

Hamble Village News —

November 2023



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Birds in Hamble: Jay, Wheatear and Turnstone. Photos by Peter Hyde.

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WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER

With the turning back of the clocks and the onset of dark evenings and frosty mornings, it feels like winter is upon us all too soon. At a time when the world faces greater challenges and unrest than it has in many years, there is something comforting about walking along the Foreshore and looking out across the calming river on a crisp autumnal day. We are so very lucky to live in this little oasis that is Hamble.

That is not to say that we don't face challenges – both as a community and individuals. The colder weather brings higher heating bills and isolation to some of our neighbours. If you have concerns, please consider visiting Citizens Advice at the Mercury Hub on the first Wednesday morning of every month – their trained advisers can help you to find a way through many cost of living worries.

The Hamble Airfield quarrying application to which so many in the community are opposed continues with little prospect of resolution in the coming months. As you may recall from last month's update, Hampshire County Council (HCC) had asked Cemex to provide additional information relating to the environmental impact of their proposals which, once received, will be subject to public consultation. The deadline for providing this information was mid-September. Our understanding is that Cemex's response was received some weeks ago but has not yet been published on HCC's Planning Portal (at the time of writing). This delay means that it is unlikely that the Regulatory Committee meeting at which the application will be decided will take place this year, given that public consultation would need to take place first. The fear is that

HCC will go out to the public over the Christmas period, which will not provide the community with adequate opportunity to consider and respond to the new information supplied. We will continue to work with Hamble Peninsular Residents Group to lobby HCC to ensure that the circumstances under which this application is decided are fair to all and give us the best possible opportunity to make our case.

Alongside our Airfield 'watching brief', we have been busy preparing the Parish Council's budgets for next year, deciding how best to spend your precept on assets and services which will improve the village. While our hands are tied in some areas, we are always keen to hear your views on what you feel needs to be improved, replaced, or introduced. This is your community and your village – please tell us what you'd like to see so that we can take this into consideration next year and in the years to come. Please email Helen our Clerk with your thoughts or ideas.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Lehneis for her service to the Council. Sarah has resigned as Parish Councillor following three years of hard work and dedication to the village – particularly in her role on the Communications Working Group. Her energy and ideas played a big part in Hamble winning the Village of the Year Communications award in 2022.

Until next month.

Chris Jones,
Chair

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

FORESHORE CAR PARK PERMITS 2023

Each year the Council sells permits for the Foreshore Car Park which allow permit-holders 4 hours of free parking, 365 days a year. 250 permits are available on a first come, first serve basis.



The annual parking permit charge for 2023 will be £25 – less than 7p per day. Any changes to the hourly parking charges in The Square will be in line with Eastleigh Borough Council's charges.

Parking permits will be on sale online from Wednesday 22 November at hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/clock-permit. Permits will be available from the Parish Office from Friday 1 December (card payment only).



WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN SOME EXTRA MONEY DELIVERING NEWSLETTERS?

We are looking for new members to join our newsletter delivery team from November.

There are approximately 500 newsletters to deliver on each round, for which the pay is £97.50.

- You will need to be over 16 and fit and healthy
- You will need to be able to invoice the Council
- You will need to be available for deliveries on the last weekend of each month

Whether you want to do a bit of exercise or earn some extra cash in the run up to Christmas, please get in touch with the Operations Manager for more information: operations@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

RANGERS REMARKS

I was less than impressed during my most recent trip to the zoo where one of the exhibits was just a slice of toast in a cage... I believe it was bread in captivity!

With the return of the cooler wetter weather a lovely stroll through the woods, pastures or parks of Hamble will have an added bonus with the annual emergence of a huge variety of fungi.

Fungi are one of the most diverse organisms on Earth and contribute to many aspects of life as we know it. They're the most populous kingdom on the planet – an estimated 3.8million fungi exist worldwide – and yet, more than 90% of them are currently unknown to science.

Strange as it sounds, some mushrooms are bioluminescent. They achieve this thanks to luciferins, the same compounds that make fireflies light up at night and some sea creature's glow. This surprising skill – known as foxfire – is used to attract insects. They then spread the mushroom spores elsewhere in the forest, allowing the fungi to reproduce. In the future, the natural phenomenon of bioluminescence could be used to genetically engineer luminescent trees as a – quite literally – green alternative to streetlights.

A fungus is neither plant nor animal and belongs to its own 'fungi kingdom'. But, genetically speaking, they're more closely related to animals than plants. Like us, they 'breathe in' oxygen and give out CO2. Unlike plants, they don't need sunlight to reproduce. Instead, they rely on other organisms for food – just like animals. Also, their cell walls contain chitin, which is found in the exoskeletons of insects, the shells of crustaceans, and the beaks of octopuses.

Sure, we've a lot less in common with a toadstool than a chimp. But next time you're tucking into mushrooms and thinking about how meaty they taste, don't be too surprised. They're closer to animal life than most people think.

And finally, a random, interesting, and useful fact for you. Sharks will only attack you if you're wet.

Mark Cowley, Estates Ranger



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COVID RECOVERY FUND

Eastleigh Borough Council has recently launched the Eastleigh Covid-19 Community Recovery Grant that gives local community groups and organisations the chance to apply for funding to help local people who are still recovering from the mental and physical effects of Covid.

The Borough-wide scheme offers grants of up to £10,000 and priority will be given to groups that support:

- activities that support the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people and those who were shielding and/or self-isolating
- organisations that support individuals experiencing hardship caused by the pandemic
- organisations that support mental health, bereavement and emotional needs arising from the pandemic
- mental and physical health support for young people and adults including mobility, long Covid.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy on Hamble Parish Council caused by the resignation of Sarah Lehneis.

A by election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days of 12 October 2023 (excluding Saturday or Sunday, Bank Holidays and any appointed days for thanksgiving or mourning), ten electors for the Parish of Hamble le Rice give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.

The address of the Returning Officer is:

James Strachan
Eastleigh Borough Council
Eastleigh House
Upper Market Street
Eastleigh
SO30 9YN

If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option and a further notice will be posted inviting nominations.

Who can apply?

The fund is open to any non-profit making community groups, voluntary organisations, trusts, friendly societies, social enterprises, and community interest companies in the borough. They can provide a service directly, offer advice/information or promote self-help and must have a wide community benefit and be open to anyone.

Applications can be made until 1 March 2024 or until the grant funding is fully allocated, whichever comes first.

For more information and to apply, visit:
<https://bit.ly/3Qn14ON>

INTRODUCING YOUTH OPTIONS



Youth Options is a Hampshire based charity supporting children and young people for a better future, no matter their life circumstances. They offer bespoke, targeted support, as well as open-access community (detached) and centre-based youth provisions across the Eastleigh borough.

The Youth Options team has delivered detached youth work in Bursledon, Hamble, and Hound since April 2018 with funding from the local Parishes and Eastleigh Borough Council. They are focused on building relationships with local police, shops, organisations, residents and, most importantly, young people.

During these sessions, the Youth Options team of Youth Support Workers supports young people to develop social and emotional skills, as well as increase their understanding of and ability to address issues. They visit hotspot areas where they know that young people are likely to be, working with them to engage in positive activity, seeking any advice they may need, and supporting the community to feel safer.

Easily recognisable in their blue uniform, the team is out in the community on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 5.30pm – 9.30pm.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

FROM HAMBLE TO THE NOU CAMP

In the world of sports, Pan Disability Football stands out as a testament to the power of inclusivity and the joy of competition. Recently, Hamble Club Pan Disability football team had a remarkable experience that will be etched in our memories forever. We had the privilege of playing against FC Barcelona Pan-Disability for the second time in two years, and the entire journey was a celebration of determination, camaraderie, and sheer excitement.



Our adventure began with the much-anticipated match against FC Barcelona Pan-Disability at their world-renowned training ground. It was a testament to the global reach of Pan Disability Football, where players with diverse abilities come together to showcase their skills. The match was fiercely competitive, but it was more than just a game; it was a display of our shared passion for the sport, united in our love for football. To our amazement, we emerged victorious in a friendly match, celebrating not only our football skills but also our sportsmanship and adaptability.

After an exhilarating match, we had the unique opportunity to tour the FC Barcelona museum, where we delved into the rich history of the club, marvelled at the countless trophies, and revelled in the legends who had graced the field. It was an experience that connected us to the spirit of football and the legacy of this iconic club.

But our journey didn't end there. We were treated to a different kind of action as we watched a thrilling game of handball, another sport which Barcelona is renowned for.

Our journey against FC Barcelona Pan-Disability was more than just a football match; it was a reminder that inclusivity knows no boundaries. It showcased the incredible strength of individuals with diverse abilities, reinforcing the belief that sports are a universal language that can bring people together, transcending differences and creating unforgettable moments.

In the end, our experience against FC Barcelona and the incredible camaraderie we shared, both on and off the field, will remain a cherished chapter in our Pan Disability Football journey. It serves as a reminder that, in the world of sports, every moment is an opportunity to break barriers and create lasting memories.

<https://www.facebook.com/hambleclubyouth>



HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

For our October meeting, Simon Gardiner, a volunteer at the Mercury Hub and Community Library, came along to give us a very interesting talk about the setting up, running and growth of the Hub's popularity. With slides of the facilities, displays and events, Simon explained how the Hub was started in 2019 by keen volunteers, interrupted by lockdowns, and has grown since a restart in late 2020.

Thanks to over 30 volunteers, the library offers not only 3,500 books but also a social space, refreshments, wifi and many activities including arts, crafts, book club, knit and natter, quilling and a host of board games and jigsaws, and storytelling for 800 registered users.

Supported by Eastleigh Borough Council and voluntary donations, the Mercury Hub is reaching across the

community and caters for all age groups. Simon pointed out the rise in community libraries nationally, each resourced and managed according to local circumstances. Now open every day except Sundays the Hub is attracting visitors from Hamble and beyond. Coffee mornings have been held to raise money for the Hound Food Bank, Hamble Lifeboat, Air Ambulance, and Countess Mountbatten to name just a few.

Simon gave his talk to another full house with over 50 ladies in attendance.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14 November at 2pm. Priory Centre, Hamble. Musical afternoon with Allsorts Folk Band. Everyone is welcome. Why not join us.

Bobby Conduit, 023 8045 3626

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN HAMBLE

'TIS THE SEASON



Christmas Menu

On the table
Bread & oils, marinated olives, balsamic pickled onions, sunblushed tomatoes & sweet piquante peppers

To start
Loaster bisque, dill oil, prawn crouton
Fillet of beef carpaccio, pickled wild mushrooms, horseradish creme fraiche
Isle of Wight garlic, rosemary and polenta crumbed
vegan **halloumi**, balsamic roasted beetroot puree
Hot smoked chalk stream trout pate, chicory salad, toasted sourdough, salsa verde, garlic oil

To follow
Lemon and herb roasted Chalcroft Farm **turkey** breast, apricot stuffing, pig in blanket, duck fat roasted potatoes, Slow roasted **lamb** shoulder, rosemary, red wine and root vegetable braising liquor, smoked Isle of Wight garlic and chive mash, sautéed kale
Chargrilled wild **sea bass** fillet, leek, fennel and aged parmesan risotto
Roasted **butternut squash**, cauliflower rice, mixed bean & vegetable stuffing, panko & herb gratin

To finish
Christmas pudding **cheesecake**, brandy snap
Baileys **chocolate pot**, white chocolate shards, hazelnut praline
Lemon posset, candied orange, fig jam

To share
Cheese & biscuits, grapes, celery, quince jelly

£40 per head
Minimum four people



Festive Afternoon Tea

Would you like an adventure now or shall we have tea first?

Glass of Cava on arrival

Pot of Tea
(English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Lemon & Ginger)
Selection of Sandwiches; turkey & cranberry, egg mayonnaise, smoked salmon with cream cheese & cucumber, roast beef & horseradish mayonnaise, coronation chicken

Scones, clotted cream, strawberry jam

Iced Christmas cake squares, mini mince pies, macarons & stollen bites

Baileys shots

£21.00 per head

Minimum four people

A traditional turkey Sunday roast will be available on 10th, 17th & 24th December.

We are open all day until late throughout December up to and including Christmas Eve.

The small print: The Christmas menu and festive afternoon tea is available for pre-booked parties only and you must pre-order your meal choices. £10.00 per head deposit is required to secure your booking. Menus cannot be mixed and matched. We reserve the right to substitute menu choices when items are not available from the supply chain.

Two-courses
£35
Three-courses
£40

Christmas Menu

Enjoy our Christmas menu every day from
Friday 1st – Tuesday 26th December

Starter

Celeriac & truffle soup, Hoxton bakehouse sourdough (vg, gfo)
Smoked chicken & ham hock terrine, spiced plum chutney, toasted brioche (gfo)
Thai yellow spiced mussel mille-feuille, baby spinach, rocket leaf (dfo)
Goat's cheese panna cotta, salt-baked beetroot, beetroot purée, walnut crumble (gf, n)

Main

Ballotine of turkey, stuffing, chateaux potatoes, pigs-in-blankets, seasonal vegetables (gfo, dfo, n)
Slow-braised cannon of venison, dauphinoise potato, roasted roots, bourguignon sauce (gf)
Herb-crusted cod loin, roasted cauliflower, cauliflower purée, seasonal greens, wild mushroom sauce (gf, dfo)
Butternut squash, spinach & pine nut wellington, chateaux potatoes, seasonal greens, red wine jus (vg, n)

Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding, crème anglaise, brandy snap tuille (gfo)
Gin & tonic meringue tart, Conker gin & tonic sorbet (dfo)
Double chocolate brownie, milk chocolate sauce, blood orange sorbet (gf)
Vegan sticky toffee pudding, caramel sauce, vanilla ice cream (vg, gf, n)

v – vegetarian | vg – vegan | gf – gluten-free | dfo – dairy-free option | n – contains nuts
Gluten-free options available upon request! All weights are approximate before cooking! There is a possibility that nuts may be found in any menu items! Fish may contain bones! Please inform us at your earliest convenience of any dietary or allergen requirements. A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill.

To book, call 023 8045 3000 or email manager@buglehamble.co.uk

Together We're Merrier



Christmas Party Menu

Available on our dedicated Christmas party nights: 15th & 16th December
Or for private parties of 15+ guests
2/3 courses; £29.95/£34.95, per person
Booking and pre order essential, £10 deposit required per person
Add an arrival Festive Bellini for your party for £5 per person



Starter, choose from:

- Roasted Tomato Soup served with Crusty Bread (VG/GF on request)
- Smoked Salmon and Whiskey Mousse served with Croutes (GF on request)
- Serrano Ham and Mozzarella Parcels served with a Rocket and Balsamic Glaze (GF)

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Main, choose from:

- Traditional Roast Turkey (GF on request)
A traditional Christmas dinner
(Vegan or vegetarian nut roast alternative available)
 - Festive Burger
Beef Burger topped with brie, cranberry, and a pig in blanket and chunky chips
- Prawn and Squid Risotto (GF)
Cooked in Garlic and Chilli
- 28-day aged 8oz Sirloin Steak (£5 supplement) (GF)
Served with truffle dressed rocket and chunky chips
- Beetroot Risotto (VG, GF)
Topped with parsnip crisps

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Dessert, choose from:

- Christmas pudding with brandy butter (GF/VG on request)
 - Chocolate Torte
 - Raspberry Crème Brûlée
- Local Artisan cheese board (£3 supplement) (GF on request)

All of our dishes are homemade and not all ingredients are listed on the menu. Please advise us of any allergies or if you require information on ingredients used.
A 10% discretionary service charge will be added. Prices include VAT

THE RIVER RAT Kitchen

Christmas Day 2023 Lunch Menu

Served Christmas Day 12pm-2pm
4 courses £95

Choice of starter, main and dessert
Booking and pre order essential, £10 deposit required per adult



Add a Festive Bellini on arrival + £5 per glass

Breads, oils and olives (GF available)

Starter, choose from:

- Pigeon Breast with smoked bacon and Isle of Wight blue risotto
 - Spiced Sweet Potato Soup with crispy leeks (VG/GF)
- Smoked Salmon & Avocado Mille-Feuille with a whisky & honey sauce

Main, choose from:

- Traditional Roast Turkey (GF on request)
A traditional Christmas dinner
- Vegan or Vegetarian Nut Roast dinner

With new potatoes, winter greens & a white wine & grape sauce

Pork Fillet (GF)

With mushroom, serrano ham and smoked mash potato

Aubergine Cannelloni (VG/GF on request)

Mixed vegetables wrapped in aubergine, with a tomato, garlic & herb sauce, served with garlic bread

Dessert, choose from:

- Christmas pudding with brandy butter (GF, VG available)
- Blueberry Clafoutis with custard – a baked French dessert
 - Mince Pie Eton Mess
- Brownie with ice cream & burnt marshmallow (VG available)

Add a local artisan cheese board for one or two +£10/£15

Mince pie served with tea or coffee



Children's Menu

3 courses £30

- Starter of mozzarella sticks with cranberry dipping sauce
- Roast turkey with all the trimmings (upgrade to an adult size roast +£6)
 - Chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream

All our dishes are homemade and not all ingredients are listed on the menu. Please advise us of any allergies or if you require information on ingredients used. Prices include VAT

COMMUNITY UPDATE

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: OLD NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF HAMBLE



At the next Society's meeting its Chairman, Ian Underdown, will be giving a talk about many fascinating 'Old Newspaper Reports of Hamble'. Why not come along to hear the amazing reports about Hamble, such as smuggling, privateers taking its boats, a shooting at the Victory Inn, and the local policeman solving a major crime at the Manor Hotel that led to the longest fraud trial in British history.

Others include a farm arsonist execution, fishermen's deaths, the first woman's seaplane flight, and notable village events such as a bull fight on the Quay and novelty events at regattas.

An accompanying booklet has been produced that includes newspaper reports from the 1700s and each decade of the next two centuries. It will be first available at this talk at the cost of only £4. After this you will be able to buy one from the Post Office at Coronation Parade. This booklet is a must read for anyone interested in Hamble and the river with astonishing and remarkable descriptions of happenings involving it over the years.

The meeting will be on Thursday 9 November, 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 on 023 8045 4373.

YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Hamble Primary School is currently looking for a new governor to join our friendly governing body.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills, and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- has 3-4 hours of spare time a month and energy for the role
- is able to visit the school during the day at least a couple of times a term
- is able to work well as part of a team

- has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements



In return we can offer you:

- the chance to develop your own personal skills
- access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
- a sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- support and guidance from fellow governors

For further information please contact the School Office in person or via email at admin@hamble-pri.hants.sch.uk and a Governor will contact you to answer any questions you have and discuss the application process.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

BIRD AWARE SOLENT'S SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: BLACK-TAILED GODWIT

Autumn is upon us, and it's an extremely exciting time of year in nature's calendar as thousands of migratory coastal birds arrive on the Solent for the winter. Among them are black-tailed godwits, elegant wading birds that travel over 1,000 miles from Iceland to get to our local shores every winter – an extraordinary journey for a bird weighing less than 300g.

In the winter, their plumage is greyish-brown and far less vibrant than their summer season orangey brown plumage. They have long beaks and legs, and black and white stripes on their wings. Female black-tailed godwits are bigger than their male counterparts, with a slightly longer beak – perhaps to help them avoid competing with each other for food.



Their scientific name – *limosa limosa* – actually translates from Latin as 'muddy muddy', and at low tide they like to feed in groups with other

black-tailed godwits – you will see them stabbing their bills up and down in the wet mud like the needles on a sewing machine.

The end of godwit's bill is flexible to help them feel around for tasty worms. At high tide they roost together in big groups: they are particularly keen on saltmarsh and shingle islands as they feel safe and well away from any predators.

To find out more about the Solent's migratory birds, visit the Bird Aware Solent website: www.birdaware.org/solent



HAMBLE PLAYERS



Well, as expected, the pantomime tickets sold faster than a blink of an eye (or nearly!). Within a week we were completely sold out and this year too we have added an extra performance. We have a waiting list to cover returns or illness so if you wish to be considered, please call the Box Office on 02380 440660. You may be lucky.

At the end of March, we will be presenting a ghost story called 'The Exorcism' by Don Taylor. This ghost story is unlike others. It's something that will sit with you after it has finished and have you questioning what type of person you are. The director Olly says that his interpretation of the ending will leave a lasting impression. All very intriguing. A reading of this play will take place on Monday 13 November in the Rear Hall of the Memorial Hall at 7pm. This would be a golden opportunity if you wish to audition or join the Players in any capacity.

Our new website hambleplayers.co.uk is full of information should you wish to contact us or find out more. The programme for 2024 is full of interesting plays and evenings. In January, there will be an opportunity to come to our new members' evening if you would prefer to see what we get up to.

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HOCKEY FOR ALL AGES!

Looking to become part of a fun, energetic team sport in Hamble?

Why not enjoy a free trial at Hamble Hockey Club? Based at Hamble Secondary School, we have players ranging from 6-70 years young!

Hamble Hockey Club has been part of the local community in Hamble, Southampton since 1958 and has built a reputation as a welcoming, affordable, and family focused club.

We welcome all levels and abilities, even if you're new to the sport or haven't played since school. As of the 2023/2024 season, we are proud to have three Men's and two Ladies' teams across a range of abilities, plus a thriving Youth Section which has produced some of Hampshire's most talented players.

Training for our Adult section is held weekly on a Wednesday evening from 6.30-8.30pm. Youth Section training is on a Sunday morning from 10-12 (September – April).

Matches are generally on Saturdays, and these aren't compulsory – you can join just the training if you wish.

Drop us a line to hamblehockey@gmail.com to let us know you're coming so that we can get a stick ready for you to train with.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hamble Hockey Club!



HAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL: KINDNESS, RESPECT, INCLUSIVITY

"The values of kindness and respect lie at the heart of this truly inclusive school."

This is the opening line in the Ofsted report published in July for Hamble Primary School, and we are incredibly proud and pleased with the outcome of the inspection. It had been 4 years since the previous inspection and in that time we have gone through Covid-19, a change in school leadership and have seen many new pupils join our school. We are delighted that the report from Ofsted reflects all the hard work the staff have put in as well as how settled, happy, and safe the children are attending Hamble Primary.

This was a full graded inspection, so all areas of the school were looked at and we achieved a rating of Outstanding in the areas of Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes, and the Early Years Foundation Stage. The overall grading of the school was Good. If you would like to read the full report, it can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3Q1yWPR>



We have seen a positive start to the new school year, and I am looking forward to sharing more news about your local Primary School in upcoming Parish newsletters.

Claire Hewitt, Headteacher

HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

Christmas is just around the corner, and we have a treat lined up for you.

Our December open meeting is a demonstration by Kent demonstrator and 2019 Flower Arranger of the Year Robin White thrilling us with his 'Floral Festivities'. It's always a very enjoyable afternoon with the chance to win one of his designs in the raffle. And with mince pies, warm mulled wine, or tea/coffee included in your ticket price, it's great value for money. Priced at only £15 per person why not add us to your Christmas?

COMMUNITY UPDATE

THE MERCURY LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB

As many of you will know, we have a thriving quilling group here at The Hub, and in addition to this, our younger members also meet once a month.



Irene, our talented teacher, attended the National Quilling Guild Competition recently and I'm thrilled to announce that, in the 10 to 14 age category, Chloe and Darcey won 1st and 2nd places! Look at their lovely work – we are very proud of them, well done.

The Hub continues to offer a wide variety of activities to all ages. Following on from the half term storytelling and craft sessions, we hope to put on a Christmas workshop for the children where they will have the opportunity to create some lovely festive goodies.



All ages welcome – there will be something for them all. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details or take a look at our posters.

On Wednesday 15 November, the Blue Lamp Trust are returning to The Hub from 10.30am to 11.30am to give a talk on cyber-crime. They are a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and enhancing safety throughout Hampshire and the IOW.

This will be very informative as this is an area of concern for many people. This is a free event so please come along and find out more. Keep an eye out for more information on a creative writing course that we are planning to run. This will be led by a qualified expert and should prove to be very exciting. Always lots to do at The Hub so come and join us.



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two main meals for the price of one*

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t: 02380 455595 w: www.gaffrigger.co.uk**

COMMUNITY UPDATE

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

We are very pleased with the volunteer turnout this autumn which has enabled us to tackle some major tasks for Hamble Parish and Eastleigh Borough Councils.

Those who walk regularly on Hamble Common will have noticed that we are making significant inroads into the bracken and general scrub that tends to overwhelm everything else. Most of you will be aware that a Common is not a natural feature and would become overgrown if left unattended. Hopefully a combination of our efforts along with grazing cows will keep this rare historic feature accessible to people and wildlife.



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 at philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com or 07810 453138.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES


December: Monday 20 November
February: Monday 15 January

Would you like to contribute or advertise in the newsletter? Please get in touch by emailing danielle@smartmarketinguk.com

HAMBLE CLUB FC

@SO31 4BU

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ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

Christmas Fayre 2023

Saturday 4th November 10am-3pm



STALL HOLDERS FOR 2023

- Annie with Alex
- Beau Bangles
- Chart Art/Living by the Seaside
- Club Belts
- Desert Diamonds
- DeQi Nikky Marlow
- Drinks Kitchen
- Emma Darlington clothing
- Flamingo Paperie cards
- Godminster Cheese
- Malthouse
- Mary Fry Chocolates
- Me Encanta Jewellery
- Silk Treasures
- Summerdown Mint
- The Fabulous Fruit Company
- The Glove Box
- The Right Kit
- Time2Garden
- Wicked London
- Wiltshire Beekeeper
- Vicktoria - Ukrainian Artist
- Vishana clothing

2023 Charities

- Southampton Hospitals Charity
- Hamble Lifeboat

For one day in November Club Members transform the Clubhouse into a busy marketplace, bar and café. The Fayre attracts over 500 people who come to take part in our charity fundraising activities, buy gifts from the stalls that sell a range of interesting quality wares and enjoy the Club's spectacular riverside setting. Local shops and businesses donate prizes for the popular Wheel of Fortune. We have dedicated parking for visitors.

If you would like more information about the Fayre then please contact ladiescommittee@royal-southern.co.uk or Ring 023 8045 0300

Royal Southern Yacht Club • Rope Walk • Hamble • SO31 4HB

Entrance £3

COMMUNITY UPDATE

KEEP PETS CALM THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

Many animals find fireworks very worrying. Owners will often see their pets struggling, either frozen with fear or, in the most dangerous circumstances – bolting, rearing up or charging fences.

In situations like these, it's hard to know how to react or what to do. This is particularly true if you're a new pet parent.

However, if you're one of the 69% of UK adults taking measures to help relax or prepare your pets, horses and livestock for firework season, here are some helpful hints and tips from the RSPCA that will help.

Keeping Dogs Calm:

- Walk your dog during daylight hours to avoid times when fireworks are likely to be set off.
- Move your dog to a 'safe haven' each evening before the fireworks begin. Provide toys and other things that they enjoy in the safe haven.
- Make sure there are things for you to do too, so your dog isn't left alone.
- Close windows and curtains to muffle the sound of fireworks. Blackout your doggy safe haven, so they can't see any flashes outside.
- Put on some music or TV to mask the firework sounds.
- Ignore the firework noises yourself. Play with a toy to see if your dog wants to join in, but don't force them to play.



Keeping Cats Calm:

- Provide hiding places in your home, such as under furniture or a quiet corner.
- Don't stress your cat by trying to tempt them out. Leave them until they're ready.
- Keep them indoors to avoid them becoming stressed.
- Microchip your cats in case they're startled and escape outside.



Keeping Small Animals Calm:

- Partly cover outside cages and pens with blankets so it's soundproofed and hidden, leaving an area for animals to look out.
- Provide bedding for small animals to burrow in.
- Consider bringing them indoors – this will need to be done gradually, so plan ahead.



How you can help reduce the impact of fireworks on animals

If you want to enjoy fireworks, you can make them less frightening for animals in the following ways:

- Going to an organised event will reduce the number of fireworks disturbing animals.
- Look for low-noise fireworks, and let your neighbours know well in advance so animals including horses and livestock, can be prepared.
- Never set off fireworks near livestock, as frightened animals – especially horses – can injure themselves when frightened.
- Fireworks can also disturb wildlife so steer clear of known habitats like lakes with waterfowl and trees with roosting birds.
- Check bonfires for wildlife before lighting as animals like hedgehogs may be hibernating.

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PUMPKINS AFTER HALLOWEEN

Reduce food waste and help wildlife with these eco-friendly ideas to make the most of your pumpkin.

Eat the seeds

After removing the seeds from your pumpkin, rinse them, drizzle with oil and season with your favourite spices, then roast for a healthy snack or a crunchy topping for soups and salads.

Cook the pieces of pumpkin you carve out

All those triangles we cut out of our pumpkins to give them their scary faces can be saved and added to your dinner. Just place any scraps of pumpkin into a bowl in your fridge, then season and roast them. Add to pasta, risotto, stir-fry, or whatever you're having for dinner!

Compost your pumpkin

Turn your leftover pumpkin into nutrient rich compost. Make sure you chop up the pumpkin before adding it to your compost bin, to help it break down.

Make a pumpkin bird feeder

Cut the top off your pumpkin, turning it into a bowl, then add bird seed. Hang with twine and enjoy watching the birds. Compost the remaining pumpkin afterwards.

Bury your pumpkin

You can bury your pumpkin directly in the soil to break down and provide nutrients for your garden. Cutting the pumpkin up first will help it to break down faster. Make sure you have removed the seeds before burying, or you may end up with your own pumpkin patch next autumn!

What not to do with your leftover pumpkin

Please don't leave your pumpkins in woodland or other local green spaces. Although some wildlife may enjoy eating pumpkin, it can make other animals very sick and could also spread disease.

Leaving your pumpkin in the street or in your garden until it rots will attract pests. As soon as your pumpkin starts to rot you must dispose of it properly.



UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at the Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council

Monday 13 November
7pm

Planning Committee

Monday 27 November
7pm

Asset Management Committee

Monday 6 November
7pm

Bonfire Pie Night 2 November 6pm – 9pm

At The River Rat

Hamble Club FC Fireworks Night 3 November Gates Open 6pm

At Hamble Club FC SO31 4BU
Entry: Adults £4.50, children
£3.50. No parking on site

Royal Southern Yacht Club Christmas Fayre 4 November 10am – 3pm

At The Royal Southern Yacht
Club. Entry: £3

Beaujolais Nouveau Day 16 November 11am – 4pm

At The Bugle

Artists and Makers Christmas Fair 25 November 10.30am – 3.30pm

At Royal Victoria Country Park

Peter Rabbit's Festive Adventure 25 November – 1 January 2024

At Royal Victoria Country Park.
Early bird tickets £7

Christmas Festival 26 November 11am – 4pm

At The Brickworks Museum
Entry: Adults £9.50, children
free

Wessex Sinfonietta 26 November 3.30pm – 5.30pm

At Royal Victoria Country Park.
Entry: Adults £15, children £1
(18 and under)

Walk & Talk Hamble 29 November 10.30am – 11.30am

Meet At The Mercury Hub