



Pet photos! Eddie (Lee), Chico (Kelly & Matt), Boris (Chloé and Ben), Mollie (Alison & Matthew), Dolly (Maria & Theresa).

Share your pet or Hamble photos for us to include in future newsletters! Send them to us via Facebook, or email them to danielle@smartmarketinguk.com

WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

As we step into the summer months, we are already witnessing an influx of visitors to our village, drawn by its charm, picturesque surroundings, and the warm welcome provided by our community. The recent hot weather has only enhanced the appeal of our village, creating a vibrant and bustling atmosphere. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Council that our facilities are well-maintained and ready to welcome visitors from near and far.

Maintaining the high standards set by our predecessors is a responsibility we embrace with enthusiasm and commitment. We recognise the importance of preserving our village's unique character and ensuring that our facilities continue to serve the needs of our residents and visitors alike. Our goal is to foster a sense of community spirit, facilitate positive engagement, and work towards initiatives that benefit all.

We do still have the issue of Hamble Airfield and 'The Quarry' to deal with and, at the time of writing, are waiting to learn of the date set for the Regulatory Committee meeting. We expect Hampshire County Council's final report on Cemex's application to be published one week before this meeting, and the report will include recommendations on whether to approve or reject the application.

Whilst we stay prepared to launch our defence against the application, we are trying to make sure the issue does not overwhelm all the other Parish activities. We will continue to post news as soon as we have it – so keep an eye on our noticeboards, website, Facebook, and Instagram.

One significant task over the last few weeks has been recruiting a new Parish Clerk. Amanda's tenure set a high bar for her successor Helen who will be joining us on 10 July. We will post a fuller introduction once Helen has got her feet under the Parish Clerk desk.

We're also looking for a new Parish Councillor to join our team. There are further details enclosed, but if you have a bit of spare time that you would like to dedicate to helping make our community a better place and want to learn more, please feel free to get in touch with me, or any of the other members of Council. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working alongside everyone to make Hamble Parish an even more remarkable place to live, work, and visit.

Cllr Chris Jones

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

☎ 023 8045 3422 🌐 hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk ✉ clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk 📱 @hamblepc

HAMBLE AIRFIELD UPDATE

On 20 June we attended the second joint working meeting with representatives from: Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG), Eastleigh Borough Council and Hamble's Marine Business Consortium.

We're collectively planning for how together we will make the best case – or 'deputations' – for Hamble at HCC's Regulatory Committee meeting. The group is assessing all the views and policy concerns including:

- the short and long-term impact for highways and road safety
- the long-term sustainable impact to Hamble's environment and landscape
- the impact on schools and education in the peninsula for our children
- the impact on businesses and Hamble's economy
- the health and wider impact to everyone who lives, goes to school, works and visits Hamble – now and in the years to come.

While there is not yet confirmation of the date of the Regulatory Committee meeting at which the Hamble Airfield/Cemex decision will be made (at the time of writing), we're provisionally planning for the meeting scheduled by HCC for 19 July 2023. However, there are still outstanding reports to be collected by HCC.

When we have confirmation we will keep you informed of the next steps and how you can get involved via our website, social media, and our notice boards.

We'd like to thank everyone in the community for your interest, patience, and support during this long journey. As we now reach the final stages of this process, the positive feedback that we have received from Hamble residents throughout has helped keep our energy high as we aim to get the best outcome for Hamble.

Cllr Michelle Nicholson

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the sad death of Tony Ryan, the Council has a vacancy. 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 14 July 2023 for more details.

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

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

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 areas of responsibility in which you might want to play a role — such as allotments, communications, the dinghy park, human resources (our team), finance and the budget or our local 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 or until the next parish elections are held. 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 our parish council meeting on 10 July or speak to one of our councillors to find out what they think of this local government volunteer role.



HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

RANGER'S REMARKS

Hello Hamble Habitants.

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect, and for that I am eternally grapefruit.

Mid-Summer! Legs out, sunglasses on, sun cream at the ready, and more often than not you can feel a general uplift in mood. So why does summer feel so good? It's because there is so much more daylight in the spring and summer months, so there is more time in the sun to go for walks, relax outside, or grab an ice cream with family and friends (can you believe in some circles I'm known as 'Mark McFlurry'!).

The vitamin D you can get from spending more time outside provides many health benefits, not least improving mental health, and seasonal depression. This is down to the link between sunlight and our serotonin levels – the hormone that makes us feel happy. It's also why people are more likely to develop Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) when the shorter autumn days arrive, and we creep into winter with fewer daylight hours.

FLOAT TO LIVE THIS SUMMER

If you're planning to spend any time on the water this summer, make sure you know what to do if you get into difficulty. Your instinct will tell you to swim hard, but cold water shock could make you gasp uncontrollably, leading you to breathe in water and drown. Instead, you should Float to Live, following these 5 simple steps:

1. Tilt your head back with ears submerged
2. Relax and try to breathe normally
3. Move your hands to help you stay afloat
4. It's OK if your legs sink – we all float differently
5. Spread your arms and legs to improve stability

For more information on Float to Live, cold water shock, and rip currents, visit the RNLI website: <https://tinyurl.com/mva5by3t>



As this is the last newsletter of the summer, hands-up who wants to hear a bit of a head slap moment recently experienced by yours truly? Wow! Nearly all of you! Okay then, here goes...

One weekend early morning litter pick I came across a suspicious looking squashed spray can in Mount Pleasant children's play area. Due to a recent spate of anatomical educational graffiti, my heart sank as I set about locating the offending artwork. Despite a thorough search I couldn't find any evidence of obvious defacing, so thought it would probably help if I looked to see what colour they'd used. I took a closer examination of the can label and it read... LYNX AFRICA!!

Happy holidays, folks!

Mark Cowley, Estate Ranger

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

HAMBLE
PARISH
COUNCIL

Hamble is generally a lovely place to live, but in the summer, levels of anti-social behaviour often rise.

Operation Aquatic (which is run by Hampshire Police) has been very successful at helping to reduce the rate of ASB in previous summers.

Here's what you need to know to help the Police respond to anti-social behaviour in our village this summer.

What should you report?

- Harrassment
- Intimidation
- Noise nuisance
- Verbal abuse
- Criminal damage
- Hate-related incidents

How to report anti-social behaviour and crime

Is the incident happening now?

Call 999

Please log the incident with HPC after reporting to Hampshire Police

Has the incident already happened?

Call 101 OR
report at
tinyurl.com/4cth8z4r

tinyurl.com/285cdhn8



Out & About In Hamble

THIS SUMMER



With summer having finally arrived, why not make the most of our beautiful village over July and August – supporting our local businesses and exploring parts of Hamble that you may not usually visit.

We have reached out to the cafes, restaurants, pubs, watersports and leisure providers via social media and email to ask them what they have planned for the summer months, so we can share these with you in this handy 'Out & About' guide.

Food & Drink

Where to eat? Where to start! When it comes to fantastic restaurants, cafes, and pubs in our village, we have an embarrassment of riches. Whether you want a cold pint on a hot day, or a lovely meal with family or friends, Hamble has everything you could possibly want.

If mellow jazz vibes are your thing, don't miss **River Rat's Jazz and Fizz afternoons** every Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm in June, July, and August (weather dependent). With bottles of prosecco for just £20 and a light lunch/nibbles menu from midday, you have everything you need for a chilled afternoon in their garden. Don't let the sun go to your head, though – you'll need all those little grey cells for their **Summer Bank Holiday Quiz Night** on 27 August, 6pm-10pm. Check out the River Rat website for more details:

<https://tinyurl.com/mu6fyda>

For a light bite during the day, look no further than **Jenny's Café**. Their summer daily specials are always delicious, and with a range of jams, chutneys, and local honey, you can find something lovely to take home to enjoy. If you're heading down to the Foreshore on a hot, summer's day, make sure you pop in to pick up an ice cream on your way – is it even summer if there's no ice cream?

Do y'all have plans for Saturday 22 July? If not, head down to **The Victory Inn for their All-American themed party day**. Starting at noon, there will be a

hog roast (with all the sides – including mac and cheese and cornbread), square dancing, a NASCAR showing, live music, a petting zoo, popcorn machine, tombola, and facepainting. We look forward to the hot dog eating competition with relish...

A hop, skip, and a jump from the village centre is **The Flying Boat Café** in Ensign Way. Their new summer menu sounds like just the ticket for a hot summer's day. Milkshakes, frappes, fruit smoothies, waffles, and ice cream – you can find it all, alongside their usual menu of breakfast until 11am, daily specials, and salads.

Summer at the **Gaff Rigger** is all about celebrating everything seafood, from line-caught seafood specials to sustainably-sourced cod for fish and chips. Their summer menu is a shellfish lover's dream, from the humble cockle to Colchester oysters, Cornish mussels, scallops, and native lobsters. With a three-course lunch just £15 (including a drink) during the daytime, Monday to Friday, there really is something for everyone at their gaff!

Their sister eatery, the **Ketch Rigger** at Hamble Point Marina, is also a must-visit this summer. With firm favourites including burgers, fish and chips, kebabs, and ketch fried chicken, there's something to put a smile on everyone's face. And if the summer salads and BBQs get a little too much, head down for their infamous Sunday carvery – not to be missed, even when it's 30 degrees outside!

If your summer needs a bit of spice, **Cardamom Lounge** will put the sizzle in your seafood! Their authentic Indian cuisine includes all your favourites, plus Cardamom specials. Reserve a table, order a delivery, or collect from their restaurant in Coronation Parade (collections attract a 15% discount).

What to do when you get a bit peckish while out on the water? Never fear – Feebz is here! **Feebz Café** is a floating café on





Out & About In Hamble

the River Hamble, moored up in Foulkes & Sons boatyard near the M27 bridge. Their range of bacon rolls and burgers, hot and cold drinks, cookies, ice cream, and ice lollies is just what we all need to keep up our strength when rowing/paddleboarding back to shore. Their opening hours are currently 9am-5pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

To finish off the summer in style, don't miss **The Big Eat Food and Music Festival at Royal Victoria Country Park** on 8-10 September. It promises to be a fantastic weekend of incredible street food, terrific live music, children's entertainment, funfair rides and a dog show. Don't just feed your body, but feed your mind too, with a mind, body, and spirit marquee. The best bit? Entry is free – and as a not-for-profit event, proceeds will benefit local food banks.

Other places for your summer 'must visit' list:

- **Banana Wharf Hamble:**
 - www.bananawharf.co.uk
- **The King and Queen Pub:**
 - <https://www.thekingandqueenpub.co.uk>
- **Thaiger Lounge Restaurant:**
 - <https://www.thaigerlounge.com>
- **Ye Olde Whyte Harte:**
 - <http://www.yeoldewhyteharte.co.uk>
- **The Beach Hut Café:**
 - <https://beachhuthamble.co.uk>
- **Cinnamon Bay:**
 - <https://cinnamonbayhamble.co.uk>
- **The Bugle Hamble:**
 - www.idealcollection.co.uk/venues/the-bugle
- **Pirate Pasties:**
 - <https://piratepasties.co.uk>

Get Active This Summer

Not only do we have some fantastic eateries in Hamble, but we are blessed with plenty of green spaces, footpaths, and cycle routes to help us build up a hearty appetite!

Why not use one of our many open spaces for a game of football, a picnic, or just a wonderful walk? Start with **College Playing Fields, Mount Pleasant, Hamble Common, Mercury Marshes, and Westfield Common** – many of these areas are managed by our own brilliant Estates team.

If you like to learn as you walk, check out the guided walks from **Hamble Valley Walks**. Their trained guides bring the local area to life with stories and insights from history and today. The Hamble walk is particularly enlightening, with lots of tales of previous Hamble alumni – some of whom are now resident in the churchyard at St. Andrew's. Check out their website for details of upcoming walks throughout the local area: <https://tinyurl.com/mujrykwb>

If local history, character, and ecology float your boat, the new **Hamble Peninsula Trails** should be on your list of summer activities. This series of self-guided trails use artworks and specially crafted wayfinding markers to explore and celebrate the richly diverse heritage and nature of this very special part of the Borough of Eastleigh. Not sure where to start? Here's your map: <https://tinyurl.com/yypr8m26>

If you decide to get on your bike to explore Hamble this summer, there are **dedicated cycle routes** throughout the village and local area, including the River Hamble Valley bike ride cycle route that travels alongside the beautiful River Hamble (see <https://bit.ly/3xOL8dG>). The National Cycle Route 2 (<https://tinyurl.com/5b37n68n>) also runs right through Hamble, continuing on to Dover in the East and St. Austell in the west.

No one would expect you to cycle from Hamble to Dover on an empty stomach though, so make sure you pop into **Pickwell Farm** on your way for some PYO strawberries. Be quick though – the projected finish date for picking is 10 July.



THIS SUMMER



Summer For Kids - No Adults Allowed!

Schools out for summer! With so many fantastic places to explore in Hamble – on water and on land – there is enough to keep our younger (and young at heart) residents occupied for the summer holidays and beyond.

There are hours of fun to be had at **Manor Farm Country Park**, with animals to visit, a poultry house, farmyard, play barn, wartime cottage, and not forgetting Goat Mountain – complete with three breeds of goat. They love nothing better than to ‘kid’ around with farm visitors – a surefire way to bring a smile to even the most ice-cream smeared face.

If you’re up for some wickedly awesome adventure this summer, gear up for a secret spy mission right here in Hamble with the **Secret Spy Mission Trail**. Sneak around like 007, solving mysteries and cracking codes while dodging the grown-ups and blending in like a bunch of super-slick secret agents. The Treasure Trail costs £10 and can be bought here: <https://tinyurl.com/ytuw4ah9>. Disguise optional (but encouraged).

What to do once you’ve done the Trail? Here’s another crab-tastic idea for you. Head to the Foreshore with your buckets and nets for a day of **crabbing** fun. There’s nothing quite as satisfying as triumphantly catching a crab, raising it high like a trophy, and then releasing it back to the depths. So, gear up, be crabby, and get ready for a great adventure on the Foreshore this summer. You can get everything you need from Jenny’s Café (including ice cream) – just make sure that you take an adult with you to carry your bucket (let them think they are ‘supervising’).

For our younger residents (0 – 5 years), join Light UP Drama for a **Play in the Park**, every Friday in August in the grounds of Royal Victoria Country Park. Your little one can participate in mini sessions in creative and sensory play with Little Lights, get grooving with Little Steppers, and enjoy story-time and crafting with Light UP drama.

In addition to all the activity packed into the day, there will also be an incredible range of toys to explore, provided by Pop Up Play. Learn more at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2wapxt9b>

If your little ones are bouncing off the walls by Week 2 of the summer holidays, never fear – **Dynamo School of Gymnastics’ summer camp** will give them something to channel all of that energy into. Running from 24-28 July and 31 July – 4 August (9am to 3pm) at Hamble School, their annual gymnastics camp is ideal for children aged 4+. Fun, frolics, and a ‘flipping’ good time guaranteed for one and all. Head to <https://tinyurl.com/bp4v2y9t> for more information.

Finally, if your young people still have more energy to burn, head over to **Everyone Active**, where they are running a holiday club from the last week of July to the end of August. They are also running an open day on 8 July, which will include free trials of the gym, children’s games and activities, a petting zoo, and pool activities. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

The Water Awaits

One of the loveliest things about living in Hamble is our proximity to the River, and all of the wonderful benefits this gives us – beautiful views, fresh air, bracing walks along the Foreshore, and fantastic leisure opportunities.

Hamble and sailing are of course inextricably linked, giving the local community and our summer visitors a wealth of training providers, clubs, and resources to choose from.

Based in Port Hamble Marina, **Sailing Logic** is an RYA Training Centre offering a wide range of practical and theory courses such as RYA Powerboat Level 2, RYA Competent Crew, RYA Day Skipper, and RYA Yachtmaster Offshore. If you’re looking to brush up on your boating skills this summer, take a look at the courses they have to offer at: <https://tinyurl.com/388n8vpe>

Out & About In Hamble

THIS SUMMER



Another local provider of training courses is **Hamble School of Yachting**. Offering RYA sailing courses, RYA motor cruising courses, RYA powerboat courses, and own boat tuition, you'll receive friendly yet professional tuition with experienced instructors who will make your sailing lessons both fun and memorable. See course dates here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n9b9ty5>

Hamble Point Sailing School also offers a range of RYA practical and theory courses, including ladies only courses to encourage more women to try sailing and stick with it! You can find more information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2bw2yu5w>

If you're interested in joining a club, why not check out **Hamble River Sailing Club**? The club dinghy racing is held on the first Sunday of the month, for sailors of all ages and abilities. Racing is held in the river and club members are welcome to use a club boat. HRSC also offers a range of RYA training courses, including training for youngsters, aged 6+. Read more at: <https://tinyurl.com/zfd4cv8d>

If you'd rather charter a boat than learn how to sail, why not get in touch with one of the many boat charter companies that we have close to hand on the River Hamble? **Fairview Sailing, Hamble Point Yacht Charters, Universal Yachting, and Hamble School of Yachting** are just a few of the excellent providers right on our doorstep.

If paddleboarding or kayaking is more your speed, check out **River Hamble Adventures**. They offer introductory courses for the complete novice, as well as intermediate sessions. The pick of their sessions has to be the Full Moon Paddle though. Departing from Swanwick, this 2 hour paddle under a full moon is an experience not to be missed. Get more information at: <https://tinyurl.com/mr49d3yk>

We really are spoilt for choice in Hamble for fantastic sailing, paddleboarding, and kayaking providers. If you're not sure who to choose, turn to Google and check out TripAdvisor for reviews.

To enjoy the water equipment-free, why not try **wild swimming** in the River Hamble? A note of caution though – this is for confident swimmers only. Make sure you familiarise yourself with the RNLI's tips on safe open water swimming before heading out: <https://tinyurl.com/2fmsvtxa>

We often take our lovely **Pink Ferry** for granted, so familiar are we with the sight of it making its way along the River. Can you think of any better way to spend a lazy morning, than taking the Ferry over to Warsash and having a wonderful sun-kissed walk along the River?

Races & Regattas

If you'd rather watch than sail this summer, there are a number of races taking place on the River Hamble.

Here's a couple in July to keep an eye out for:

1 July: **Round the Island Race**. Lots of boats will be leaving from the Hamble

8-9 July: **Salcombe Gin Regatta**



It's not too late to get involved!

We intend to publish this guide on our website and share some of the events via our social media feeds over the summer. If you would like us to include your event, business, or summer activity, please email details to: danielle@smartmarketinguk.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAMBLE LADIES GROUP



On 13 June Hamble Ladies Group came together to listen to a very interesting talk by Paul Ackland from Hamble Lifeboat.

The service was formed in 1968 as the Southampton Water Inshore Rescue Service by local residents because of their concerns about the number of casualties on the Hamble River and Southampton Water. There was a need for a fast, powerful boat able to operate in shallow water. The first boat, St Andrew, was a 17' Dory with twin Mercury outboards. It attended over 100 incidents in the first year. Many more boats have since been commissioned getting bigger and more efficient.

The volunteers are a team of very dedicated people. The team consists of crew, coxswains and trustees who all give their time freely. Time is spent manning the boats, being on call, maintaining the boats and equipment, training, fundraising, educating, and visiting. They do not receive any regular funding from the government or the RNLI but rely on the generosity of the public to keep the service operational.

Paul showed us some very interesting videos and slides showing us how they operate when on the water. They are on call 24/7 and so far this year have had 54 call outs. In 2022 they had a total of 108 call outs. The area they cover is River Hamble, Southampton Water, Isle of Wight, Beaulieu, Needles, and Rivers Test and Itchen, taking them up as far as Redbridge.

In this photo, you can see two of the ladies who are also dedicated volunteers who are outside the Lifeboat Station most weekends selling books, bric a brac and Hamble Lifeboat merchandise.



Thanks to Paul and the other volunteers for coming along.

On 11 July we are off to Blandford Forum to visit the Fashion Museum, enjoy a cream tea/coffee, and take a tour of the local church.

Looking forward to seeing everyone who is going on the trip.

Bobby Conduit
023 89453626

SUMMER AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Well, at last summer has come and hopefully we are all enjoying this lovely weather. During this warm spell if you want to cool off for a while why not visit our lovely St Andrew's Church on a Saturday afternoon in July or August? Our beautiful 900-year-old Norman church and its peaceful surroundings are often the centre for many weddings, christenings, funerals, and a host of other annual events, but as we know, upkeep and maintenance costs money. While the congregation contributes to the

considerable costs every week, any extra donations are gratefully received. Please see the St Andrew's website for more details: standrewshamble.co.uk

On the following Saturdays, the church will welcome all visitors:

- 1 July: 2pm-4pm
- 8 July: 2pm-5pm
- 15 July: 2pm-5pm
- 22 July: 3pm-5pm
- 29 July: 2pm-5pm
- 5 August: 2pm-5pm
- 12 August: 2pm-5pm
- 19 August: 2pm-5pm
- 26 August: 2pm-5pm



We look forward to welcoming you to a St Andrew's service perhaps on Sunday or Thursday morning at 10am.



accountably
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Fixed Price Fees
Free Initial Consultation
www.accountably.co.uk
✉ enquiries@accountably.co.uk

Services for Individuals &
Local Businesses

Company Accounts
Tax Planning
Personal Tax
Start Ups

☎ 023 8045 3907

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

BIRD AWARE SOLENT'S SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: RINGED PLOVERS

Ringed plovers are small, rotund, and undeniably cute little wading birds that can be seen around the Solent all through the year. They have a black scarf around their neck, an orange bill with a black tip, orange legs and light brown feathers on top making them well camouflaged from aerial predators.

Camouflage is crucial for ringed plovers since they lay their eggs among the pebbles and shingle on open beaches. Thanks to everyone who looks out for warning signs and fencing along the Solent coast during nesting season. By keeping our distance, we'll give these beautiful birds the best chance of thriving.

You can tell ringed plovers apart from their little ringed cousins (*Charadrius dubius*) since, although they have a similar black and white head pattern, ringed plovers don't have a yellow eye-ring, as little ringed plovers do. Little ringed plovers also have an entirely black bill, rather than the orange bill with a black tip favoured by the ringed plover.



Ringed plovers are a resident species in the UK, although larger numbers can be seen in autumn and spring as they travel through the country on their way to and from more northern breeding grounds on UK coastlines, Scandinavia, and the low countries.

We can all support ringed plovers and other coastal birds by following the Bird Aware Solent Coastal Code:

- Look out for birds
- Move further away if birds become alert
- Keep dogs alongside
- Follow requests on signs

Find out more about the Solent's coastal birdlife: birdaware.org/solent/



HAMBLE PLAYERS

Can it really be pantomime time again? Well YES to auditions! This year, Hamble Players will be performing 'Cinderella' as usual in December. The auditions will be held on Thursday 20 July at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. If you feel the urge to be involved on stage, do come along!

Alternatively, there are other ways to be part of the Players... scenery, costumes, and makeup to name but a few, so do check out our new website for more details: www.hambleplayers.co.uk



Our AGM is on Thursday 6 July at 7pm in Hamble Memorial Hall. Again, another opportunity to check us out over a quick cuppa. You may find this is a hobby right up your street!

If you wish to join, please contact the Membership Secretary Maria, on mariahamble@icloud.com.

Need to find a reliable tenant?

We'll get you there.

If you're thinking about letting your property, call us on 01489 854 382 or visit leaders.co.uk



Your local property experts since 1983.

L | LEADERS

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the Society's last meeting its Chairman, Ian Underdown, gave a very interesting talk about shops that have served the village over the years. A similar topic was the subject of a meeting in 2010 and it was amazing to see how things have changed since then, comparing photographs of that time and now.



Those attending were surprised what places in Hamble were used as shops which are now residential homes. One such example is Margery Cottage, which is where R J Parker's cameras, film & developing first started in the 1920s (it is now located in Woolston).

Memories were shared of tins of biscuits from which the shop keeper would serve the customers and of buying broken biscuits at a reduced price, as well as school children using their bus money to buy cakes or sweets and walking home. Other memories were of items such as paraffin being readily available from hardware stores and garages.

Today Hamble has just 7 shops selling products (excluding cafés and take away foods) compared to 27 in the 1950s plus several banks and garage service stations that no longer exist to the disappointment of many residents. As a result of this meeting many more memories were shared on a local Facebook group, even from people who no longer lived in the village.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Thursday 7 September, 7.30pm, at the Memorial Hall (Rear Hall) when Stephen Hoadley will be giving a talk about 'The Local Story of the Spitfire'.

HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the loss of our wonderful Chairman, Christine Wright, who passed away suddenly on 1 June. Christine loved our Club and was so proud of it. We all miss her dearly.

Rosie Skeats is our new Chairman and we all now look forward to the next chapter in our Club's 35 year history. With exciting things planned for the next few months why not pop the dates below into your diaries? Our meetings are open to everyone, members and non-members alike, so please do come along and bring a friend or two.

Monday 10 July: Paul McNeil from Hamble is giving us a talk on DNA Journey. His company, Time Detectives, investigates historical and family mysteries. Tickets for this interesting afternoon are only £5 per person with a donation going to Hamble Lifeboat. Starting at 1.30pm you can buy your ticket on the door (Hamble Memorial Hall).

Monday 14 August: The bunting will be out for our Summer Garden Party Event being held in Sheila's lovely garden in Netley in honour of Christine's memory. Demonstrations by our talented committee members will be held as well as a raffle to win all the wonderful floral pieces. For more details please contact us. Entry is only £5 per person.

We are a friendly bunch, so if you are interested in coming along or have any questions please contact us at info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

September: Monday 21 August
October: Monday 18 September
November: Monday 16 October

There is no newsletter in August.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

MERCURY RISING AT THE HUB



Well, summer has certainly arrived with a bang, and we are making the most of it to open up our wonderful

outdoor space for people to relax in. To make it even more attractive, we would love children (or adults) to come along and decorate some stones or oyster shells to add more colour to the beautiful flowers. Thank you to the children who have already painted some for us; they look amazing. We have lots of stones so please feel free to do one to take home too.



Our last story time led by Shirley was a huge success. It was so nice to see lots of little ones and their grown-ups enjoying the story in a relaxed environment. Thanks again to Shirley for hosting these sessions. The hub has become what we envisioned it to be – the Hub of the village, open to everyone to enjoy company or a quiet space; the choice is yours.

Our next fund-raising coffee morning is on 8 July at 10am in support of Hound Food Bank. Please come along and support the amazing work they do within the community.

Why not pop in and see the great array of books you can borrow? We have received a lot of new donations, so you're bound to find something you like.

Big thanks again to the amazing band of volunteers who keep The Hub open for your use.

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

It is most encouraging that volunteer turnout remains high, and we are able to tackle tasks that would be prohibitively expensive for our local councils. Given the sensitivity of the areas around us, notably Hamble Common, much of the work cannot be carried out by motorised plant and requires human effort. Our previous efforts to remove ragwort from cattle grazing areas appears to have been successful as there is little sign of it this year. Recently we tackled the growth of bracken alongside the path to Hamble Point as there was a risk of a mono-culture developing and the results are promising.

We have finished renovating the circular oak seat on the Foreshore. This was done over 2 days; rubbed down on Day 1 and recoated on Day 2.



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.

UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at the Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council
Monday 10 July
7pm

Planning Committee
Monday 24 July
7pm

The Hamble School Summer Holidays 24 July – 31 August

Last day for students: Friday 21 July (early closure 1pm)

Hamble Primary School Summer Holidays 24 July – 31 August

Royal Victoria Bus and Coach Festival 16 July 10am – 4pm

At Royal Victoria Country Park

Steampunk and Victoriana 16 July 11am – 4pm

At The Brickworks Museum

Vehicles at The 'Works 20 August 11am – 4pm

At The Brickworks Museum

The Big Eat 2023 8 – 10 September

Free entry!
At Royal Victoria Country Park