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Update from Your Parish Council

Belated Happy New Year to you. The new year has bought changes to Hamble Parish Council and to the format of the magazine. We have decided to combine the various council updates into a single section covering both what has happened and what we are planning in the future. We hope you like the change of format.

GE Planning Application

Just before Christmas, the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Area Committee refused planning permission for 148 new homes on the GE site in Hamble. From a Parish Council perspective, we opposed the application and undertook a detailed traffic study to support the many objections raised by residents. We hope this will be the end of the proposals although there is always the prospect of an appeal.

Youth Engagement and Outreach

An organisation called Youth Options has received funding from Hamble Parish Council along with others, to provide a youth outreach service to young people since 2018. They are out and about 3 nights a week talking and providing advice and help to young people on a range of issues. The skate park at Mount Pleasant is particularly popular as a meeting place for young people so work to improve the facilities at Mount Pleasant is a priority for us and when we do start work, we'd very much like local young people to be involved in the process. In the meantime, find out more about Youth Options by following them ② @YouthOptions or ③ @YouthOptions37.

30MPH Speed Reminder Signs

Councillors Sally Schofield and Debbie Rolfe initiated a new project in January calling on homes along Hamble Lane to provide "30 please drive carefully" stickers to pop on their wheelie bins to reinforce this important message. So far, the reception has been great. If you haven't been contacted and would like a sticker for your bin please contact the office.

Tree Planting

Two residents contacted us about ways to promote tree planting in the village.



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Councillors welcomed a passionate presentation at the start of the recent council meeting encouraging the village to embrace a tree planting initiative which would not only support wildlife but help improve air quality.

The Council will now investigate possible opportunities including options to plant around the former Airfield site as part of the Cemex gravel extraction application (if and when it comes forward) to help reduce noise and dust from the site as well as options for planting when the site is restored.

If you have any ideas about how to increase tree planting in the village or you're passionate about something else come along and talk to the Council at our next meeting on Monday 10th February, 7pm at the Roy Underdown Pavilion. If you do intend on coming along, it would be helpful if you could let us know you'd like to ahead of the meeting.

New Look for the New Year

You may have already spotted our new council logo, on our council truck (pictured, opposite, top) and on the front of this magazine. The grounds staff's uniform has also be updated. The new look is simple, fresh and modern.

The Roy Underdown Pavilion (opposite, bottom) has also received a fresh coat of paint, new furniture and facilities to support a range of meetings including for business, conferences and training events. Income from bookings is reinvested in council projects so please help support your local council by using this space or letting your friends or colleagues know about it. Details for hiring are available on the parish website but give us a call for a chat about your needs.

A BIG Thank You

Our appeal for contributions to the local



New logo on the truck (above) and the fresh new look for the Roy Underdown Pavilion (below)



food bank before Christmas led to an impressive show of generosity from you. So much so that we had to schedule an extra trip over to Netley to make sure that all the food got to people in time for Christmas.



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Also a big thank you to all those crisp eaters that are out there who are saving their packets up and bringing them into the office as part of the teracycle scheme. We're still happy to collect them so keep these coming too.

Elections in May 2020



Do you recognise these people? - clockwise from back left Councillors Andy Thompson. Sheelagh Cohen (Vice Chair), Debbie Rolfe, Ian Underdown, Joanne Nesbitt-Bell. Sharon Havward. Trevor Dann. Janine Daika, Malcolm Cross, Sally Schofield and Simon Hand (Chair) - These are the councillors that make up Hamble Parish Council and are responsible for its work. In May, the Parish Council will hold elections to appointment a new Council. Although it is some time off the process will start soon. To be a parish councillor you need to be 18 years of age or over, a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen and either:

- you are registered as an elector in Hamble; OR
- you are the owner or tenant of any land or premises in Hamble; OR
- your principal or only place of work for the past 12 months or more has been

- in Hamble: OR
- you have lived in Hamble for the past 12 months or within 3 miles of it.

Most of all though, you should be passionate about the village. Council meetings take place once a month on a Monday evening but councillors are also expected to be involved in other committees and working groups. The role is a voluntary one but your time spent is compensated by the rewards of seeing things progress in your local area. If you aren't interested in standing to be a councillor, please do come and vote for your village representatives in May.

If you are interested keep an eye on our website (www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk) or let Amanda at the Parish office know. When we have more details about the elections, we will publish them.

Bofors Gun Emplacement at Hamble Point

The anti-aircraft gun that sits atop of the emplacement at Hamble Point is due to be moved by Eastleigh Borough Council shortly. The gun emplacement was built in World War 2 to protect Southampton and the nearby oil terminals. The original gun was removed at the end of the war, but was replaced in 1989 by a similar Bofors gun to indicate the site's defensive importance in times past. The structure is designated and subject to government protection but it is also located within an area which the Environment Agency predicts will be permanently flooded in the future. While discussions continue about the long-term future of the site, the gun will be removed for safe keeping until a new site within the parish can be found. If you have an idea for where it could be relocated to - let us know.



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How Your Parish Council's Finances Work

Hamble Parish Council (HPC) is financed in two ways; through council tax (called a precept) paid by households in the village and through commercial activities undertaken in the village by the council.

Generating our Own Income

Hamble Parish Council works hard to reduce reliance on council tax and generates a significant income through use of our assets.

Foreshore Car Park

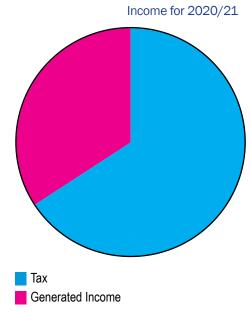
Pay & Display monies collected in the Square car park go to Eastleigh Borough Council, but the parish council owns the Foreshore car park and therefore keeps income generated for this one through pay and display, RingGo and the sale of parking clocks. This year the foreshore car park is forecast to raise £41,000. Penalty fines are collected and kept by Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) for both car parks.

Fees, Charges and Rental Income

HPC collects rent from users of council owned land and buildings. This includes the Beach Hut Café, Mount Pleasant and the Roy Underdown Pavilion. HPC also receives an income from sports teams who book the football pitches at Mount Pleasant recreation field (next to the junior school) and College Playing Fields, the users of the Dinghy Park and moorings, burial and memorial fees for the rear cemetery at St Andrew's Church, rental from the allotments and the occasional helicopter landing fee. In the year 2018/19 these generated an income of around £47,000.

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The Hamble Village magazine generated £9,497 from advertising revenue over the 2018/19 financial year, which went directly towards the cost of printing and circulation.



Grants

Where eligible, HPC seeks access to grants or developers' contributions to fund local initiatives and projects, and secured over £14,000 towards the cost of Bartlett Fields play area last year.

In 2018-19, over £98,000 was raised by the council through the above methods.

Council Tax Precept

The council also received £228,828 from the Council Tax Precept, which is the part of the council tax paid by each household that is allocated to Hamble Parish Council. The rest is allocated to Eastleigh Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Fire and Rescue and Hampshire Constabulary.

For 2020-21, the precept will increase by 2.5%, from £122.36 to £125.42 (based on a Band D property) which will come into effect on 1st April 2020.

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a balanced budget (which is externally audited) to ensure that the precept is reasonable.

Not all parish councils are so fortunate as to have assets which can raise income and many rely on the precept and any statutory contributions that would come as a result of new developments.

How is this money spent?

There are a number of overheads, which includes the employed parish council administrative and grounds staff, utility bills, appropriate insurance policies and professional fees as well as on-going cleaning and maintenance of all council owned assets and dealing with litter including emptying dog-poo bins.

But here is a quick summary of some of the bigger projects completed in the past two years using Hamble Parish Council funds:

Bartlett's Play Area

The new children's playground (between Hamble House Gardens and Spitfire Way) was completely replaced in January of 2019. Three tendered quotes were considered and children and parents from both Hamble Primary School and Hamble Village Playschool were consulted on their favourite designs. The equipment and installation totalled £50,000 of which £14,000 came from developers' contributions.

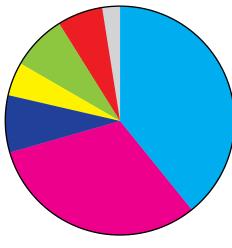
Coronation Parade

This project was led by Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) to which HPC contributed £40,000. The council is disappointed that the final scheme has not delivered as much parking as originally intended and have taken measures to ensure HPC has more say on similar future projects.

Traffic Survey

HPC objected to a number of proposed planning developments and felt that traffic

Project Expenditure during 2018 & 2019



Bartletts Play Area

Coronation Parade

Traffic Surveys

Roy Underdown Pavilion

Parking Machines

Dinghy Park

Mercury Library/Community Hub

congestion in the village was not accurately understood by either Hampshire County Council (HCC) as the authority responsible for roads or EBC as the Planning Authority that approves development. As a result HPC appointed consultants to undertake a traffic survey. This was submitted on the recent GE Planning Application and EBC have been asked to adopt it as Supplementary Planning Guidance for future development. The survey cost £10,000.

Roy Underdown Pavilion

The Roy Underdown Pavilion has had a refurbishment over Christmas, providing a clean and bright space which is available for hire for meetings, talks and training events by contacting the Parish Office. This cost £6,000. This should be recouped from more letting income.



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Parking Machines

HPC spent £10,000 installing and upgrading the pay and display machines on the foreshore in order to provide card payment options and reduce the value of cash stored in the machines.

Dinghy Park

£8,000 has been spent on upgrades and improvements including regular cleaning of the slipway from springtime through to autumn as well as improvements in security and access to water.

Mercury Library / Community Hub

HPC supported the launch period with equipment, training and resources at a cost of £3.060.

Planned or Pipeline Projects

Mount Pleasant Skate Park and Play Area. Both the skate park and the play area has been highlighted as a key destination for young people in and around Hamble. Work is currently in progress to review how best to improve both facilities. At the same time the Pavilion will need to be redeveloped.

Street Furniture

£14,000 has been spent on materials to enable the benches at the Foreshore to be updated by the end of the year. £4,000 has also been set aside to undertake repairs to the circular bench and £35,000 is available for the replacement of the benches on the Southern Quay.

Information Boards

£10,000 has been allocated for a project installing information boards around the village, promoting places of interest and encouraging use of the walking trails.

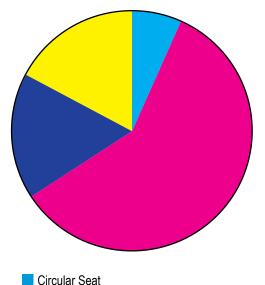
Burial Ground Improvements

£10,000 has been allocated to improve safety and appearance of the rear cemetery.

Reserves and Borrowing

Each year money is set aside to ensure that in an emergency funding is available

Planned Projects for 2020/21



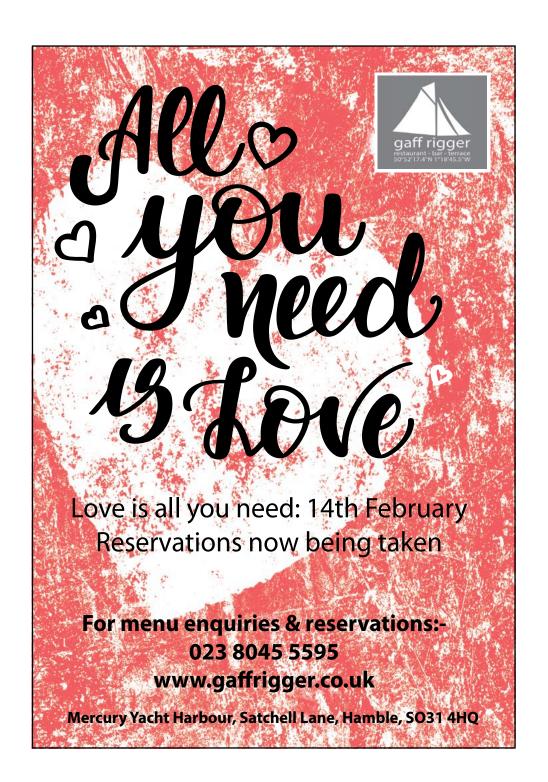
Southern Quay Benches
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to cover unforeseen costs. In addition each

year a proportion of the money generated from the precept and from fees and charges is set aside to cover the cost of repairs and renewals to all of the parish owned assets. This avoids a sharp rise in the precept in years when there are projects planned that require significant spending.

When there are very large projects such as the redevelopment of Mount Pleasant the Council will need to also look to borrow money to fund aspects of the project. Borrowing comes from the Public Loans Board. At the moment there are no outstanding loans.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the budget or if you have a project idea that you would like to propose, please contact us -office@hamblepc.org.uk.



Hamble Now Has its Own Village Agent

Age Concern Hampshire is pleased to announce that Hamble now has its very own volunteer Village Agent, Richard Hardy (pictured, opposite), who has lived in the village since 2002.

Village Agents are local volunteers who can help people to find the services they need to stay living safely and independently at home. For example, he can provide information about the Blue Badge scheme, local groups, safety in the home, reliable tradespeople or meals on wheels.

You can contact Richard on 07580 995454 or email: villageagent@ ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

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Over £700 Raised for Naomi House / Jack's Place

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£367.50 via the just giving page. Thank you to all our local runners who did an amazing job on the day and a massive thank you to all that donated.

- Cllr Joanne Nesbit-Bell

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Is your New Year resolution to reduce singleuse plastic or are you wondering what you can do to reduce plastic pollution?

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There is also information about lots of local recycling schemes at: www.terracycle.com.

Join the conversation and share your small change idea for a more #SustainableHamble

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5th Citizens Advice Drop In Sessions

Free, confidential advice. First Wednesday of every month.

10am-1pm, The Mercury Library & Community Hub

Wednesdays 5th & 19th Beach Cleans



Join Hamble Conservation Volunteers on their beach clean tasks. See page 19 for full details.

Meet 10am at Hamble Point Car Park

Thursday 6th Hamble Local History Society: History of River at Bursledon

New members and visitors welcome, £2 per meeting. For more information, see page 25.

7.30pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

Monday 10th

Hamble Parish Council Meeting

All Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

7pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

Wednesday 12th Bird & Bat Boxes Maintenance Task



Would you like to help the Hamble Conservation Volunteers with their maintenance of the bird and bat boxes across Hamble Common? Find more about the task and their contact details on page 19.

Meet 10am at Hamble Point Car Park

Weekdays

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

If, with the weekly shop, you're able to, please buy extra to donate to the local food bank. You can drop donations to the Parish Office. Items needed include: tinned meals (including veggie), tinned cold meat, tinned fruit and veg, instant mash, toilet rolls.

Drop off at the Parish Office, 10am-midday and 2-4pm.

Listing of an event does not constitute endorsement. Details believed to be correct at the time of publication.

Tuesday 18th Children's Bird Box Workshop



Make a bird box suitable for small birds such as tits or sparrows to encourage them to nest in your garden. It will involve tool use so an adult helper is required per child. 6+ years £10.00. This is a pre-bookable event. Ring 02380 683790 to book. 10am; 11am and 1pm, Itchen Valley Country Park

Monday 24th

Hamble Parish Planning Committee Meeting

Considering the Council's response to applications in or affecting Hamble.
7pm, The Roy Underdown Pavilion

Weekdays



If you'd like '30 MPH' signs for your wheelie bins, pop into the office. If you've already got some, don't forget to stick them on! Pick up from the Parish Office, 10am-midday and 2-4pm.

Regular Events

Weekly	What	Where	
Monday	Monday Club	1.30pm, Hamble Club	
Mondays	Hamble River Singers Community Choir (Contact basschickbev@gmail.com)	7.30pm , HRSC Rooms	
Monday	U-Tone Circuit Training	8.15-9.15pm, Memorial Hall (Rear Hall)	
Thursday	Walking Netball	9.45-10.45am, Hamble Sports Complex	
Monday (except Bank Hols)	Forever Fit: 60+ fitness exercise to music. 4 week block £16. (Call Julie: 07952 983 349)	10.30 - 11.30am, Follands Sports & Social Club.	
Tuesday	Parent & Toddlers Group	9.30-11.30am, Memorial Hall	
Tues & Thurs	Pilates	(Tues 12-1pm) (Thurs 10-11am) Memorial Hall	
Tuesday	Puppy Classes (contact Annette 023 8045 3490)	6-9pm, Memorial Hall	
Wednesday	Yoga	10-11.30am, Memorial Hall	
Wednesdays & Fridays	Fantasy Allstars Cheerleading Classes at Hamble Sports Complex	6-8pm Wed (12+), 5-6pm Fri (3-8years), 6-7pm Fri (9-1 1 years)	
Wednesday	Chairfit: 60+ Seated exercise to music. 4 week block £10. (Call Julie: 07952 983 349)	11.15am-12pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion.	
Wednesday	Cherubs (Contact: Father Graham Whiting 023 8045 2148)	10.30am - 12pm, St. Andrews Church.	
Friday	Village Market	Memorial Hall, 9.30-10.45am	
Friday	Pilates classes for all abilities info@pilatesbysuez.com / 07720 390175	11am & midday, Roy Underdown Pavilion	
Bi-Weekly	What	When	
Alternate Tuesdays	St. Andrew's Cafe @ The Priory Centre	10.30am-12.45pm	
Monthly	What	Where	
2nd Monday	Hamble Flower Club	1.30pm, Memorial Hall	
4th Monday	RAF Association Itchen & Hamble branch (Contact: Steve Rawlings 02380 740771)	12pm, Hamble Club	
1 st Tuesday	Bursledon and District Gardening Club	7pm, St Pauls Church, Bursledon	
2nd Tuesday	Hamble Ladies Group	7.30pm, Priory Centre, St Andrew's Church	
1st & 3rd Weds	Hamble Conservation Beach Cleans	10am, Hamble Point Car Park	
2nd Wednesday	Hamble Conservation Task	10am, Hamble Point Car Park	
4th Wednesday	Informal Bereavement Support Group (Contact: Heather Smith 02380 452988)	2pm-3pm, The Priory Centre	
Last Saturday	Place 2B Café (Coffee, Cake & Conversation)	10am-12pm, Priory Centre	

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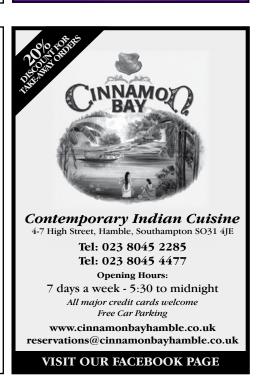
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Hamble Common Bird & Bat Boxes Maintenance

It is the time of year when we have to think of the birds living on the Common and what we can do to help them. We now maintain over 50 bird boxes which give the birds shelter in poor weather but primarily affords them protection during the breeding season. The boxes were designed and made by the team and are ideally suited to birds such as blue and great tits giving them security from predators such as grey squirrels and corvids.

During the task day we clean out all of the boxes which gives us the opportunity to evaluate whether they have been used and ideally the type of bird nesting in them. We replace any boxes showing wear and tear with new ones.

Regardless of the task we welcome volunteers, the tasks can be arduous but there are roles for a wide range of agilities. Furthermore we appreciate that many people cannot spare the time for the whole task so please do not be put off if you can only be with us for a short time.

The next conservation tasks are:

BEACH CLEANS
5th and 19th FEBRUARY 2020
BIRD AND BAT BOX MAINTENANCE
12th FEBRUARY 2020
Meet 10am at Hamble Point Car Park



Please wear clothing suitable for the weather for the day.

We provide all equipment but welcome contributions to the tea fund.

To book your place for this event please contact Philip: 07810 453 138 hambleconserve@btinternet.com www.hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk Or just turn up!

- Hamble Conservation Volunteers

What can be spotted on Hamble Common?

Redwings often visit for short periods in the winter looking for berries – these are small thrushes that travel down from Scandinavia when the weather gets really harsh. They can be identified by a small orange/red patch under their wings and they usually travel and forage in small groups. Occasionally, fieldfares can be heard "clacking" in the tree tops; these again are visitors from Scandinavia from the thrush family which are more like a mistle thrush in size and they can be identified by their call and their blue/grey heads. What've you spotted over the winter?

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Have Your Energy Costs Risen as The Temperature's Dropped?

I live with my two children and partner in a small semi-detached house. During the winter we're using more heating and electricity as we're home more. Do you have any tips on how I can keep the cost of our energy down during the winter?

There are a few things you can do to save some money during the winter period. Check when your energy contract is due to expire. If you're at the end of your contract use energy compare by Citizens Advice to see if you could save money by switching supplier or tariff.

If you're on a prepayment meter you could save money by replacing your meter with one that lets you pay after using energy rather than in advance. Most suppliers won't charge you for removing a prepayment meter, though many will run a credit check or ask you for a deposit.

You may also be eligible for certain grants and benefits, these could include Warm Home discount or help with energy debt. Contact your nearest Citizens Advice if you need help with the application.

Here's a few practical tips to help keep costs down:

- Using a timer for your heating, lowering your thermostat and using radiator valve controls could save you over £100 per year
- Changing light bulbs to an energyefficient one could save £50 over the lifetime of the bulb
- 3. Turn appliances off standby mode to save around £30 a year
- Seal cracks in floors, skirting boards and add draft excluders to letterboxes, doors and windows.

Some energy suppliers also offer grants to allow improvements to your home, like



insulation or a new boiler.

What help you can get depends on your circumstances and what would help your home. You don't need to be a customer of one of these suppliers to apply but you'll need to check your eligibility.

Library & Community Hub. 10am -1pm

If you live in Wales, the Nest scheme may also be used to support home improvements. There is additional health-based criteria you may qualify under so check whether you are eligible.

For more information, visit:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

Call us on 03444 111 306, or come and see us:

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Monthly Wednesday drop-in, 10am – 1pm (first Wednesday of the month ONLY)

Bursledon - Lowford Centre, Portsmouth Road, SO31 8ES

Tuesday drop-in 10am – 12pm (appointments available on Wednesdays)

Hedge End - Dowd's Farm Community Centre, 85 White's Way, SO30 2GL

Friday drop-in 9.30am – 12.30pm (appointments available on Thursdays)

Eastleigh - 101 Leigh Road, S050 9DR Monday to Thursday 10am – 4pm (no appointment needed)

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Hamble Flower Club Annual Tea Party

Our annual tea party was extremely well attended this year. A great chance for a natter and a catch up after the busy Christmas period. As usual Christine Wright, our Vice Chairman and Tutor delighted us with her arrangements.

On February 10th Marion Catt will be giving a talk entitled – 'A Mixed Bunch' – Stories of every day flowers. Doors open at 1.00pm for 1.30pm. So why not treat yourself to a relaxing afternoon especially if it's a cold dank day!

We are now entering our third year of Flower Arranging Classes. Initially this began as a need from our new members for some more formal lessons including wishing to learn basic techniques. It has been so successful that we now running three classes, Beginners, Improvers and Advanced. These classes are open to non-members, although at slightly more expensive rates. All classes are held in the Roy Underdown Pavilion in Hamble. Dates as follows:-

Monday January 20th Beginners 10.00am, Improvers 12.30pm, Advanced 2.45pm Monday February 17th As above Thursday March 19th As above Please contact Christine for more details. Monday March 9th is the date of our AGM. To make this more of an occasion we always lay on a very tasty lunch at noon, followed by the meeting part at 2pm.



Christine Wright, Hamble Flower Club Vice Chair at the Tea Party

Lunch costs £10. Please contact any committee member to order this and to inform us of any dietary requirements. Its Open House for the AGM, so all welcome, at no cost and hear what we've been up to all year and the full plans for the year ahead.

- Hamble Flower Club

Sheila, Chairman: 023 8045 3718 Christine, Vice Chairman: 07764 219 193 Jeanette, Hon Secretary: 07813 326 997 Judy. Hon Treasurer 023 9255 4157

Look out for new blooms across the village

Over the coming weeks you should start seeing snowdrops and bluebells at Westfield Common and St Andrew's Cemetery, and crocuses and daffodils on the teletubbie hills and along Hamble Lane (on the verges between Deanfield and Spitfire). Daffodils (and tulips) are also at other points in the village including the Foreshore and Woodpecker Walk. When you see them in bloom, share your snaps with us \ \ \mathbb{P} \ \end{alignment} \ \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \ \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P



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History of the River at Bursledon

Following the success of last year's 'Warsash and the River', by Bryan Woodford, we have asked Jeff Martin, Chairman of Bursledon History Society, to give an illustrated presentation about their village's riverside activities over the centuries.

These have been important in both local and national history from building the King's ships to the present-day leisure industry. Jeff will be telling the story of the important shipbuilders at Bursledon such as the Wyatt family and George Parsons who built the 74-gun 'Elephant' which was Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Copenhagen. As well as the ferry, toll and rail bridges, mention will also be made of the riverside pubs, local boatyards and regattas.

Why not come along to find out more about



Shipbuilding at Lands End, Bursledon, 1810 the interesting and important history of the river associated with Bursledon village.

This meeting will be at the Roy Underdown Pavilion on Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcomed! The cost is £2 a meeting. If you would like more information please contact the Society's Secretary, Janet Flack, on 8045 7189.

- Hamble Local History Society

The Hollow by Agatha Christie

Of course, you'll all be thinking: I'm sure Hamble Players mentioned 'A Murder is Announced' in their last press release but sadly, we aren't now allowed the performing rights licence due to circumstances beyond our control. So instead we have chosen another excellent murder - The Hollow!

Staging will still be from 31st March to 4th April. Although the cast has now been chosen, help is always required for props, back stage or front of house. There are always tons of things to do! Contact Kay, Director (07866 097789) for more info.

Tickets go on sale in February, either from the Box Office on 023 8044 0660 or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers. £7 for the Tuesday performance, £10 Wednesday – Saturday for adults & £8 for concessions (be thee younger or older!). So, treat yourself to a night out with friends.



Beverages (including non-alcoholic) will be available to buy at very reasonable rates.

The Junior Section of Hamble Players is recruiting! If you have children, family or friends aged between 12-17 who fancy being part of a fun amateur dramatic group, please don't hesitate to contact Lou: lou.baxter@hotmail.co.uk

For other contact details check out our website or email Tim (Chair): tim266@ hotmail.com or Carol (Secretaty): carolings@ hotmail.co.uk

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From the Parish Council's Records

100 YEARS AGO - **Council Meetings** A letter was read from the Memorial Hall Committee stating arrangements would be made for the Council Meetings to be held at the Hall, but the question of terms would be decided by the permanent Committee when appointed. **February 1920**

The Council meetings had previously been held at the Reading Rooms in Back Street (now the Coffee Rooms in Rope Walk). A new temporary wooden Memorial Hall had just opened in the Vicarage Grounds.

100 YEARS AGO - **Overseer** ... that he had received a Notice from the Solicitors of Scrase's Brewery of their intention to apply for a Excise Licence for Ravenswood ...

February 1920

Ravenswood was one of Hamble's large houses situated where Crowsport is today.

75 YEARS AGO - **Wartime Day Nursery** ... that a copy of this letter be placed on the Parish Notice Boards for the guidance of non-war workers who wish to place their children in the nursery. **February 1945**

75 YEARS AGO - **Hamble Clinic** ...It was suggested that we hold our Clinic in a more suitable Hall, with better heating etc Doctors lack of attendance was due to sudden illness ... **February 1945**

50 YEARS AGO - **Foreshore Parking Area** A statement was received from the Hants.C.C. for resurfacing the concrete area used as an unofficial car park For the sum of £100.0s.0d **February 1970**

50 YEARS AGO - **Planning List** Erection of new Vicarage on land adjacent to the Church ... Mercury - 14 acres of land for development, which does not include the saltings or a strip of land designated for widening Satchell Lane - 85 houses, 6 to the acre ...

February 1970

25 YEARS AGO - **Special Centenary Parish Council Meeting** ... The Chairman read the Minutes of the First Parish Council Meeting held at Hamble-le-Rice in the School on Tuesday, 4th December 1894 ... Councillors' and Former Councillors' aspirations and achievements The Chairman thanked the speakers and invited all attending to meeting to view the exhibition of 100 Years of Hamble Life, followed by refreshments.

February 1995
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BERYL ROGERSON MEMORIAL LUNCH

If you or your spouse are over 70 and you live in the parish, do come along to the Memorial Hall on February 27th for the next Beryl Rogerson Lunch. You will be greeted with a glass of sherry (or fruit juice) and will be able to enjoy a hot. two course lunch served with wine and finished with coffee and mints. There will be entertainment and a raffle as well as an opportunity to meet and chat with friends and other parishioners.

The Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Carers are welcome and transport can be arranged for those who cannot travel independently.

Please fill in the application form below and drop it off at the Parish Office or Hamble Post Office, at Coronation Parade. We ask for a donation of £6 towards the cost. Closing date February 14th.

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Closing date Friday, February 14th

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