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## WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER

With the summer months drawing to a close, we can reflect on what has been another busy season in Hamble, with a large number of visitors drawn to our lovely village and Foreshore. It is thanks to the Council team that the facilities, environment, and recreation areas have been maintained to such a high standard for visitors and residents alike to enjoy, and while the increased footfall during the summer months can present a challenge, our estates team proves year after year that they are more than equal to the task.

It is not just the Council team that makes Hamble such an attractive and desirable location for day-trippers and holidaymakers. We are blessed to have a vibrant community full of people and businesses who want the best for the village and their neighbours, and who work together to achieve remarkable things. Hamble's reputation as a summer destination of choice is testament to everyone's hard work and the warm welcome given to visitors.

It is because we all care about Hamble, our neighbours, schoolchildren, environment, and the future of the village, that the prospect of a quarry in our midst is so shocking. Equally frustrating is the length of time that it has taken for the planning process to progress, with the latest update from Hampshire County Council suggesting that the Regulatory Committee meeting at which the Hamble Airfield application is likely to be decided will not now take place until later in the year. We will of course share confirmation of this date and any further updates as soon

as we receive them – keep an eye on our website, social media, and noticeboards around the village.

While the Hamble Airfield planning application has consumed a significant amount of Council resource over the last year, wherever possible we have pressed ahead with improvement projects, which in recent months have included switching to fossil-free HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) fuel for our grass mowers, truck, and tractor, and restoring the plaques on the Foreshore following completion of the bench renewal programme.

We've also been very busy with recruitment, with our new Parish Clerk Helen Robinson joining the team at the beginning of July. We appreciate that these are large shoes to fill following Amanda's outstanding work and leadership, but with Helen now in post we can push on once again and are all excited to work with her on the next Hamble chapter.

Unfortunately, we also have sad news to share, with the untimely passing of our long-serving estates team member, Chris Ayres. Chris had dedicated 21 years to Hamble as a member of the Council team, retiring in March of this year. No doubt many of you will know Chris from the work that he did around the village – he was always happy to stop and talk to residents about what he was working on. Chris was hugely respected and valued by us all and will be greatly missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to Chris's family and friends.

**Chris Jones**, Chair

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# HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## RENEWABLE DIESEL FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Our grass mowers, truck and tractor are now running on HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil).

HVO, also known as Renewable Diesel, serves as a fossil-free alternative to mineral diesel. By using HVO, greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced by up to 90%.



With this sustainable fuel alternative, we're reducing our carbon footprint and taking a big step towards a greener future.

What's more, we were pleased to welcome Sparky back to action recently after a 9-month absence! Our trusty Zero Emissions vehicle is ready to hit the road again and help us reduce our carbon footprint. Welcome back, Sparky!

## PLAQUES RESTORED ON THE FORESHORE

We are delighted to advise that the plaques for the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee and the previous bench seat sponsors have been reinstated on the Foreshore after several months of absence.



Wren Building Contractors Ltd meticulously restored these plaques and the results are stunning. What's more, the handcrafted cast iron supports have been recreated in a truly classical design which match the Foreshore's aesthetics.

Well worth the wait!

## CORONATION HERB GARDEN 'GROWS' FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Hamble Parish Council planted a community herb garden on Spitfire Way earlier this year, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



Under the expert eye of our estates team, and with lots of plant contributions from Hamble residents, the garden is progressing nicely – providing a lovely outlook for anyone resting awhile on the bench seat situated next to the garden.



This bench seat – like those on the Foreshore – is available for sponsorship, either by local businesses, or individuals.

To find out more, visit:  
<https://bit.ly/3Ee6wN2>



## EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL AREA PLAN REVIEW

Work has started on the review of the **Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036**. This review will guide future development in the Borough, specifically in relation to the determination of planning applications, and will update the policies and sites in the recently adopted Local Plan.

EBC is asking for your views on this updated statement setting out how the Council will consult communities on planning matters including the Local Plan Review and planning applications.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3KWQtH8> for more details about this consultation and for the latest news and updates on the Local Plan Review.



# HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## RANGERS REMARKS

Hello again Hamble Habitants.

I've just found out that my best friend has been working as a part time mime artist for the last few years... he kept that quiet!

As we sadly say goodbye to the summer flowers, we can look forward to saying hello to a possibly even more colourful season in autumn.

There's no denying it, as much as you may want to – summer is officially over. While that means long days in the sunshine may be behind us, another spectacle of a season is just beginning. It's autumn of course, and that means the leaves on the trees are turning beautiful shades of yellow and red, before falling off entirely. Why does this happen?

It's a way of protecting the trees and making sure they survive the winter and beyond. Leaves die during the winter months. If those dead leaves stayed on the trees, and new, working ones didn't grow in their place, the trees would have no way of processing food for themselves. So why do leaves change colour, I hear you ask!

When leaves are green, they are working as organs for the tree. The green colour comes from a part of the cell called chlorophyll, which processes sunlight into sugars that the tree can 'eat'. As the weather gets colder, the days get darker, and there is less sunlight for them to munch on, the rest of the tree starts to absorb these useful parts of the leaves. It then stores them for winter in its roots. As the tree does this, the green chlorophyll is removed, which reveals hidden colours in the leaves.

So simply, trees actively shed their leaves because there's no use for them anymore. Doing this also ensures the tree's long-term survival. If it didn't do it every year, the water in the cells of the leaves would freeze, and this would rupture them, as water expands as it turns to ice.

Finally – good luck to my neighbour who has recently retired as a cricket umpire... he doesn't lift a finger now!

**Mark Cowley**, Estate Ranger

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CLERK: HELEN ROBINSON



I joined Hamble Parish Council as Clerk in July, having spent 14 years within local government, working at Totton & Eling Town Council as Eling Tide Mill Experience Manager.

Here, I oversaw the Historic Grade II\* Listed Tide Mill, Visitor Centre, Toll Bridge and Boardwalks and was part of the team that helped secure over £1.2m of Heritage Lottery Funding. I was instrumental in all aspects of the delivery of this project.

I had previously worked in advertising for Newsquest (formerly Southern Newspapers) and held various management roles during my 14 years of service, including Advertisement Manager of the Hampshire Chronicle in Winchester after this was acquired.

I have always lived in Hampshire, growing up in Beaulieu, and recognise that Hamble has some similarities, particularly in terms of its village ethos and natural beauty.

I'm hoping I will feel very much at home here and am really looking forward to finding out more about your priorities and helping to advise and support Hamble Parish Council.

Not that I expect to have much spare time as the Clerk's role is going to keep me very busy, but when I do, I love nothing more than spending time with my family, getting out in nature, and enjoying swimming.

I shall look forward to meeting many of you very soon.



# HAMBLE AIRFIELD UPDATE

As we approach the end of the summer, the Hamble Airfield planning application remains undecided with no further updates from Hampshire County Council (HCC).

## Regulatory Committee Meeting Date

We still await a date for the Regulatory Committee meeting, which is where the decision to approve or reject the Hamble Airfield application will be made. We understand that this meeting is now unlikely to be held in September – although this has not yet been confirmed. HCC has said that they are hoping to consider the application before the end of the year.

We understand that one reason for the ongoing delay relates to an objection from Natural England (a statutory consultee), which raised environmental concerns in respect of the application. We believe that HCC has reverted back to Cemex to ask how they intend to address these concerns.

## Highways Authority Raises 'No Objection' in Return for £500k Mitigation Package

In the meantime, we have written to HCC, the Regulatory Committee members, our local MP Paul Holmes, and the Chair of the Local Area Committee, outlining our acute disappointment at the Highways Authority's (HA) fourth consultation response, which sets out what appears to be its final position in respect of establishing a quarry on the Hamble Airfield site.

In their response, the Highways Authority raises 'no objection' to the planning application as long as Cemex enters into a Section 106 agreement to secure:

- A Highway Contribution of £500,000 to mitigate the development impact through the provision of a sustainable travel scheme on Hamble Lane; and
- A Lorry Routing agreement (stipulating right turn out, left turn in).

We believe this response provides no reasoned justification as to why the measures proposed by Cemex are sufficient to constitute appropriate mitigation of the impact of the development on our village. We have stated that the advice provided by the Highways Authority to HCC's planning department is both incomplete and inadequate for decision making purposes and have urged HCC to require HA to fulfil their responsibilities as a statutory consultee before making any decision.

We have also stated that the mitigation of £500,000 proposed by the HA is manifestly inadequate – a view which is based on the HA's own prior statements, and in particular the evidence it gave to the Satchell Lane planning enquiry.

Separately to this, we have written to HCC and the Regulatory Committee members in response to the conditions proposed by the Highways Authority in its latest response.

You can view both of these letters here:  
<https://bit.ly/3stiGiM>



## Great Work from HPRG

We continue to liaise closely with Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG), who have done great work over the summer in obtaining favourable press coverage and submitting a number of Freedom of Information requests relating to this application.

With the Regulatory Committee meeting likely to be postponed until October at the earliest, we may not have any new information to share over the coming weeks. However, please do keep an eye on our social feeds, our website, the village noticeboards, and the newsletter for further updates.

## FOOTPATH BELOW BP DEPOT CLOSED UNTIL FEBRUARY 2024

The Hamble-le-Rice footpath below the BP depot along Southampton Water will be temporarily closed to allow for works in connection with a project being undertaken by BP to refurbish the Foreshore sheet piling and refurbishment of the path with widening to some sections.

A diversion will be in place, directing people back up Ensign Way, Hamble Lane, and Copse Lane.

The closure is in effect until 14 February 2024.

For more information, head to  
<https://bit.ly/3YMfryZ>



# Back To School

## TOP TIPS FOR TOP MARKS



With many schools set to reopen on 1 September, Hampshire County Council is reminding local families of the support available to help them transition to the new school year with ease.

### School meals

Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? All children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible for universal infant free school meals. Families are encouraged to take up the offer of a healthy, nutritious hot meal during the school day. This can help to boost children's wellbeing and support them to get the most out of their time in the classroom. Information about school meals is available from your child's school.

From year 3 onwards, free school meals continue to be offered to children whose families receive certain benefits. Eligible families should register for income-based free school meals as soon as possible – this can be done even while their child is still in Key Stage 1. Checking your eligibility and applying for income-based free school meals is easy – simply visit: <https://bit.ly/45q6wWc>



### Travelling to school

The start of a new school year is the perfect time for families to think about the school journey and where possible, to adopt more active habits like walking, cycling, or scooting to school. Take a look at the My Journey website for lots of active travel tips and a range of useful information and resources for families with children transitioning to Reception, Year 3 or Year 7. <https://bit.ly/3qIIPIt>



Still need the car? One alternative is to 'park and stride' by leaving the car further out from school and walking the remaining distance.

Consider using public transport to travel to school. This can help to reduce the overall number of cars travelling on the road and is particularly good for older children who are able to travel independently.

### Financial support

The return to school is always an expensive time but, with the cost of living on the rise, many families are likely to feel the pinch even more this year. Visit HCC's cost of living webpages to explore a range of support for families struggling with their finances. <https://bit.ly/3YSmGFi>



### Mental health and wellbeing

Establishing a positive relationship with school from the outset can help to ease any anxieties children may have about starting or returning to school, and to avoid potential challenges with school attendance. For issues with attendance, families should speak with their child's school at the earliest opportunity to discuss the support available. You can find more information here:

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



Families concerned about their own or their child's wellbeing can visit the Mental Wellbeing Hampshire website to access a directory of both local and national support.

<https://bit.ly/3qKg2EA>



The Back to Basics website also provides a range of tips, resources and links to further support to empower parents and carers to support their child's emotional wellbeing within the home.

<https://bit.ly/3qKg6mg>



### THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER CONTRIBUTORS

A big thank you to everyone who reached out to us for the Out and About in Hamble feature in the Summer edition of the newsletter. We got a fantastic response and it was lovely to see so many wonderful events being held throughout Hamble and supported by the village.

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## UPDATE FROM THE MERCURY

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our regular visitors, George Owen. He often visited The Hub after moving to Hamble and was a true gentleman who loved coming in for a drink and a chat. He had a sharp wit and his stories were always entertaining. We will be planting a shrub in The Hub's garden in his memory. Rest in peace George.

The free children's craft sessions held every Friday afternoon during August have been a huge success. It was great to see so many children and parents visit, and lots of new craft ideas were learnt. Together with Shirley's storytelling every Friday morning, August was a very busy and happy place at The Hub!



The Hub will be closed between 4-8 September for essential maintenance work, meaning that the Citizens Advice drop-in session will be moved to 13 September between 10am-noon. There's no need to book ahead for this service.

Everyone is welcome at The Hub and we love to see new members come along. Did you also know that we are dog friendly? We always have tea and biscuits available for a small donation of £1. Joan's homemade cheese straws are enough to entice anyone in – they are not to be missed!

## HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

For our annual July outing, we visited the Fashion Museum and local church in Blandford Forum and had a wonderful day. Even the weather was on our side!

In August Alison Hammond from the Co-op joined us to explain about the advantages of their card. Every time you shop and use your Co-op card in store, 2p is put into a 'pot' to go towards funding for



## HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



At the next meeting of the Society, Stephen Hoadley will be giving a talk about 'The Local Story of the Spitfire'. The Spitfire's origins began with the Schneider Trophy seaplane

races held off Calshot and the prototype first flew from Eastleigh Airport. Subsequently, it went into production at the Supermarine factory at Woolston.

Air Service Training (AST) at Hamble was the largest Spitfire repair base in the country and the women of the Air Transport Auxiliary based at the airfield greatly facilitated its success. Due to the danger of having all the repair facilities in one place, AST had to disperse its activities locally at Netley, Swanwick, Locks Heath, and Titchfield, as well as using premises at Exeter. Another village company, Folland Aircraft, was a sub-contractor for Spitfire production.

Why not come along to hear Stephen's fascinating story of the local area's contribution to the Spitfire's wartime success on Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm, at the Memorial Hall (Rear Hall). New members and visitors are always welcomed! Our meeting fee is just £2. If you would like more information please contact our secretary, Margaret Greenfield: 02380 454373.

local charities and organisations. This funding is split between three charities, two of which members can vote for. Wetwheels, Hamble Independent Lifeboat, Hamble Village Playgroup, and Friends of RVCP are just some of the organisations that have benefitted. It was a very interesting afternoon. Make sure you use your Co-op card when you shop in store!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 September in the Priory Centre at 2pm with Susan Howe, who will be giving a talk on 'Revelations of a Tour Guide'. Why not join us?

Bobby Conduit  
02380 453626

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## HAMBLE PLAYERS



On Saturday 2 September you may spot a few hardy Hamble Players at the Hamble Farmer's Market down on the Quay. Do stop and have a chat, pick up a flyer, or find out more about your local Drama Group who have been entertaining villagers for many years in the Memorial Hall.

Our new website is up and running so check us out at [www.hambleplayers.co.uk](http://www.hambleplayers.co.uk)

If you are new to the area or have forgotten our latest news, don't forget that tickets for 'Cinderella' go on sale at 9am on Sunday 1 October! Get your tickets either by calling the Box Office on 02380 440660, or head to <https://bit.ly/3EcRBTy>. The pantomime runs from Tuesday 5 December to Sunday 10 December, with two performances on the Saturday.



If you'd like to join us, please contact the Membership Secretary, Maria, on [mariahamble@icloud.com](mailto:mariahamble@icloud.com).

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Here we are, almost at the end of summer! The Lighthouse service for families with children begins again on Sunday 3 September at 11.30am and continues every first Sunday of every month. Also beginning again is Cherubs for mums with babies or toddlers, starting at 10am in the Priory Centre on Wednesday 6 September and every Wednesday thereafter. The Priory Centre is available to hire for parties and other events. For information please call Ian Stephens on 02380 454181 or email [ianstephens@btinternet.com](mailto:ianstephens@btinternet.com)

We have two more dates for your diary, the first being our murder mystery on 15 October. Our black-tie dinner with entertainment held by the Friends of St Andrews follows, on 20 October – make sure you add both to your diary. Further information and tickets are available from Grant Hearn on 02380 456265.

We hold services on Sunday and Thursday at 10am, with refreshments served in the Priory Centre after the service. Please do come along; you will be made very welcome.

## HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

The bunting was out for our Summer Garden Party Event, which was held in Christine's memory. We raised £250 for Mountbatten Hampshire so a huge thanks to all who came along to support us.



On 11 September we have a demonstration by Sue Wall titled 'Reuse/Recycle'. Doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm start. The demonstration is open to members and non-members – just pay at the door.

This year we will be holding a Christmas Wreath Workshop on Saturday 2 December at The Priory Centre from 1pm to 5pm. Spaces will be snapped up quickly at only £30 per person, so make sure to get in touch to put your name down.

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](mailto:info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com)

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

After completing the annual renovation of the circular oak bench at the Foreshore we undertook the task of tidying up Hamble Church. This involved hedge cutting, removing ivy from gravestones and trimming grass where lawn mowers cannot access. It looks as though this will become a routine task as the vegetation has been growing rapidly over past months.



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, please visit [hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk](http://hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk) or contact Philip Rawlinson: [philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com](mailto:philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com), 07810 453138.

## SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES & GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

On 4 November, the Royal Southern Yacht Club will once again be transformed into a busy marketplace with lots of stalls, a bar and café.

The Christmas Fayre attracts hundreds of people from Hamble and local villages who come to take part in our charity fundraising activities, buy from the stalls offering a range of interesting quality wares, and enjoy the Club's spectacular riverside setting. Please do come with friends and participate in this special day.

Local shops and businesses generously donate prizes for the popular Wheel of Fortune charity raffle. There is dedicated parking for visitors in the Donkey Derby Field.

If you would like more information about the Fayre, please contact [ladiescommittee@royal-southern.co.uk](mailto:ladiescommittee@royal-southern.co.uk).

## HAMBLE SQUASH CLUB



Did you know that Hamble has its very own squash club? It is tucked away in the Hamble Parish Community Facilities, next to the Sea Scouts Hut. Membership costs just £45 a year for single people, £70 for a family. See <https://hamblesquashclub.org.uk> for more information.



If you have played another racquet sport such as tennis or badminton, you will find it easy to get started on a squash court. The game is played indoors, so there is no dependence on weather conditions and no chasing the ball when you hit it out, like there is in tennis.

Do come and check out the Club at our Open Evening, on Tuesday 12 September, 6-8 pm, where you can view the premises, meet some members, and try out a game if you wish. To find the Club House, turn off Hamble Lane into the Police Headquarters driveway, but instead of following the drive round to the right, go straight ahead into the car park which serves the Sea Scout Hut and Football Club, as well as the Squash Club. We look forward to seeing you.

**ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB**

# Christmas Fayre 2023



**Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup> November  
10am-3pm**

25-30 Stalls  
selling quality gifts  
Dedicated parking  
Wheel of Fortune  
Bar lunches available  
Spectacular river views  
Café - coffee/tea & home made cakes

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## HAMBLE PLAYS HOST TO ANNUAL TRAIL RUNNING EVENT



Did you spot 400+ runners passing through Hamble on a Sunday in late August, and wonder who they were, and where they were

headed? The Big Pilgrimage is an annual trail running event with 15-mile, marathon, and 54km routes available, organised by Hamble-based company, BigFeat Events.

Why The Big Pilgrimage? There is a newly discovered ancient pilgrim trail passing from Mayflower Park in Southampton to Canterbury called 'The Old Way'. It would have been used centuries ago for pilgrims to visit places of worship and to travel between ports. Runners pass through Netley Abbey, catch the Pink Ferry from Hamble to Warsash then follow the Solent Way along the Meon shore, with the 15-mile distance finishing at the beautiful Titchfield Abbey. The marathon and 54km distances finish at Fort Nelson atop Portsdown Hill. The runners collect stickers at every pilgrim place of interest to put on their bibs and make a unique keepsake.

Hamble is a very popular destination for the runners, as they love getting the boats across the water. It's also where we have our first aid station on the Foreshore where the runners stock up with treats to help power them on their way! As well as the Pink Ferry, Hamble River Taxi and Southampton Rib Charter help ferry runners across to ensure they don't have to queue for long.

The date for next year's run is Sunday 18 August. This popular event sells out, so enter early if you fancy a unique running adventure! You can sign up at [www.bigfeatevents.com](http://www.bigfeatevents.com).



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## HENVILLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Just a reminder that if you are a Hamble resident or Hamble youth group with members under the age of 25, funding is available for educational resources such as:

- Books
- Assistance with fees for training courses
- Educational visits/trips
- Resources/equipment
- Special Educational Needs
- Private tutoring
- Sporting and musical activities may also be considered

In 1848 the Reverend Charles Henville founded the Trust, giving the rent from Henville House to fund it. This continued after his death but in the latter part of the 20th century the house was sold, and the money raised was invested wisely so that his wish to help the residents and youth groups of Hamble could continue.

The Trust meets 4 times a year (March, June, September, and December) to consider and/or distribute the funding. Grants are awarded to those whom the Trustees consider are in the greatest need or would benefit the most.

Please telephone Wendy Mason on 023 8045 2720 for further information and/or an application form. The form is easy to complete, and confidential advice is available should require any help.

All applications are confidential so please do not hesitate to apply if you feel that there is something that the Trust may be able to help you with.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

October: Monday 18 September  
November: Monday 16 October  
December: Monday 20 November

If you have something that you would like to contribute or are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please get in touch by emailing [danielle@smartmarketinguk.com](mailto:danielle@smartmarketinguk.com)

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## WINTER BIRDLIFE ON THE COAST

Winter is on its way, and it won't be long before we see an extraordinary array of wading birds, ducks and geese settling in for a season on the Solent, looking to feed and rest after exhausting journeys. Some may have arrived already!

The Solent is home to lots of marvellous mudflats and when the mud is exposed at low tides, coastal birds can access the wealth of food that hides beneath the surface. However, when the tide comes in, the buffet is closed and it's vital that birds can rest undisturbed during this time.

Bird Aware Solent Ranger Natalie will be out on the coast throughout the winter telling local people all about our migratory birds.



Here, she tells us about one of her favourite places to visit, and how everyone can enjoy it while keeping the birdlife safe.

## Bunny Meadows (part of Hook with Warsash Nature Reserve)

"Bunny Meadows is a fantastic place to see the birds that visit us for the winter. At lower tides, black-tailed godwits, curlews and lots of other species feed on the mudflats while ducks and geese nibble at plants on the saltmarsh. At higher tides, you can see huge groups of dunlins wheeling through the sky in beautiful murmurations.



Visit our website to find out more about winter birdlife on the Solent: [birdaware.org/solent/](http://birdaware.org/solent/)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO HAMBLE STUDENTS

A huge congratulations to all Hamble-based students on their GCSE and A Level results. Having endured a difficult 2 – 3 years with Covid-related disruption, it is fantastic to see so many of our young people achieving so much.

Well Done Lil we are so proud of you! You smashed it! Love from Mum, Dad and Raf xxx

Ruby Simmons Well done on passing your GCSE's, we're so proud of you, love Dad & Mam xx

Huge congrats to Lucy Shazell on her 9\* and excellent results across the board. Love Nan, Grandad and Auntie x

Congratulations to Timotius Widjaja on his GCSE results, achieving 9 grade in 8 subjects

Caitlin Morgan - we're so proud of your GCSE results. Well done! Mum, Dad and Evie x

Well done from the staff at The Hamble School to all of our students on their results

## HAPPY RETIREMENT, BRIAN!

We wish a happy and well deserved retirement to Brian Wesson who worked tirelessly for the Hamble Fire Brigade, serving for 31 years! At 63 years old, Brian was the oldest firefighter to serve the village and is even a qualified CoResponder.



## UPCOMING DATES

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

<b>Asset Management</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Monday 4 September	Monday 25 September
7pm	7pm

**Full Council**  
Monday 11 September  
7pm

### The Hamble School and Hamble Primary School Term Begins

**4 September**

### The Big Eat 2023

**8 – 10 September**

At Royal Victoria Country Park. Free entry!

### Anne's Afternoon Tea Dance

**7 September**  
**2pm – 4pm**

At Hamble Memorial Hall

Held on the first Thursday of month (except December). Tickets are £5 per person, including free prize draw. Purchase by ringing Ann Graydon on 07949 447356

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