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WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWSLETTER!

It has certainly felt like the hottest summer on record here in Hamble. Long days of sunshine, hosepipe bans, and the village full of people having fun on the river. We have seen some incidents of anti-social behaviour around the village, but the regular Police patrols have contributed noticeably to keeping everyone safe and sound. The local neighbourhood team will be out in force (excuse the pun) at the Hampshire Food Market on 3 September and are keen to speak to as many people as possible. Why not pop along and say hello?

September heralds the change in season and for many the prospect of winter is chilling, with inflation driving up the cost of the everyday basics that we all rely upon. For anyone on a fixed or low income the months ahead are likely to be a worrying time. Hamble Parish Council is arranging a free event on 6 October from 3pm–8pm at Hamble Aerostructures where we hope to bring together a range of organisations that will provide advice on how to save money and where to get help if you need it. Everyone is welcome — no matter what your circumstances. We will be putting up notices a little nearer the time but save the date in your calendar and come along — you might pick up some invaluable information.

Sadly, the X15 bus service from Hamble to Hedge End is due to be cancelled. The service has been subsidised by Hampshire County Council to date, but due to low usage, the bus company intends to withdraw it. We know that it provides an invaluable service to many whom otherwise have no way of getting to Hedge End and beyond. Given the congestion on Hamble Lane and the encouragement to

use more sustainable forms of travel this is a blow. We have raised the issue with Eastleigh Borough Council and hope that we can seek to find an alternative in the future.

The work to give a facelift to the Foreshore is nearing completion. A couple of benches still need to be replaced and paving at the top end of the Foreshore will be repaired at the start of September along with the extension of the planting beds. This will conclude the work that started back in 2020 and clear the way for the redevelopment of Mount Pleasant. While Covid and the Hamble Airfield development application have conspired to delay us, we are hopeful that the work on Hamble 2050 will indicate the types of changes the village wants to see and how Mount Pleasant can form part of that.

Finally, I'm sad to report that Debbie Rolfe has stepped down from the Parish Council. Debbie first became a Parish Councillor in 2016 and has served on both the Planning Committee and the Personnel Working Group. Each year, she has been part of the group that has walked the parish Rights of Way to ensure their continued use. Debbie has been a valued member of the team and we would like to pass on our thanks on behalf of the village.



Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR VILLAGE

BECOME A COUNCILLOR FOR HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the resignation of Debbie Rolfe, the Council has a vacancy. The vacancy will be filled either through by election or co-option. Importantly, if you are interested in the role and would like to contribute to the decisions made by the Council on behalf of Hamble residents, please check the Council's website or contact the Parish Office after 2 September 2022 for more details.

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish.

It is the level of government closest to the community, with the Borough and County authorities above it in the local government hierarchy. In Hamble's case, this includes Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

As the local authority closest to our residents, we are invariably the first port of call for people to go to with their concerns or ideas. For this reason, we are a vital part of the community.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

If you've never been to a parish council meeting, you may assume that parish councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. Not so. Hamble Parish Council comprises a mix of councillors from different backgrounds, with different interests and of different ages, all committed to volunteering their time to making Hamble a better place to live and work.

When something 'big' has or is about to happen, people in the community tend to turn to the Parish Council for support and guidance. One such example of this is the recent planning application for gravel extraction at Hamble Airfield.

As a parish councillor, you become someone to whom your community will look for help, guidance, and support; a community leader with the ability to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better because of decisions you have helped to make will give you a sense of achievement and pride. You can find out more about our commitment to Hamble here:

<https://bit.ly/3PqezcN>



What decisions do Parish Councils make?

The most common matters with which Parish Councils get involved typically relate to managing our open spaces and facilities, planning matters (the parish is a 'statutory consultee' to planning applications decided by Eastleigh Borough Council or Hampshire County Council), working with Hampshire Constabulary on crime prevention, and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

On their own, Parish Councils have limited powers to make decisions.

However, they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, other organisations that do make the final decisions and, in this respect, Parish Councils can be very effective at helping to bring about change.

The organisations that make the final decisions know that a Parish Council is the best barometer of how a community feels about an issue or major decision.

Parish Duties

Hamble Parish Council has 12 councillors.

The duties and functions of a Parish Council are many and varied, so being a parish councillor is an interesting position to hold.

We meet once a month as a full Council (except August) and meetings may last up to 2.5 hours, depending upon the agenda and the items to be discussed.

In addition to the full Council meeting, there is also a Planning Committee that meets once a month and an Asset Management Committee that meets every second month. You are not expected to be involved in all committees and there are also other working groups in

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which you might want to play a role — such as Allotments, Communications, Community Safety and Crime Reduction, Personnel, and Footpaths. There is also an Annual Parish meeting to which all village residents are invited.

All meetings of the Council are advertised on the council notice boards, website, and Facebook social media page.

Residents can bring to the attention of the Parish Council anything that concerns them, either directly, through a councillor, or through the Clerk.

If matters raised are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, the Clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

As a parish councillor, how much time would I need to commit to Council business?

In addition to the regular meetings, some councillors have specific duties as chairs of committees or working groups, requiring them to attend other meetings to represent the council (e.g., acting as a representative on an outside body, or helping to develop a new project for the community).

This could take anywhere between 3 and 10 hours per month, depending on how involved you'd like to be.

How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a term of four years.

If they then want to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election.

Councillors can also be co-opted. To apply as a co-opted councillor, the potential candidate only needs to complete a form, write a brief resumé explaining their experience and how they would like to help the village, and attend a parish meeting for a short informal interview with all councillors.

The councillors will then take a vote and appoint the most suitable candidate to fill the vacancy.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To be able to become a councillor for Hamble Parish Council, you must:

- be an elector of the parish, or
 - for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or
 - during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or
 - for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any member state of the European Union and at least 18 years old.

Don't take our word for it!

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now:

<https://bit.ly/3CcKM4G>



Come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of our councillors to find out what they think of this local government volunteer role.

FOREMAN HOMES — SATCHELL LANE PLANNING APPLICATION: PUBLIC ENQUIRY

A public enquiry will be held on 1–4 November 2022 (location to be confirmed). This follows Foreman Homes' appeal of the original decision.

Hamble Parish Council will be in attendance to make representations on the village's behalf, and will be opposing the application.



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RANGER'S REMARKS

Hello Hamble Habitants!

With my title having changed from Parish Warden to Estate Ranger, my article needed a fresh new name too. So, Warden's Watch magically metamorphosises into Ranger's Remarks. Not unlike a fat caterpillar turning into a beautiful butterfly... or if you prefer a wriggly little tadpole into an ugly toad!

You are never too old to learn as this job constantly shows me. There is such a wide variety of flora, fauna, and fungi around Hamble (collectively referred to as biota). It really is a great place to explore.

Part of my role involves a lot of working outside. One useful and satisfying thing to do when spending a lot of time outside is to download various helpful apps to your phone that improve your enjoyment and knowledge. For me these included a plant identification app, a bird sound identification app, and a fungi identification app. I highly recommend these not only as a great way to learn about some of the sights and sounds we take for granted every day, but also to enjoy our beautiful countryside that little bit more.

Education is so important to getting the most out of every situation we find ourselves in....although it can land you in hot water. When I was a young boy a popular phrase at our house after one of my parents swore was "Excuse my French". I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French...!

Over recent months, the Council has planted several plants, trees, and flowers around the village. These invariably require regular watering to keep them at their best, especially over the hot summer months. For this reason, the Parish Council has installed large rainwater collection tanks at two convenient sites around the village. One is installed at the College Playing Fields; two are located at the Lifeboat station on the Foreshore. These are to collect and store rainwater that can be used to water the planters, trees, and borders without the need to use tap water. This keeps costs down and doesn't add an unnecessary drain on the local water supply, enhancing the Parish's green credentials.

With my new title comes an amelioration. Instead of working out the song lyrics I thought I would add something more relevant to the article and leave you with some fascinating nature facts. As I saw a beautiful fox on the way into work this morning, along Spitfire Way, I thought you may appreciate some fox facts:

- Foxes are more like cats than dogs. Similar to cats foxes are nocturnal, they can climb trees, use their whiskers to navigate, and even stalk their prey like cats. Grey foxes can retract their claws too — just like cats.
- Foxes have impeccable hearing. It's reported that foxes can hear a watch ticking from 40 yards away. What's even more interesting is that foxes use the Earth's magnetic field to help locate their prey.

Until next time...

Mark, Estate Ranger

WOODPECKER WALK BENCH

Eighteen months ago, we were asked by the residents of Cirrus Gardens to consider whether anything could be done to minimise the noise and disturbance caused by people using the bench on Woodpecker Walk — especially late at night.

With the recent hot weather, these problems have started to recur, so we have removed the bench. We are now working hard to find alternative locations in and around the area to put in some smaller 'perch style' benches (made from recycled Hamble tree trunks) that will allow people to stop and pause but which are unlikely to attract large groups of people.



In the future, we also intend to install a new bench with greater visibility nearby on Spitfire Way.

We hope that the community can understand that the noise and disturbance was causing a lot of upset for local residents, but that the move to 'perch style' benches (plus the new, more visible bench) is a good compromise.

COUNCIL LED NEWS CONTINUED

WORK CONTINUES AT THE FORESHORE!

If you've visited the Foreshore in the last few weeks, you may have noticed a series of new waste control and prevention measures that have been introduced to help improve cleanliness and encourage recycling.



Firstly, a number of new waste bins, dog poop bins, and waste stations have been installed, including a dolphin bin outside the cafe to encourage younger children to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

A dog waste bag station has also been installed on the Southern Foreshore to assist in the collection and disposal of waste, and the bags provided are fully biodegradable with a lifespan of just 10 to 12 weeks.

We've increased the number of rubbish bins at Mount Pleasant and have installed dog poop stations both here and on the Green, as you come up the hill from the Foreshore. Both dog poop stations provide bags for dog owners to use.

The addition of the new general waste bins, dog waste bins, and waste stations on the Foreshore and Mount Pleasant will increase the waste capacity by over 100%, which in turn will hopefully result in less mess and a cleaner environment for us all to enjoy.



Finally, all of the life ring stations have been upgraded at the Foreshore and have been made more accessible for younger people in an emergency.

This is the first phase of a long-term plan to improve the cleanliness of the Foreshore, and we would like to thank local Bursledon contractor Inspired Projects for their assistance in this project so far.

ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION GETS A FACELIFT!

Over the summer, we have continued our work on Roy Underdown Pavilion with a focus on external improvements.

- All the fascias and soffits have been replaced (fascia boards installed by local Hamble contractor, Refix)
- The dormers have had the exposed lead covered up with boards
- All the guttering has been replaced
- The overhang has been painted

With more projects planned to improve the long-term sustainability of the Pavilion, each set of improvements sees us moving closer towards successfully extending the life of the building and providing an improved environment for hirers.

This latest round of improvements is in addition to the work completed over the course of the last year:

- Installation of new safety doors
- Installation of new windows
- Redecoration inside
- LED lighting installed, both inside and out
- 4k CCTV installed with 30-day recording



Roy Underdown Pavilion Available for Hire!

- Family Celebrations
- Meetings
- Corporate Events
- Community Groups

To Book,
Call 023 8045 3422

SAVE THE DATE: FREE COST OF LIVING EVENT

Thursday 6 October, 3pm–8pm
at Hamble Aerostructures. Everyone Welcome.

We hope to bring together a range of organisations that will provide advice on how to save money and where to get help if you need it. If there is a particular cost of living topic you'd like advice on, please do email the Clerk with details, and we'll try to incorporate it into the event. More details to follow closer to the date.

COUNCIL LED NEWS CONTINUED

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR – SCOOP THAT POOP!

New research from environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy reveals that the amount of dog mess being left by owners in our parks has increased since the start of 2021, with more than half of local authorities surveyed reporting an increase in both unbagged dog poo left on the ground and bagged dog poo ‘carefully’ placed in parks (e.g., left hanging from railings or trees).

This new survey carried out on behalf of the charity by YouGov showed that the vast majority of dog owners say that they dispose of dog waste responsibly, either putting it in a bin in the park (85%) or taking it home with them (40%).

However, four per cent, which equates to approximately 520,000 dog owners, admit leaving their dog’s poo unbagged on the ground, equating to around 35.3 tonnes.

Approximately 260,000 people leave bagged poo elsewhere (e.g., hanging from a tree, on a post, or under a bush) – equivalent to 17.7 tonnes.

Leaving dog mess in a public place can cause lasting illness and is dangerous. It’s also very unpleasant for those that have to keep your neighbourhood clean. So do the right thing and use the lovely new bins and bags on the Foreshore, at Mount Pleasant, and on the Green to bag it and bin it!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

October: Monday 19 September
November: Monday 17 October
December: Monday 14 November

If you have something that you would like to contribute or are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please get in touch – danielle@smartmarketinguk.com

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HAMBLE

We are aware that there have been concerns among some residents about reporting anti-social behaviour to the Police.

If you witness anti-social behaviour in Hamble we would urge you to please report the incident at:
<https://bit.ly/3Cc6rK0>



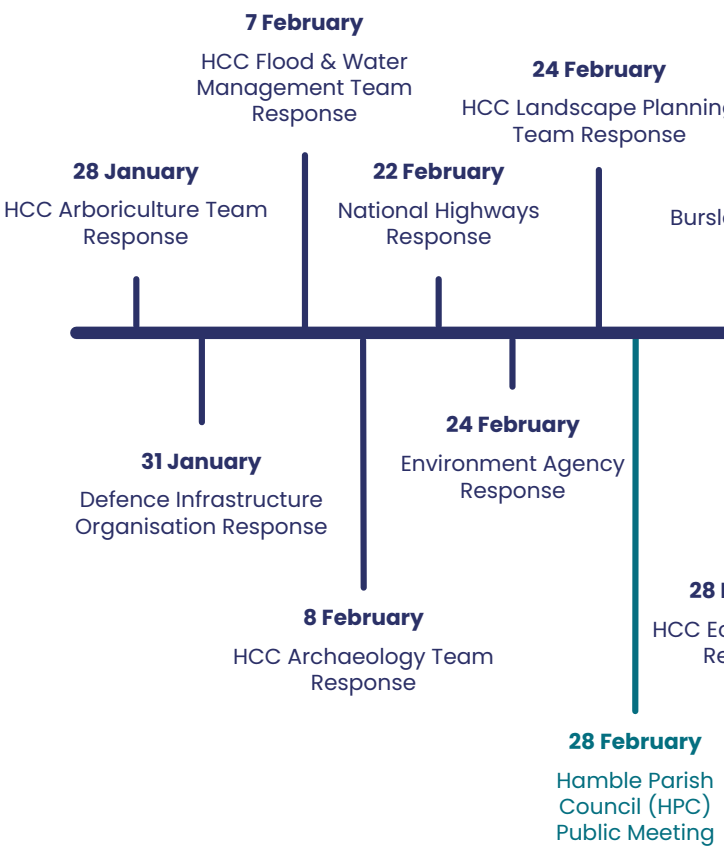
Your reports give the Police a solid source of intelligence which can be used to plan pragmatic patrol routes and give officers a better understanding of the community's concerns.

To help build a true picture of the extent of anti-social behaviour in Hamble, the Council has created an online form where you can record your crime reference number and details of the incident you have witnessed. We will collate all data uploaded and present it to the Police so that they can take this information into account when allocating resources in the future.



The online form can be found here:
<https://bit.ly/3wb20eM>

Hamble Airfield Planning Application Response Timeline 2021



THE FUTURE OF HAMBLE AIRFIELD – UPDATE

We remain in regular contact with Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding the planning application submitted by Cemex to extract sand and gravel from the former Hamble Airfield site.

As you may recall from previous updates, HCC has asked Cemex to provide additional information to support their application (via a Regulation 25 notice). You can view this notice here: <https://bit.ly/3A5NvKb>



HCC has advised that they expect Cemex to submit this additional information in late September/early October. Once the information is available there will be another period of consultation to ensure the community and statutory consultees can update their comments based on the new evidence.

We also understand that HCC Highways has amended their Regulation 25 response to request further information regarding congestion at key points along Hamble Lane. At the time of writing, we have not had sight of this response, but expect it to be published before this newsletter is distributed. Once it has been published, we will look at whether this additional information addresses some of the concerns we have

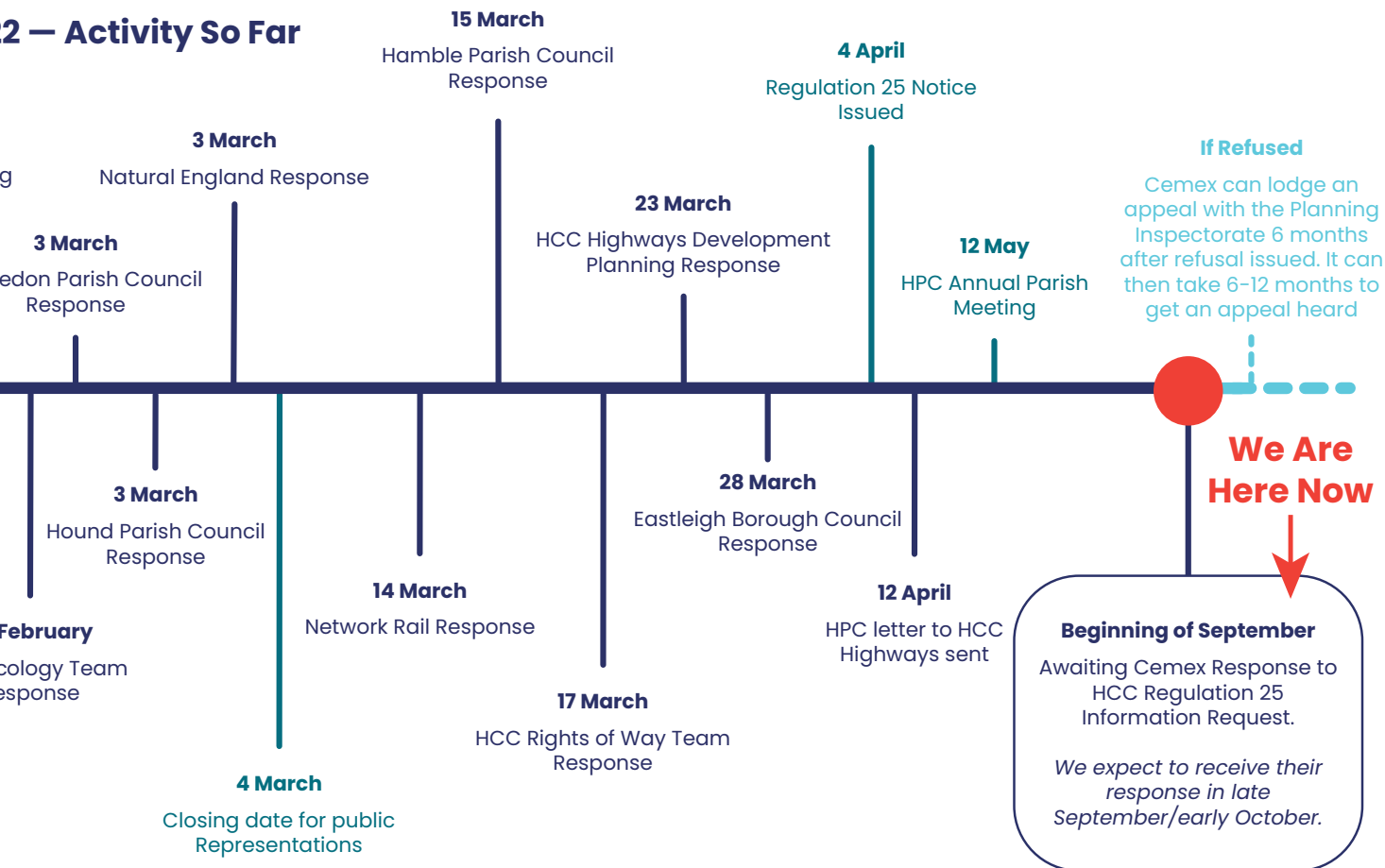
raised with HCC throughout the consultation process about the levels of congestion and air quality on Hamble Lane. We will also discuss it at our next Full Council meeting on 12 September. For more information, please keep an eye on our Facebook page and Cemex microsite, or join us at September's Council meeting.

In terms of community action, a residents' group is currently in the process of being set up, which has resulted from the 'Hamble Against Development' Facebook page. This group is open to all residents in the village, with the only stipulation being that interested parties need to commit to contributing ideas and time to help secure the future of the Airfield. There are number of areas in which residents can help. This is an action forum. To learn more, please contact the group via the Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/3QLJgxx>



Finally, you may be aware that there have been people working on the Hamble Airfield site over the last few weeks. Cemex has confirmed that they are undertaking hydrogeology works in response to Regulation 25 requests from statutory consultees (including Natural England and the Lead Local Flood Authority). The works are being supervised by an ecologist to reduce disturbance to wildlife.

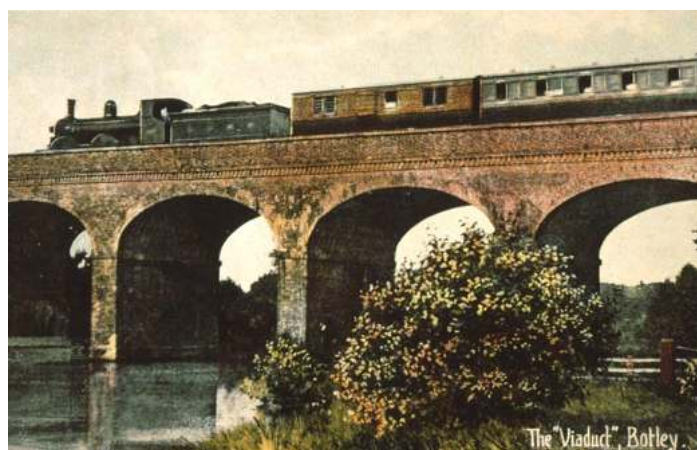
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COMMUNITY NEWS

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: HAMBLE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAYS

At the Society's next meeting, local historian Jeff Martin will be talking about the interesting story of how the railways came to our area and developed over the years.



A mainline from London to Southampton opened in 1840 and subsequently branch lines were developed to serve the Hamble River Valley area. The first were railway lines from Eastleigh to Gosport via Botley and a branch line from Botley to Bishops Waltham.

Jeff will explain about the many other proposals that were made but did not get implemented which could have affected the river valley, particularly the river.

Jeff will talk about how our present-day railway originally just went to a terminus at Netley, but when sufficient finance was available, went to Fareham via a bridge over the river at Bursledon. This railway enabled local industries such as the shellfish trade and strawberry growing to significantly develop to serve a much wider market.

The fascinating stories of small local railway lines such as to Netley Hospital, Hamble Oil Terminal, and a narrow-gauge line at the training ship TS Mercury will be told.

Why not come along to hear and see Jeff's presentation about the railways in our area, many that no longer exist, on Thursday 8 September, 7.30pm, at Hamble Memorial Hall (Rear Hall).

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

SIMON SAYS CHILD BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



Simon Says was set up in Hamble as a registered charity in 2001 with the aim of supporting children and young people in Hampshire who have someone important to them who has died or is dying. The death of someone important can have a devastating effect on a child's life but we know that given support children can be helped to understand what has happened and to rebuild their lives.

Our seven Support Groups run throughout Hampshire and offer children and families the opportunity to work through their bereavement journey.

These groups do not have a waiting list, are free of charge, and can be accessed for as many sessions as needed.

Now based in Wellow, Simon Says is entirely funded by donations and grants and receives no government



support. We are holding a 21st birthday evening of Fun & Fundraising at Hamble's very own River Rat on Friday 30 September to which everyone is invited.

Bookings can be made at:
<https://bit.ly/3ArAcVW>



Please visit www.simonsays.org.uk, contact our telephone support line on 02380 647550, or email us at info@simonsays.org.uk for more information, to donate, or to find out how you can get involved, either as a donor or volunteer.

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

SINGING & STORYTIME AT THE MERCURY HUB

Following our last coffee morning, we were very pleased to hand over a cheque for £270.92 to Dave at Hamble Pan Disability to help fund their exciting football trip to Barcelona. We wish them every success.

On 15 October at 10am, we will be holding our next coffee morning in support of Sing 4 Fun. This group makes community singing accessible to everyone. Even if you think you can't sing, you may surprise yourself — you will still be made very welcome. Come along to find out more.



Check out our current window display — a teddy bear's picnic! Another great creation

by our very creative display team. Have a look whenever you are passing — you won't be disappointed. In addition to our very creative volunteers, hats off to the garden team for transforming the patio area. We now have a new parasol so you can sit in the shade during the hot weather. We are expecting another addition to the garden very soon, but I'm not going to give away the secret. You'll have to come along and see for yourselves.

We had our first children's story time in August, and it was very well attended. The children enjoyed the story of Albert, the upside-down tortoise very much.

We are currently accepting donations of good quality books to maintain our stock rotation so have a rummage through your bookshelves and pop them along to us. Thanking you in advance.

As always, we welcome new volunteers so if you have an hour or so to spare, come and join us.

HAMBLE PLAYERS



Just in case you have time, do come to our Cabaret Evenings on 2 and 3 September. All evening performances are at 7.30pm with 'Doors Open' at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Box Office on 02380 440660, online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers or just turn up on the door.



Tickets go on sale for December's pantomime at 9am on Sunday 4 September. This year the panto is 'Jack & The Beanstalk' and will run from Wednesday 7 December until Sunday 11 December. There are two performances on the Saturday. For tickets either phone the Box Office or go online using the link above.



The pantomime may be cast, but there are one hundred and one other roles available from costume making to programme selling. If you would like to join us, please contact any member of the Players or as below.

Chair — Tim Hughes — tim266@hotmail.com

Secretary — Carol Ings — carolings@hotmail.co.uk



The Ladies Committee invite you to the



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COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

On a beautiful summer's day, 50 members of the Hamble Ladies Group boarded (rather fortuitously) an air-conditioned coach and travelled to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum near Chichester.

What a lovely day we all had, leisurely wandering around the museum in different friendly groups, taking in all the amazing 'old' buildings and listening to some of the volunteer guides filling us in on a lot of the history.

One of the main attractions for a lot of our members was the 'Repair Shop' area where a few celebrities were spotted filming. I believe Dame Judi Dench was there on the day of our visit which was a bonus for those who caught a glimpse of her.

We attended a short talk about one of their more modern buildings and a tour of the building which housed over 15,000 artefacts. What an interesting place. A very happy and pleasant day spent with friends, and well worth a visit if you haven't been there before.

In August, Sue Watson from 'Wat's On Glass' brought along a fantastic selection of her beautiful handmade bespoke fused glass.

Sue told us that she started playing with glass about 8 years ago, taught herself, and fell in love with what she does. She had spent a lot of time at sea, and this is reflected in a lot of her glass. Her workshop is a garage which houses the kiln that does a lot of the hard work.



Temperatures can get as high as 1000 degrees, sometimes taking up to 30 hours to complete a piece of glassware.

Sue designs all her own work which includes house numbers, wall art, garden stakes, jewellery, plates, platters, personalised gifts, Christmas decorations and pet keepsakes (ashes in glass) to name just a few. She

mainly sells her glassware at fetes and fairs so look out for her this summer.

It was a very interesting talk, and we were able to purchase some of the items Sue had brought along.

Our programme for the rest of the year is:

- 13 September — Mayfield Nurseries, Solent Minds — Jude Gardner
- 11 October — Netley Hospital — Ursula Pearce
- 8 November — Ukalele Band — Afternoon of Music
- 13 December — Christmas Lunch — booked at the Beach Hut

I look forward to our next meeting on 13 September in the Priory Centre starting at 2pm.

Bobby Conduit

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



With so many volunteers away during August we have always taken an annual break with the laudable exception of

individual members continuing to clear rubbish from the village and beaches. With autumn approaching and the end of the wildlife breeding season, we can plan our return to tasks such as clearing scrub and hazardous trees. The current number of volunteers is encouraging but we still need to welcome new members. Tasks can be physically challenging, but there are roles for most levels of fitness and agility.

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and notice boards posted around the Common. Please note that the meeting place for the parish tasks is at the Roy Underdown Pavilion at SO31 4RN whereas beach cleans and Eastleigh tasks meet at the School Lane car park.

If you would like to know more about us, please either visit hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk

or contact Philip Rawlinson:

philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com,

07810 453138.



COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAMBLE LE RICE



How many times have you walked or driven past St Andrew's Church and thought what a beautiful church it is? Perhaps you haven't even noticed that it is there. Have you

ever been inside for a wedding, a christening or perhaps the funeral of a family member or friend?

The Priory Church was founded in 1109 by a small cell of Benedictine monks from the Abbey of Tiron near Chartres in France. A full history of this very beautiful and historic church can be found on our website.



Why not join us for one of our regular services held every Sunday and Thursday at 10am, both followed by coffee and a chat in the Priory Centre behind the church. On the first Sunday of the month at 11.30am there is a Lighthouse family service especially for young children and their grownups. We also have lots of other events going on including Cherubs (a get together for grownups with babies and toddlers), Lunch Club, Quiz, Place 2B (coffee and homemade cakes) Men's Breakfast, Men's evening group (beer and chat and yes, we have a bar with very affordable prices), and various other events organised by the Friends of St Andrew's.

The Priory Centre can be hired by anyone for wedding receptions, birthday parties, Christening parties, wakes and any other events. The kitchen is fully equipped, and all tables, chairs, heating, and lighting are included in the cost. For full details, visit our website.

We need your views!

Our current Vicar, Fr Graham Whiting, is retiring at the end of this year. At the same time the Diocese has decided for financial reasons that the parishes of Hamble and Hound (including Netley), need to be merged, with a single vicar presiding over both parishes.

Change is inevitable and the Parochial Church Council would like to know what you would like from your parish church in the future. Please complete the questionnaire that is being delivered to all homes in the village.

BP'S GIFT TO HAMBLE: A SQUASH COURT!

Have you noticed a sign for Hamble Community Facilities on Hamble Lane, pointing towards the entrance to the Police Training College? If you take that turning, straight ahead is Hamble Club FC and on your left is the Squash Club.

This is an amazing resource for the village — with the court available 24/7, members have a key code to let themselves into the entrance lobby, so they can play any time that suits them, reserving the squash court in advance via an online booking system. There are male and female changing facilities with showers, and the court has been newly refurbished. The annual membership fee is only £45 with our main income for maintenance coming from fees paid for the light meter at the time when members play.

Squash is a great racket sport which can be enjoyed at all levels. It is not unlike tennis in that competitors take it in turns to hit the ball to the front wall of the court until the rally ends. But being an indoor court, it is not restricted by the weather and even better, if you hit the ball "out", you don't have to search for it!



This court was originally built by BP for the use of their employees, subsequently being leased to Hamble Parish Council in 1995 for a peppercorn rent. HPC then passed it to the squash club Management Committee and Board of Trustees. We are immensely honoured to have as our President Chris Wilson, a former Scottish International Vets Champion.



If you would like to view the court and even try a "hit" (rackets and advice will be available), please come along to our Open Evening on Thursday 8 September, 6-8 pm, or call the Administrator on 07745 220149 for more information. A special trial family membership fee of £15 will be on offer until the end of December 2022.

We very much look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING DATES

**Autumn Term Begins
The Hamble School
2 September**

**Hamble Players
Cabaret Evenings
2 – 3 September
7.30pm**

Tickets are available now for £15 at ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers or the local Box Office: 023 8044 0660



**Hamble Food Festival
Saturday 3 September**

In the Foreshore Car Park



**Autumn Term Begins
Hamble Primary School
5 September**

(Years 1–6)

**Bursledon Brickworks
Discovery Tour
7 September
11am – Midday**

At The Brickworks Museum.

**THE BRICKWORKS
MUSEUM**

**Hamble Local History
Society: Talk on River
Valley Railways
8 September
7.30pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.



**2022 Hamble Classics
Regatta
10 – 11 September**



**Hamble Ladies
Group
Talk by Jude
Gardner
13 September
2pm**

At The Priory Centre

**Macmillan Coffee
Morning
22 September
10.30am**

At The Royal Southern Yacht Club



**Trains and More
Trains! A Museum in
Steam Event
25 September
11am – 4pm**

At The Brickworks Museum.

**Simon Says Child
Bereavement Support,
21st Birthday Evening
30 September**

At The River Rat.
Tickets available at
<https://bit.ly/3ArAcVW>



**Upcoming Parish
Council Meetings at
the Roy Underdown
Pavilion**

Full Council
Monday 12 September
7pm

Planning Committee
Monday 26 September
7pm

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