



Roy Underdown Pavilion Line Painting (from Groundsman Mark Cowley), Horses Before and After (photos supplied by Councillor Ian Underdown)
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WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

It seems like only yesterday I was writing my last piece for the Hamble Village Newsletter, looking forward to the summer ahead. Yet here we are, with September upon us already! While it may not have been the long, hot summer we've enjoyed in previous years, it was lovely to see so many residents and visitors enjoying the Foreshore and our green spaces, which are so well looked after by our dedicated grounds team and Hamble Conservation Volunteers.

Sadly, a small minority of visitors chose not to respect our village and assets, deciding instead to be destructive, and vandalising the Foreshore toilets, the Hamble lifeboat and the Pink Ferry. Following a reduction in anti-social behaviour over recent years, it was incredibly disappointing to see a return to this level of damage. We are working closely with Operation Aquatic (which includes the Police, Coastguard, Hamble Lifeboat, and other key organisations) to identify what can be done to discourage this level of anti-social behaviour in the future.

Looking forward, Hamble Valley Regatta (the family fun regatta previously known as the Bursledon Regatta) arrives in Hamble on 7-8 September and promises to be a fantastic weekend of entertainment for us all. The fun element of the Regatta will this year be held on the green on the Southern Quay (Hamble Foreshore), and the theme is 'D-Day: the 80th Anniversary'. Not to be missed!

As a Council, we do not meet in August, but in the absence of a formal meeting, the Clerk and Council team have been working on the Mount Pleasant redevelopment project.

The first phase of this project relates to the refurbishment of the play area, and we are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the work. Thank you to all those who have provided feedback on the play area; we'll be coming back to you this month with a few more detailed questions about the type of equipment you'd like to see. We also hope to liaise with some of the local children to get their input into the themes/colours of the new play park. I was amazed at the variety of options available now for children's play areas!

We understand that many of you have an interest in what happens in the community but are not always available to join our Full Council meetings. To bridge this gap, we intend to record short 1-2 minute videos after each of these meetings, summarising the key matters discussed. The first video was recorded after July's meeting, and you can find it on our YouTube channel. Please let me know your thoughts!

Finally, we have two new Councillors – Serena Alexander and Nick O'Donnell – who were co-opted onto the Council at July's Full Council meeting. We are all very much looking forward to working with you both.

There is still one remaining Councillor vacancy which we need to fill, so if you live or work in Hamble and are keen to make a positive difference to the village, please do take a look at our website to apply: <https://bit.ly/3Umbroj>. The deadline for applications is 5 September.

Chris Jones,
Chair



PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE: FLY TIPPING IN HAMBLE

Fly-tipping is an illegal activity which affects many areas in Hampshire, including Hamble. It refers to the illegal disposal of waste onto land that doesn't have a licence to accept it and can include anything from household and garden waste to larger items like furniture, appliances, and construction debris.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, fly-tipping is a criminal offence. Those caught fly-tipping can face unlimited fines, up to 5 years in prison, and the seizure of vehicles involved.

Illegal dumping not only harms our environment but also places a financial burden on our community for cleanup costs. It can lead to pollution, pose health hazards, and detract from the beauty of our local area.

What Can You Do?

- Use local recycling centres and waste disposal services – our nearest recycling centre is in Grange Road, Netley (SO31 5FF)
- Report any instances of fly-tipping to Eastleigh Borough Council via <https://bit.ly/4eIQY5f>



Let's work together to keep Hamble clean and beautiful!

Thank you for your cooperation.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT MOUNT PLEASANT NOW INSTALLED

The defibrillator at Mount Pleasant has now been installed and is available for use. Our thanks to local business, Abrahams Electrical Services, whose owner Dave installed the machine free of charge.

If you need to find your nearest defibrillator at any time, please go to: <https://www.defibfinder.uk/> - the National Defibrillator Network ('The Circuit').



LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HIRE?

Look no further! Roy Underdown Pavilion is an ideal space for children's parties, team building days, interviews, training sessions, meetings, family gatherings, corporate events, and community groups.

The cost of hire is just £20 per hour for the first hour and £18 per hour thereafter, and a refundable deposit of £50 is all we need to secure the booking. All day sessions are booked in 4-hour slots.

Visit the Parish Council website to check out availability, make a provisional booking and read the terms and conditions.



Roy Underdown Pavilion Available for Hire!

- Children's Parties
- Meetings
- Corporate Events
- Community Groups

To Book,
Call 023 8045 3422

ACCESSIBILITY & PARKING THROUGHOUT HAMBLE

Councillor Dann is currently undertaking a project to identify pathways and roads around Hamble where accessibility is restricted, due to overgrown hedges or bushes, uneven paths, and the lack (or incorrect placement) of dropped kerbs. If you would like to contribute to this project, please report any issues with accessibility on our paths or roads via the 'Report an Issue' form on our website, making sure to mention the road/path on which the problem can be found: <https://bit.ly/3Luov6b>



To keep our pathways clear and accessible for everyone, we kindly ask residents to ensure that their garden hedges and plants do not overgrow onto the paths. Additionally, please avoid parking across pathways or dropped kerbs. Your cooperation helps maintain a safe and pleasant environment for us all in the community.

If you would like to report a parking issue within Hamble (for example, someone blocking your driveway, parking on yellow lines, or contravening waiting restrictions) please contact Eastleigh Borough Council: <https://bit.ly/3Mdbn1F>



COUNCIL NEWS

MEET THE HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL TEAM!

We thought you'd like to meet the new look Hamble Parish Council team with some 'old' and new faces!

Firstly, starting with the office, meet Bernadette our Reception and Team Administrator, who joined on 23 July. We have re-jigged the office and when you visit us now, you will enter through the main doors and most likely be greeted by Bernadette.

Emma who joined last September has now taken on the role of Operations and Facilities Officer and will be looking after assets, facilities and income areas including the Dinghy Park and Football.

Jess has looked after the finance side of the Parish for the past two years but also assists with administration and cemeteries. Her role is titled Finance & Administration Officer.

Altin and Mark head up the Grounds team and are familiar faces around the village. Altin who is our longest serving team member is now our Senior Groundsman and takes the lead on horticultural, landscape and trees. Mark is our Groundsman and Ranger and takes the lead on community engagement and footpaths. You may also see Chris around (he's not in the photo) who is helping some weekends on a temporary basis.

We are currently recruiting for a Caretaker and Maintenance Operative and will let you know once they are on board.

The team is headed up by me – I'm Helen the Clerk. I've been in post a year and am enjoying the challenges a diverse village brings. We know you will join me in welcoming everyone in their new roles and support us to continue to do the best for the village which is and always will be our priority.

Helen Robinson, Clerk



DO YOU HAVE A CHRISTMAS EVENT OR MENU THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

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RANGERS REMARKS

Hello again Hamble habitants.

I recently had a date with a posture specialist... she stood me up!

Well, that's another summer over as we head into the autumn, and I hope the good folk of Hamble had a great summer despite the rather unsettled weather. As you can imagine, being on the grounds team, we must constantly adapt our work schedule depending on the weather which can throw up a few challenges.

I thought I would start this first article since the summer break to share one of the things that I have learnt over the summer that I hope will interest the residents of Hamble. They may also give you something to look out for when strolling around the local green spaces.

I've only just found out that stinging nettles are dioecious, which means you get both male and female plants. Here are photos of them both to show the difference.



As you can see, the female seeds are dangling down in clusters, are bright green and oily, and if you look closely, you'll see they are shaped like little bishop's hats. The male nettles don't have seeds at all and have flowers that grow much more horizontally and are a lighter shade of greeny brown with small balls of flowers. See if you can spot both on your next walk around Hamble's green spaces.

As summer draws to a close, there are many signs that nature is already gearing up for the next season. And what a spectacular season it is — autumn is nature's last hurrah before the cold, bleak winter months, and it celebrates in a blaze of golden glory. But when does autumn really start?

Technically, autumn has two start dates:

- Astronomical: normally on 21 September or one day either side, the first day of autumn (or spring earlier in the year) is marked by the equinox (when daylight and dark hours are equal). The word equinox comes from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night).
- Meteorological: weather scientists split the year into quarters based on annual temperature cycles for statistical purposes. By this method, autumn starts on 1 September and lasts until 30 November.

It might not necessarily feel like autumn on these specific dates — warm weather may give the impression of an extended summer, or icy blasts can seem like the early onset of winter. But many changes in nature happen around these times to indicate autumn.

And finally... when my wife found me playing with my son's train set, I was so embarrassed that I threw a bedsheet over it. Luckily, I think I managed to just about cover my tracks.

Until next time,
Mark Cowley, Groundsman and Ranger

Macmillan Coffee Morning





at The Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble

Doors open at 10.30 am
on
Thursday 19th September 2024

Mary Fry Chocolates + Flamingo Paperie Cards
plus
Take the opportunity to purchase or order items from the range of Royal Southern Yacht Club Insignia clothing and merchandise

Charity Raffle
(cash or card)

Homemade Cake + Unlimited Tea or Coffee

£8.00 Entry

Come and join us!



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Fundraising for
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HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

In July we enjoyed a trip to Brighton with a tour of the Pavilion. The weather wasn't brilliant — no heatwave that day — but everyone enjoyed finding somewhere for lunch and exploring the famous Brighton Lanes.

A new record was set in 2022 when Jack Jarvis from Hamble rowed from mainland Europe to mainland America to raise money for Brainstrust in memory of his Grandad Budgie. Jack came along to our meeting in August to tell us about this journey. Inspired by friends in the Army to do this and after raising the money needed, he set off from Portugal on 3 December 2022 in his boat which he had



named 'Budgie'. 111 days later he had set the record for rowing the 4,630 miles solo and unsupported when he arrived in Florida.

Jack came across orca, dolphins, sharks, marlins and other seagoing vessels and said he felt threatened at times, but although he got lonely and suffered aches and pains, he said that this was nothing compared to what others had suffered and were still suffering through illness. The Atlantic offered up waves higher than a house, which were daunting, but Jack felt he made better progress in these conditions than he did when the sea was not so rough. He averaged about 5 hours sleep in 24 and had plenty of supplies to keep him going.



He was welcomed in Florida by his family and friends. A grand sum of £70,000 was raised for Brainstrust. A great achievement. He now plans to row back the other way with three of his friends in 2025, from New York to Hamble. We will be here to welcome them.

Our next meeting is at 2pm on 10 September 2024 when we have Debbie Phillips, from SeaSky Studios coming along to do some lovely 'crafty' things with us. Meetings are held at the Priory Centre, Hamble Church. Why not join us?

Bobby Conduit, 02380 453626

HAMBLE PLAYERS CELEBRATE AWARD WINNERS

Hamble Players held our AGM in August where we celebrated our successes over the last year and the members had the opportunity to vote in our annual awards ceremony. There were three awards with two qualifying productions in the timeframe: Cinderella in December 2023, and The Exorcism in March 2024. The directors nominated the candidates.

Nominees for the Stuart Jacobs Award for Best Performance:

- Jasmine Folkes, Cinderella
- Susan Barton-Leigh, The Exorcism – **WINNER**

Nominees for the Eveline Award for Most Improvement During Rehearsals:

- Judith Jones, The Exorcism
- Tim Hughes, Cinderella - **WINNER**

Nominees for the Don Bishop Award for Best Off-Stage Contribution:

- Lynne Wales, outstanding work on the raffle for Cinderella
- Jacob Akerman, for his technical support, The Exorcism – **WINNER**

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. Life Membership was also awarded to Roy Baker, who has supported every production with his invaluable practical and technical skills. Roy is one of the many off-stage crew that help make Hamble Players a bastion of Hamble village life.

Our Chairman, Tim Hughes, explained the focus for the next year is to “just keep doing what we do so well, bringing joy through storytelling”.

Speaking of which, our next production BOEING-BOEING opens on Tuesday 3 September at Hamble Memorial Hall. Then it is panto time, and this year's production is The Snow Queen: 3 - 8 December.

Tickets are available for all our productions at <https://bit.ly/3EcRBTy> or 023 8044 0660. You can see the details of all our future productions into 2025 at <https://bit.ly/3ELGuB9>





BIRD AWARE SOLENT: THE OSPREY

With a wingspan of 1.5 metres, it's hard to miss the iconic sight of an osprey as they scan the skies, searching the waters for fishing spots. Until recently, these birds of prey were scarce across the UK. From facing extinction in England during the 20th century, they have since made a fantastic comeback to almost 300 breeding pairs.

September marks the end of the summer season for birds in the UK, and for ospreys it means a monumental 3,000-mile journey to their wintering destinations of western Africa.

Many ospreys from Scotland and northern England follow a similar migration route as they travel through the south of England to start their enormous journey, so make sure to keep your eye out for them.

They have large, angled wings, and sport a white and mottled brown underwing pattern, which you can see when they fly overhead. When spotted flying from a distance, they are commonly mistaken for gulls; broad and bowed and referred to as having a sailing glide. What is unmistakable is their call; high and loud bursts of repeated chirps, which they use frequently.

If you do spot an osprey during September, make sure to wish them luck as they set off for the Sahara Desert. Where some might stop off in countries such as Spain, others will fly continuously until they've reached their destination. This, in total, can take around two weeks of non-stop flying, and truly is a marvellous feat to behold.

SQUASH THE WINTER BLUES

With the evenings drawing in and deteriorating weather, now is the time to look for a sport that you can enjoy indoors throughout the winter. One answer is squash. 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 (just off Hamble Lane).

If you have played another racquet sport such as tennis or badminton before, you will find it easy to get started on a squash court. You just take it in turns with your opponent to hit the ball onto the front or side wall, until one of you misses or hits the ball out. There is no net and no chasing the ball when you hit it out (because it stays in the court).

For beginners and improvers, we have a qualified squash coach who is ready to run light-hearted group training sessions. And 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.

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/3YSO7kn> for more information or email Sharon Hoey: hamblesquashclub1@gmail.com



HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Many of you will have noticed that it has been a spectacular year for Ragwort. The Airfield in particular has been bright yellow for months. Its flowers are attractive to a wide range of insects; the distinctive yellow and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth are often seen feeding on its foliage. Unfortunately, it is extremely poisonous to horses and cattle, and the cows grazing on Hamble Common must be prevented from eating it.

Removal is not easy as chemical treatment would kill other plants and cutting would result in a surge of new growth. We use special forks to enable us to remove plants entirely roots and all. It is hard work but rewarding as we have managed to reduce it considerably from Hamble Common grazing areas. It will no doubt return but as it is a biennial, perhaps we will get a breather?

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and noticeboards posted around the Common. Please note that we meet on Mondays at 10am.

If you would like to know more about us please visit our website <https://bit.ly/45FjrDy> or contact Philip Rawlinson: 07810 453138 philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com





HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

During the recent controversial application to extract gravel from Hamble's former airfield some newer residents were asking about its previous use.

The last major aviation operator of the airfield was the College of Air Training that trained pilots for the National Airlines.



If you want to find out more about Hamble's former airfield or worked/trained at the College, you may be particularly interested in the Society's next meeting. Some newcomers to Hamble complained about noise from the aircraft, especially night flying, but long serving village residents valued its part in the community. They told the people who complained: what did they expect when buying/renting a house next to an airfield?

The College was formed in 1960 to train pilots for the National Airlines BOAC and BEA, which were later to become British Airways. The College also trained civil and military pilots from Britain and overseas, but unfortunately it was forced to close in 1984. It was also the home of the Southampton University Air Squadron which flew 'Chipmunks' and later 'Bulldog' aircraft from the airfield until 1978.

At the Society's next meeting Phil Nelson, a former flying instructor at the College, will give an illustrated talk about the College's history, as well as talk about his work at the airfield. If you did not live in Hamble while the airfield was operational, why not come along to the Memorial Hall (Rear Hall) on Thursday 12 September at 7.30pm and join us to find out about the activities of Hamble's airfield in its aviation heyday.

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: 023 8045 4373.

A large advertisement for 'Pizza Propaganda'. The background is a close-up of a chef's hands in a dark uniform, dusted with flour, as they work with dough. A circular logo with a red star in the center is overlaid on the left side. The logo contains the text 'PIZZA PROPAGANDA'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Coming Soon' is written in a large, red, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller white font, it says 'For further information & opening offers contact us at:'. At the bottom right, the address '16 The Square Hamble-le-Rice' and phone number 'T: 023 8251 0100' are listed. At the bottom left, the website 'W: pizzapropaganda.co.uk' and Facebook page 'F: facebook.com/PizzaPropagandaHamble' are provided. A small number '7' is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FROM CRAFTY KIDS TO COFFEE MORNINGS: UPDATE FROM THE MERCURY

It was with great pleasure that we were recently able to offer out first work experience placement to Lucy from Itchen College. Lucy has a love of libraries and was particularly interested in The Mercury as we offer a community area alongside the library service. Lucy experienced all aspects of what we do here and contributed in all she did, especially sorting out the children's book space which was greatly appreciated. Our visitors really enjoyed talking to her and hearing about her plans for the future. Next step is university where she hopes to study English Literature. Lucy is aiming high; her dream is to be an author. We wish her all the very best and look forward to her visiting to let us know how she is getting on.

Our storytelling and craft sessions during the school holidays were a great success. We have lots of clever crafters who have really enjoyed making lots of different things. Keep an eye out for the next set of sessions; children of all ages are very welcome.

We are planning our next coffee morning and will be announcing details soon, so keep an eye out for more information.

Finally, can we please ask people NOT to leave items outside of the Hub, as we need to see the quality of donations before we accept them. Four boxes of CDs were recently left for us, but as we do not take CDs, these boxes would not have been accepted. When items that we cannot accept are left, one of the volunteers, who already give up so much of their time, must make arrangements to take them elsewhere. Thank you for your co-operation.

NEW PRIEST FOR HAMBLE AND HOUND



Photo credit: Debbie Pearce

The Reverend Hayley Richens has been appointed Priest in Charge for the parishes of Hamble and Hound.

Hayley is currently serving in Chandler's Ford as Associate Priest, and before that was curate at St Luke's in Hedge End. During curacy Hayley served a year-long placement as Deacon at St Andrew's, alongside our previous priest, Fr. Graham Whiting.

Hayley is originally from Hedge End and is familiar with Hamble and Hound from childhood playing at Victoria Country Park, eating chips at Hamble Point, and ice-cream on the quayside. Hayley's previous career in logistics took her out of Hampshire but she returned to live in Durley with her husband in 2003; they are looking forward to moving into the Hamble Vicarage in October.

Raised in the tradition of the Salvation Army, Hayley has worshipped and ministered across a wide range of Christian traditions, being ordained into the Church of England in 2018. Hayley says: "I am inspired by the many different ways God has met with people across 2,000 years of faith and worship. My own spirituality encompasses the 'high' and the 'low', the 'East' and the 'West', as I seek God in formal and informal ways of worshipping".

Hayley will be licensed to the Parishes of Hamble and Hound by the Bishop of Winchester at a service on 30 October at 7.30 pm in St Edward's Church, Netley. It will be followed by refreshments and Hayley looks forward to meeting you all. Please do come along!

UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at the Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council
Monday 9 September
7pm

Asset Management Committee

Monday 2 September
7pm

Planning Committee

Monday 23 September
7pm

Hamble Valley Regatta 7-8 September

Saturday morning: Sailing dinghy racing starting at Crableck Beacon, River Hamble.

Saturday afternoon: Fete, Rowing and Fun Races at the Hamble Southern Quay.

Sunday evening: Fireworks display opposite Hamble Quay

Visit <http://www.theregatta.org> for event timings.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 19 September 10.30am

At The Royal Southern Yacht Club
£8 entry.

- Charity raffle
- Homemade cake and unlimited tea or coffee
- Mary Fry Chocolates
- Flamingo Paperie Cards