



Photos by Peter Hyde, Spider by Parish Warden

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Schools are back, many people have returned to their place of work, and life is taking on a hue of normality! Let's hope it continues. As things start to feel more normal, please don't forget to keep an eye on the public health messaging and keep up those simple steps such as hand hygiene to keep infections at bay!

At the start of September, we arranged the annual Farmers' Market on the Foreshore Car Park. As usual people flocked to it, had a great time, and feedback from the traders was positive. It's always a lovely event and each year the selection of produce gets better.

Over the summer we have also seen the monthly market start in Hamble and on alternate fortnights it visits Netley as well. As the market becomes more established, we hope to see more traders and more visitors. This isn't just about the stall holders but also about bringing people into the village heart to enjoy and support local businesses. As the winter months draw on, we hope this will help boost trade as we head towards Christmas.

We have also been successful in attracting more sports teams to the village this year with a record number of ten football teams visiting Mount Pleasant and the Roy Underdown Pavilion each week. This is a mix of youth and adult teams; some local, some from further afield. It's great to see so many people getting out and getting active. We are aware that there have been some problems such as pressure on parking and will be contacting all the users to encourage them to car share where

they can. We hope to also highlight the other fantastic facilities available in the village that they could use while they are visiting – giving a further boost to local businesses.

Our partnership approach to managing anti-social behaviour over the summer has been successful, with favourable feedback from many residents and businesses. Not only has the Foreshore been awash with people having fun and enjoying the river, but generally nuisances such as drag racing, motorbikes and mopeds have reduced this year. All in all, the efforts of all parties have paid off and work is in place to start planning for next year. Thanks to everyone who reported issues to the Police, and please keep reporting incidents and concerns when they arise.

Finally, you will start to see a number of projects commence over the next few weeks. Large new commercial bins will be installed at the Foreshore which will help to deal with rubbish and waste with greater ease. Works to the surfacing of the Rail Trail has already taken place next to the allotments with more work planned on the Airfield side of Hamble Lane. The concrete benches at the Southern Quay should also be removed and new ones installed before Christmas completing this latest stage of improvements.

More news to follow next month on other changes including the review of the newsletter!

Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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COUNCIL-LED COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

While the ASB issue has not been completely eradicated, we have been buoyed by feedback from residents over the summer months, who have reported far fewer issues both at the Foreshore and throughout the village. In general, the feedback we have received is that Hamble has felt tangibly safer and happier over the summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to give our thanks to the Police team and the Harbour Master whose concerted efforts over the summer have made a very real difference to everyone throughout the community, as well as Eastleigh Borough Council and Youth Operations that work with us on youth engagement.

While we will continue to work in partnership with key partners, the current missing element to the arrangements is how we

engage with the wider community. Councillor Palmer is a member of the Hampshire Police Independent Advisory Committee and the link to the Police and has proposed the establishment of a Community Safety and Crime Reduction Working Group to improve public confidence and help identify practical measures to stop crime. This proposal was agreed at the September Council meeting.

An initial priority for the Working Group will be to explore the development of Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the village, to work with the Police to develop a Business Watch scheme, and also with schools in relation to a Student Watch scheme.

It is anticipated that the first meeting will be held at the beginning of October, and the members of this Working Group are Councillors Cross, Dann, Nicholson and Palmer (Chair).

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT BID

The Recycling and Sustainability Working Group has submitted a grant application to Hampshire County Council to fund the cost of installing water refill stations at various locations throughout the village, including the Foreshore.

We hope to receive feedback on our grant application in October.

INVESTMENT IN IT

The Council has agreed to invest in Microsoft Office 365 IT infrastructure to speed up and improve communication between staff and Councillors as well as facilitate better operational efficiencies. This new software will also offer residents more opportunities to engage and provide feedback on the activities of the Council, as well as providing more self-service options for the community.

UPDATE FROM THE ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP

The allotment has seen a busy summer with a number of new improvements, including setting up an Allotment Working Group to improve future communication with allotment holders.

One of the matters under consideration by the 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.

We are currently consulting with allotment holders on how the closure has gone before making any permanent decisions. 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.

WeRHamble Survey: YOUR CONCERNS, OUR RESPONSE

WeRHamble
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In 2017 we undertook a survey called WeRHamble. Your responses highlighted a number of environmental issues which we have worked to address through environmentally positive projects, including...

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| ✿ Bulb planting | ✿ Creation of wildlife habitats at Heather Gardens, Westfield | ⚡ Going electric with our tools and vehicles |
| ✿ Poppy Trail | Common, Woodpecker Walk, | 💡 Switching of the Christmas lights to LED |
| 🍏 Community Orchard | Cemetery, Rail Trail | 📋 New street signage designed by local children to promote 'refill, recycle, reuse' |
| 🌳 500 trees planted | 🦉 Owl box at the allotments | |
| ✿ Rewilding our verges | 💧 Refill a Bottle scheme | |
| ✿ Creating natural memorial spaces | | |

COUNCIL-LED COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

MEET THE COUNCILLOR – IAN UNDERDOWN



I have lived in Hamble all my life and am a retired teacher (Head of Technology). I am the longest serving current parish councillor with 27 years' service. Throughout that time, I have been an independent councillor and have held most positions on the council including being elected its chairman five times. I am currently Chair of the Planning Committee.

When I joined the Parish Council in 1994, I was the youngest councillor and at that time council meetings were held at Mount Pleasant Pavilion. Today, council meetings are held in the Roy Underdown Pavilion at the College Sports fields that was not built at that time. A computer had just been introduced to the parish office to word process the minutes and council papers, whereas today meetings are held virtually and most communication is done online.

Hamble has significantly changed during my time on the Council with the loss of the village banks and the Harrier pub; the new doctors' health centre and Mercury Library and Community Hub; and new developments such as Lukes Close and Admiralty Row in the village square. As always, I will endeavour to do my best to continue to protect Hamble's village character and ensure its assets are passed on to the next generation to enjoy.

WORK AT ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION PLANNED

Works have been agreed and scheduled to repair window and tile damage at RUP and to make improvements to the doors. It is hoped that, by improving the standard of the building, we can attract more users including young people and Youth Options. We want to welcome Hamble residents of all ages to RUP so that it becomes a well-used and much loved facility at the heart of the village which benefits the community as a whole.

The CCTV cameras and recording equipment have been upgraded and will provide image quality that will support prosecutions where crime is committed.

FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Following a robust procurement exercise, the Council has approved the purchase of 16 Townscape heavy duty cast-iron Baltimore benches at the Foreshore over the winter period at an estimated cost of £32.9k. These replacement benches will significantly improve the outlook at the Foreshore and are part of a larger schedule of works designed to enhance the Hamble riverside, ensuring that it remains an attractive and desirable landmark for many years to come.

The CCTV at the Foreshore was improved earlier this year, with new camera equipment installed with better image capture. This is all part of the measures to help manage anti social behaviour and reduce the risk of crime.

REGISTER YOUR VOTE!

Thank you for all your name suggestions for our new electric vehicle. We had a tremendous response and are now ready for you to vote for your preferred name. Choices are as follows:

- Batmobile
- Buggy Mc Bug Face
- Buzz
- Chirpy Chirpy Beep Beep
- CO2 Saver!
- Eco Buzz
- Eddie
- Elbmah
- Elecromen
- Electra
- Hamble Ambler
- Hamble Hover
- Hamble Parish Voltwagon
- HamBug

To vote, please visit <https://forms.gle/BiYXd2yLeCEezZ89A> or fill out the slip below and pop it into the Parish Offices.



- H G V 1 (Hambles Green Vehicle One)
- I in charge
- Leccy McLeccface
- Little Bruce
- Little Bud
- Percy
- Plug
- Rambler
- Snoopy
- Sparky
- Speedy Gonzalez
- Stanley
- The Hamble Hopper
- The Hambug
- Zippy

ELECTRIC VEHICLE NAME VOTE

Your Vote:

Contact Name:

Contact Number/Email:

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE...

Book your seats now for the Christmas Pantomime, Mother Goose!

- Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 December, 7.30pm
- Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 December, Matinee at 3pm
- Friday 10 December, 7.30pm – Gala Performance
- Saturday 11 December, Matinee at 2pm and Evening Performance at 6.30pm
- Sunday 12 December, Matinee at 3pm



To thank our NHS for all they have done for us since March 2020, Hamble Players are donating ticket, programme, raffle, and drinks profits from the Gala Performance on 10 December. We thank the author for waiving his performing licence fee for this evening and Hamble Village Memorial Hall for not charging venue rental.

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



If, 'Sold Out' appears please contact the Box Office to be put on the waiting list. Also, if you wish to book a wheelchair space, please phone the Box Office.

BERYL ROGERSON MEMORIAL LUNCH

One of the casualties of COVID is the lunch for the over 70s of the parish. The subsidised lunches had been running twice a year since 2007 until the last time we all got together in February 2020. The good news is that there is still a bit of money in the kitty so if things improve over the next few months, we plan to organise an event in the Spring. It may not be the same format that we have organised in the past but watch this space and hopefully we can all get together in 2022.

Kathleen Hand and the Organising Committee

HAMBLE FIRE FIGHTERS NEED YOUR DONATIONS



Since 2014, your donations have raised £5,786 for the Fire Fighters charity clothing bank at Hamble Fire Station. Please continue to support the charity by donating any of the following items:

- Adult and children's clothing, socks, coats, underwear, paired shoes, handbags, linen.

Please do not donate bric-a-brac, plastic, toys, or electrical items – many thanks.

HAMBLE'S PINK FERRY A MODEL LOCATION FOR FASHION SHOOT



Hamble's Pink Ferry provided the glamorous setting for a recent fashion shoot for the Hampshire Film Office in collaboration with Film Expo South. They were working with Browns

Fashion on a fashion shoot, helping to recruit 10 local crew members and involving 5 local businesses.

What a shame the clothes and models were so overshadowed by the star of the shoot, our Pink Ferry!

UNITED WE CONQUER

We'd like to wish Hamble resident Jack Jarvis the very best of luck in his forthcoming 'United We Conquer' challenge.

This challenge is a world first – rowing 4,500 nautical miles solo and unsupported across the Atlantic Ocean in December in aid of Braintrust and CALM.

To read more about Jack's challenge, visit unitedweconquer.co.uk



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HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB

Thank you to Anne Maree Dicker for a wonderful night out, full of flowers and memories. The final total of our donation to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice in memory of Pat Maple is yet to be finalised but will definitely exceed £400.

The meeting on 11 October sees the return of one of our favourite area demonstrators. Carole Norman is not only an excellent arranger and demonstrator of flowers but her 'chat' is just such fun. Don't miss an afternoon of glorious entertainment. Doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm commencement.



DEMONSTRATION ON
6 DECEMBER
'Magic and Sparkle'
National Demonstrator –
Vanessa Wellock
Hamble Memorial Hall @
2pm

Tickets £15 to include glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Coffee, tea, cold drinks also available plus Sales Table and Raffle.

Please contact Sheila or Christine for more information and tickets to the big Christmas Event.

- Chair - Sheila Barker – 023 8045 3718
- Vice Chair – Christine Wright – 07764 219193

EVERYONE WELCOME AT HAMBLE SPORTS COMPLEX

Everyone Active is currently running teen gym sessions at Hamble Sports Complex for young people aged 11 – 15 years, where they can use their exercise equipment and swim facilities under the supervision of their fitness manager.



These sessions are held between 3.30pm and 5.30pm (Monday to Friday) and are a fantastic opportunity for young teenagers to get into a healthy lifestyle and give them a

beneficial after-school activity.

For more information, download the Everyone Active App, call 023 8235 2508, or pop in and speak with Jamie Pettenuzzo.

HAMBLE RAIL TRAIL WORKS COMPLETE

We're delighted to announce the completion of works to the paths leading to the allotments on Hamble Lane and to the Rail Trail. This work was arranged for us by Michele Meek, Hampshire County Council's Heritage and Community Engagement Officer, and carried out by her team of volunteer helpers over two days. They have done a fantastic job – a complete transformation!



OPEN MORE HOURS AT THE MERCURY!

The Mercury Hub just gets better and better, with membership numbers steadily increasing plus a wave of new volunteers meaning that we are able to expand our opening times again. From 4 October we will be open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am to 1pm plus every Monday and Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.



Citizens Advice Bureau will also still be running their free drop-in sessions every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am until midday. Additionally, from the October 13, Roy Baker will be running free drop-in IT sessions for anyone who needs advice - more details

on this will be posted on our Facebook page as soon as we have them.

Irene is running quilting sessions every Monday at 10am and children's sessions on Saturdays at 10am - a great opportunity to learn a new craft. Sonia continues to provide delicious jams, marmalades, and chutneys, which are truly delicious and very popular with all proceeds going to charity. Philippa's book club is fully subscribed but if anyone would like to join at a later date, please pop in and leave your name with one of the volunteers and she will contact you.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who work so hard to keep this great facility going.

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

HAMBLE VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL

We are finalising our register for the 2021-2022 school year and have places available. If you are looking for established childcare in a safe, secure, and stimulating environment, Hamble Village Playschool is the ideal setting.

Hamble Village Playschool was started by a group of parents in 2000 as a registered charity. We are a community-run pre-school for children from Hamble and the surrounding area, and at present have around 50 children aged from 2 to 5 years, attending in half-day and full-day sessions. We have close links with



Hamble Primary School although our children may also go on to attend other schools in the area.

The pre-school is registered with OFSTED and we are proud of our "good" rating, which was reconfirmed in the latest OFSTED inspection at the start of 2018.

If you are interested in your child attending the pre-school please contact the pre-school manager Julie Ash at the Memorial Hall on 07903 388568, or email julie@hamblevillageplayschool.org.uk.

To find out more about Hamble Village Playschool you can find us on Facebook or look at our website www.hamblevillageplayschool.org.uk



CAN YOU HELP TO CONSERVE HAMBLE COMMON?



With signs of autumn appearing, we can turn our attention to maintaining Hamble Common. As many of you will know already, Hamble Common is not a natural feature but the result

of thousands of years of human activity such as fire, grazing and peat removal. It is now sufficiently unusual to warrant the grant of Site of Scientific Interest (SSI) and requires a considerable amount of effort to preserve its historic condition.

With wildlife activity at a minimum, we have a window of opportunity to clear unwanted growth of shrubs and saplings. Given SSI restrictions on the use of heavy equipment, clearance can only be carried out with hand tools so we do need a high turnout of volunteers. The work can be physical, but there are roles for a wide range of strength and agility.

If you would like to contribute, please either visit hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk or call Philip Rawlinson on 07810 453138.



HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society recently held its first meeting for 19 months, reaching its 21st anniversary during this period of absence.

Society chairman, Ian Underdown, gave an illustrated talk on 'Hamble - Pictures from the Past', which was based on a booklet published last year of the same title. Ian explained that most of Hamble's old pictures came from paintings or drawings prior to 1900, with postcards providing most images of the early 20th century. After the First World War ordinary people started to own cameras so they then had their own photographs.



Ian took the audience around the streets of Hamble starting at Hamble Lane and finishing at the foreshore. The presentation concluded with a variety of pictures showing different aspects Hamble's village life.

All the pictures shown in this talk are included in the booklet 'Hamble - Pictures from the Past' which is available from the Coronation Parade Post Office for £3.



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SKY SIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

High in the October sky hangs a large square, its four corners marked out by moderately bright stars. This is the Square of Pegasus, representing the body of the flying horse of Greek mythology. The Square is so large that over 30 Moons could be lined up across it. Yet, for all its size, only a handful of stars are visible to the naked eye within it. How many can you see?

6 New Moon

20 Full Moon

31 Summertime Ends (Clocks Go Back)

Ian Ridpath

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FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Are there any aspects of the old magazine-style bulletin that you miss and would like to see integrated into the new-style newsletter?

If so, please email your thoughts to claire@smartmarketinguk.com, so we can ensure that future newsletters reflect the content that you want to read!

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 November edition is Monday 18 October.

Please email your article to: claire@smartmarketinguk.com



Photo taken at the Farmer's Market by Joanna May

UPCOMING DATES

**Hamble-le-Rice
Flower Club
11 October
1pm**

Demonstration by Carole
Norman

**Village Market
15 October
10am – 4pm**

Local small businesses will be selling their wares at the monthly market at The Square Car Park.

Council Meetings:

Full Council
11 October
7pm

Planning Committee
25 October
7pm

Asset Management
Committee
1 November
7pm

Venue: Roy Underdown
Pavillion

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