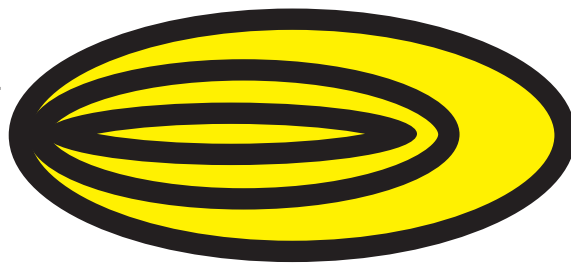


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White Hart aims to re-open next week

Stella Coulthurst, owner of the White Hart since 2011, plans to re-open the pub next week.

She describes it as a "soft" opening, at this stage intended mainly to give customers an opportunity to sample the new beer. Food and a fully stocked bar will follow soon afterwards.

New features of the fully re-opened inn will be:

The White Hart now has its own on-site, four-barrel micro-brewery, branded Saviour, under head brewer John Trueman.

First beers on the pumps will be:

- Saviour Gold** (5%) a classic pale ale brewed with Maris Otter pale malt from Warminster Maltings, English fuggles and goldings hops;
- Saviour Bitter** (3.5%) brewed with Northdown hops from Worcestershire.

More brews are to come, with seasonal offers and specials (lighter in summer and thicker, sweeter in winter).

The new beer club, **Saviour Pennies**, will offer members a 50 per cent discount whenever they have a Saviour ale. (The full price is expected to be £4 a pint.)

Membership is £20 for the year and there will be occasional special beer club nights.



Stella Coulthurst in the new Saviour micro-brewery



The **Hart Club** will be free-to-join, and will enable diners to gain loyalty points.

A take-away service for food and drink will be available.

The new White Hart website will be up and running shortly.

Opening hours will be:

Monday – Thursday	4pm – 10pm
Friday and Saturday	12 noon – 11pm
Sunday	12 noon – 5pm

What hasn't changed:

The White Hart will continue to be family- and dog-friendly, and there'll still be the cheery open fire. There are still nine ensuite, double guest rooms. The phone number is still 01488 657545.

What's on in the village

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

09.15-10.15 Mondays	Pilates class with Paula Chandler	Village hall	Paula Chandler
Monday afternoons	Chris Turner's oil painting class	Village hall	01488 658587
17.15-18.15 Mondays	Hatha Flow yoga class with Neeta Madahar	Elm Farm	Neeta Madahar
13.30-13.0 Tuesdays from 23 Apr	Hatha Flow yoga class with Neeta Madahar	Village hall	Neeta Madahar
19.00-21.00 Tuesdays	<u>Andrea Capewell's puppy & dog training</u>	Village hall	07783 583212
18.00-18.45 Thursdays	Tai Chi class with Paula Chandler	Village hall	Paula Chandler
19.00-21.30 Thu 7 Mar	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies' group £3</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts
10.30-13.00 Sat 9 Mar	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 14 Mar	Ladies Who Brunch £15, <i>booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen
10.20-11.00 Thu 14 Mar	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC library service
20.00 Mon 18 Mar	Parish council meeting <i>open to all</i>	Village hall	parish clerk
09.00-16.00 Sun 14 Apr	Woodturning class with Chris Allen	Village hall	Chris Allen
14.00-16.00 Sat 23 Mar	Newbury Death Café <i>booking essential</i>	Village hall	Neeta Madahar
19.30 Wed 27 Mar	Speakers' Corner: Robin Barrett	St Mary's	Venetia Dunlop
19.30 Wed 27 Mar	Garden Society spring meeting <i>Dave Stubbs talking about Lord Falkland</i>	Village hall	Penelope Lake
10.20-11.00 Thu 4 Apr	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC library service
19.00-21.30 Thu 4 Apr	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies' group £3</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts
10.30 Thu 11 Apr	Ladies Who Brunch £15, <i>booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen
10.30-13.00 Sat 13 Apr	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.20-11.00 Thu 25 Apr	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC library service
14.00-16.00 Sat 28 Apr	Newbury Death Café <i>booking essential</i>	Village hall	Neeta Madahar
07.00-22.00 Thu 2 May	WBC elections	Village hall	01635 519463
19.00-21.30 Thu 2 May	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies' group £3</i>	Hayseed Hol- low RG20 0HR	Sue Watts 01488 658932
10.00-13.00 Sat 11 May	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen 01488 658168
10.30 Thu 16 May	Ladies Who Brunch £15, <i>booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen
10.20-11.00 Thu 16 May	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC library service
09.00-16.00 Sun 14 Apr	Woodturning class with Chris Allen	Village hall	Chris Allen
19.30 Mon 20 May	Parish council meeting & annual parish assembly	Village hall	parish clerk
19.00-21.30 Thu 6 Jun	Circle of Friends <i>informal ladies' group £3</i>	Village hall	Sue Watts
10.20-11.00 Thu 6 Jun	Mobile library	Village hall	WBC library service
10.00-13.00 Sat 8 Jun	Community market <i>home-made cakes, preserves, cheeses, eggs, refreshments, crafts, second-hand books</i>	Village hall	Lanie Allen
10.30 Thu 13 Jun	Ladies Who Brunch £15, <i>booking essential</i>	Halfway Inn	Lanie Allen

Planning applications taken from <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk> on 7th March 2019. To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

APPROVED

Park Lodge RG20 oJD

18/00845/FUL validated 13 Apr 2018
Erection of three-bedroom dwelling (to replace that lost by fire)
Strongly supported by parish council

Site of former Park Lodge RG20 oJ

18/02391/HOUSE validated 18th Sept 2018
(Retrospective) single storey extension
Supported by parish council

4 Hamstead Mill RG20 oJD

18/03015/LBC2 validated 4 Nov 2018
Section 19: Variation of condition 2 17/02799/LBC2
No comment from parish council

Redhill Cottage RJ20 oJL

18/02949/HOUSE validated 14 Nov 2018
Single-storey side extension
No comment from parish council

4 The Village RG20 oHN

18/03126/HOUSE validated 12 Dec 2018
Vehicle access to property
No comment from parish council

REFUSED

9 Salters RG20 oHH

18/02648/HOUSE validated 8 Oct 2018
Proposed two-storey side and rear extension.
Demolish garage and summer house and erect new

detached timber frame garage with home office above.

Objection from Hillside
Supported by Enborne Parish Council
No comment from parish council
Refused on grounds that the proposed extension would result in an enlargement which is not subservient (particularly in terms of width, footprint and proportions) or in character with the existing dwelling

AWAITING DECISION

Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood, RG20 oJL

17/02878/FULD validated 18 Oct 2017
Section 73A: Variation of Conditions 3, 4, 5 & 7 of planning permission reference 16/00775/FULD (Proposed dwelling to replace existing mobile home)
No objection from parish council

Elm Farm Research Centre RG20 oHR

19/00378/FULD validated 18 Feb 2019
Change of use for farmhouse from offices to four-bedroom dwelling house
Parish council supports with proviso that the house remains tied to Elm Farm

Lamellion RG20 oHH

19/00248/COND1 validated 4 Feb 2019
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (3) Surfacing and (4) Parking/Turning of planning permission 18/02490/HOUSE

Parish plan survey

Last year's survey of villagers seeking to discover local concerns has yielded responses that echo the concerns of a decade ago: fast traffic, flytipping and affordable housing (too much of the first two, not enough of the third). With a good broadband signal now widely available, attention has turned to the poor 4G signal, which ties so many households to landlines and unloved BT.

Footpaths, scenery, the White Hart and the *Hamstead Hornet* remain popular with residents, and there is talk of an additional magazine.

The parish plan team is working on ways of putting these aspirations into action.

Overcoming the last taboo

Now that politics, religion and sex are routinely talked about over the dinner table, only one subject remains unmentionable: death. A Hamstead resident and yoga teacher, Neeta Madahar, is overturning this ban with Newbury's first Death Café, to be held in the village hall on Saturday 23rd March.

"At a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death." Neither grief support nor a counselling session, Death Cafés aim to promote discussion in an "accessible, respectful and confidential space, with no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product or course of action." The website of the original creators of the concept says that more than 7,000 sessions have been held worldwide.

Neeta Madahar, who also practises as a "soul midwife", will host the café in conjunction with an experienced facilitator. There's clearly a local need for such a forum, because her 23rd March session is already fully booked and has a waiting list. Neeta has arranged a second for 28th April. Contact her for details.

Polling day Thursday 2nd May

Changes to electoral boundaries

Following the recent local government boundaries review the number of electoral wards in West Berkshire is to be reduced from 30 to 24, and the number of councillors from 52 to 43.

Hamstead was previously in Kintbury ward, which has a population of 5,216 represented by two Conservative councillors: Anthony Stansfeld and James Cole.

From 2nd May Kintbury will merge with Hungerford, population 5,796, currently represented by Conservative councillors James Podger and Paul Hewer.

The population of the new ward of well over 10,000 will be represented by just three councillors. Candidates have yet to be formally declared, but it is rumoured that James Cole will stand for re-election, and that Anthony Stansfeld may not. Names should be confirmed when nominations close on 3rd April.

When and where?

The polling station will be at the village hall, open from 7am until 10pm.

Are you on the voters' list?

If you are not on the current electoral register it's not too late. You can still register by going to: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

The last date for registration is Friday 12th April.

Are you unable to vote in person?

If you are not going to be able to vote on 2nd May you can apply for a postal vote by going to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote>.

The closing date for receipt of postal vote applications is 15th April.

Or you can arrange for a proxy vote from:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-vote-proxy>

for which the closing date is 24th April.

N	Plastic pollution isn't all in far away places: the mill stream has been blocked off to allow for clearance of a mass of plastic bottles and waste that has accumulated underneath Hamstead	N
E	Mill. The stream is expected to be restored in April. Meanwhile, in an unconnected operation,	E
W	the 1810 mill house roof is undergoing a major repair.	W
S	<i>Watery Lane in Holtwood will be closed from 11th to 22nd March. The closure will be in place between the junctions of Holly Lane and Smith's Bridge. Residential access will be maintained.</i>	S
I	John Handy is still looking for "the person who kindly found and returned my lost red penknife: I	I
N	owe you a pint of local beer. Please make yourself known so I can thank you and reward you."	N
B	<i>Nic Lampkin has stepped down from the post of chief executive of the Organic Research Centre at Elm Farm, a post which he has occupied since taking over from Lawrence Woodward in 2010. Dr</i>	B
R	<i>Bruce Pearce has been appointed acting-CEO whilst a new CEO is sought.</i>	R
I	According to the signboard, the 17-acre site on Holtwood road is back on the market with Savills	I
E	of Salisbury. It had been reportedly under offer for a vineyard.	E
F	<i>The Fruit and Flower Show is set to make a welcome return this September after a three-year gap. Schedules are available from the Garden Society secretary Penelope Lake.</i>	F

Do it all in the village hall

There are so many village activities and events in the coming quarter they can scarcely fit on the What's On page. Newcomers to the calendar include Pilates, Tai Chi, yoga, woodturning and two Death Cafés (more fully explained on page 3), along with established favourites such as the monthly community market, dog-training, oil painting classes and the Circle of Friends. Dave Stubbs, known to many readers as Wash Common's own PC, will be talking to the

Garden Society about Lord Falkland on 27th March. You could give the parish council a surprise by turning up to the annual parish assembly on 20th May, and you should certainly turn up to vote on the 2nd.

And when you're in the hall, you might care to appreciate the work that has been put in by the volunteers on the village hall committee. The hall has been spruced up nicely with new paintwork and curtains. How lucky we are.

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