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WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER

With autumn now upon us and the cooler weather setting in, many of us are looking at getting our gardens and allotments ready for winter. This is also true of our Estates team, who have now embarked on hedge cutting season. Do say hello if you see them out and about in Hamble.

While it still feels too early to be thinking about Christmas, the wonderful Carols in the Square event that has been such an important part of Hamble's festive celebrations for nearly 30 years needs new organisers and volunteers. The current team has done a wonderful job but have decided that it is time for fresh ideas and new energy. I would encourage anyone who feels they have a little time to spare to consider getting involved – it's a terrific village tradition, and really brings the community together.

The Carols team are not the only ones who have been looking for new faces. Following the recent co-option exercise, we were delighted to welcome Anita Dann to the Parish Council at the September Full Council meeting. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Anita's insight, as she represents a different generation to most of our Councillors. We also hope that she will bring new ideas on how the Parish Council can engage with people of all ages in our village.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the co-option exercise. Several people showed interest in becoming a Councillor and attended our 'Meet the Councillor' drop in

event in August. It was great to see such an appetite for getting involved in the local community.

We handed back the Village of the Year trophy to the Hampshire Association of Local Councils this week, having been awarded it last year for our community engagement work. The Communications Working Group, led by Councillor Michelle Nicholson, is very keen to improve how we as a Council engage with and represent Hamble's residents and businesses, and over the coming months, we hope to introduce some new ways of sharing community information with you all. Watch this space.

The Hamble Airfield planning application continues to rumble along, and while there is a fuller update on progress within these pages, the bottom line is that the Regulatory Committee at which the application will be decided is now unlikely to happen before November at the earliest. This is because Hampshire County Council has asked Cemex to provide additional information which, once received, will be subject to public consultation. We continue to work alongside our consultants and the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group to achieve the very best outcome for the village.

Interesting times ahead.

Chris Jones,
Chair

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HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

HAMBLE AIRFIELD UPDATE: MORE INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM CEMEX

In August, Hampshire County Council (HCC) wrote to Cemex with a formal 'Regulation 25' request, compelling them to provide more information in relation to their quarrying proposals for Hamble Airfield. HCC asked Cemex to provide all details required by mid-September, although at the time of writing (20 September) no new documents have been uploaded onto HCC's planning portal.

The information required by HCC relates to the environmental impact of their proposals, specifically regarding ecology, restoration and aftercare, hydrology and flood risk, air quality, landscape and visual impact, soils, and air quality. You can view this letter here: bit.ly/3PLso9a



Once Cemex has responded to this Regulation 25 request, another formal public consultation will take place, and we will be given the opportunity to comment on the latest information provided by Cemex and how (if at all) it impacts upon the viability of the proposed development.

Only once this next public consultation is complete will the application progress to HCC's Regulatory Committee for a decision. It is highly unlikely that this will happen before November, although HCC is keen to conclude this process before the end of the year.

What Happens Next?

Hamble Parish Council will review the implications of the additional materials provided by Cemex in response to the Regulation 25 notice. We will also take advice from our planning consultants and work in collaboration with

Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG). We will update you further once we understand the potential implications of the new information submitted.

What Can You Do?

For now, the situation has not changed – although a further delay in setting a date for the Regulatory Committee decision is frustrating. Once we have had sight of the new information from Cemex, we will publish a summary of our consultants' recommendations which you can reference in any further representations you wish to make. Please continue to keep an eye on our social feeds and noticeboards for further updates.

CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY

Ahead of the Autumn and Winter seasons, now is the time to get your chimney swept, and the gas central heating appliances in your home checked by a registered engineer.

Hampshire & IOW Fire and Rescue Service has shared the following tips to help reduce the chances of a fire in your chimney.

- sweep the chimney before use if you haven't used it for some time
- ensure a fireguard is in front of the fire at all times
- sparkguards can prevent a serious property fire
- extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house
- never use petrol or paraffin to light your fire

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HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

CHRIS AYRES

As you may have read in our September newsletter, our long-serving estates team member Chris Ayres recently passed away following a long battle with illness. Chris dedicated 21 years to Hamble as a member of the Council team, retiring in March of this year, and will be missed by us all.

Born near Fair Oak, Chris lived in Hamble for a while with wife Sarah, before settling in Netley. In his youth, he was a very talented footballer, scouted by many top-tier teams, but for Southampton fan Chris, none of them could match the appeal of The Dell or St. Mary's. Some of Chris' happiest moments came when following the Saints to away games throughout the country.

Chris was a popular and sociable member of the community – and this was very evident at his funeral where it was standing room only. In Chris' memory, many people wore football shirts, and the service finished with a Rick Astley song – one of his favourites, we're told!

Chris joined the Parish Council team in 2002 and immediately started to make an impact on our community's spaces, assets, and amenities. One of Chris' frustrations was rewilding. While he completely understood the reasons why it was needed, he felt it looked messy and as if he had not done a proper job. Chris was nothing if not meticulous in his work!

Over the years, Chris' reputation in the village grew, and it was not unusual for him to get other residents knocking on his door with requests for jobs to be done. If you couldn't catch him at home, it was a fair bet that you'd find him at one of the local pubs after work.

One of our abiding memories of Chris will be of his work rate – which was prolific to say the least. He was a prodigious worker, putting to shame people half his age! A perfect example of this was the community orchard, where he worked solidly for two hours digging holes in which to plant the trees.

Chris was kind, funny, drank a litre of coke every day, and couldn't keep still. If you wanted to keep him in one place for any period of time, you needed to make sure that lunch was provided.

Some years ago, we completed Belbin tests to identify our strengths as team members. Chris' results couldn't

have been more accurate; he was defined as someone steady, solid, who would get on and do whatever was needed. Chris was all about supporting others; in our team, he was the gel that helped to keep us together. It was a privilege to work with Chris, and we'll miss him greatly.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLOR

Following the recent co-option exercise, we are delighted to welcome Anita Dann to the Parish Council. Having lived in Hamble all her life, Anita is extremely well placed to understand the needs and views of residents, and as the youngest member of the Council, can help to ensure the younger people in our community are represented. Thank you to everyone who participated in the co-option process.

Meet Councillor Anita Dann

“ I have lived in Hamble all my life. Growing up here was wonderful and truly made me who I am today. I attended Hamble Primary, The Hamble School and then Itchen Sixth Form College, where I studied IT & Computing.



I have worked in The Whyte Harte and the Co-op in Hamble, so some of you might recognise me from there! I now work as a Technical Administrator for an Air Conditioning company based in Reading.

Growing up I went boating with my family on local waters, and still love to boat and occasionally paddleboard. I have loved playing video games since I was young; this is my main hobby.

I am very passionate about youth and LGBTQ+ issues and wish to use my voice on the Council to represent these groups in the village. I hope to bring a young person's perspective to the Council, as we are the village's future.”

HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GRANT AWARDED TO HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

At September's Full Council meeting, Hamble Parish Council resolved to award a £500 grant to Hamble Conservation Volunteers to help fund insurance and tools.

Hamble Conservation Volunteers do a tremendous job around the village, helping to preserve the habitat and amenity of Hamble Common for the benefit of the community, as well as clearing litter and repairing benches throughout Hamble. If you have any time to spare, and would like to volunteer, please head to their website: hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk.



Hamble Parish Council awards grants to residents or organisations which, in the Council's opinion, operate for the benefit for some or all of the parish or residents and for which there is no other statutory support available.

All grant applications are considered on their own merit. If you would like more information, please visit: bit.ly/3rlPlq8



NEED TO REPORT A LOCAL ISSUE?

While we will always attempt to help our residents with any problems reported to us, the statutory duties and related functions of Hamble Parish Council are limited. This means that some issues – such as dog fouling, street cleaning, potholes, and street lighting – are beyond our scope.

Where we are not able to provide direct assistance, we will help to direct you to someone who can. A resource which can help with this is our 'Wheel of Services', which you can find here: bit.ly/3Luov6b



Additionally, you can use FixMyStreet – an independent website, built by the charity mySociety. This website (and app) makes it easier to report problems in your community, even if you don't know who those reports should go to. All you have to do is type in a postcode – or let the site locate you automatically – and describe your problem. Then your report is sent to the people whose job it is to fix it. To use FixMyStreet, visit fixmystreet.com



WARM PACKS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice Eastleigh is making warm packs available for those who need them this winter. With the cost of living crisis still hitting our community hard, these warm packs are just one part of a support package offered to residents by CA which also includes:



- benefit checks to maximise income
- money management, from everything between budgeting to bankruptcy
- housing issues including disrepair, eviction, arrears, homelessness
- employment matters
- relationship and family issues

Citizens Advice Eastleigh runs a drop-in session at The Mercury Hub on the first Wednesday of every month, between 10am and midday.

KEEP AN OLDER PERSON SAFER IN 2023

Cold calling is not illegal. However, any trader that ignores a sticker or notice on a door stating that the occupier does not wish to receive cold calls may be committing a criminal offence.



Nationwide home care provider Live In is currently providing free door stickers to Parish Councils to give to older people to help keep them safe this winter. These are free of charge and can be collected from the Parish Office.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

BURSLEDON BRICKWORKS HALLOWEEN AND AUTUMN STEAM UP

The local brickworks museum has an autumn steam up on Sunday 22 October during the upcoming half term. They



welcome the traction engines back from their summer show season to join in one last celebration of brickmaking before the museum closes for the winter months. As the nights darken and the season draws in, don't miss the chance to explore the genuinely haunted museum at Halloween.

There will be steam engines in the yard, a steam powered wood sawing demonstration, and steam hauled trailer rides around the site. The café will be open all day to warm anyone with a hot cuppa. There will also be craft stands inside the buildings, and a chance to take in the displays telling the story of local history.

Run by volunteers, Bursledon Brickworks is the UK's last steam-driven works of its kind, having been built in 1897 on the banks of the River Hamble.

Gates open at 11am, and more details can be found at bit.ly/46kXPfU



RANGERS' REMARKS

I'm thinking of starting up a new business recycling discarded chewing gum... I just need some help getting it off the ground!

I expect many Hamble residents will have noticed an influx of spiders in their houses recently. This time of year is known as spider season. Larger spiders wandering around houses and gardens are typical for this time of year. For many species the autumn season is the time of year when they are mature and also when the females are full of eggs, making some spiders much larger.

House spiders may give you a shock when they suddenly appear in the corner of your eye as they race across your

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carpet like the arachnid equivalent of Usain Bolt, but as with most of our spiders in the UK, they're basically harmless. The House spiders you see more often than not will be males on the hunt for love and once they're old enough to hunt out a female, they don't have much time left in the world (approximately a year once maturity is reached). Females are generally homebodies, dwelling year-round beneath sofas, behind bookcases, in dusty corners and under-stair cupboards. Their sheet-like cobwebs are ancestral homes, inhabited year after year by successive generations of spiders.

And finally... if an apple a day keeps the doctor away, why don't daleks hide in orchards?

Mark Cowley, Estate Ranger

COMMUNITY UPDATE

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Could you help to organise our wonderful annual Carols in the Square?

Hamble Carols in the Square on Christmas Eve has been running for c.30 years and is an important part of our village Christmas celebrations. We've seen the event grow in popularity over recent years, with over 1000 people attending in 2022. The event brings together our community and is particularly popular with families and younger children.

The organisers have decided that it is time to pass on the event to encourage new ideas and fresh energy. We would like to hear from anyone who would be interested either individually or as part of a small group to run this year's celebrations. The event has been templated and full guidance will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer to help organise this wonderful event, please contact the Parish office by emailing operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Our Autumn effort is well underway with a full programme from the Parish Council and Eastleigh Borough Council. Now that the wildlife breeding season is over, we have full access to Hamble Common and the main task given to us is to reduce the amount of gorse which if not managed will become a monoculture at the expense of wildlife and fauna. Thanks to the advent of effective battery powered tools, we have become more efficient, and the effort required is significantly less than with our manual tools.

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and noticeboards 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 bit.ly/45FjrDy or contact Philip Rawlinson: philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com, 07810 453138.

HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

We were delighted to present a cheque for £160 to Paul McNeil



at Hamble Lifeboat recently, following a talk given by Paul to the Flower Club. A fabulous amount for a local charity.

Autumn days are certainly upon us with the slight chill in the air and the darker evenings. Gardens and hedgerows are still full of foliage, berries and sedums which can make some great floral arrangements for your home.

Why not come along to one of our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Hamble Memorial Hall with different talks, demonstrations and workshops held throughout the year.

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

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COFFEE MORNINGS & CRAFT SESSIONS AT THE MERCURY HUB

As reported in the last edition of the newsletter, George, one of our favourite visitors, sadly passed away recently. In his memory we have planted a lovely shrub in a personalised pot to make sure he is fondly remembered.



As you know, we regularly run coffee mornings to support local causes. Our next one is being held at The Mercury Hub on 14 October from 10am to midday. This time, we are raising funds for Mountbatten Hospice; they have served the community for 45 years and offer inpatient and community domiciliary and palliative end of life care. There will be a guest speaker plus some great homemade cakes and a raffle, so please come along and offer your support to this amazing organisation.

Following the hugely successful craft sessions held during August, we plan to run another one on 27 October from 2-4pm. Children of all ages are welcome (accompanied by an adult) and they will be guaranteed a fun afternoon. Whatever they make they can take home with them.

Keep an eye on our front window – our display volunteers never fail to surprise us. As always, we welcome visitors old and new so pop in and see for yourself what we have to offer.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND OUT 'WHO DUNNIT!'



Thank you to all those who supported us at the Farmers Market in September. The winners of the raffle for pantomime tickets were a lovely family from Netley and £80 was raised for Hound Food Bank.

Tickets for Cinderella are now on sale so don't forget to visit our website bit.ly/3ELGuB9 or phone the Box Office on 02380 440660.



The panto runs from Tuesday 5 to Sunday 10 December.

AN AUTUMN OF EVENTS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Well, after a short blast of summer weather we are back to the chill of Autumn and a season of events coming up at St. Andrews. A few dates for your diary...

Our mother and toddler group meets every Wednesday in the Priory Centre at 10am.

Also in the Priory Centre, there is a Harvest lunch on 5 October and our men's breakfast at 8.30am on 7 October. On 11 October, we host the ever-popular Village Quiz. For more details and to book a place at any of these Priory Centre events, please call Kay Baker on 07866 097789. All are very welcome.

Another event at the Priory Centre is the annual Black Tie Dinner on 20 October: an evening of great food with a licensed bar and entertainment. The Friends of St Andrews together with the Hamble Players are performing a Murder Mystery in the Church on 15 October. Please call Grant on 02380 456265 for more information on either event.

As you can see, St. Andrew's continues to be a vibrant hive of activity in Hamble culminating on Saturday 28 October with Place 2B for coffee and home-made cakes and a pre-Christmas Bazaar. Not to be missed!

Don't forget our church services every Sunday and Thursday at 10am. We look forward to seeing you.

If you missed the Murder Mystery performances in June, there will be one extra performance on Sunday 15 October in St Andrew's Church, Hamble. Please contact Grant on 02380 456265 for tickets. Remember: if you know 'Who Dunnit!' please don't give the game away.

We already have a full programme planned for 2024. In March, we have 'The Exorcism', a ghost story. This is followed by comedy 'Dirty Dusting' in July and another comedy, 'Boeing Boeing' in September. Our annual panto will finish off the year in December. So, as you can see, there will be plenty of opportunities for all. Audition dates will be announced shortly; check out our website for further details.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: THE LOCAL STORY OF THE SPITFIRE

At the Society's last meeting Stephen Hoadley gave a very interesting talk about the local area's important contribution to the Spitfire's wartime success.

The Schneider Trophy seaplane races held off Calshot led Reginald Mitchell to design the prototype Spitfire that first flew from Eastleigh Airport in 1936. He originally wanted to call it 'Shrew', but it was thought this was not a suitable name for a fighter aircraft and a company director suggested 'Spitfire' after the nickname of his daughter who had a fiery temper. Spitfires were first built at Supermarine's factory at Woolston that was bombed in 1940 so its production had to be dispersed.

At the beginning of the war Air Service Training (AST) at Hamble was appointed to undertake the repair of damaged or crashed



Spitfires and was the largest Spitfire repair base in the country. The women of the Air Transport Auxiliary based at the airfield greatly facilitated its success, ferrying the Spitfires to and from Hamble to their squadrons. Stephen spoke about some of the well-known ATA women at Hamble and that for the first time ever there was equal pay for women as all ATA pilots were paid the same rate.

Another Hamble company, Folland Aircraft, was a sub-contractor for Spitfire production and had major contracts to make Spitfire components including making wings for the Seafire (Naval version of the Spitfire). It developed a floatplane version of the Spitfire but not many were made as by the time they had been produced they were no longer required.

Stephen concluded by talking about what is left today to commemorate the local contribution to the Spitfire's success including the ATA memorial at the former airfield's entrance by Aquila Way. The large audience enjoyed Stephen's talk and there was much follow-up chat afterwards.

HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

We met again on 12 September and welcomed Susan Howe who came along to talk to us about the 'Revelations of a Tour Guide'. Susan began her talk explaining that she was a London Registered Blue Badge Guide, the only tour guides who can take guided tours anywhere in the UK. If you are only trained as, for example, a Winchester or Southampton Tour guide, you can only guide in those cities. The course to become a tour guide is very intensive and takes 2 years to complete.

Susan kept us amused for over an hour telling us about all the 'funny' things that had happened during her career which started in 1980, including how she had to stretch the truth at times to make a good story for the tourists. In her many years as a guide, she managed not to lose anyone – although there were a few near misses. She has guided throughout the UK as well as abroad touring with English groups. Susan captivated us with her tales, and we had a very enjoyable afternoon full of laughter.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 October when we have Simon Gardiner, a volunteer at Mercury Hub and Library, who is coming along to give us an insight into its history. We meet at 2pm in the Priory Centre, Hamble Church. Why not come along and join us? Everyone welcome.

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UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at the Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council
Monday 9 October
7pm

Planning Committee
Monday 23 October
7pm

Brick or Treat 25-26 October 11am – 4pm

At The Brickworks Museum
Entry: Adults £7, children £5

Walk & Talk Hamble 25 October 10.30am – 11.30am

Meet At The Mercury Hub

The Hamble School Inset Day 23 October

The Hamble School and Primary School Half Term 23 – 27 October