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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

People will come together for the annual Remembrance Service on 14 November this year. The service will start at 09.30am with people gathering at the Village Memorial between 10.45am and 10:50am. There will also be a wreath laying ceremony at 11am on 11 November. Despite the passing of the years this remains such an important event in the village calendar.

Earlier in the month myself and the Clerk met with Mr Andrews, an Assistant Head at Hamble Secondary School to talk about how we can work together to create opportunities for young people in the village and to celebrate their achievements. A number of areas were discussed that we will be taking forward, and I hope we will be showcasing their many great achievements in future editions. Alongside this, the Council has also agreed to allow Youth Options – which are a local organisation funded by the three parish councils on the peninsula and Eastleigh Borough Council to provide youth engagement – to use the Roy Underdown Pavilion on Friday nights during the winter months. The final detail is still to be worked through, but we hope this will provide a safe and secure environment for young people. Other facilities in Netley and Bursledon will also be available on other nights of the week.

During our discussions with the school the popularity of the skate park at Mount Pleasant came up. We also know that by current standards it is quite basic. With this in mind, work to redevelop Mount Pleasant is starting. The pavilion, play area, and skate park all need replacing, which is a big and challenging project. Some early ground work is taking place, including discussions with the Planners and the Sports Officer at Eastleigh, as well as getting some very early design ideas for

the site. Once we have a few more pieces in the puzzle we will be looking at holding a public consultation to get the village involved in this exciting project.

With cost increases never far from the headlines at the moment we realise this is a worrying time for many people. Eastleigh Citizens Advice Bureau provide advice to those that need it. The service is free of charge and is completely confidential. Importantly advisors come to the Mercury Hub the first and third Wednesday of each month so the service is also local, and you can drop in to see an advisor without making an appointment. They can help with a whole range of issues and are experienced in dealing with benefits, debt management, and money advice. If you prefer you can contact them on 0808 278 7862.

The final word from me this month is to encourage everyone to complete the short survey on page 7 about the Parish Magazine/Newsletter. Last year we switched to a newsletter format as part of the adjustments to the pandemic. Over the course of the year, I have had lots of people say how much they enjoy the new format – but no doubt there are an equal number who miss the content and the format of the Village Magazine. Unlike many other Parish Councils, we place a high value on producing a monthly publication setting out the work we do on your behalf, as well as creating a space for other community organisations. Importantly we want it to be relevant to everyone and to encourage new readers where we can. So please let us have your thoughts on the issue and help us to improve on our monthly offering!

Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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COUNCIL-LED COMMUNITY NEWS

BIN STORE INSTALLED AT FORESHORE

Lockdown highlighted the challenge of keeping ahead of the high volumes of rubbish, along with the constant work by our dedicated Grounds team to keep our Foreshore clean and tidy — especially when Hamble is busy with visitors.

We have learnt from that, and we now put more bins out during the busiest periods. These bins need emptying and storing though, and we now have the ability to do that. You may have seen the new storage facilities that have been installed recently. The bin areas are not open to the public, but with more bins out now at busy periods there should be plenty of opportunity to dispose of rubbish if you aren't able to take it home and reuse or recycle it.

At the same time, we have improved the CCTV coverage at the Foreshore, and will be able to detect fly tipping from businesses, domestic premises or from boat users — which has been an issue in past.



Cllr Thompson with the new bin store

PARKING PERMITS

Each year the Council sells permits for the Foreshore Car Park which allow permit-holders 4 hours' free parking, 365 days a year. 250 permits are available on a first come, first serve basis.



A number of improvements are planned for the Foreshore over the next 12 months. The storage bin project has already been completed and work on replacing the benches on the Northern Quay are pending. There have also been improvements to the CCTV, and a number of cost increases which need to be funded. With this in mind, the annual parking permit charge for 2021 will be £15 – equivalent to 5 cups of coffee.

Any changes to the hourly parking charges in The Square will be in line with Eastleigh Borough Council's charges.

Parking permits will be on sale online from 22 November, and from the Parish Office from 1 December.

THE VOTES ARE IN!

Thank you to everyone who voted for a name for our new Electric Vehicle. We had over 500 responses in total, with all of the nominated suggestions receiving a healthy number of votes. There were some really novel and interesting ideas – it's a shame to have to pick just one!

The deadline for votes has now passed, and we will reveal the winner in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page.

PARKING AT GRANTHAM AVENUE

Representatives of Grantham Avenue residents attended the Full Council Meeting on 11 October and raised a series of issues relating to parking in the area. A number of potential resolutions were discussed, and the Council has agreed to do some work on the residents' behalf to assess the feasibility of some of these suggestions.

We will report back on the outcome of these investigations with Eastleigh Borough Council in a future newsletter.

ALLOTMENT PATH CLOSURE – FEEDBACK REQUESTED

One of the matters under consideration by the Allotment Working Group is the pathway running through the allotments which is currently closed. This closure was initiated as a trial to reduce footfall through the area and to see how that impacted on vandalism and theft from the allotments.

Having consulted with allotment holders, the overwhelming consensus was to keep the pathway closed. However, we would also welcome the views of the community before considering next steps.

If you would like to contribute to these discussions, please email your thoughts to clerk@hamblepc.org.uk or call 023 8045 3422.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed for a half-day on 10 December, and then from midday on 24 December, reopening on 4 January 2022.

COMMUNITY NEWS

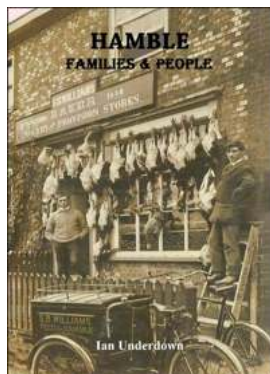
HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

If you look inside Hamble Church, you will see memorials to the prominent families who have lived in the village over the last few centuries. The Parish Council records too show those who have greatly contributed to the village over the last hundred years. Who are these families and people?

The Society's chairman, Ian Underdown, will be telling you about some of them, many of whom were shipbuilders, shellfish merchants, farmers, and served with distinction in the Royal Navy, at the Society's next meeting. Many older Hamble residents will remember the Bartlett family at Manor Farm, Taylor's the Builders, Robinson's Artist/Printers and Hooker's Publicans/Bakers. The interesting stories of these and others who have had more than one generation that have played an important part in Hamble's village life, will be told.

To accompany this talk, a new booklet will be launched at the meeting entitled 'Hamble Families and People'. After this it will be available from the Post Office at Coronation Parade. Price just £3.

The meeting will be on 11 November at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. As always new members and visitors are welcomed! The cost is £2 a meeting. If you would like more information please contact the Society's Secretary, Margaret Greenfield - 023 8045 4373.



HAMBLE RAIL TRAIL

The work on the Hamble Rail Trail continues apace. A big thank you from Hamble Parish Council and the community to Eastleigh Borough Council for doing such a great job for us!



HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Hamble Ladies Group has been going for quite a few years and we must be doing something right as we have a large number of ladies who come along to our meetings.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Priory Centre at 2pm here in Hamble and I am happy to say that we start up again on 11 January 2022.

We are a very informal relaxed group inviting various speakers to come along to talk to us about their interests showing us slide shows and often giving us demonstrations associated with their talks. We also have social meetings where we have quizzes, do a lot of chatting and sometimes crafting, outings and always manage to have a very nice Christmas Dinner.

Our programme for the first half of 2022 is as follows:

- 11 January - Social Afternoon - Meeting up again
- 8 February - Alan Methlin - Rocking Horses
- 8 March - Phillippa Pountain - BalloonTreats
- 12 April - Dan Angus - Mayfield Nurseries - Mind Solent

It will lovely to see our members again after such a long time and also to welcome new members, so please put the dates in your diaries and hopefully we will see you Tuesday 11 January at 2pm.

Bobby Conduit, Chairman - 023 8045 3626

HAMBLE RIVER SINGERS

Hamble River Singers meets every Monday evening during term time, at the Hamble River Sailing Club. We meet at 7.30pm until 9pm, and all are welcome to join. It costs £20 each half term and we will be starting back on Monday 1 November. We are a friendly bunch of singers, and this term will be singing Christmas carols, as we have 2 gigs lined up for Christmas. If you'd like more information or are interested in joining, please email Bev on basschickbev@gmail.com.



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FLIGHT SERGEANT IAN MALCOLM JAMES MCGAVIN

As it is at this time of year that we remember those who died during times of conflict, it seems appropriate to mention our one Commonwealth War Grave, that of Flight Sergeant Ian Malcolm James McGavin (561820) of the Royal Air Force which is located just behind the hedge to the left of the lych gate entrance to St Andrew's Church.



Flight Sergeant McGavin was with 90 Squadron RAF and was probably stationed at RAF Ridgewell in Essex. The squadron was flying Short Stirling bombers, which were prone to undercarriage collapse, particularly after a heavy landing.

On the 18 December 1942, aged 31, he went to inspect the undercarriage of a Stirling as one of the legs had begun to collapse. Whilst attempting to shore it up, the other leg failed and Flt Sgt McGavin was crushed under the aircraft.

He was mentioned in dispatches for his action.

He was the son of James and Mabel McGavin who lived in the village and are also buried in the cemetery. His father served with TS Mercury as bandmaster and chief officer for many years.

I would be very interested to know if there are any relatives of Flt Sgt McGavin living in the village, or if anyone knows more details of his life and untimely death.

Cllr Andy Thompson
andy.thompson@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk

YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Hamble Primary School is currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills, and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has 3-4 hours of spare time a month and has energy for the role

For further information please contact the School Office in person or via email at admin@hamble-pri.hants.sch.uk and a Governor will contact you to answer any questions you have and discuss the application process.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE PRIORY CENTRE

Are you, or is anyone you know, going to be on their own on Christmas Day?

We invite you to come to lunch and enjoy good company, traditional Christmas fare, and a very warm welcome at The Priory Centre at St Andrew's Church. If you rely on the services of a carer, your carer is most welcome to come along too. There is easy access for all, with no steps and everything on one level.

Transport to and from the Priory Centre can be provided on request.

For further information please ring Kay on 023 8045 4745 or 07866 097789

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HISTORY OF HAMBLE WELFARE FUND RAISING (BINGO CLUB)

On 10 May 2017, Hamble OAP Welfare Fund celebrated 55 years of fundraising for the Old Age Pensioners (now senior citizens) at Hamble Club. The club was started in 1962 in the Memorial Hall and moved to Hamble Club after 2 years.

The profit made from our first session was the princely sum of £1-17-6p banked on 10 May 1962. For the first two years, local pensioners were given a Christmas hamper and one hundred weight of coal (10/-).

From the third year, members switched to coach outings which 50 years ago were very reasonably priced. We travelled to many destinations across the South, including Bournemouth, Swanage, Weymouth, Weston-Super-Mare, Windsor, Bognor Regis, Brighton, Eastbourne, and Poole.

There were some eventful occasions when there were unexpected problems. On one occasion at Weymouth, an elderly gentleman went missing and the police were called and found him at the Weymouth Bus Station waiting for us.

The worst time was when a passenger fell in Brighton and broke her nose. She was taken to hospital where she remained all day until it was time to depart. Sally Sallows, a St. John's volunteer, took care of the patient. Sally also helped when a fan belt broke on a coach, and she removed her tights to enable the coach to get to a public house until the fan belt was replaced.

We also held tea parties for the elderly to celebrate HM Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilees.

Our thanks go to Hamble Club with Sally Sallows and Tommy Burden who started the club, and to the many others who have helped over the 59 years.

It is regrettable that, since Covid struck 18 months ago, no bingo has been played and no funds have been banked, but we hope to start again when restrictions are lifted.

Before we stopped playing, we held bingo on Sundays and Wednesdays, and hope that we can get more players when we return.

MERCURY HUB UPDATE

The new opening hours at The Hub are proving to be very popular, and we are now open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am to 1pm PLUS Monday and Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Citizens Advice Bureau still run their free drop-in service every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am to midday, and every Wednesday at 3.30pm we have free drop-in IT sessions for anyone struggling with any area of IT.

We have received lots of donations of lockdown puzzles, so we now offer these on loan as well as books so come along and have a look. All of this is possible because of the dedication of a wonderful band of volunteers, so hats off to them.



HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB

A thoroughly wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by many of our members in October, when Carole Norman entertained us with her flowers and chat.



We will be holding an all-day workshop on Monday 8 November from 10.30am – 3pm. There will be three activities to create, suitable for beginners to the more experienced. Do join us in Hamble Memorial Hall for a fun day.

£18 members and £20 non-members.

Christmas Demonstration: Magic & Sparkle

- National Demonstrator: Vanessa Wellock
- Monday 6 December
- Tickets are £15, which includes mulled wine, mince pies, tea or coffee
- Doors open 12.30pm for 1.30pm start

For further information or tickets please contact Sheila or Christine on 023 8045 3718 or 07764 219193. We would love to see you.

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CHERUBS PLAYGROUP

Cherubs runs every Wednesday from 10am to 11.30am, term time only, for children aged 0 - 3 and their parents/carers. There are often art and craft activities, and we finish the session with a story and songs and rhymes. Donations of £1 per session for the first child and 50p per extra child.



After the half term holiday, we will be offering hot drinks and biscuits for a small donation to cover our costs. We look forward to seeing you at the Priory Centre (behind St Andrew's Church).

UPCOMING DATES

1st Hamble Guide Unit
4 November, Weekly
6.30pm - 8.30pm

at the Roy Underdown Pavillion

RSYC Christmas Fayre
6 November
10am - 3pm

25 - 30 stalls with quality gifts

Hamble-Le-Rice Flower Club
8 November
10.30am

Memorial Hall
All Day Workshop

Hamble Local History Society
11 November
7.30pm

Memorial Hall

Council Meetings

Full Council

• 8 November
• 13 December
7pm

Planning Committee
22 November
7pm

at the Roy Underdown Pavillion

Hamble Players Mother Goose
1-5 and 10-12 December
Various Times

Tickets are available now at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers or the local Box
Office: 023 8044 0660

Hamble-Le-Rice Flower Club
6 December
12.30pm

Memorial Hall
Christmas Demonstration:
Magic & Sparkle

Hamble's Living Advent Calendar 2021

If you would like to know more please visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HambleLivingAdventCalendar>

Hamble Ladies Group
11 January
2pm

Priory Centre

NEWSLETTER / MAGAZINE REVIEW

Would you like to have a say in the future format and content of our Hamble Parish Council community newsletter/magazine?

As a bit of background...

In June 2020, we introduced a new-look Hamble Parish Council newsletter which moved away from the traditional magazine format (34-pages A5), and instead focused on Parish Council updates, community news stories and local events in a shorter 8-page A4 newsletter.

The reasons we changed format included: expediency in content creation at the beginning of the Covid pandemic, prioritising community news rather than advertising, occasionally having a shortage of advertisers to fill all the advertising space, and the cost to produce and print a longer magazine.

Now that we have published 10 editions of the 'new-look 8-page' newsletter, we are very keen to hear your views as Hamble residents. We want to understand...

- How do you like to access Parish Council news and community information?
- What format should this take? Magazine, newsletter, or some other format?

Share your thoughts with us by filling in this Google survey (you don't need a Google account to fill in the online form) at <https://forms.gle/HGBUMX81UFJaxiDq7> before 30 November - we want to hear from as many Hamble residents as possible!



Village Magazine (left) and new look Newsletter (right)

HAMBLE MONTHLY PUBLICATION REVIEW

Please drop in your completed survey to the Parish Council offices or complete the online version. <https://forms.gle/HGBUMX81UFJaxiDq7>

Name:

How do you access Parish Council news and community information? [tick all that apply]

- ☐ I read the Parish Council magazine/newsletter regularly
- ☐ I visit the Parish Council website
- ☐ I visit the Parish Council Facebook page
- ☐ I visit Hamble social media groups
- ☐ I check the notice boards
- ☐ Other:

Do you read the Hamble Parish Council magazine/newsletter?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you think the main purpose of Hamble Parish Council's monthly publication should be?

- ☐ Informing Hamble residents about community news and events
- ☐ Supporting local businesses and helping them to reach out to residents
- ☐ Generating an income/profit through advertising
- ☐ Other:

What articles or information from either the magazine or newsletter would you like to see in a future edition?

The magazine/newsletter provides advertising space to help support local businesses. What percentage of content would you like to see allocated to advertising?

- ☐ None
- ☐ Less than 10% (around 1 page in total)
- ☐ 10% - 25% (up to 2 pages in total)
- ☐ 25% to 50% (2 - 4 pages)
- ☐ 50%+
- ☐ Other

Do you have a preference as to the magazine/newsletter's size?

- ☐ A4 booklet (current newsletter - 8 - 12 pages)
- ☐ A5 booklet (old style magazine - 28 - 34 pages)
- ☐ I don't have a preference

Do you have a preference to the magazine/newsletter's format and how you can access it?

- ☐ Printed copy - delivered to my door
- ☐ PDF digital copy - accessed via social media
- ☐ PDF digital copy - emailed
- ☐ I have no preference
- ☐ Other:

We have considered different options to help ensure our magazine/newsletter is sustainable. How would you like to see the monthly publication distributed in the future?

- ☐ Distribution to continue as it is now - printed copy, delivered to my door (no change)
- ☐ Distribution to continue as it is now, but with residents able to sign up for an emailed digital copy too with a view to phasing out printed copies in the long term
- ☐ Distribution of printed copies to key points around the village, from where residents can collect their copy from shops, GP office, Mercury Hub etc. Digital copies also available to residents who would like to receive their newsletter by email, via the website, or on social media

Are there any elements of the magazine that you miss and would like to see re-introduced to the monthly Council publication? Please state below:

Do you think the Hamble Parish magazine/newsletter should continue in the long-term?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

In terms of future publications, which of the following would be your preference?

- ☐ Return to the Village Magazine
- ☐ Retain the current Village Newsletter
- ☐ Stop the monthly community publication entirely
- ☐ Other

We may get in contact with residents for further feedback as part of this review. Would you be happy for us to contact you for further comment?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is your email:

Do you have any other comments regarding the Hamble Parish Council magazine/newsletter, or other suggestions on how Hamble Parish Council can further improve how we communicate with residents in Hamble?

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