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Fire on the edge of the park



Hampshire firefighters joined with Royal Berks Fire and Rescue to tackle a midday blaze on the eastern side of Park Lane on Monday 29 July. Three fire engines attended the fire, which had started in a tractor and then spread to damage half a hectare of heathland on the edge of Hamstead Park. The tractor was destroyed.

One place left on first aid course

One place remains on the first aid course which has been organised for villagers by the parish council.

The course runs from 9.00 to 12.30 on Saturday 28 September in the village hall, and will cover

- dealing with an emergency
- bystander effect
- unresponsive and breathing
- unresponsive and (not) breathing (cpr and aed)
- seizures
- burns
- bleeding heavily
- broken bones, strains and sprains
- head injury
- choking
- heart attack
- stroke
- severe allergic reaction
- diabetic emergency



The course is free to attendees, the cost being covered by the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). It does not lead to a certificate.

Anyone interested in taking the last place should contact [Anne Budd](#).

Also coming up in the village...

Enborne and Hamstead Marshall Garden Society's annual flower show and fete

will be held in Hazel Paddock (opposite Enborne School) on Saturday 7 September, beginning at 2pm.

Admire the display of flowers, fruit and veg, as well as crafts, cooking and photography, all cultivated and created by competitive local people. Sadly, the closing date for entries has now passed,

but the display is always impressive, and much of what has been entered will be auctioned off at the end of the afternoon (4pm).

There will be refreshments with home-made cakes, craft and charity stalls, tombola, fun for families and the East Woodhay Silver Band.

The raffle has a top prize of £125 donated by Fix the Bog, as well as various vouchers and donations.



Could you help? The hard-pressed committee would welcome offers of:

- **cakes and tray bakes for the refreshment tent:** please tell Louise Peters (r-peters@sky.com or 07770 396593) beforehand what you are able to provide;
- **more raffle prizes are needed:** if you have any new, unwanted gifts please contact Dawn (01635 32006) or Penelope (01635 48701) and they may be able to arrange to collect from you;
- **the tombola table also needs gifts:** please contact Gabby Smith (01635 44381) or Dawn (01635 32006) if you have anything suitable.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the above contacts know what you are planning to offer as soon as possible to help advance planning.



Good Hope Farm is holding an Open Day

on Saturday 21 September, from 2 until 5 pm to thank local supporters and to showcase the new log cabin and the farm's achievements in what has been a challenging year. All welcome.

Remember to slow down as you drive along Park Lane, and note what's on offer at the roadside stall.

The Harvest Supper depends upon village activists, now that the parish church and local farms have bowed out of its organisation. Val Russell and Sue Watts have taken up the baton, and are organising a festive village meal in the village hall on Friday 18 October, starting at 6.30pm.

Soft drinks will be available but bring your own alcohol. There will be a raffle, and donation of prizes would be appreciated.

Advance booking and payment (£5) are essential. Banking details have been posted on the community Whatsapp and will not be published here, but if you don't receive the Whatsapp and would like to book, contact Val on 07515 669174.



Hamstead's bonfire and firework party

is always held on THE night, so be at the village hall field at 5pm on Tuesday 5th November for the now traditional village celebrations of a blazing bonfire, barbecue and bar, plus the best firework display in Berkshire. Entry will be free, as always, but please be generous when the charity bucket comes around.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the:

- building the bonfire;
- setting up gazebos and tables for BBQ and refreshment tent;
- help with serving food and drinks;
- clearing away at the end of the event;
- litter picking.



If you could help please contact [Lanie Allen](#) or [Sue Watts](#).

"...the unnamed road between Tinkers Corner and Watery Lane will be closed..."

If announcements like this from WBC leave you baffled, you are not alone. Long-time residents are constantly astonished at WBC's refusal to use well known local place and road names, whilst on other occasions will use ones which are possibly valid but relatively unknown.

Tinkers Corner? In case you didn't know, it's the junction of Forbury Lane with the Kintbury Road, although neither of these two more helpful road names is recognised by WBC Highways. Nor does it recognise Chapel Corner, Ash Tree Corner, or Warwick Hill.

What makes a place name "official"? Google will tell you that "here is no national authority for names in Great Britain, but the Ordnance Survey (OS) considers its geographical names to be the authoritative ones" and gov.uk pretty much

acknowledges that OS knows best (although even OS maps can be very unclear as to where a particular road name ends).

Sadly, although OS and thereby WBC Highways have yet to recognise the names above, all of them have been in use on the electoral roll for many decades (certainly since 1986). As the electoral roll is compiled by WBC, perhaps the Returning Officer's department could tip off Highways.

Planning applications

Details taken from the WBC planning portal on 31st August 2024. To see more details visit [this site](#) and search on the application number.

APPROVED

Kintbury Road

24/00693/FORMB

Replacement of electricity poles

Morewood House, RG20 0JD

24/00180/LBC validated 22 February 2024

Replacement of existing timber windows which were installed in the 1980s with similar timber windows incorporating slimline double glazing and draughtproofing.

Approved 6 June 24

Fishery Cottage, RG20 0JD

23/01928/FULMAJ validated 22 September 2023, 24/00748/COND validated 11 April 2024

Demolition of current dwelling to be replaced with larger dwelling, to provide storage space near the house. Demolition of the existing barn to be relocated and replaced with a smaller barn, separate for mini-diggers and equipment to maintain the river banks.

Shortening of fishpool

Approved 26 June 2024

AWAITING DECISION

Foxlee Farm, Holtwood RG20 0JH

24/01181/CERTE validated 27 June 2024

Continuation of existing use as domestic curtilage

HMPC no objection

The site has a complex history of applications and decisions dating back to the beginning of the century.

Barn House, Holtwood RG20 0JH

24/01463/HOUSE validated 25 July 2024

Conversion of cart shed into kitchen and utility space, with associated internal and external alterations

HMPC no objection

Elm Farm, RG20 0HR

23/02550/FULMAJ validated 7 November 2023

Demolition of redundant farmstead buildings, new house, relocated barn, change of use of field area for re-location of solar panels and significant landscape/biodiversity enhancement

Letters of support from 23 neighbours and local walkers. HMPC commended the original application, and raised no objection (18 July 2024) to subsequent changes.

White Hart Inn, RG20 0HW

24/00582/FUL validated 4 April 2024

Change of use to residential

4 letters of support, 27 (2 of which anon) of objection, from villagers and non-villagers
HMPC raised no objection to original application, and raised no objection (6 August 2024) to subsequent changes.

Property on the market

Details taken from Rightmove and agents' websites 31 August 2024

19.73 acres of former Elm Farm land

Pasture with barn, offered freehold by BCM Winchester at £335,000

Holtwood Farmhouse, RG20 0JH

Five-bedroom Grade II-listed farmhouse with 1.4 acres of fenced lawn, paddock and woodland, plus garage with room above. Offered by Hamptons, now at £1,000,000.

What's on in the village

September

Thu 5	19.00-21.00	Circle of Friends, village hall
Fri 6	10.40-11.10	Mobile library*, Ash Tree Grove
Sat 7	14.00	Garden soc show, Hazel Paddock (oppo Enborne Sch)
Sat 14	10.00-13.00	Community market, village hall
Thu 19	19.30	Parish council meeting, village hall
Sat 21	14.00-17.00	Open day, Good Hope Farm
Thu 26	14.00-16.00	Parish café, village hall
Sat 28	09.00-12.30	First aid course, village hall

October

Thu 3	19.00-21.00	Circle of Friends, village hall
Sat 12	10.00-13.00	Community market, village hall
Fri 18	18.30-22.00	Harvest supper, village hall
Thu 24	10.40-11.10	Mobile library*, Ash Tree Grove
Thu 31	14.00-16.00	Parish café, village hall

November

Tue 5	17.00	Bonfire and fireworks, village hall field
Wed 6	19.30	Garden society AGM & social, village hall
Thu 7	19.00-21.00	Circle of Friends, village hall
Sat 9	10.00-13.00	Community market, village hall
Thu 21	19.30	Parish council meeting, village hall
Thu 28	14.00-16.00	Parish café, village hall

December

Thu 5	10.40-11.10	Mobile library*, Ash Tree Grove
Thu 5	19.00-21.00	Circle of Friends Christmas party, village hall
Sat 14	10.00-13.00	Community market, village hall

More info

*Note the mobile library's September visit is a Friday rather than a Thursday, and that due to staff shortages the mobile library will be calling every six weeks, rather than every three weeks, for the next few months.

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Harvest supper/Val Russell 07515 669174
Ladies who Brunch/Lanie Allen 07775 804143
Mobile library/Sandra Edwards 01635 519827
Parish café/Anne Budd 07479 986897
Parish council/[Camilla West](#)

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