

Hamble Village News –

August 2021

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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Relaxation of Measures

Freedom Day has passed, and we are all readjusting to the relaxation of laws that limited many of our day-to-day activities. With these freedoms also come inevitable concerns for those people who will feel vulnerable to this change – especially while infection rates remain high. Let's celebrate the general move towards a resumption of normality but please respect others and continue to be aware of those around you and their needs – even if they are not visible.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Following the recent efforts to stamp out anti-social behaviour (ASB), I have been pleased to see many more uniformed officers in the village and know I am not alone in this. The combination of the Police using the Lifeboat Station and the Roy Underdown Pavilion – both ASB hotspots – have made a tangible difference in dealing with the worst issues.

Feedback from the Police on the Beat Surgeries has been positive. They have been able to talk to far more people and explain the multi-agency plan that is in place to manage ASB at the Foreshore. Although it has been busy and there have been a few minor issues, generally people have been out enjoying the best of Hamble without issue. I know we all hope this will continue.

When problems do happen, we want to make it easier for residents to know how to report them. We have produced a postcard with useful contact details for the Police and listing the different ways to report crime and ASB. Crime reporting directly influences how police resources are allocated, so if you

want to see a difference, do your bit by ringing it in or reporting it at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>. You aren't just doing it for yourself but for everyone else as well.

Meeting with Paul Holmes, MP

I recently met with Paul Holmes, our local MP for Eastleigh, and hope that this meeting will be the first of many. We discussed a range of topics from the inevitable congestion on Hamble Lane, the Hamble Halt Park and Ride scheme, crime and anti-social behaviour in the village, the recent legislation that has prevented Councils from meeting remotely, and the Council's future plans. The meeting was very positive, and he took away a number of issues on our behalf. We hope to build on this and invite him back to a public meeting in the autumn.

Coop Closure – Transport Lifeline

Although the closure of the Coronation Parade Coop is now deferred until the end of August (date still pending) we have been working with the Store Manager Daniel, local charities in the area and EBC to provide help to elderly people during the closure. Vulnerable residents will be able to contact Hamble Good Neighbours (HGN) to book a trip to The Square Coop on a Thursday each week during the store's closure. If you know someone that will benefit from this service or want to register for it, please contact HGN on 0845 643 0371 or email them on hamblegoodneighbours@gmail.com

Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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WINDHOVER ROUNDABOUT WORKS

Road closures are set to continue as work by Highways England on M27 junction improvements are due to start in September. They are proposing a series of changes at Windhover Roundabout and the surrounding roads starting on Monday 20 September 2021. The works are expected to last for 18 months.

The works are designed to make junction 8 safer, improve poor air quality associated with vehicle emissions, and reduce congestion during Windhover Roundabout peak periods. The works will result in road closures, reduction in speed limits,

narrowing of lanes and closures of footways. A more detailed programme of when elements of the works will start has been requested and will be shared as soon as we have it. Please factor in extra time for travel as you plan activities beyond September.

More information can be found at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m27-southampton-junction-8/#documents>

COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS

TACKLING RUBBISH AT THE FORESHORE

We are now in the final stages of replacing the commercial waste bins at the foreshore. A new purpose-designed bin shed will replace the current bins that during peak periods can overflow, creating an unsightly mess. In future the rubbish will be secured inside the shed, which will be locked to prevent fly tipping and to reduce the risk of vandalism. The enclosures will be grey in colour.

One will be located in the current position and another alongside the Lifeboat Station.

It is expected that the bins will be in place in September.

Cllr Andy Thompson

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HAMBLE CONSERVATION AREA TOUR

The Planning Committee recently expressed interest in hosting a tour of the Hamble Conservation Area with Councillors from Eastleigh Borough Council's Area Committee to look at changes that have occurred since the policy was last reviewed in 2008. The tour took place on Monday 19 July, and considered The Square, the High Street, Oyster Quay and Ropewalk, Crowsport, and a number of areas that adjoin but are not part of the conservation area.

Following the tour, the Council is hoping that working with EBC, there will be an early review of this key planning document once the Local Plan is adopted. This will give everyone the chance to comment on the special characteristics of the area that people love and cherish in Hamble.

Cllr Ian Underdown

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DO YOU 'SHOP LOCAL'?

The University of Southampton is undertaking a research project exploring how Covid-19 has impacted our meeting of other people in retail stores, and specifically how local stores can make people feel more comfortable in the future. They are looking for people aged 65+ who choose to shop in Hamble's local village shops to participate in a short telephone interview, which will last approximately 30-45 minutes. In appreciation of your time and effort, each participant will be given a £20 gift voucher to be spent in your local village shop.

If you wish to register your interest or find out more information, contact our research assistant, Johnny — j.swierczynski@soton.ac.uk or 07787 477587.

PARK SPORT IS BACK!

Eastleigh Borough Council's annual summer activity programme for 5-16 year olds and their families is now open for bookings.

This year's programme, which will run for five weeks over the school summer holidays, sees the return of popular activities such as free SkateJams and swimming at multiple locations. A range of sports clubs will be providing introductory sessions to enable young people to try something new, with options to continue should they want to.

For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/> and search 'Park Sport'



#LOVEWHEREYOU LIVE

Thank you so much for the photos of Hamble you've sent over in July. Our favourite this month was taken by Marty Wildgoose and will be our banner image on Facebook for the month of August.

If you'd like to take part in our #LoveWhereYouLive campaign, please send us your favourite photos of Hamble and surrounds via Facebook messenger. Every month we'll choose our favourite to share in the newsletter, and as our banner image on Facebook.



NEWSLETTER

This is a special August edition of the newsletter. We don't normally produce one over the summer, but with the disruption during the year we thought this edition would be welcome. When we moved to the new newsletter format we agreed to a review it after a year. Given that we haven't yet

managed the normal ten editions, this review will now take place in October/November. Ahead of that we will invite readers' comments so that informed decisions can be made. In the meantime, if you want to get in touch – the office will be open and ready to hear from you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you are involved with a community group or local organisation and would like to contribute a short piece to the monthly newsletter, please get in touch! The deadline for content for the September edition is Monday 16 August. Please email your article to: claire@smartmarketinguk.com



COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS cont

HAMBLE – PICTURES FROM THE PAST

Hamble Local History Society hopes to restart its meetings on Thursday 2 September at 7.30pm, provided there are no Covid restrictions preventing it from going ahead. Society Chairman Ian Underdown will be giving a presentation of 'Hamble - Pictures from the Past', providing an insight into each photo.

Why not come along to see what Hamble looked like many years ago? This is your opportunity to find out about Hamble's history over the last 150 years, including the people that have lived here, the roads in which they lived, their businesses, and the river.

We'll be meeting at a new venue — Hamble Memorial Hall — and as always new members and visitors are welcome! The cost is £2 a meeting.

If you would like more information please contact the Society's Secretary, Margaret Greenfield on 023 8045 4373.



*Hamble from
the River,
1874*

WHO KILLED THE VICAR?

Following nearly two years with no performances, Hamble Players are delighted to announce that we are planning to be back on stage with another Murder Mystery Extravaganza!



This time we are asking our audience to solve the mystery of Who Killed the Vicar?

Come and join us at the Hamble Village Memorial Hall on 17, 18 or 19 September. Evening performances begin at 7.30pm and the Sunday performance is a 3pm Matinee.

Ticket prices are £15 which includes supper on Friday 17 and Saturday 18, and Afternoon Tea on Sunday 19 September.

There will be a licensed bar and raffle, plus prizes for the team of sleuths who work out the culprit of the crime.

Tickets are available from 1 August at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers or the local Box Office (02380 440660).

We have missed our wonderful audiences and look forward to seeing you.

MERCURY HUB LIFTS RESTRICTIONS

In line with Government guidelines, the Mercury is delighted to announce that The Hub has now lifted restrictions. The Coop has agreed to reinstate the loan of two papers every day for you to read with a cup of tea or coffee and there will be a puzzle on the table for all to have a go at — this always gets people talking! Masks will be optional, but we do ask that everyone respects people's decision on whether to wear one.

The Book Club will be starting again on Thursday 2 September. There are a few spaces left so if you want to join, just leave your name and number at The Hub and Philippa will contact you.

We are currently opening on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm, plus every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 10am to midday for the drop-in sessions with the Citizens Advice Bureau.



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COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS Cont

HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB

What a brilliant afternoon we had with Christine Wright and her 'Anything Goes' demonstration! Christine created several large arrangements with only two hours of thinking time after the committee delivered her a selection of foliage and flowers.



MONDAY 9 AUGUST — TALK BY LISSIE FAIRRIE: PUGGS MEADOW FLOWERS

- Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1pm for 1.30pm commencement.
- £3 members, £5 non-members. A warm welcome to one and all.

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER — ANN-MARIE DICKER: DEMONSTRATION IN AID OF MOUNTBATTEN HAMPSHIRE (Countess Mountbatten Hospice)

- Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm commencement.
- Refreshments, sales table, raffles.
- £10 per ticket, with all profits going to the charity.
- Tickets available from any committee member
Do come along and enjoy an evening out while also supporting a local charity.



#LOVEHAMBLE AND BOTTLE BANK SIGNS

If you've visited the foreshore over the last few weeks, you may have noticed some new signage which has been installed to deter anti-social behaviour and to provide guidance on how to report an incident.

We've also installed a new sign at the Bottle Bank at Mount Pleasant to encourage people to take their waste bottles home with them or to Hamble Point in the event that the Bottle Bank is full.



Hamble Food Festival

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SKY SIGHTS FOR AUGUST

A graceful swan glides overhead in summer skies in the form of the constellation Cygnus. Its tail is marked by the bright star Deneb, while fainter stars mark the flying swan's outspread wings and long neck. The overall shape is that of a cross, and in fact the constellation is often known by its alternative name the Northern Cross – far bigger than the Southern Cross but less celebrated. This celestial swan represents one of the guises of the Greek god Zeus, flying along the starry band of the Milky Way to an illicit tryst. Can you spot him?

One of the year's two best meteor showers can be seen in August. The shower is called the Perseids because it seems to radiate from the constellation Perseus in the north-eastern part of the sky. Meteors are popularly known as shooting stars, but really they have nothing to do with stars at all. They are in fact tiny particles of space dust shed by a comet. As they burn up by friction high in the Earth's atmosphere they create a bright streak of light usually lasting no more than a second or so.

8 New Moon

22 Full Moon

Ian Ridpath

KEEPING HAMBLE TIDY

Our tasks vary widely and can be seasonal but there is a continual demand for litter cleans. We carry out sweeps for discarded rubbish on two Mondays every month and without them Hamble and its environs would be in a sorry state and potentially hazardous for wildlife. We provide our volunteers with gloves, litter pickers, and high visibility waistcoats and every session starts with a briefing. We meet at the School Lane car park which is on the road to Hamble Point, and disperse in groups to cover as much ground as possible.

If you would like to know more about us, please either visit our website: hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk, or call Philip Rawlinson on 07810 453138.



EVENING CLASSES AT THE MERCURY HUB

I am looking to help run adult education courses and workshops at The Hub from Autumn 2021 and would be keen to understand a little more about what the local community would like to see offered. The Hub is available for evening classes, and possibly some afternoons.

I would be grateful if you could kindly take the time to email me with details of the classes/workshops you would like to see. I'd also love to hear from any teachers/lecturers who would like to get involved.

Cllr Sarah Lehneis

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NAME OUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE!

Have you seen our little electric vehicle trundling around the streets of Hamble? It is ideal for helping our Warden and Groundsmen get around the Parish but is in need of a name! We are running a competition for all the family over

the summer to name our vehicle! Email us your ideas, and the winner will see their suggestion painted on the vehicle. We've already had a few great suggestions but would love to see some more! Closing date is 31 August.

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UPCOMING DATES

Park Sport Eastleigh 26 July – 28 August

Runs during the school summer holidays and will see the return of popular activities, such as the free Skate Jams and free swimming at multiple locations across the Borough. Visit <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/> and search 'Park Sport'



Talk by Lissie Fairrie: Puggs Meadow Flowers – 9 August at 1pm

Join Hamble Flower Club for this talk at Hamble Memorial Hall. Tickets are £3 for members, £5 for non-members



Hamble – Pictures from the Past 2 September at 7.30pm

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The Hamble School – 3 September

Autumn term begins!



Hampshire Farmers Market – 4 September

Hampshire Farmers' Markets will be returning to Hamble's foreshore car park for this year's Hamble Food Festival.



Hamble Primary School – 6 September

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Local Area Committee Meeting – 23 September

Rearranged from 10 June.

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**Asset Management
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