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## WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!



These final months of the year are also some of the busiest in the village calendar with people coming together for Remembrance Sunday, for the regular Charity festive events and of course Carols in the Square on Christmas Eve. This year's Carols will be led for the last time by Father Graham. He has provided the village and his parishioners with a moral compass and steadfastness in what has undoubtedly been a very difficult time. His commitment and kindness will be remembered and missed, and I know I speak for the village in wishing him and his family all the very best for the future.

This year's remembrance events across the village were well attended and MP Paul Holmes received a warm welcome in Hamble at our Remembrance Day Service. A big thank you to all those who attended the event and particularly the Royal British Legion for their support in supplying the Parish with memorial wreaths to lay at a number of services in and around the village.

As winter draws in, the Council has been looking at ways to help and support people over the next few months while things will be difficult for many. As part of our grant giving programme, a grant was awarded to The Snug Project which is based at the Priory Centre each Friday at 10am. Here you will find a warm welcome and the chance of a hot drink and meal in a comfortable and friendly space. As well as the grant we want to thank those that volunteer their time to make it possible.

The Council is also looking to support via a grant a new community bus service to replace the x15 that stopped earlier in the year. The service went to Hedge End and then onto Eastleigh.

With the service no longer running, Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, and the parishes on the peninsula have been looking at a new minibus service operated by One Community. It is hoped that the service will be up and running in the new year.

In terms of the future of Hamble Airfield and the Cemex application, at the time of writing, there is no further update or information to give you on the proposed quarrying application. This might confuse many of you, given the public exhibition that Hampshire County Council (HCC) held on 23 November 2022. This exhibition was designed to give people a chance to comment on the changes that HCC is proposing to the Minerals and Waste Plan having carried out a review. Sadly, it doesn't remove Hamble Airfield from the Plan, but we would suggest that residents could use it as another opportunity to highlight the unsuitability of the Airfield as a quarry site. Comments can be made via an online survey at <https://bit.ly/3g7QMdb>, or by email to [hmwp.consult@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hmwp.consult@hants.gov.uk). Comments should be made no later than 31 January 2023. We will share our reply nearer the time.



Lastly can I thank all the people in the village for their support over the last year. As a joint December/January edition it is my last opportunity on behalf of the Parish Councillors and the staff to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2023.

**Cllr Simon Hand**

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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## TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent co-option exercise, we welcome two new Councillors – Tony Moody and Mark Venables – to the Council.

Tony will be joining the Communications Working Group and will also take the lead on projects with young people in the village.

Many of you will know Mark from his previous stint as Councillor on the Parish Council. He will be joining the Personnel Working Group and Planning Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you both to the Council, and we look forward to working with you over the coming months and years.

### Meet Councillor Tony Moody

“ I love Hamble. Since the first moments when we drove to the village Square, we fell in love with the area and were lucky to find our house in Old Priory Close, moving in October 2020 from Mitcham, Greater London.



I want to be a Parish Councillor to contribute to the village's upkeep, ensuring residents can live their lives the way they want and without hinderance. My vision is to ensure residents get the right services and information. It's all about the people and the place. Being an avid dog walker, I love meeting residents, talking to them, and understanding their points of view and concerns. For me, this is part of village life and the more people we speak to, the safer the village becomes. I am fully employed (mainly remotely) by Surrey County Council as a Project Manager for the Resources service, in the IT&D team. My focus is not merely about systems, it heavily focuses on processes, people, partners,

improving systems, improving processes, and reducing expenditure.

I would like the Council to explore more facilities for the younger generation. I understand it already provides a lot of facilities, but I am sure we could do more for them. Coming from London, I have a pet hate related to unnecessary signage; some of it is useful and some of it almost creates a negative impact.

I am looking forward to working with my fellow Councillors and making a difference to the community. ”

### Meet Councillor Mark Venables

“ I was a Parish Councillor for Hamble for 5 years (2011-2016). I have kept in touch with progress of the Council and the village and feel that now is the right time to return. I have more time than when I was last a Councillor, as I retired in 2016. I also feel that this is a critical time for the village with the future of the Airfield of particular concern.



I worked for John Lewis for 36 years, latterly as Head of Branch, Southampton and Southsea. I also held senior positions in personnel prior to switching to managing shops.

I am level headed and will always strive for the best outcome for the Council and the village.

As a Parish Councillor, I would like to contribute to maintaining the much better communication achieved in recent years. I would also like to play a key role in opposing the Airfield development and supporting the businesses in the village. ”

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from midday on Friday 9 December. Should you have any queries on this day, please email [operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk) and we will attend to them as soon as possible.

We will also be closed from midday on 23 December until 2 January 2023, when we will reopen at 10am as normal.



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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S (HCC) REVIEW OF THE MINERALS & WASTE PLAN

HCC has carried out an internal review of the vision and policies in the Minerals and Waste Plan and is now inviting comments on the revised plan.

### What does this mean for the future of Hamble Airfield and the Cemex Application?

Unfortunately, Hamble Airfield remains in the Minerals and Waste Plan as a site for gravel and sand extraction, so in that regard nothing has changed. As a result, Cemex will continue to gather the evidence they have been asked to produce so that HCC can make a decision on the application. Given the timings, the review process is unlikely to have a direct impact on the quarrying application, but it does provide another chance for us to argue how unsuitable the site is, to demonstrate to HCC the strength of feeling within the village, and to check whether the information that is produced will help us in trying to have the application refused.

### Where Can I Find More Information About The Draft Plan?

We have updated our website to include the documents that HCC have published. The link for our site is: [bit.ly/3EEyGBQ](https://bit.ly/3EEyGBQ).



### What Are We Doing For You?

Like you, we will want to see what HCC have to say in their exhibition and to read the draft Plan and other documents. This will take time, so we thank you in advance for your patience. We will confirm how we will be using this opportunity to oppose the Hamble Airfield quarrying application via social media, noticeboards, and the newsletter. We will also be discussing it at our Council meetings in the run up to the closing date which is 31 January 2023.

### What Else Can I Do?

If you believe the Airfield is an unsuitable site for quarrying, and would like to make HCC aware of this, you can complete the online form here: [bit.ly/3U1FWCh](https://bit.ly/3U1FWCh)



Alternatively, you can send an email to: [hmwp.consult@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hmwp.consult@hants.gov.uk) or write to: Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, E11 Court West, 1st Floor, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO328UD

### And Finally...

We know how worrying and upsetting these proposals are for everyone. It is important not to give up and for us all to stand together to be heard. Everyone has done a great job so far – let's keep going.

## DINGHY PARK LIAISON MEETING

A Dinghy Park Liaison meeting will be held online at 6pm on Monday 12 December for those who currently pay for a space in the park. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Issues arising during the 2022 year
- The process for letting out spaces next year
- Notification of charges for 2023-2024
- Ideas moving forward

All dinghy park space holders should have received an email with a link to this meeting. If you have not received it, please contact Lisa in the Parish Office – [operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## FORESHORE CAR PARK PERMITS 2023

A reminder that Foreshore Car Park permits are now on sale and can be purchased online at [bit.ly/3UGht0y](https://bit.ly/3UGht0y) or from the Parish Office.



Permit-holders receive 4 hours' free parking, 365 days a year. 250 permits are available on a first come, first serve basis.

The annual parking permit charge for 2023 will be £17 – less than 5p per day. Any changes to the hourly parking charges in The Square will be in line with Eastleigh Borough Council's charges.



## A NEW FACE IN ESTATES

You may see a new face out and about in the village, as Simon Stent joins our Estates Team as an Estates Assistant. Simon is not new to the Parish Council, having worked in the office for some time, but is now looking forward to meeting more residents as part of his new role.

If you see Simon, please do say hello!

## COMMERCIAL USE OF THE FORESHORE: SURVEY RESULTS

Having received a number of approaches about trading on the Foreshore over recent years, we recently asked for your thoughts on whether you would like to see more commercial activity at the Quay. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned our survey – a summary of your responses is below.

Based on the feedback received, the Council has resolved not to permit any commercial activity on the Foreshore in the future.

## GRANT AWARDED

The Council has awarded a grant of £250 to 'Warm Place' (the Friday Snug) which is held at the Priory Centre on Fridays from 10am.

The grant will be used for purchasing food and contributing towards the running costs for the Snug during the winter months.

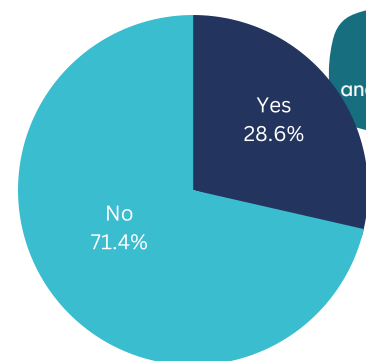
Everyone is welcome to attend the Friday Snug, where you can relax with a warm drink and a hot meal and enjoy the company of others.

## NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION

The Parish Council will be installing a new defibrillator at Roy Underdown Pavilion in the coming weeks – watch this space for further details in the next newsletter.

## Results of Foreshore Survey, October 2022

In principle, would you like to see additional commercial operators at the Foreshore?



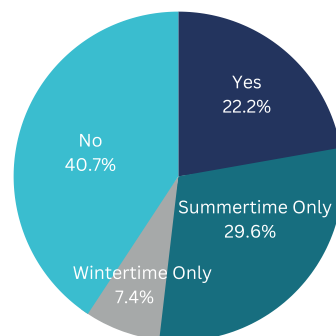
Leave it as it is, a pleasant place and not commercialised.

I feel it would cheapen the Foreshore and potentially take business away from the other vendors in the village.

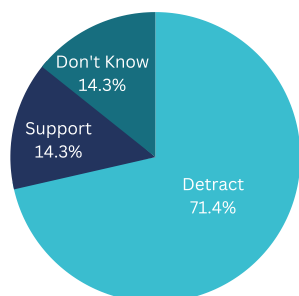
The beauty of living in Hamble is that it is not heavily commercialised.

The foreshore is a place for peace and quiet.

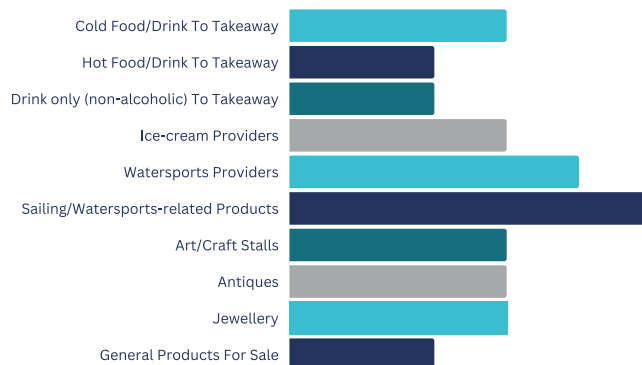
Should additional trading be permitted all year round?



Do you believe additional traders will support or detract from other traders around the Foreshore and Village?



Are there particular types of product/service you would like to see permitted?



Other Comments

Please keep this area clear and open.

The Foreshore is beautiful as it is, recently improved by planting.

It's fine as it is, don't change it.

We do not want to see any further building on the foreshore.





## RANGERS REMARKS

If like me you've been accused of being born in a barn and want to chat about it, remember my door is always open.

One of the future projects that we're working on at the Council is a partial restoration of Heather Gardens. As it's a conservation area, we've had to apply to Eastleigh Borough Council's planning department, in relation to tree preservation orders. The good news is that consent has been granted so works to enhance the area will begin shortly.

You may have noticed Oak trees have been producing a larger than normal crop of acorns this year. This is due to one of nature's mysterious events known as 'masting'. A bumper seed year is known as a 'mast year', a natural phenomenon where some tree species produce very large crops of seeds in some years compared to very few in others.

As we've entered the festive season, here are some Christmas facts:

- Before turkey the traditional meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.
- The abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious. The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.
- London sweet maker Tom Smith created the world's first Christmas crackers in 1847 based on the sweet wrapper design.
- Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer was invented for a US firm's Christmas promotion in 1938.
- Since 1947 Oslo has sent a Christmas tree to London to thank us for our help in the Second World War.
- One year I gave my wife a wooden leg for Christmas. She didn't need one, it was just a stocking filler! (Not a Christmas fact).
- I also bought my wife a new fridge. She didn't ask for one, but I knew her face would literally light up when she opened it! (Also not a Christmas fact).

I hope your holiday season is full of peace, joy, and happiness.

Mark Cowley, Estate Ranger  
estateranger@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk

## AVRO COURT IMPROVEMENTS



As you may recall from previous updates, we have now widened access to the play area at Avro Court to allow the sit-on mower easy access. We have found that this has cut down the mowing time from 1 hour to just 20 minutes!

It also does a better job – so we can keep the play area tidier than ever!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HAMBLE PLAYERS

Our production of Jack & The Beanstalk (7-11 December 2022) is currently SOLD OUT! However, if you're still looking for a ticket, please contact the Box Office directly on 023 8044 0660 as at the last minute we do get returns so you may be lucky.

In March 2023 we will be performing 'Out of Focus', a comedy by Peter Gordon. This play is set in the annexe of a church hall, where a series of characters from the local community descend for a Brownie troupe meeting, a badminton game, table tennis, auditions for the vicar's wife's pantomime and an illustrated talk on steam locomotives. Confusion reigns until everyone finally unites for a common cause... pantomime!

We all enjoyed an entertaining evening with a readthrough of the script earlier in November. However, Open Auditions will take place on Thursday 15 December at 7pm in Hamble Memorial Hall – so do come along.

Attention too! We are holding a New Members meeting on Wednesday 25 January at 7pm in the Main Hall in the Memorial Hall. We would love to see you.

For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Maria, on mariahamble@icloud.com.



## HAMBLE'S LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR RETURNS FOR A 3RD YEAR

Following the huge success of last year's Living Advent Calendar, we are really keen to make an even bigger success of Hamble's Living Advent Calendar 2022! We hope that as many of you as possible will visit the windows as they are revealed during the month of December.



Originally inspired by an idea that began in Stockholm, Hamble has now created its own version running from 1-24 December. Like a traditional 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 throughout the month.

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.

As well as a display some participants choose to provide a few minutes of live entertainment and/or

hospitality for the on-lookers.

Last year we were treated to such a wide variety of displays, showcasing this incredible village and its residents. These included watching Santa enlisted to the scouts, snow machines on the high street, people encouraged to decorate a tree by bringing along baubles and being allowed in a fire engine, a guess the number of corks competition, a village made of biscuits, a nativity from toilet rolls... it was truly incredible! This year we've already been informed that the Hamble Players will be unveiling the 2023 panto for their window at Tim Hughes Hair.



We will share lots of information about our Living Advent Calendar including a 'Reveal Calendar', which will guide you around the village and let you know on a daily basis where the window of the day is located. All the information can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages, where we will be uploading images each day of the windows. Feel free to share with all your friends and family. The more the merrier!

Follow us at @HambleLivingAdventCalendar.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

## CHRISTMAS AT THE MERCURY LIBRARY & HUB



As many of you will have seen, our display team surpassed themselves with the beautiful poppy work created in our remembrance window in November – red poppies for the soldiers and purple for the animals who lost their lives – amazing. Well done everyone.

Christmas is approaching and this year, we are being given a 7ft Norwegian pine from Brambridge Garden Centre. We intend to put this in the main part of the library for the children to decorate so bring you little ones down to make a decoration.

The window display will be a sight to be seen so don't miss it.

It's starting to get a bit chillier so don't forget to join us at The Hub for some company in a nice, warm, friendly environment where you can enjoy free tea, coffee and soup.

Everyone is very welcome.



## HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the Society's last meeting Ian Underdown gave an informative and fascinating talk about 'Boats of the Hamble River' and launched a new booklet of the same title that was very well received. The booklet is well-illustrated about the important boats that have used the river over the years.

It is that time of year when you are thinking of relatives and friends and contacting them over the Christmas period. In previous years, people have found sending one of the booklets produced by the History Society with a Christmas card to be appreciated. The Society's new booklet may be a welcome gift to people who have some of the previous history booklets.

Other booklets available are 'Hamble in the Past', 'Hamble River – A Glimpse from the Past', 'Hamble Pubs', 'Aviation at Hamble', 'Hamble Pictures from the Past', 'Hamble River Sailing Club 1919-2019' and 'Hamble Families & People'. These can be obtained from the Post Office at Coronation Parade or contact the Society. Price £3.

If you get a new diary, please put in it that the Society's next meeting will be on Thursday 2 February 2023. Well-known writer and speaker on maritime matters, Dougal Henshall, will be giving a talk about Nevil Shute: the man who never forgot Hamble.

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

## LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HIRE?

Hire Roy Underdown Pavilion for just £20 per hour for the first hour and £10 per hour thereafter. A refundable deposit of £50 is all we need to secure the booking.



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- Community Groups

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## CORONATION PARADE POST OFFICE: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Local businesses are struggling in the current times and some villages have lost their Post Offices. We are fortunate still to have our village Post Office with Mitu Daga operating it in a very professional way with excellent community service.



Postmistress Mitu and her husband Sushant have run our Post Office for over 4 years and offer the usual range of Post Office services. The shop also has stationery and other items to satisfy local customers' needs.

With Christmas approaching, the Post Office will be at the centre of most people's activities such as sending Christmas cards and parcels. Mitu and her staff can offer expert advice along with a friendly chat and the shop offers much more.

As would be expected, the Post Office provides a comprehensive range of services: letters and parcels, everyday banking such as 24-hour ATM and current account servicing, plus bill payments, top ups, identity services, passports, vehicle tax and travel money/insurance. Mitu's team takes pride in helping residents and businesses with all these services.

With so much being done online nowadays the old saying 'Use it or lose it' is very pertinent. Instead of using a computer screen, pop into the Post Office to be greeted with a smile and a wide range of services.

Support the Coronation Parade Post Office and other Hamble businesses when considering your needs and purchases for Christmas and in the New Year.





## HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Since we changed our meetings from evenings to afternoons at the beginning of this year, we have been so pleased to welcome so many new members.

In November, we welcomed a fantastic Folk Group called 'Allsorts'. They played and sang a variety of folk songs which included many we knew and were able to sing along to. To name a few: 'You Won't Matter Any-more', 'I'll Never Find Another You', 'By the Waters of Babylon', 'Among the Leaves So Greeno', 'Last Thing on My Mind'.

Before the interval one of the band recited a poem by Pam Eyres entitled 'Do Not Kiss Me' which had us all laughing as it was very amusing and so very true. It is worth looking up.

The afternoon continued with a few more songs



including 'All Around my Hat', 'Streets of London', 'Scarborough Fair', and ended with us all feeling on high spirits which we

definitely needed considering the awful weather we are having at the moment.

On Tuesday 13 December we are heading to 'The Beach Hut Cafe', Hamble for our Christmas Lunch with doors opening at 12.30pm. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the lunch.

And then we start all over again in the new year.

It just leaves me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas from all of the Hamble Ladies Group Committee and to thank our members for their support.

Bobby Conduit, 023 80 453626

## HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Recent tasks for the Parish Council have included restoration work on Heather Gardens which is the copse which borders the Donkey Derby Field. Once a formal garden, it retains features from that period which had become overgrown. We were able to clear an attractive brick wall of ivy thereby both enhancing its appearance and giving other plants the opportunity to replace the ivy monoculture. Future tasks include planting saplings on the waterfront to conceal unsightly but essential equipment.



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 visit [bit.ly/3V24xBZ](https://bit.ly/3V24xBZ) or contact Philip Rawlinson: [philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com](mailto:philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com), 07810 453138.

## HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

Don't miss our Big Christmas Demonstration by renowned National Demonstrator, Michael Bowyer MBE. 'Traditional Christmas' will be held on Monday 12 December at 1.30pm, and there will be tiered seating at the event.

Michael is sure to give us a spectacular show and a wonderful start to Christmas. Do come along and bring your friends. All arrangements are raffled off after the demonstration. Tickets are £15, which includes mulled wine and a mince pie, and are available from Maureen Cassey ([mmcassey151@gmail.com](mailto:mmcassey151@gmail.com)) or Jeanette Smart 07813 362997.

Hamble Flower Club meets at Hamble Memorial Hall on the second Monday of every month.

On Monday 9 January 2023, we will be holding our annual afternoon tea party, which is always a real treat and a great opportunity to come along and get to know more about the Flower Club.

Tickets are £15 for members and £20 visitors, and are available via Jeanette Smart (details above).





## THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS

Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW in partnership with Hampshire Cultural Trust invite you to join us at 3pm on Sunday 11 December at Ashcroft Arts Centre, Fareham, for our first annual dementia friendly Christmas Concert – The Sound of Christmas.

Solent Sounds Ladies Chorus and The Chatterbox Quartet will be singing the Christmas songs and Carols that we all know and love.

The event is open to all and will raise funds for Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW and Hampshire Cultural Trust.

Adjustments will be made to ensure that the event is suitable for people living with dementia. For example, the lighting will be slightly raised, and you are welcome to move around during the show if you need to. Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide support. There is wheelchair access and a limited number of seats available for people with mobility impairment.

Tickets are just £10 and include a pre-show drink and a raffle ticket. Extra raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the afternoon.

Tickets are now on sale at Ashcroft Box Office on 01329 223100 or online at [bit.ly/3EeSMRS](https://bit.ly/3EeSMRS)



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## CUT YOUR COSTS THIS CHRISTMAS

With rising energy costs and rampant inflation, this is likely to be a Christmas where many of us have no choice but to cut back on costs. Here's a few tips that we found online which we hope might be helpful:

1. Don't take your children Christmas shopping – they will just see more 'must have' presents to add to their list
2. Make your own presents – there are many videos on YouTube and Pinterest which will talk you through how to make your own homemade body scrubs and soaps, bake festive cookies, or knit hats, scarves, or throws for family and friends
3. Don't buy food that won't get eaten
4. Make your own decorations and gift tags
5. Use your loyalty points and coupons. Websites like SuperSavvyMe and Caring Everyday offer money-off printable coupons direct from the manufacturer. Many online supermarkets often provide money-off coupons on your first shop.
6. Be a voucher hunter – sign up for voucher sites such as VoucherCodes, Groupon, or Vouchercloud to keep up to date with the best deals

7. Secret Santa – rather than buy gifts for all of your friends or colleagues this Christmas, do a Secret Santa so that you only have to buy one each
8. Check your decs before you spend – don't buy more decorations unless you need to
9. Swap out turkey for chicken, or have a change from poultry and use cheaper cuts like pork belly and lamb shanks
10. Buy in bulk – to save on food shopping, club together with friends and family and bulk-buy some of your Christmas food and supplies
11. Compare supermarket prices online – the website My Supermarket Compare is great for this
12. Buy an artificial tree and re-use it every year – overall, this will be much cheaper (and more environmentally-friendly) than buying real trees
13. Wrap presents within presents – use a new scarf to wrap up another gift, and save money on wrapping paper
14. Look down in store – supermarkets tend to put more expensive products at eye-level, and the better-value packs on the lower shelves
15. Don't shop hungry – shopping on an empty stomach will make you spend more on food!

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## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAMBLE

We have a number of seats at our Christmas lunch table which we would love to share with you. We invite you to come and join us and enjoy good company, friendly faces, and a lunch of traditional Christmas fare.

There is easy access for all, with no steps and everything on one level.

Places are restricted in number so pre-booking is essential. Transport to and from the Priory Centre can be provided on request.

Please join us... we would love to see you!

For further information, please contact Kay on 07866 097789, 023 8045 4745 or [kay007@ntlworld.com](mailto:kay007@ntlworld.com).



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

We would love to welcome people to our services at this special time of the year when we think about the birth of Jesus.

Sunday 18 December at 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols  
Saturday 24 December at 4pm: Crib Service with Christingle  
Saturday 24 December at 6pm: Carols in the Square  
Saturday 24 December at 11.30pm: Midnight Mass  
Sunday 25 December at 10.30am: Christmas Day Eucharist

Looking forward to the New Year, and a popular event at St Andrew's is the Burns Night Supper to be held on Friday 20 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Priory

Centre. An evening of traditional Scottish Fare with a wee dram, music, entertainment, and a raffle with stupendous prizes to celebrate the life of the famous Scottish poet, Robbie Burns.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Advance booking only with tickets available for £17 from Grant Hearn on 02380 456265.

As many of you know I'm retiring from full-time parish ministry at the end of the year. I have really enjoyed being the Vicar of Hamble for 8 1/2 years. My final service will be the Sunday 1 January 2023 at 10am.

It would be lovely to see people at the service if they are able to come.

Father Graham

## GOALS GALORE AT HAMBLE HOCKEY CLUB'S MINI TOURNAMENT

Over 90 youngsters and their families from Hamble, Fareham, Haslemere and Petersfield enjoyed a fun-filled day of hockey at Hamble Hockey Club's Mini Tournament on Sunday 13 November.



This youth hockey tournament was the first event held at Hamble in over three years due to recent challenges, such as the COVID pandemic and declining interest

in club sports. However, this Mini Tournament proved that there is still enthusiasm for grassroots hockey thanks to the successes of the England and GB Hockey teams.

After observing a two-minute silence of remembrance, 14 teams consisting of kids aged from six to eleven, played a round robin of 10-minute matches and scored a whopping 175 goals between them!

The friendly, family focused hockey club is always looking for new players to join not only their U8s, U10s



and U14s teams but also their adult section, which boasts four men and two ladies' teams.

Hamble Hockey Club, which has been part of the local community since 1958, is purely self-funded but sadly faces a challenging future with mounting costs for replacing the ageing and unreliable floodlights and rundown dugouts. Fundraising has started in earnest, and they are looking for club sponsors, partnerships, and donations to help raise the funds urgently needed.

For more information about Hamble Hockey Club, please visit [www.hamblehockey.co.uk](http://www.hamblehockey.co.uk).



Anyone interested in joining the club can find out more by visiting our website or active social media channels @hamblehockey

For sponsorship and partner opportunities, please get in touch with Claire Simper via email [hamblehockey@gmail.com](mailto:hamblehockey@gmail.com).





# UPCOMING DATES



## Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

### Asset Management Committee

Monday 5 December at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.

### Dinghy Park Liaison Meeting

Monday 12 December at 6pm  
Online meeting.

### Full Council

Monday 12 December at 7pm  
Monday 9 January at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.

### Planning Committee

Monday 23 January at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.



## Church Services at St. Andrew's Over Christmas

**Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**18 December**  
**6pm**

**Crib Service with Christingle**  
**24 December**  
**4pm**

**Carols in the Square**  
**24 December**  
**6pm**

**Midnight Mass**  
**24 December**  
**11.30pm**

**Christmas Day Eucharist**  
**25 December**  
**10.30am**

**A Winter Wander with The Snowman and The Snowdog**  
**26 November – 2 January**

At Royal Victoria Country Park.

**'Traditional Christmas' Demonstration**  
**Hamble Flower Club**  
**12 December**  
**1.30pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.



**Hamble Living Advent Calendar**  
**1 – 24 December**

**Jack & The Beanstalk**  
**Hamble Players**  
**7 – 11 December**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.



**Open Auditions**  
**Hamble Players**  
**15 December**  
**7pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.

**Picnic With Santa**  
**16 December**  
**3pm**

At Royal Victoria Country Park.  
Tickets £10 per child.



**Children's Christmas Special**  
**11 December**  
**11am**

At Bursledon Brickworks.

**THE BRICKWORKS MUSEUM**

**Sound of Christmas Concert**  
**11 December**  
**3pm**

For Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW.  
At Ashcroft Arts Centre, Fareham.

**Last Day of Term**  
**Hamble School**  
**16 December**

School finishes at 1pm.

**Last Day of Term**  
**Hamble Primary School**  
**16 December**

**Breakfast With Santa**  
**17 December**  
**10am**

At Royal Victoria Country Park.  
Tickets £10 per person.

**Carols in the Chapel**  
**17 December**  
**7pm**

At Royal Victoria Country Park.  
£5 per person.

**Funny People Comedy Club**  
**17 December**  
**8pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.



**Santa Paws Run**  
**18 December**  
**9.30am**

At Royal Victoria Country Park.  
£5 per dog.

**Christmas Quiz Night**  
**20 December**  
**6pm**

At River Rat Bar & Kitchen.



**Walk and Talk**  
**21 December**  
**10.30am**

Meet at The Mercury Library.

**First Day of Term**  
**Hamble School**  
**3 January**

**First Day of Term**  
**Hamble Primary School**  
**3 January**

**Annual Afternoon Tea Party**  
**Hamble Flower Club**  
**9 January**

**Burns Night Supper**  
**20 January**  
**7.30pm**

At the Priory Centre, St Andrew's Church.

**Hamble Players New Members Meeting**  
**25 January**  
**7pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall.

**Nevil Shute: The Man Who Never Forgot**  
**Hamble Local History Society**  
**2 February**