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## WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

October already! What happened to the late summer sunshine we were promised? The crisp air, cooler temperatures, and changing leaves signal a new season, and with it, a renewed focus on important projects and community efforts.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest councillor, Shareen, who has joined Hamble Parish Council following a co-option exercise. Shareen grew up in Hamble and is eager to contribute to discussions about the future of the Airfield and our community. As a mum, Shareen hopes to bring a fresh perspective to Council decisions that impact young families in Hamble. Welcome, Shareen! We are delighted to have you on board.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and supported the Hamble Valley Regatta last month. It was a fantastic event, with the fireworks lighting up the sky and visible for miles. There were many highlights, and the Regatta team is reflecting on what more can be done to make the experience even better next year. They will be bringing these ideas to the October Full Council meeting for discussion.

We were incredibly frustrated to see the appalling traffic issues on Hamble Lane in early September. For those fortunate enough to avoid the chaos, the village was once again brought to a standstill due to emergency gas works carried out by SGN near the Hound roundabout.

While we all understand that emergency works are sometimes unavoidable, the management of these situations continues to be inadequate. In response, we have written to Hampshire Highways on behalf of the community to express our dissatisfaction and have requested a meeting to discuss how we can better manage and minimise these disruptions in the future. A copy of this letter is available on our website.

In terms of ongoing projects, we are continuing to make progress on the renovation of the play area at Mount Pleasant. Our second community engagement exercise is currently underway, focused on gathering feedback on the types of play equipment you'd like to see, with an emphasis on inclusivity. We encourage everyone to participate, as your input is invaluable. We'll be publishing the results on the Hamble Parish Council website in early October, so keep an eye out!

Additionally, we recently polled residents who have purchased clock permits over the last two years to gather their thoughts on the cost, availability, and overall usefulness of the permits. We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. Your feedback is helping us review the current system and consider any necessary changes.

**Chris Jones,**  
Chair



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# COUNCIL NEWS

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR NUMBER 15 BUS ROUTE

The Number 15 bus route has changed:

- **Route Change in Netley:** The bus will no longer serve Ingleside or Woolston Road (Butlocks Heath). Instead, it will run directly between Netley Rail Station and Hound Farm, reducing travel time!
- **Extended Service:** The route now extends beyond the City Centre to Central Station for your convenience.
- **Improved Saturday Service:** Buses will run every 30 minutes on Saturdays!



For more details and the new timetable, check out the link: <https://bit.ly/3Z9iKSV>

## GLASS BOTTLE BANKS REMOVED

Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) has advised that glass bottle banks across the Borough are to be removed. This is to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and safeguard the local amenity. EBC encourages residents to make use of the fortnightly kerbside glass recycling service operated by the Council.

Those residents that need an extra glass box can request an additional one free of charge from EBC's website: <https://bit.ly/3Bc5O4U>



## VOLUNTEER FOR THE POPPY APPEAL

The Armed Forces community relies on the amazing support from Poppy Appeal volunteers. By giving just a few hours of your time, you can help ensure their contributions are never forgotten.

- **Urgent Call for Volunteers:** Help the Royal British Legion at their Tesco collection point from 24 October – 10 November 2024. Even a few hours can make a huge difference!

Can you help? Contact the RBL on 07769 674942 or visit [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk) for more details.



**FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

10-17 YEAR OLDS NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

JUST £1 PAY & PLAY

Informal social football sessions for 10-17 year olds.

**Hamble Sports Complex**  
in partnership with Youth Options

6pm to 7pm: 10-12 year olds  
7pm to 8pm: 13-17 year olds

All players must complete and return a participant consent form prior to playing.  
Visit the website below for more information.

[www.eastleigh.gov.uk/fnf](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/fnf)

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## UPDATE ON WOODEN BRIDGE AT MERCURY MARSHES

Many of you have been concerned about the removal of the wooden bridge at Mercury Marshes.

We have now received an update from Hampshire County Council's Countryside Services team (who removed the bridge):

"This bridge has been removed due to its poor condition and posed a health and safety issue. While there is an alternative route to the Quay we are waiting on bridge beams for the sawmill. We hope they will arrive in a few weeks' time and then plan the job in."

We will keep you updated on progress via our social media feeds and noticeboards throughout the village.

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## RANGERS REMARKS

Hello Hamble Habitants.

Never date a tennis player... love means nothing to them!  
I can hardly believe October is upon us again. Where does the time go!? Speaking of which, be mindful as you go about your daily lives: time is the only currency you spend without knowing your balance. Use it wisely.



It's the time of year that Keats called the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'.

Surely the most stunning sign of autumn is the turning of the leaves. The shorter days are a signal to the trees to begin their preparation for winter.

During the winter months there is not enough light for photosynthesis to occur, so as the days shorten throughout autumn, the trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce the amount of chlorophyll in their leaves.

Hands up for a chemistry of colour lesson... All of you? Great! Chlorophyll is the chemical that makes tree leaves green and as it declines other chemicals become more prominent in the leaves.

These chemicals are responsible for the vibrant ambers, reds, and yellows of autumn. These chemicals are types of flavonoids, carotenoids, and anthocyanins. Some of these chemicals are the same ones that give carrots (beta-carotenes) and egg yolks (luteins) their colours.

I remember my chemistry teacher telling the class that chemistry was just like cooking... but don't lick the spoon!!

Now that nesting season has passed and with wildlife activity at a minimum the grounds team will once again start work on reducing, cutting and maintaining the parish's hedges.

Please don't forget to say hello or give us a little wave when you see us out and about, striving to keep Hamble looking

its best. Also, if any of you lovely people of Hamble have any hedges that edge onto pavements and walkways, please be considerate to passers-by and cut back your hedges so they don't encroach into these areas.

And finally, I recently visited the National Museum of Helium... I can't speak highly enough about it.

Until next time...

Mark, Estates Ranger

## WALK & TALK HAMBLE: 23 OCTOBER, 10.30AM TO 11.30AM

Have you joined a guided Walk & Talk session through Hamble Common nature reserve yet? This 3km walk is an opportunity to meet people and increase your nature knowledge. Refreshments are provided at the end of the walk.

The meeting place is at The Mercury Library and Hub. The walk is free, but please reserve a space: <https://bit.ly/4d77k5y>



**ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB**  
**Christmas Fayre 2024**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am-3pm**

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

*Supporting Local Charities*  
**Mountbatten Hampshire & Sophie's Appeal**

Royal Southern Yacht Club • Rope Walk • Hamble • S031 4HB  
Entrance £3

## HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

There was such a great interest in the Society's last meeting, when Phil Nelson gave an excellent talk about the College of Air Training. It was difficult to accommodate everyone who wished to attend! The College of Air Training was the last major operator of the Airfield and Phil's talk gave newer residents to the village background knowledge of its previous use.

Phil, a former flying instructor at the college, talked about his life as a flying instructor and included some humorous incidents involving the students. The College of Air Training trained pilots for the national airlines, plus civil and military pilots from Britain and overseas. He used extracts from films to show how a student progressed from the selection process, through ground and flying instruction, to achieving a commercial pilot's licence.

Unfortunately, there was a power cut to the presentation equipment and Phil professionally improvised until the power was restored, as you would expect from a former pilot. Other pilots were in the audience that trained at the college recollecting their time there.

## HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

Looking ahead to 14 October, we have a demonstration by Irene Hickson called 'Chelsea Gold'. Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of floral entertainment and refreshments – the member entry fee is £5 per person, and for visitors the charge is £8.

We have many activities planned for November and December too, including our Christmas Wreath Workshop where you can make your own moss-based wreath for your front door. Spaces are limited so please do get in touch and book your place.

We are a friendly bunch, so if you are interested in coming along to any of our meetings or have any questions, please contact us at [info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com). We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm start.

Hope to see some of you there!

Please contact the Society's secretary if you missed out on this talk and would like to attend in the future or hear it again.



Grantham Cottage

The society has been contacted by Dr Kate Felus, who is undertaking research on marine villas for Historic England, requesting information about Grantham Cottage. It was located overlooking Southampton Water where Beech Close is today. Grantham Cottage was destroyed by a German parachute mine in April 1941. The Society has provided Dr Felus with the history of this former large Hamble house and a new article about it can be found on the society's website [www.hamblehistory.org.uk](http://www.hamblehistory.org.uk) under 'Hamble Articles'.



If you would like more information about the society please contact the Society's Secretary, Margaret Greenfield: 023 8045 4373.

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## BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY SUPPORTED BY THE MERCURY LIBRARY & HUB

As you know, we hold regular coffee mornings for local charities and good causes. On 14 September, we were delighted to welcome Charlotte from Brain Tumour Research who gave a very interesting talk about how they fund research into the causes and treatment of these tumours. Even though they kill more children and adults under 40 than any other cancer, historically, only 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to them. Their vision is to find a cure for all types of brain tumours.



In addition to the coffee morning, we also ran a 'bring and buy' sale for the 6 weeks prior and I am delighted to announce that, in total, we raised the fantastic sum of £740 which will, no doubt, be put to very good use. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthy cause. This is the highest amount raised at any event so a great success.

We are planning to hold another free storytelling session soon, so please look out for more details on this on our Facebook page and posters around the village.

Christmas is still a long way away, but we are planning to run a free Children's Christmas Craft Session on Saturday 21 December from 10am until midday. More details of this will be available soon so keep an eye out and make sure you bring your young ones along. There will be lots to make and do to get them in the Christmas spirit.

We look forward to seeing you at The Hub. Everyone is welcome.

## HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Do you want something to do on the second Tuesday of every month? Why not join us at Hamble Ladies Group for a lovely social afternoon amongst lots of lovely ladies.

On Tuesday 10 September Debbie Phillips from SeaSky Gallery came along to instruct us in making oxalis which turned out to be lots of fun. With Debbie's expert tuition



and lots of concentration most of us managed to make a nice souvenir to take home. A good deal of chatting and laughter filled the Priory Centre with nearly 50 of us enjoying ourselves. Thanks, Debbie, for giving up your afternoon to come along and test our craft skills and for making it such a success.



Moving onto Christmas, we have started taking names for our Christmas Lunch. Because we have grown in numbers, this year we are having our lunch at the RAF Yacht Club in Rope Walk in Hamble. Over the past 7 years we have been going to the Beach Hut in Hamble which has always been very successful, and I would like to thank Natalie and her team for always making it very enjoyable.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8 October when we have Judy Theobald coming along to give us her talk on 'Flushed with Success'. Judy never fails to keep our attention and make us laugh and we look forward to seeing her again.

Our meetings start at 2pm and are held in the Priory Centre, Hamble Church. Why not come along and join us? You will be very welcome.

Bobby Conduit, 02380 453626

## SOLENT SPORTS FC: WE'RE HOME!

Solent Sports FC is thrilled to announce that we're officially back home at College Playing Fields and the Roy Underdown Pavilion. This marks a significant milestone for our club as we continue to grow and develop within the local community.

We're grateful for the support of Hamble Parish Council in making this move possible. Their commitment to providing quality facilities for local sports teams has been invaluable.

The Roy Underdown Pavilion offers a fantastic space for our players and supporters to gather before and after matches. We're looking forward to making the most of this valuable asset.

As we settle back into our home, we invite everyone to come and join us for matches and events.



Solent Sports FC is more than just a football club. We're a football community that offers a variety of opportunities for players of all ages and abilities. Our soccer school provides a fun and engaging environment for young players to develop their skills. For older players, we have youth, men's, and women's football teams that compete at various levels.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, Solent Sports FC has something for everyone.

Come join our football family and be part of our vibrant community.

[www.solentsports.com](http://www.solentsports.com)

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



## HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

This summer appears to have come and gone without anyone noticing and we are already into our Autumn programme of scrub clearance on Hamble Common.

We have received a number of requests for assistance recently, one of which involved tidying up St. Andrews' church grounds so that it is in good condition for the arrival of Reverend Hayley Richens.

A wet summer may not appeal to us, but plants took full advantage of the conditions to grow apace, and our team certainly had their work cut out to bring this exceptional growth back under control. However, we are confident that all will be in order in time for Hayley's arrival.

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and noticeboards posted around the Common.

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](mailto:philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com)



## ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On 9 November, the Royal Southern Yacht Club will once again be transformed into a busy marketplace with lots of stalls, plus a café for coffee and tea, and a lunchtime bar service for drinks and light lunches.

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

Please do come with friends and participate in this special day.

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

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

## UPDATE FROM HAMBLE PLAYERS

Our third 2024 production, BOEING BOEING, was another great success with wonderful feedback for the cast and crew. Thanks to everyone that came to see us. Your continued support and the energy we feel from our audience are what drive us to be the best we can be.

Now you might think we would sit back, relax and enjoy the plaudits... but oh no! We are straight into rehearsals for this year's Pantomime.

People tell me that the panto at Hamble Memorial Hall is the start of their festivities, and I believe this year's production is our biggest yet for the number of people on stage and all the supporting crew.

Did you know that pantomime has its roots in 'Commedia dell' Arte', a 16th-century Italian entertainment which used dance, music, tumbling, and acrobatics, and featured a cast of mischievous stock characters... but no one spoke!

That is until 1843, when theatre licensing lifted their restriction on the spoken word. Now witty puns, word play, and audience participation were added to the repertoire of mime, daring chase scenes, and spectacular transformations. Favourite fairy-tale characters, magical animals, principal boys and pantomime dames all became part of the mix.

At Hamble Players we feel honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to carry on your Hamble Pantomime tradition. This year's production is The Snow Queen from the 3-8 December.

Tickets are available for all productions at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers) or via 023 8044 0660.



You can also see details of our 2025 productions at: [www.hambleplayers.co.uk/future-production](http://www.hambleplayers.co.uk/future-production)



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## HAMBLE CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

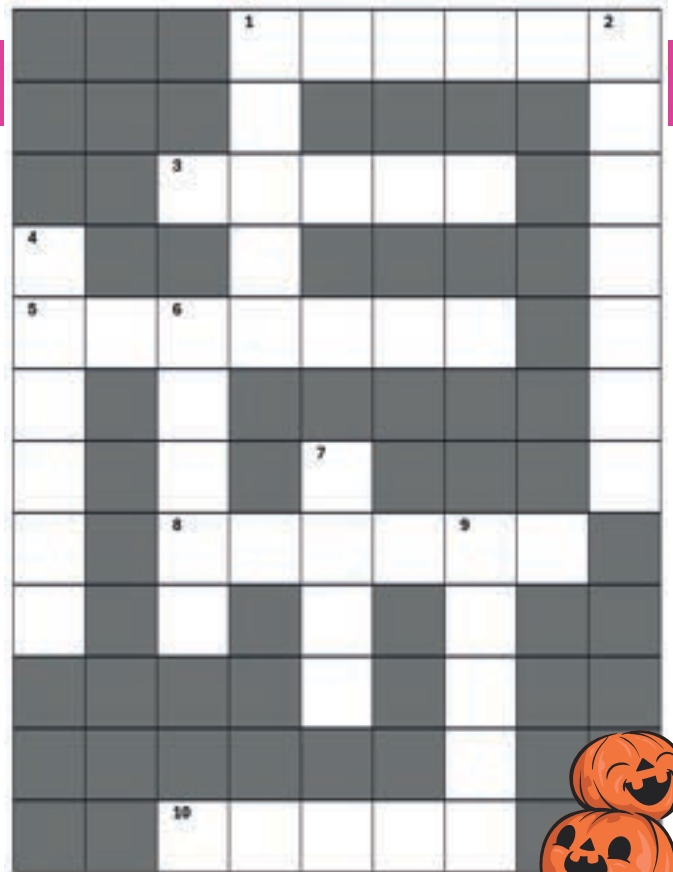
It seems too early to mention Christmas but planning for the annual Hamble Carols in the Square is already underway. The Carols in the Square are an important part of getting the community together and an opportunity to celebrate the start of Christmas with friends and neighbours. We have a Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/4gtfNCW> where we will be posting details and updates, so if you can, please like and follow the group to keep up to date.



Putting on this event incurs costs (event licences, the band, sound and printing) all of which eat into what we can donate to the local charities from the funds we raise, so this year we are looking for local businesses who could sponsor us for a small amount in return for an advert on our Facebook page and carol sheets! This means that any money collected on the night can be distributed to local Hamble based charities and organisations. If you are a local business and would like to get involved, please get in touch via our Facebook page or email us. Any donation however small would be much appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers on the evening to help us with marshalling, rattling collecting buckets etc. It's a matter of committing to arrive at 17:30 and you will be finished by 19:00. We would particularly love to hear from any qualified first aiders or medical professionals who would be willing to volunteer on the evening. If you can help, please get in touch via our Facebook page or email [hamblecarols@gmail.com](mailto:hamblecarols@gmail.com).

The event takes place on Christmas Eve, 24 December at 6pm in Hamble Square car park.



## HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD



### Across:

- 1: A spider's web, often used as a Halloween decoration
- 3: A character seen in Halloween lore, riding a broomstick
- 5: A popular October vegetable, often carved
- 8: These change colour and fall from trees in October
- 10: A fruit often picked during autumn, used in pies, crumbles, and cider

### Down:

- 1: The type of air associated with autumnal weather
- 2: A large fire, often lit outdoors in the chilly October air
- 4: A word used to describe something eerie or scary
- 6: A type of tree known for its vibrant autumnal leaves, especially in October
- 7: Winged creatures associated with Halloween and darkness
- 9: A word used to describe something strange and frightening, often associated with Halloween

## UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Full Council

Monday 14 October  
7pm

#### Planning Committee

Monday 21 October  
7pm

### Volunteer Taster Session with the Park Rangers at Royal Victoria Country Park

18 October  
10am - 12.30pm

Join park rangers Ben and Ben for an introduction to conservation volunteering.

Book a free spot using this link <https://bit.ly/3TATrp8>

### Hamble School and Hamble Primary School Half Term

28 October - 1 November

### Walk and Talk

23 October  
10.30am

Meet at The Mercury Library.

### Clocks Go Back

27 October  
2am



### The Brick People Bring LEGO Back to the Museum

30 - 31 October  
10am - 4pm

At Bursledon Brickworks.