



Hamble Village News —

December 2021

HAMBLE
PARISH
— COUNCIL —



Photos taken during Winter months in Hamble

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The festive season is well and truly upon us – the seasonal tree and lights are up in the Square, the High Street and Coronation Parade, the return of the popular Living Advent window displays is unfolding, and arrangements are in place for the Carols in The Square on Christmas Eve. Although the tree and the lights are provided by the Parish Council, we are always reliant on businesses and residents who provide the electricity to keep the show on the road. So, a big thank you for their ongoing support in helping to celebrate Christmas.

It is also a timely moment to reflect on the efforts of others in the village that help to make life a little easier for us. Whether this is the large volunteer community that run local groups that are the lifeblood of the village, people that give up their time to help others and keep them safe, or those who give money when it matters most to people in need. The pandemic forced us all to be more aware of the work that others do on our behalf - whether it is paid or not - and the importance of small acts of kindness. Christmas last year was a sad affair for many of us and for those on their own it may not feel that different this year - please spare a thought for others that might be on their own and consider whether you can share a little joy with them.

The Priory Centre will open their doors again this Christmas for dinner and helpers are always needed in preparation for the day or helping with the meal itself. If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Kay on 023 8045 4745 or 07866 097789. The Food Bank will also be looking for donations to help people with their Christmas celebrations. If you want to donate you can either deliver items to 30 Queens View, Netley Abbey,

SO31 5EA every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am to 2pm or leave donations in St Andrew's Church Porch between 8am – 5pm daily.

Last month the Council agreed to replace its current website. Our new one will not only look different but will provide you with more ways to get information and do business with us. We expect to build and develop the website over time but if you think a feature is missing let us know. We hope to be live by the end of the year. One ambition for the site is to include more local images of the village and especially the places people hold dear. If you have an image of a special space and you want to share it - please let the office have a copy and wait to see if we include it!

As we edge towards the new year just a reminder that parking permits for the Foreshore Car Park are now available for £15 either online or from the Parish Office. The office will be closed over the Christmas period, but staff will still be working. It will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Finally, can I just remind you that there isn't a January newsletter - the next issue should reach you in February. It will be delivered by our small team of helpers who have been out in rain and shine this year delivering them to your door. So, a final thanks to them and Happy Christmas from the Parish Council Team and best wishes to everyone in Hamble for 2022.

Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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COUNCIL-LED COMMUNITY NEWS

MEET THE COUNCILLOR – CRAIG PALMER



I feel privileged to have been able to grow up in Hamble. Having attended both Hamble Primary and Secondary Schools I have a deep connection to the village and our community. Serving on the Parish Council has put me in a unique position to help ensure that future generations have the same opportunity to enjoy this beautiful area.

I joined the Parish Council as I was concerned about a lack of focus directed towards anti-social behaviour within Hamble.

Growing up there was an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in place that somehow fell away over the years. It is my goal to restore the local scheme and foster a close bond between the Council, the community, and the Police.

To that end, I have created the Hamble Crime and Community Safety Working Group as a central resource from which to tackle these problems. The members of this Working Group are Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Dann, Cllr Cross and myself, and we meet every other month. Our key objective for the next 3 – 6 months is to create, implement, and help maintain a modern Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Hamble, as well as a local Speed Watch Scheme, and to introduce the use of modern surveillance equipment such as ANPR cameras. Chief Inspector Marcus Cator has been very supportive and is hoping to attend some of our meetings.

CEMEX PUBLIC CONSULTATION – GRAVEL EXTRACTION AT HAMBLE AIRFIELD

Cemex held a virtual public consultation on its proposals to extract sand and gravel from the former Hamble Airfield between 11-25 November 2021. By the time you read this the consultation period will be over, despite the Parish Council having asked for an extension in order to respond.

The former Hamble Airfield has been allocated in the Hampshire County Council Waste and Minerals Plan, so the principle of development has been agreed. At the moment, Hamble Parish Council is talking to our neighbouring parish councils and to Cllr Keith House, our County Council representative, about the current consultation, and on how to challenge the planning application. We also have a meeting with Eastleigh Borough Council planned for early December.

We will be discussing some of the following concerns:

- Impact on local residents and the local environment, in particular the measures being proposed to manage noise and dust from the operation.

- Increases in traffic movements along the Hamble Lane corridor generated by lorry movements and site staff as well as the site access.
- Impact of gravel extraction on local soil conditions, surface water and run off – with a particular concern about Satchell Lane.
- How flora and fauna will be protected throughout the works and the period of reinstatement, in particular for any protected species currently on the site.
- Extraction rates and timescales for restoration.
- The extent and quality of public access to the site after the site is remediated.

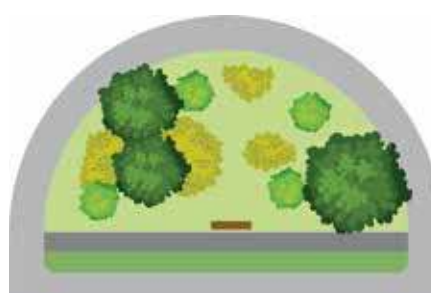
We will be arranging a public meeting at an appropriate stage and will confirm this as soon as we have more details. We will also be looking at how to make information widely available to you to help you form an opinion about proposals as they emerge.

We would urge you to participate at each stage of this process as it's important to make Hampshire County Council aware of the community concerns and objections linked to this proposal.

Cllr. Ian Underdown - Chair of HPC Planning

SYDNEY AVENUE GREEN SPACE

Earlier this year, we asked local residents for ideas and Sydney Avenue was identified as a potential wildlife garden. As we don't own this land, we took the suggestion to Eastleigh Borough Council who have produced a 'green space' scheme to give the area a face-lift! Work is due to begin in the New Year ahead of springtime.



Key	
	Existing trees
	New native trees
	New native shrubs
	Species rich grassland
	Amenity grassland (verge)
	Existing bench
	Pavement

COUNCIL-LED COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

CRIME-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas period is often marked by an increase in crime, so please remember to secure your property as best as you can while away from your home. Here's some general guidance from PCSO 13151 Steve Hill:

1. Add as many layers of security as you can to make accessing your home more difficult. This could include installing CCTV or video doorbells – which can then be used for evidential purposes in the event of a crime.

2. A house that appears occupied is less likely to be targeted by burglars. Installing light switch timers inside the house can help make it appear occupied. Likewise, dusk to dawn or sensor lighting to the front and rear of your home can help deter potential thieves.

3. Keep high value, easily portable jewellery and equipment from being visible through a window and don't forget to register them at <https://or-lo.uk/ajZVV>



For further prevention measures visit the websites below:



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door and garage
security
(<https://orlo.uk/03rdj>)



Burglar alarms
(<https://orlo.uk/X8uR5>)



Tested and
approved locks
(<https://orlo.uk/4zhtm>)

WE HAVE A WINNER!

We are very pleased to announce the winning name for our new electric vehicle... SPARKY!

Thank you to everyone who nominated names and voted. There were some great options to choose from, and it's a shame we could only choose one winner.

In particular, thank you to Ian Stephens and Susan Bonella who both nominated the name Sparky.

In a lovely coincidence, Sparky was also the nickname of a very highly regarded member of the community, Chris Hamel, who sadly passed away last year. While the Sparky nominations were not made with Chris in mind, it is a very fitting tribute.



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 PLAYERS – AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PLAY

They are selling like hot cakes, but there are still some tickets available for Mother Goose!

- Hamble Village Memorial Hall, High Street
- 1 – 12 December
- Refreshments & Raffle
- Box Office 02380 440660 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers



Auditions for the Spring play will be held on Thursday 16 December at 7pm in the Main Hall of Hamble

Memorial Hall. 'Sandcastles' by Bob Larbey (writer of The Good Life) is full of wonderful humour with parts for 15 adults. Experience in amateur dramatics not essential! Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays 7pm – 9pm. Why stay at home during the dreary winter months?

If you are interested in being part of this play but are unable to make the auditions, please contact Carol (details below). Tickets will be on sale from 1 February. Please note: The performances of this play will be in Cabaret style, around tables with a picnic included. It is ESSENTIAL when booking to state dietary requirements.

Secretary – Carol Ings - carolings@hotmail.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

TAKE PART IN HAMBLE'S SECOND LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR – TAKING PLACE NOW!



Following the great success of our first Living Advent Calendar last year, we are really keen to make an even bigger success of Hamble's Living Advent Calendar 2021! We hope that as many of you as possible will visit the windows as they are revealed during the month of December.

The Living Advent Calendar is inspired by an idea that began in Stockholm and runs every day from 1 - 24 December. Like a traditional children's advent calendar, a newly decorated window or door is unveiled every day – but in this case, it's a real window of a local amenity, business, or residence, that can be seen and admired by passers-by. The number of the window will be clearly visible as part of the display allowing you to follow the magical trail through the village.

This year, we are also encouraging participants to provide a few minutes of live entertainment and/or hospitality for the on-lookers. Performances may range from songs, carols, music, poetry, book readings, notes from local history or folklore, sketches and dance, all with a festive theme! Every performance will be kept secret until the unveiling of the window - and may certainly include audience participation! This year we are planning to move the window reveal time to 6pm to give more people the opportunity to visit after school and work but before the evening sets in.

We will again be hoping to raise money for our wonderful Hamble Lifeboat through donations to the cause during the month. Donations can be made via the Facebook page or in the traditional collecting tins.

This is a wonderful opportunity for businesses, amenities, and residents of Hamble - children and adults – to work together to create and celebrate a magical festive trail through the village that will develop day by day in December for all the lovely residents of Hamble to enjoy as a community.

Follow us at @HambleLivingAdventCalendar

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There are a number of special services at St. Andrew's Church over the Christmas period, to which you are all welcome.

- Sunday 18 December, 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols
- Friday 24 December, 4pm (Christmas Eve):
St Andrew's Christmas Eve Crib Procession

All families are invited to join us on a procession through the St Andrew's churchyard, where you will meet the characters from the Nativity story, be serenaded by a choir, and see the crib set in the Church. You will also receive a Christingle kit to make a Christingle with your family. Please join us anytime between 4pm and 5pm. All are welcome, but we request that children are accompanied by an adult.

- Friday 24 December, 11.30pm (Christmas Eve):
Midnight Mass Eucharist with Christmas Carols
- Christmas Day, 10.30am: Eucharist with Christmas Carols
- Sunday 26 December, 10am: Said Eucharist

THE MERCURY HUB 'SAILS' INTO 2022!

A great big thank you to Elvstrom Sails for donating our amazing new flag, and to Andy Tarbutton (sailmaker). You certainly won't miss us now! It's so great when local companies support us in this way.



We hope you all managed to see the magnificent display of poppies in our window, designed by our very creative special volunteer - keep an eye on that window for further displays.

Check out our Facebook page where we are planning to put a weekly calendar of events taking place at The Hub in the New Year. Another of our special volunteers will be holding Cribbage sessions on Monday afternoons - please feel free to come along and join in. Please note that as from 15 November, our Monday afternoon opening times have changed to 2pm to 4pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

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HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB

An excellent workshop was enjoyed by many of our members in November, where they created wreaths, a table decoration, and snazzed up a shoe!



Don't forget the Big Event of the Year!

Christmas Demonstration: Magic & Sparkle with Vanessa Wellock

- Monday 6 December, starting at 1.30pm (doors open at 12.30)
- Tickets: £15 which includes mulled wine, mince pies, tea and coffee
- Raffle & Sales Table

Our next meeting on 10 January is a Tea Party, but as a special treat this year we are using a catering company. The chat will be fun and the afternoon tea yummy! Please contact one of us for more information.

If you are free on a Monday afternoon this could be just the activity you have been looking for. There is a varied programme, including demonstrations, talks, practical sessions, classes, and outings. Meetings are in Hamble Memorial Hall on the second Monday in the month at 1.30pm. Our aim is to be friendly and have fun!

For further information or tickets please contact a member of the committee. We would love to see you.

Sheila Barker (Chair) 02380 453718

Christine Wright (Vice Chair) 07764 219193

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

There was an excellent response to the Society's last meeting about 'Hamble Families and People' where a new booklet was launched with the same title. Remember, the Society booklets are available from the Coronation Parade Post Office and are an inexpensive gift to give over the Christmas period.

The Society's next meeting will be on 3 February at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall (Rear Hall) where Toby Marris, skipper of the 'Jolie Brise', will be telling the story of this sailing boat that is based at Hamble. It is arguably one of the most famous tall ships in the world. She is owned by the Dauntsey's School and takes its pupils on sailing cruises locally and all over the Northern Hemisphere.



Toby will be describing the fascinating history of the over 100-year-old 'Jolie Brise' that was originally a gaff rigged pilot cutter. She has won the Fastnet race three times, including the first race in 1925, and subsequently the Tall Ship's race four times. He will then give information about her current use, particularly the pupils' experiences and her voyages.

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.

HARRIER VETERINARY SURGERY CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY



On 14 November 2001 Hamble's first ever Veterinary Surgery opened its doors for the first time. Richard Hatton set up Harrier Vets whilst raising his family in the area, and fast became an essential member of the local community.

Richard qualified as a vet from Cambridge University in 1980 and worked at several other veterinary practices before

settling in Hamble. Richard's passion for animals has always been apparent and in his time, he has helped all creatures great and small, from snakes and tortoises to cats and dogs. Along with his faithful team, Richard has saved the life of many a pet, not to mention treating many of the local wildlife and strays when required.

Richard is still working at Harrier Vets today and on 15 November was welcomed to work with a celebratory lunch from his team!

Congratulations to Richard and his dedicated team at Harrier Vets – let's hope there are many more years of service to come!

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

We have made a strong start to the scrub clearance season on Hamble Common. Under the direction of Eastleigh Borough Council, we have cleared gorse from the edge of the Salt Creek and most recently started to clear the perimeter of the meadow immediately south of Heather Gardens.

It is a tough task with a mix of silver birch, grey willow, bramble and gorse to clear but fortunately there has been a large turnout of volunteers so far and we have made excellent progress. The aim is to restore the meadow to its former status as grazing for cattle whose regular presence will help ensure that the meadow does not deteriorate into overgrown scrub.

A recent inspection of our over 50 bird boxes on Hamble Common suggests that most are used for nesting by songbirds giving them protection from predators and poor weather.

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

HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Not long now and we will be meeting again after such a long time!

Here is our programme for the first half of 2022 just in case you missed it in the last issue.

- 11 January - Social Afternoon - meeting up again
- 8 February - Alan Mehlin - Rocking Horses
- 8 March - Philippa Pountain - Balloon Treats
- 12 April - Dan Angus - Mayfield Nurseries - Mind Solent
- 10 May - Roy Godfrey - The Honey Man
- 8 June - Social Afternoon
- 12 July - Coach trip to Weald and Downland Museum

On behalf of myself and the Committee I would like to wish our members and 'future members' a Happy Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you on 11 January 2022 for our first meeting - 2pm in the Priory Centre, Hamble.

Bobby Conduit

GET IN
TOUCH



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 deadlines for future content are as follows:

- February edition deadline – Monday 17 January
- March edition deadline – Monday 14 February
- April edition deadline – Monday 21 March

Please email your article to: claire@smartmarketinguk.com



Starting school in September 2022

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2022,
they can start school in September 2022.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2021

**THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022**



UPCOMING DATES



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

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

Advent Calendar 1 – 24 December Unveilings at 6pm

Follow the magical Advent trail
throughout the village!

1st Hamble Guide Unit Thursday Evenings 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Roy Underdown
Pavillion

Magic & Sparkle with Vanessa Wellock 6 December 1.30pm

Join Hamble Flower Club for
this demonstration at Hamble
Memorial Hall. Tickets are £15
which includes mulled wine,
mince pies, tea and coffee

Walk and Talk Hamble 8 December 10.30am – 11.30am

Meet: Green Lane entrance to
Hamble Common

Mary Poppins Hamble School 8 – 10 December 7.30pm

Hamble School's Christmas
production is open to all.
Please contact Hamble School
for tickets.

Carols in the Chapel Royal Victoria Country Park 11 December 7pm – 8.30pm

Celebrate Christmas at the Park

Hamble Christmas Market 17 December 10am – 4pm

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

Hamble Primary School Dates

Term finishes: Friday 17
December
Term starts: Tuesday 4 January

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Santa Paws Run Royal Victoria Country Park 19 December 10am – 11pm

A festive run with your best
friend

Carol Concert 24 December 6pm

Venue: The Square

Church Services at St Andrew's Church

18 December – 6pm
Nine Lessons and Carols

24 December – 4pm
St Andrew's Christmas Eve Crib
Procession

24 December – 11.30pm
Midnight Mass Eucharist with
Christmas Carols

25 December – 10.30am
Eucharist with Christmas Carols

26 December – 10am
Said Eucharist

Council Meetings:

Full Council
• 13 December
• 10 January
7pm

Planning Committee
• 24 January
7pm

Venue: Roy Underdown
Pavillion

Hamble Ladies Group Meeting 11 January 2pm

Venue: Priory Centre

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