



Hamble in Bloom (Foreshore and Lavender photos by Mark Cowley)

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## WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

Since writing my last 'Welcome from the Chair' at the end of March, the clocks have changed – and what a difference it has made! The longer, brighter evenings and the arrival of spring has brought new life to our green spaces and Foreshore, and it's great to see the Estates team members out and about, maintaining our village assets for us all to enjoy. Please do give them a wave or say hello if you see them around Hamble.

I'd particularly like to thank Estates Team members Mark and Altin, Helen our Clerk, and Councillor Underdown for their efforts in improving our rights of way in recent weeks. The work they've undertaken on the right of way from Beech Close to the beach promises to make a huge difference to the flooding issues we've experienced there.

In April's newsletter, we provided information on the May elections, and how you could put yourself forward to become a Hamble Parish Councillor. Unfortunately, no new nominations were received, and with the retirement of some of the members of the 2023/24 Council, it means that we currently have 8 Councillors for 2024/25. This is not ideal – the purpose of having a Council of 12 people is that you have a broad base of experience and perspectives to draw upon when representing the village – and so we will be looking to co-opt the four vacancies in the next few weeks (see page 3). If you would like to contribute to making Hamble a better place to live and work, this is your opportunity. Don't be a keyboard warrior – volunteer a few hours a month to getting involved and having a say in decisions that affect us all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank departing Councillors Andy Thompson, Anita Dann, and Rebecca Butler for their time and efforts on the Council. Andy in particular has served Hamble

for many years on both the Full Council and the Assets and Planning Committees and has contributed significantly to the village and community. He has volunteered to continue assisting the parish however he can in an unofficial capacity in the future, for which we are all grateful.

The time has come again for our Annual Parish Meeting (see the back cover) which is your opportunity to come and ask questions of your Council, and to raise issues and ideas for the Council to consider over the next year. We'd love to see as many of you at the meeting as possible – we have several projects which we will be exploring in the next 12 months, and for which we would value your feedback and involvement. For example, as a Council, we are keen to explore how we can improve the youth and pre-school provision in Hamble because we understand that this is an area which may need more consideration and resource. We'd also like to discuss how best to introduce a Community Recognition Award for the village and would welcome your thoughts on how best to implement this. The Mount Pleasant redevelopment project is likely to be a significant area of focus for the Council in the coming years, and so we need your input on how you would like this space to serve the community. There is so much to discuss – please attend so you can be part of these discussions.

The one area where there is very little happening right now is the Hamble Airfield planning application. We have no further updates to share, and still await the date of the Regulatory Committee meeting at which the application will be decided. We'll update you as soon as we know more.

**Chris Jones,**  
Chair

## PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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## SUCCESSFUL RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT

A longstanding problem with flooding on the popular right of way from Beech Close to the beach has been addressed thanks to a grant obtained from Hampshire County Council. A stream in an underground culvert that crossed the right of way often in wet weather could not cope, causing it to flood. It was then only passable to the public in wellington boots.

The Parish Council successfully sought a grant from the Countryside Access Parish Delivery Partnership for the materials and it was fortunate that the only two rangers in the West Hampshire Team, experienced and hardworking Adam and Jake, undertook the work with the assistance of the Parish Council's staff Mark and Altin. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved including the neighbours of this right of way for their co-operation to enable this work to be successfully completed.

There was some left-over material that enabled the Parish Council staff to improve a frequently flooded area on the right of way along the edge of the former airfield adjacent to the College Playing Fields and for

the Hampshire Team to resurface a well-used right of way on Westfield Common.

The Parish Council always endeavours to improve Hamble's right of ways for the public's benefit and undertakes an inspection of them and reports the problems to Hampshire County Council at least once a year. If you notice a problem, please report it online to: <https://bit.ly/3xMkjKM>



Please note there are many other footpaths in Hamble such as those provided as a result of planning conditions for new developments, permissive footpaths, and special recreational routes (i.e., the Rail Trail) that are not rights of ways and problems with these should be reported to the appropriate organisation/owner.



Before the works



After the works

# CO-OPTION NOTICE

## CO-OPTION NOTICE DUE TO UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Hamble Parish Council  
Vacancy for 4 (Four) Councillors

1. There are FOUR vacancies on the above Council following an uncontested election on 02 May 2024.
2. The vacancies will be filled by co-option at a Council meeting to be held on Monday 10 June 2024.
3. Applications are invited and should be sent in writing to the Clerk at the address below before 12.00hrs on Monday 03 June 2024.
4. To obtain an application form please contact the Parish Clerk, email [clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk) or visit the Parish Council Website.
5. A copy of this Notice has been sent to the Returning Officer at Eastleigh Borough Council: Returning Officer, Eastleigh Borough Council, Eastleigh House, Upper Market Street, Eastleigh SO50 9YN

Signed: H Robinson Dated: 16.04.24

The Clerk to Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council  
The Memorial Hall  
2 High Street  
Hamble-le-Rice  
SO31 4JE

## COULD YOU HELP US MAKE HAMBLE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK?

Do you have skills and insights you want to share? Do you enjoy being part of a team – helping to get things done?

We currently have four vacancies on the Council and invite applications from Hamble residents who would like to get involved and help represent the views of our village.

If you have a few hours to spare each month and would like to contribute to your community, why not consider becoming a Councillor?

The time commitment is typically at least 5 hours a month and more depending on how much you want to get involved. Importantly you are joining a team and should enjoy working with other people – including other councillors, the staff team, residents, and other organisations.

The deadline for applications is midday on 3 June 2024, and you can find more information here: <https://bit.ly/3Umbroj>



If shortlisted, you will be invited to the Full Council meeting at 7pm on Monday 10 June 2024 where the Council will select the candidates.

## PREPARE FOR THE MAY ELECTIONS

Are you prepared for the Elections this May?

Voting at polling stations has now changed. You will now need to bring an accepted form of photo ID.

Eastleigh Borough Council have put together an informative video of how voting will work on the 2 May. You can watch it here: <https://bit.ly/3PBODjo>



If you have registered for the postal vote, this means that you can have your say at the elections on 2 May, even if you can't get to your local polling station.





# COUNCIL LED NEWS CONTINUED

## RANGER'S REMARKS

Hello again, Hamble habitants.

I'd really like to invent an air freshener that's controlled by your mind... it makes scents when you think about it!

With the passing of the equinox (Sunday 20 March) spring is definitely in the air. As the days get longer and warmer, the countryside starts to burst into life. This is the time of bees, buds, and blossom, and loads of beautiful daffodils.

Pretty pink or creamy white blossom is one of the first signs of spring. As fruiting trees rely on insects for pollination, their flowers tend to be showy, colourful, and sweet-smelling to signal that nectar is available.

Many of the daffodils you'll notice around the village were planted by the Estates team at Hamble Parish Council. Our longest serving Estates team member Altin Fejzo says that from now until Halloween it's all cut, cut, cut as the grass springs into life and is in regular need of a trim to keep the green spaces looking their best.

Due to the wet weather so far this year, it has been very challenging to manage and keep on top of Hamble's green spaces. We have a total of 12 sites to mow and the amount of wet rainy days we have experienced has caused areas to become waterlogged, boggy, and unable to be cut in the normal routine and time frame. Hopefully the weather will soon become more settled and allow us to give the grass a more regular haircut.



The hedges will also need a little haircut here and there, but obviously just a tickle and nothing too drastic during the nesting season.

Altin and I completed a tree inspection course in April, which covered basic survey and inspection guidance, to highlight the principles of tree hazard assessment and management. The purpose of the training was to help us as a team recognise hazardous trees and the levels of risk as part of our other duties, so that we can then

confidently report any trees that appear to be unstable to a professional arborist.

At this time of year, the football season has usually come to an end so the pitch marking equipment can be fully cleaned, checked for wear and tear, and stored away.

During this time, I'm often mindful of when I used to coach a football team many years ago. My dad was always on hand with useful advice like "Make sure you have plenty of TicTacs at the ready before a match!". On reflection, I think I got muddled and he must have actually said 'tactics', which would explain my team's poor performance and my own weight management issues!

We have a new member of staff on the Estates team who joined us in March. His name is Steve, and he is a Hamble resident who loves walking his dog Basil around the village. He also has a boat stored at Hamble Point and loves to get out on the water whenever he can.

Be sure to say hi or give him a wave if you see him working with the rest of the Estates team around the village.

Until next time...

Mark Cowley, Estates Ranger

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## ANIMAL WELFARE AND LICENSING POLICY

Eastleigh Borough Council is proposing an Animal Welfare and Licensing Policy, along with a Public Space Protection Order for the control of dog fouling.

Proposals include £100 fines for those who don't clean up after their dogs, and the policy makes clear the responsibilities of owners surrounding the care and protection of animals.

Share your thoughts through their online survey, which will remain open until 11.59pm on Monday 6 May:  
<https://bit.ly/3TskLPe>



# COUNCIL LED NEWS CONTINUED

## CHANGES TO PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

From April 2024, the new Parish Council office opening hours are as follows:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 9am – 1pm
- Wednesday: 12noon – 5pm
- Thursday: 12noon – 5pm
- Friday: 9am – 1pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

You can also phone the office and leave a message on 023 8045 3422. Appointments can be made by prior arrangement, outside of opening hours.

## FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SUSPENDED

We have been advised by Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) that the Friday night football sessions at Hamble have been suspended with immediate effect. This is due to the company delivering the sessions, Active Me 360, cancelling the Service Level Agreement with the Council.

EBC's sports development team is in the process of identifying new providers, but this may take some time to mobilise.

We do not currently have any further information, but will update you via the Council website, social media feeds, and noticeboards when we know more.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the Society's last meeting, those present enjoyed Ian Underdown's well-illustrated and fascinating talk about the 'Amazing Story of Hamble Regattas'.

The first known regatta held at Hamble was in 1868 and it was the Hamble River Regatta that involved all the villages on the river. In the 1870s it was a very large event in the area with royalty attending and visitors from far afield.

As well as sailing and rowing races there were 'sides aching with laughter' events such as walking a greasy pole for the prize of a live pig at the end and live ducks being cast adrift on the water for boys to swim after.

The Hamble River Regatta continued at Hamble until the end of the 1950s and included events such as shovel or hand propelled dinghy races and an aquatic water derby. At the end of the 1930s the 'Fools Company' was putting on huge novelty events such as the Crabtown Circus and a bull fight on the Quay.

In the 1960s the regatta became the Hamble Regatta and Carnival that included blindfold rowing races and boat tug of wars, plus school children sports, a donkey derby, barbeques, and floodlight sailing ballets. Very



Hamble Regatta, 1932.

popular amusing novelty events were the Drumaran World Championship raft race, riding a bike along a plank and pillow fights on greasy poles.

In 1997 Hamble Week started, with the intention that this would be a similar regatta to Cowes and Cork Week. Again, it was a huge event attracting large numbers from the surrounding area. One of the highlights of the week was the spectacular Soap Box Derby. The last Hamble Week and regatta was held in 2011.

Ian concluded by showing pictures of the fun fair and fireworks that usually ended most Hamble regattas. Afterwards a few people in the audience said they were trying to restart a regatta at Hamble again this year. Hopefully they will be successful!

# COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

## THE MERCURY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

We hope you all enjoyed looking at the Easter window display; there were a lot of hand knitted chicks and handmade eggs, all beautifully arranged to make another picture-perfect window. Keep an eye out for our next one!

On 12 April, Shirley held another of her story telling sessions for the children. These are always very well received and, in addition to a great story, the children love to join in the craft activities.

Talking about craft activities, we held a special Easter craft session and, as always, this was very well attended.

Look at the lovely shell mobile made by one of the children! These proved to be very popular with the grown-ups as well, and lots of gardens in Hamble will be adorned with these this summer, I'm sure. With numerous pom poms and bird boxes made, and eggs decorated, we were all kept very busy.



We are currently planning our next coffee morning in support of a local group. Your support is always much appreciated as the money raised goes to a worthy cause. More information on this to follow.

Unfortunately, the Citizens Advice Bureau will no longer be holding drop-in sessions at The Mercury. We would like to thank them for all of the help and advice that they have given to many of you during their time with us.

Could we politely ask that no book donations are left outside The Hub when we are closed. In addition to blocking the entrance, we need to check the quality and suitability of books before we accept them. Thank you.

Old and new member are always welcome, so please come along and say hello to our great team of volunteers. Without them, The Hub couldn't exist.

## 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.

Do come and check out the Club at our Open Evening on Tuesday 11 June, 6-8 pm, where you can view the premises, meet some members, and try out a game if you wish.

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 dependency on weather conditions and no chasing the ball when you hit it out, like there is in tennis.

For beginners and improvers, we have a qualified squash coach who is ready to run light-hearted group training sessions on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. For parents of children attending Sea Scouts next door to the squash court, we have introduced a 'Stay and Play' scheme for just £6 per session.

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 Squash Club car park. We are keen to grow our community and membership and to make more use of the club facilities. Membership costs just £45 a year for single people, £70 for a family.

See <https://bit.ly/49GvQIU> for more information or email Sharon Hoey: [hamblesquashclub1@gmail.com](mailto:hamblesquashclub1@gmail.com).



We look forward to seeing you on 11 June!

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

**June: Monday 20 May**

**July: Monday 17 June**

**August: No edition printed this month**

**September: 19 August**

Would you like to contribute or advertise in the newsletter? Please get in touch by emailing [danielle@smartmarketinguk.com](mailto:danielle@smartmarketinguk.com)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

On Tuesday 9 May, Mark Scovell from The Blue Lamp Trust's Bobby Scheme came along to a packed Priory Centre to explain what the 'Bobby Scheme' is all about.



He explained that they are a registered charity which provides a FREE home safety and security survey to assess the work needed to make a home safe and secure. They fit a broad range of equipment, including door and window locks, spy holes, window alarms, door chains, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide alarms.

This service is available to over 60's, vulnerable people, burglary victims (of the home, shed or garden), victims of domestic abuse, and anyone who is the victim of anti-social behaviour on their property. All it takes is a phone call to make an appointment for one of their representatives to make a home visit who will then assess the property and advise what they think needs doing to make it safer. Anything that is recommended will be carried out completely free of charge (with your agreement). Mark jokingly said that a nice 'cuppa' and slice of homemade cake is always welcome!

Mark's talk was very interesting, also explaining that there are two things that they make a charge for. These are the fitting of a Supra C500 Key Safe which is a Police-preferred model (£55), and a Ring Doorbell (£90 for the equipment and fitting) which operates through wi-fi and your mobile phone so you can talk to whoever is at the door without opening the door.

Another successful meeting with so many of our members coming along to spend the afternoon with us.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14 May at 2pm when we have Belinda Heyer coming along to the Old Priory Centre to show us how she has transformed her garden and to talk us through how she did it.

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## UPDATE FROM HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB

We welcomed Rosemary Legrand to the club in April, who gave an interesting talk on Spring in Japan. Unfortunately, due to IT issues she was unable to show accompanying photos but will come back next year to do so.

We also held our first in house competition for the Christine Wright Award which is a new initiative and members bought along some fantastic Easter designs.



Points are awarded for the three favourites and tallied up at the end of our year when the award will be presented to the member with the most points accrued over the year. The photo above shows the winning designs this month.

The meeting on 13 May will include a demonstration by Carolyn Vanstone (entry cost: members £5, visitors £8). Members can also enter the second in house competition of the year, and the theme will be 'Birthday Surprise' – we look forward to seeing more beautiful designs.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 1.30pm at Hamble Memorial Hall and welcome all visitors to our meetings. Why not come along and see if it's something that you would like to join and participate in throughout the year? There are always refreshments available and a raffle too.

If you would like to know more about our meetings, or view photos of demonstrations, take a look at our Facebook or Instagram pages – just search for Hamble-le-Rice Flower Club. As we are affiliated to NAFAS there are lots of other events we get involved with too.

You can email us at [info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com) for more details.

Rosie Skeats, Chairman

## DIRTY DUSTING FROM HAMBLE PLAYERS!



Tickets are now on sale for our next play 'Dirty Dusting' directed by Tim Hughes (9-13 July 2024).

Just go to [www.hambleplayers.co.uk](http://www.hambleplayers.co.uk) or direct to [www.hambleplayers.com/ticketsource](http://www.hambleplayers.com/ticketsource). Seats can also be booked and purchased by phoning the Box Office on 02380 440660.



This funny play does have adult themes so not really suitable for younger children. It will be a very enjoyable night out with lots of laughter. One not to be missed!

There will be a read through of this year's pantomime The Snow Queen on Thursday 9 May at 7pm in the Rear Hall of the Memorial Hall. The auditions will be held later in the month on Thursday 30 May, same time, same place.

If you are interested in performing in this production but are unavailable for both those dates, please contact us through our website. All are welcome.

The play to be performed in September is 'Boeing Boeing' and has already been cast. This is a comedy play involving lots of doors. A real farce! More information to follow next month.

Hamble Players is a very active group, but we always like to welcome new members. Do contact us if you wish to be part of this group whether as an actor, a technician, a carpenter, or a tea lady!



# COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

## HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Our attempts to repair paths have been hindered by poor weather and exceptionally high tides so far this year. We will continue with our efforts regardless since damaged paths make our exceptionally rare environment inaccessible to some and encourage others to leave the paths, thereby disturbing wildlife.

We are delighted with the high turnout of volunteers so far this year which has enabled us to tackle some sizeable tasks but there is always space for more should you care to join us.



Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and notice boards posted around the Common. Please note that we meet on Mondays at 10am; the meeting place for the Parish tasks is at the Roy Underdown Pavilion at SO31 4RN whereas beach cleans and Eastleigh tasks currently meet at the Hamble Point car park while the School Lane car park is unavailable.

If you would like to know more about us please either:

- Visit [www.hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk) or;
- Contact Philip Rawlinson:
  - [philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com](mailto:philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com)
  - 07810 453138



## FREE BOTTLE OF HOUSE WINE WHEN FOUR PERSONS DINE FOR SUNDAY LUNCH\*

\* Four persons must order a traditional Sunday roast from our main menu. Valid Sundays throughout May 2024. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Please present this voucher to validate.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**HAMBLE SQUASH CLUB**

## OPEN EVENING

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## UPDATE FROM ST. ANDREW'S

It was lovely to see so many people visit St Andrew's over the Easter period, including many new faces. We hope that some of you will become regular churchgoers in the coming months.

Our regular services are on Sundays at 10am and Thursdays (also at 10am). Full details of any extra services and events can be found on our website: <https://www.standrewshamble.co.uk/>

Over the next few weeks, the clock in the church tower will be stopped to allow restoration work and the fitting of an electric motor to wind the clock automatically. This will relieve the necessary manual winding of the clock every week, a job that for the past 20 years or so has been done by a very enthusiastic regular member of the congregation. He wishes to remain anonymous but has our thanks and admiration. It is a job needing a lot of muscle with one of the lead weights being 1 cwt (50.5kg) and the other 2 cwt. (101kg). As you will probably guess, this work is costing a lot of money with most of it being raised by the friends of St Andrew's at their various events throughout the year. All donations to the cost are very gratefully received so if you would like to donate to this precious piece of the history of Hamble, please visit our website or come to a service and make a donation via the collection.

## HAMBLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

### WE NEED MORE DRIVERS! CAN YOU HELP?

Hamble Good Neighbours is a group of local people, all volunteers, who offer a helping hand to Hamble Residents. We are part of the county wide Good Neighbours Network.

[goodneighbours.org.uk](http://goodneighbours.org.uk)

We provide transport to local people who are unable to use public transport to get to hospitals, doctors, dentists and other medical related appointments.

Going to a medical appointment can be a very anxious time for anyone; we aim to reduce this by taking people to the door, waiting with them and bringing them home again. Our ethos is to support people to maintain their independence as much as possible.

We are always looking for volunteer drivers. You can volunteer regularly or just occasionally when convenient to you.

**All you need is a willingness to help, a full clean driving licence and access to a car**

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**Please contact 0845 6430371**

**[hamblegncoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:hamblegncoordinator@gmail.com)**

## HAMBLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS



# COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED



## WILDLIFE AWARE WATERSPORTS: BIRD AWARE SOLENT

It's been over a year since we launched our 'wildlife aware watersports' initiative with its unique interactive map. It's proved to be one of our most popular pages on our website.

Ranger Richie is continuing to raise awareness of the needs of wildlife among the watersports community and, with their help, he'll also be extending the map's resources to cover the entire Solent coastline.

Here's Richie's account of the project so far:

"The waters where we paddle and surf are essential habitats for wildlife, and disturbances to our coastal birds are often unintentional, stemming from a lack of awareness.

Through our map and wildlife-aware paddle and wind sport guides, we aim to support individuals and communities to make choices that benefit both

themselves and the environment. This map, which will eventually cover the whole Solent coast, has become a crucial tool in spreading our message within watersports communities.

Not only does the map mark those sensitive areas that are so important for wildlife, but it is a great tool for watersports enthusiasts.

It highlights wildlife friendly launch points, parking, facilities, and cafes, as well as suggested routes for paddling. We want the watersport community to enjoy their sport in a wildlife aware way, and so the map has been created with that in mind.

By adjusting our behaviour – keeping an eye out for birds, giving them space when they seem alert, and following signs and requests – we can help our coastal birds not just survive, but thrive."

Find out more about our wildlife aware watersports project: <https://bit.ly/3JteDI9>



## UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 8 May  
7.30pm

#### Full Council Meeting

Monday 13 May  
7pm

#### Planning Committee

Monday 20 May  
7pm

#### Asset Management Committee

Monday 3 June  
7pm

### Hamble Spring Market 4 May 10am – 3pm

At the Foreshore Car Park,  
Hamble.

### Early May Bank Holiday 6 May

### Walk and Talk 22 May 10.30am

Meet at The Mercury Library.



### Simon Says Charity Football Match 25 May 10am – 4pm

Tickets £5 per person, under 16s go free.



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### The Big Eat 25 – 27 May

At Royal Victoria Country Park.  
Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 8pm  
Monday: 10am – 6pm



### Mayfest At The Museum 26 May 11am – 4pm

At Bursledon Brickworks.

### Spring Bank Holiday 27 May

### Hamble Primary School Half Term 27 – 31 May



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## Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 8 May - 7.30pm Rear Hall of Hamble Memorial Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for Hamble residents to have a say on anything you consider to be valuable to the people in the parish. The Parish Council Chair will also provide an update on Parish Council activities over the last year.

If you are a Hamble elector, you can contribute to the agenda, ask questions of Councillors, make suggestions, and comment on anything pertinent to the parish at this meeting. Your involvement will be welcomed and is the purpose of this meeting.

### Here are a few areas and ideas that the Council is considering for 2024/25:

- Provision of pre-school and other youth facilities in Hamble
- The future of sports in Hamble
- The future of Mount Pleasant – how you would like to see this space used
- Environmental impacts
- And anything else that you would like to discuss with Councillors and fellow residents



If you have ideas that you would like to discuss, please submit your suggestions at: <https://hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting> before midnight on 30 April 2024. We will publish the final agenda on our website, social media, and noticeboards once we have received your suggestions.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting!

N.B. Given that there are unlikely to be any significant updates regarding the Hamble Airfield planning application before this meeting, we do not anticipate that it will be a subject for discussion at this time.

