any need to book. Entrance is £3 to cover refreshments.

Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society meets at the village hall several times a year for talks and demonstrations and, at this time of year, for its AGM in November. The society is keen to find more members, but you can attend meetings as a guest to sample its delights.

And of course the **community market** brings together neighbours and supporters from further afield each month to buy artisan bread, Lanie's preserves, crafts, books and Sue's delicious cakes. This year's Christmas special on Saturday 8th December will be at Elm Farm.

The **mobile library** visits the village hall every third Thursday, from 10.20 to 11am. Autumn dates are 20th September, 11th October, 1st and 29th November, and 20th December.

It is hoped that another **Village Pub Night** can be arranged before Christmas.

What's on in the village

for St Mary' Church services see [here](#)

Monday afternoons	Chris Turner's oil painting class	Village hall	01488 658587
19.00-21.00 Tuesdays	Andrea Capewell's puppy & dog training	Village hall	07783 583212
10.00 & 11.00 Mondays 09.30 & 10.30 Saturdays 22 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec	Ruth Tsoi's mini-professor science classes <i>for preschoolers & parents</i>	Village hall	Ruth Tsoi 07912 257839
19.00-21.30 Thu 6 Sept	Circle of Friends informal ladies group £3	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 8 Sept	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
14.30-16.30 Sun 9 Sept	Circle of Friends showcase event <i>free entry</i>	Village hall	Anne Budd
10.30 Thu 13 Sept	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.20-11.00 Thu 20 Sept	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC service
19.00-22.00 Sat 29 Sept	Harvest supper <i>£5, booking essential & contributions wanted</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
19.00-21.30 Thu 4 Oct	Circle of Friends informal ladies group £3	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.20-11.00 Thu 11 Oct	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC service
10.30 Thu 11 Oct	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-13.00 Sat 13 Oct	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
09.00-16.00 Sun 21 Oct	Chris Allen's woodworking class (full)	Village hall	07899 907448
10.20-11.00 Thu 1 Nov	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC service
19.00-21.30 Thu 1 Nov	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies group</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
18.00 Mon 5 Nov	Bonfire and fireworks <i>plus guy competition, bar, burgers</i>	Village hall rec ground	Sue Watts 01488 658932
19.30 Wed 7 Nov	E&HM Garden Society AGM & quiz	Village hall	Penelope Lake
10.30 Thu 8 Nov	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.00-13.00 Sat 10 Nov	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
09.00-16.00 Sun 18 Nov	Chris Allen's woodworking class	Village hall	07899 907448
10.20-11.00 Thu 29 Nov	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC service
19.30 Wed 5 Dec	E&HM Garden Society Christmas meeting	Village hall	Penelope Lake
19.00-21.30 Thu 6 Dec	Circle of Friends informal ladies group, £3	Village hall	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-14.30 Sat 8 Dec	Christmas community market <i>bread, eggs, cheeses, preserves, cakes, savouries, beer, apple juice, jewellery, chocolate, cards, prints, ceramics, handmade bags, toys, silk scarves</i>	Elm Farm	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 13 Dec	Ladies Who Brunch <i>£15, booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.20-11.00 Thu 20 Dec	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC service

Planning applications taken from <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on 3rd September 2018. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

APPROVED

Flats 1-6 Hamstead Mill RG20 oJD

18/00917/LBC2 validated 27th Mar 2018:
Replacement windows and doors, refurbishment of retained windows and doors, replacement roof coverings. New fascia board and soffit. Replacement rainwater goods. Acoustic upgrade to compartment floor. Exterior decoration. Waterproofing works to tunnel below flats 5 and 6.
Approved 15th Jun 2018.

Irish Hill Cottage RG20 oJB

18/01216/HOUSE validated 21st May 2018:
Two-storey rear extension and new porch
Approved 16th Jul 2018.

REFUSED

East Gate House RG20 oJD

18/01129/HOUSE validated 20th April 2018:
Demolition of existing ground floor living space and erection of a new enlarged living space. All listed elements will not be affected.
Refused 17th Aug 2018 on grounds:
"The dwelling is set within a Grade I listed wall and located very close to Grade I listed piers. The proposed extension would, by virtue of its siting block sight lines and views of the gateway from inside the garden toward the piers and wall. It would permanently block the historic vista through the garden courtyard. This will therefore detract from the significance of the surviving Grade I listed wall and piers and the inclusion of the site within the Grade II registered park and garden."

Village property on the market

(info from rightmove.co.uk)

Brunsdon Associates are offering a five-bedroom granary and barn conversion with two-and-three-quarter acres on Watery Lane in Holtwood. The guide price is £1,100,000. (This appears to be unrelated to the current planning application for another barn conversion in Watery Lane.)

Savills, Salisbury, is offering 17 acres of land off Holtwood Road with planning for a 20m by 12m agricultural barn. Offers have to be submitted by noon on 12th September.

AWAITING DECISION

Park Lodge RG20 oJD

18/01765/HOUSE validated 26th Jul 2018:
Retrospective erection of a tree house.
18/01764/FUL validated 26th Jul 2018:
Temporary gravel track.
18/00845/FUL validated 13th Apr 2018:
Erection of three-bedroom dwellings (to replace that lost by fire), with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access.
Strongly supported by parish council.

Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood, RG20 oJL

17/02197/FULD validated 17th Aug 2017:
Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home with staircase, attic bedroom, dressing area, ensuite and dormer windows.
No objection from parish council.
17/02878/FULD validated 18th Oct 2017:
Section 73A: Variation of Condition 3 - Materials, 4 - Levels, 5 - Landscaping and 7 - External Lighting, of planning permission reference 16/00775/FULD (Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home).
No objection from parish council.

Craven House RG20 oJG

18/01267/HOUSE validated 25th May 2018:
Single storey extensions, pool hall structure, alterations to external elevations, creation of leisure facilities, demolition of existing single storey canopy structure and green house
No comment from parish council.

Oak Tree Barn, Holtwood RG20 oJH

18/02166/FULD validated 7th Aug 2018:
Conversion of existing redundant building to a dwelling, together with associated landscaping and parking arrangements.
No comment from parish council.

Could you be a parish councillor?

Johnny Stevenson recently stepped down from Hamstead Marshall parish council, leaving a vacancy which the council is seeking to fill. Anyone interested in serving the village in this way should contact [John Handy](mailto:John.Handy@westberks.gov.uk).

What's happening with the White Hart?

Following the planning inspector's dismissal (see the full report) of Stella Coulthurst's appeal against WBC's rejection of her application to turn the White Hart into four dwellings, the pub appears to still be on the leasehold market with Christie & Co.

Until recently the agent's page described the pub as "under offer", but enquiries by the *Hornet* to both Christie and Stella Coulthurst remain unanswered.

HARVEST SUPPER

7.00 - 10.00pm

**Saturday 29th September
at the village hall**

BYO drinks or availability by donation

**dishes for the table & raffle prize donations all
welcome: offers to Sue Watts**

£5 inc raffle ticket

**make your booking with Sue Watts
01488 658932 proceeds to the village hall**

Walbury Computer Group

One-to-one help with laptops, tablets, mobile phones and digital cameras. Free (but small donations gratefully received).

Book a one-hour session through Patricia Poyton on 01488 668901, at 10.00 or 11.00, at Inglewood on the first Wednesday of the month (3rd October, 7th November and 5th December).

Memorials digitised

Hamstead St Mary's churchyard contains many memorials, the oldest of which is dated 1666. In 1929 a handwritten transcription of all the inscriptions was made, but this work was not widely circulated, and it is now well out of date.

This summer volunteers from Berkshire Family History Society have been at work checking and updating the 1929 work. When complete it will be published as an indexed CD, with photos, on sale from the society. The same group completed a similar project for Enborne St Michael's churchyard last year.

Village hall gets a summer brush-up...

The village hall has had an interior repaint of magnolia on the walls, and a new colour on the woodwork. There are new curtains on the side windows, and the curtains on the big north window have been cleaned.

A new display is planned for the history board.

... and a status upgrade?

Parish councillor Anne Budd is seeking to obtain Asset of Community Value status for the hall.

ACVs can be land or buildings nominated by a local group and which the local council decides further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. Historic interest is not a factor, although the former village school has this attribute as well.

Since the departure of Jane's House Montessori the village hall has daytime availability Tuesdays to Fridays. Anyone interested should contact Sue Watts (01488 658932).

Where have Hamstead's booklovers gone?

Figures recently released by WBC show a startling drop in usage of Hamstead's mobile library service.

In 2015-16 12 Hamstead residents made use of the service, registering 640 loans. The following year that halved to 312 loans, and the most recent year (2017-18) dropped further, to 157, accounted for by just seven local borrowers. WBC confirms that these figures are correct.

Whilst the library's ports of call in Hamstead have been cut back from two to one, and from alternate Thursdays to every third Thursday, this alone surely cannot account for such a precipitous drop.

Given the current climate of service cuts it surely cannot be long before the service to Hamstead comes under threat.

The mobile library calls at the village hall every third Thursday (**20th September, 11th October, 1st and 29th November, and 20th December**) from **10.20-11.00**. Use it or lose it.

WBC also operates an At Home service, through which volunteers collect and deliver library books for housebound parishioners. According to the statistics 69 such loans were made to Hamstead last year.

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