

Hamstead *Hornet*

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LOCAL LINKS

Parish council

White Hart Inn:
[website](#); [FB](#)

St Mary's Church
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Dogs Trust at
[Plumb's Farm](#)

Community
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Wildlife Group
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Whatsapp groups

Community chit-chat, news, tips, advice, requests.
Contact [Sarah Stevenson](#)

HM Growing Tips gardening triumphs and disasters. Contact [Lanie Allen](#)

HM Quarry opposition to revival of gravel quarrying in Park Lane. Contact [Vicki Keppel Compton](#) on 07808 294162

Footpath still inaccessible to some walkers

A growing chorus of complaint is now supporting David Harris' campaign for the restoration of a gate on the footpath leading from the Kintbury Road just east of Ash Tree Corner to the main drive into Hamstead Park.

The former gate was replaced some months back by a stile, which has effectively closed the path to some less able-bodied walkers. David Harris wrote to WBC asking what pressure might be exerted to get the gate restored, but was told that the local authority had no power to enforce this.

Nonetheless, a letter was sent by WBC to the landowner, Rollo Gwyn-Jones, requesting restoration of the gate. This resulted in a change, whereby a hatch was installed beside the stile (pictured below), presumably to enable dogs to get through. This was obviously of no help to walkers of limited mobility.

David Harris has since been collecting comments from local walkers who regret the loss of access:

- *As a couple who are getting older but still enjoy our local walks, we would much prefer to have a gate installed...*
- *I find stiles are particularly difficult...*
- *Since the removal of the gate and its replacement with a stile, it is no longer suitable for some of [my friends] due to their mobility issues...*
- *I have a problem with arthritis...the gate was not a problem for me but this stile certainly is...*
- *Reinstatement of a gate would be enormously beneficial to my enjoyment of the local countryside...*
- *Having the gate reinstated would mean complete access on our favourite and very popular circular walk around the area.*

With the landowner's permission, a volunteer team is available to instal a kissing gate, which would prevent any risk of livestock straying.

The Hornet has written to Rollo Gwyn-Jones asking for comment, but no reply has so far been received.

If you would like to comment on the accessibility of this footpath please [contact David Harris](#)



Garden society show returns

The annual show of Enborne and Hamstead Marshall Garden Society returns this month after an absence of three years. On the afternoon of Saturday 3rd September, the finest locally produced carrots, carnations and cakes will compete for prizes at Hazel Paddock, opposite Enborne School.

This year's show will follow broadly the traditional format of recent years, albeit without an auction of entries this time. Local produce spanning 85 classes of fruit, veg, flowers, jam, cakes and handicrafts, will be on display in the marquee. There will also be a refreshment tent, craft stalls, tombola, raffle and barbecue. Entry and car parking is free, and it all starts at 2pm.

Enquiries should be directed to Dawn Taylor (01635 32006) or Penelope Lake (01635 48701).

Hamstead Marshall parish council vacancy

For the second time this year the parish council needs a new recruit to make up its full complement of five members. Rob Manser, who joined the council three years ago, is stepping down. Details of how to apply can be seen [here](#). To make a preliminary enquiry about what's involved [contact Anne Budd](#), the council's chair.

If 10 or more parishioners ask WBC for an election (as happened last time) WBC makes the arrangements, but an election will only take place if there is a surplus of candidates.

Irresistible?

Meet Barney Rubble, a one-year-old lurcher, who's looking for a new home. A lively youngster who enjoys playing, he needs a quietish house with a large garden, where there are no small children, and he will be the only pet. He likes to be fussed over, and needs to have someone around while he settles in. He's already on a training programme, which the Dogs Trust will advise his adopters on continuing.

If you could offer Barney a forever home, [talk to the Dogs Trust](#).



Parish plan in action

Newly installed in the village hall recreation ground, this play equipment was bought with a grant obtained from WBC under the parish plan scheme. Installation was paid for from hall funds.

The outside paintwork of the village hall is being undertaken this week.

Planning applications

Details taken from the [WBC planning portal](#) on 25th August 2022.

To see more details visit this site and search on the application number.

REFUSED

More Wood House RG20 OJD

22/01255/LBC2 validated 01 Jun 2022

Replacement of existing timber windows which were installed in the 1980's with similar timber windows incorporating slimline double glazing and draught proofing

Refused 26th Jul 2022 "Insufficient information has been submitted with this application to demonstrate that the proposed development would conserve and enhance biodiversity and protected species on site."

AWAITING DECISION

Enborne Equestrian Centre, Holtwood RG20 OJL

22/00652/COMIND validated 14th April 2022.

Conversion of existing barn into habitable visitor accommodation. Remove existing mobile homes and other structures – replace with staff accommodation, various rooms, kitchen, tea room and wcs.

Supported by Hamstead Marshall Parish Council.

Fishery Cottage RG20 OJD

21/02912/FUL validated 1st December 2021.

Section 73 application to vary/remove conditions 2 (plans) and 3 (materials) of approved application 20/00320/FUL: Demolition of current dwelling to be replaced with larger dwelling. Shortening of the southern fish pool. Demolition of the barn, to be replaced with a new barn of the exact design and size.

The Barn House, Holtwood RG20 OJH

22/01915/FUL validated 8th Aug 2022.

Erection of replacement dwelling, following substantial demolition of existing dwelling and conversion of remaining floorspace for ancillary residential purposes; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access.

North Lodge RG20 OJD

22/01846/NONMAT validated 1st Aug 2022.

Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission 21/01391/HOUSE - first floor extension and alterations to the existing dwelling.

Amendments: change the window on the west elevation to the proposed ensuite on the first floor to a roof window.

Good Hope Farm/Lot 5 Elm Farm RG20 OHR

22/01789/COMIND validated 2nd Aug 2022.

Construction of a new farm access track, parking area and the installation of temporary structures in association with the provision of a daily care farm facility.

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council had added its voice in objection to some extensive changes and additions to Lake House in the neighbouring parish of West Woodhay. Described as a substantial detached house in 1.4 hectares of landscaped gardens, this property, formerly known as Haywood Green Farm, has been the subject of several recent applications and appeals. The latest seeks to add a 1,500 square metre underground car park for 16 cars, a swimming pool, sauna, gym, games room and "wellness areas".

What's on

September

- Thu 1st 19.00 Fone Quiz at the White Hart
Circle of Friends at the village hall
- Sat 3rd 14.00 Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society Show
- Sat 10th 10.00-13.00
Community market in the village hall
- Thu 28th 20.00 Parish council meeting in the village hall

October

- Thu 6th 19.00 Fone Quiz at the White Hart
Circle of Friends at the village hall
- Sat 8th 10.00-13.00
Community market in the village hall
- Sat 15th Harvest supper at the village hall

November

- Wed 2 Nov 19.30 Garden Soc AGM and social at the village hall
- Thu 3rd 19.00 Fone Quiz at the White Hart
Circle of Friends at the village hall
- Sat 5th 17.30 Bonfire and fireworks party at the village hall field*
- Sat 12th 10.00-13.00
Community market in the village hall
- Thu 17th 20.00 Parish council meeting in the village hall

December

- Thu 1 19.00 Fone Quiz at the White Hart
Circle of Friends at the village hall
- Sat 10 10.00-13.00
Community market in the village hall

*volunteers are needed to help set up the village bonfire night party on 5th November.
Contact [Sue Watts](#) or [Lanie Allen](#).

The **mobile library** will stop at Ash Tree Grove from 10.40 until 11.10 on Thursdays 8th and 29th September, 20th October, 10th November, 1st December.

Pilates in the village hall restarts 13th September, and continues on Tuesday mornings, 09.30 to 10.30.

To enquire or join, see details here, or contact [Jenny Carter](#) to book.

Ladies who Brunch are meeting regularly again. For details contact [Lanie Allen](#).

From the parish council update issued at the end of July

Information recently obtained on **SID**, the scheme whereby parishioners can monitor speeding traffic, includes the following:

- the hand-held device is lent to parishes at no cost, and the loan can be permanent if it is to be used on a regular basis;
- registration of the scheme has been simplified;
- training is on-line only.

Volunteers to operate the scheme are still being sought. [Contact Anne Budd](#) by email or on 01488 657022.

The parish council has set up a **pot-hole database**, to which parishioners are invited to submit information. The previous system of individual parishioners notifying WBC has proved unsatisfactory, but the new database will be updated with details of the current status of all pot-holes in the village, and a report will be sent to WBC every six weeks. Ash Tree Corner has already been pinpointed as a potential hazard because of verge erosion and subsidence.

Send details of your pet-hate pot-hole to Anne Budd. A photo would be helpful, as would a [what3words](#) reference locating the pot-hole exactly.

Judgment is still pending on a case between Wiltshire County Council and Earthline, owners of the **proposed quarry above Craven Keep**. No news is expected in the immediate future.

The **Village Design Statement** drawn up and lodged with WBC in 2007 is under review, and the parish council would welcome input from parishioners.

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