



Hamble in Christmases Past: Photos shared by Councillor Ian Underdown. Share your pet or Hamble photos for us to include in future newsletters! Send them to us via Facebook, or email them to [danielle@smartmarketinguk.com](mailto:danielle@smartmarketinguk.com)

## WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!



As we approach the end of another busy year in Hamble, it's a good time to reflect on the key events and developments of the past year and look ahead to what 2025 may hold. This year, we've seen progress on the renovation project for the Mount Pleasant play area, the return of the Hamble Valley Regatta, the 80th Anniversary D-Day commemorations, and the launch of the Future of Hamble project.

Most notably, the Regulatory Committee's decision in May to refuse Cemex's application to quarry at Hamble Airfield was a significant moment for the village. Cemex had six months to appeal this decision, with the deadline passing on 22 November. At the time of writing, Hampshire County Council has not yet advised if Cemex has lodged an appeal, but we will update the community as soon as we know more – please keep an eye on our social media feeds and noticeboards throughout the village.

However, even if Cemex does not appeal, the future of the Airfield remains uncertain. The land is owned by Persimmon Homes, who may choose to submit a new planning application at any time. It is because of this that it is important for the community to start thinking about how areas like the Airfield can be used to benefit the village – and put plans in place which set out our vision for the future. We need to decide what we want Hamble to look like in the years ahead. How can we make our village a better place to live, work, grow up, retire, relax and enjoy? Once we have a clear vision, we can identify what is needed to achieve it. This may include creating a Parish or Neighbourhood Plan or contributing to Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan.

At the November Full Council meeting, we agreed to begin community consultations to understand your views and priorities on the Future of Hamble. You can find more details on page 5.

The final months of the year are always a busy and festive time for Hamble. This year's Remembrance events were well attended, and I'd like to thank everyone present, and particularly the Royal British Legion for their support in supplying the Parish with memorial wreaths to lay at a number of services in and around the village.

We're also looking forward to Christmas celebrations, including the festive charity events and Carols in the Square on Christmas Eve, led for the first time by Rev. Hayley Richens. I'm sure you'll join me in warmly welcoming Hayley to Hamble.

While many of us look forward to Christmas, it's also a time to remember those less fortunate in our community. If you're able, please consider supporting Hound Basics Food Bank, with drop-off points at St. Andrew's Church, the Co-op on Coronation Parade, and Follands Sports & Social Club.

Finally, I want to thank everyone in the village for their support this year. It's been a challenging but rewarding 12 months, particularly with the community effort in opposing the Hamble Airfield planning application. On behalf of the Parish Councillors and team, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2025.

**Chris Jones,**  
Chair

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## LET'S DECK THE TREE - WE NEED HELP TO MAKE HAMBLE SPARKLE!

Calling all of Hamble's young people!

We need your help to make Hamble's community Christmas tree in the Square look tree-mendously festive this year!

We'd love for you to get creative at home by making your own decorations to share with the village in time for Carols in the Square on Christmas Eve.

Making decorations is snow joke – it's easy and fun! Plus, you can use materials you already have at home. Here are some reindeer-approved ideas to get started:

- **Paper Chains:** Cut strips of paper (coloured paper, old magazines, or wrapping paper) and glue or tape them into loops to form a chain. It's a chain reaction of festive cheer!
- **Pine Cones:** Gather pine cones, give them a glow-up with paint or glitter, and tie on string or ribbon to hang them. Cone-gratulations – you've made a fab decoration!
- **Baubles from Cardboard:** Cut shapes like stars, snowflakes, or trees from cereal boxes, decorate with glitter or buttons, and add string for hanging. You'll be the star of the show!
- **Salt Dough Decorations:** Whisk up 2 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of salt, and 1 cup of water to make dough. Shape it into festive designs, ask a grown up to bake it, and then paint it. A dough-lightful addition to the tree!
- **Nature-Inspired Ornaments:** Dry orange slices, decorate twigs with ribbons, or string cranberries and popcorn. These will add a berry nice touch to the tree!

Once your creations are ready, sleigh your way to the Parish Office and drop them off with the Council's team of elves on or before 20 December.

We'll hang your decorations in time for Carols in the Square, and together, we'll make the tree shine brighter than a Christmas cracker.

We can't wait to see your beautiful decorations!

## UPDATE: MOUNT PLEASANT PLAY PARK RENOVATION

We are delighted to share that we received four excellent responses to our recent tender for the renovation of the play park at Mount Pleasant. We are now in the process of appointing the successful bidder and would like to thank everyone who participated in this process.

The designs we received were fantastic and full of exciting ideas. We are looking forward to sharing the final design with the community once the process is complete.

The tender document was informed by all the feedback we received from the community about the play area and what you would like to see improved. Your input has been invaluable in shaping this project, and we can't wait to see the plans come to life.

Please keep an eye on our social media, noticeboards, and future newsletters for updates – especially regarding the closure of the park, as this will be necessary to carry out the renovations.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to creating a fantastic new play space for everyone to enjoy!

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## FORESHORE CLOCK PERMITS

Each year the Council sells permits for the Foreshore Car Park which allow permit-holders 4 hours of free parking, 365 days a year. 200 permits are available on a first come, first serve basis. The annual parking permit charge for 2025 will be £25 – less than 7p per day.

The Parking permits are now on sale online at [hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/clock-permit](https://hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/clock-permit). Permits will be available to collect from the Parish Office from Tuesday 3 December.



Unfortunately, we are unable to post permits. The office is open on Tuesday and Friday, from 9am to 1pm, and Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 5pm. Please use the Memorial Hall front door when visiting the office.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS, HAMBLE HABITANTS

Since working alongside the grounds team in Hamble I've long dreamed of finding an unused acre or so of land where we could plant one of each of the UK's native trees – as a kind of woodland encyclopaedia if you like, around which locals could walk and compare silver birch leaves with beech, see the difference between English and sessile oaks, and learn which trees or shrubs produce blossom or fruit... or both. There would also be a small accompanying guidebook available in the local library, detailing the wildlife you may find inhabiting each tree.

Don't get me wrong, there are some stunning non-native trees in Hamble that at this time of year look particularly spectacular. The first of those that instantly spring to mind is Mahonia with its slender spikes of pale-yellow flowers that appear from November to March, above rosettes of large, handsome, dark green, holly-like leaves.



The lovely evergreen Strawberry Tree is also charmingly unique. Named for its clusters of red berries that grow in the autumn or winter, they are decorated with showy, pink, bell-shaped flowers in the spring. Have you spotted them in Hamble yet?

As we've entered the festive season, here are some Christmas facts you will hopefully enjoy:

- Before turkey, the traditional meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.
- The abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious. The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.
- London sweet maker Tom Smith created the world's first Christmas crackers in 1847 based on the sweet wrapper design.
- Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer was invented for an American company's Christmas promotion in 1938.
- Since 1947 Oslo has sent a Christmas tree to London to thank us for our help in the Second World War.

One year I gave my wife a wooden leg for Christmas. She didn't need one, it was just a stocking filler! I also bought my wife a new fridge. She didn't ask for one, but I knew her face would literally light up when she opened it!

I hope your holiday season is full of peace, joy, and happiness.

Mark Cowley,  
Grounds Ranger



## DINGHY PARK STORAGE 2025

2025 Dinghy Park permits will be on sale from 1 January. The cost this year is £215, and all applications must be made online, with priority given to Hamble residents. <https://hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/dinghy-storage/>

If you currently have a space please reapply as soon as possible. We will endeavour to keep you in the dinghy park and in the same spot but we cannot guarantee permits.

If you have any questions about this service, please contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm on 20 December and will reopen in the New Year from noon on 2 January 2025.

Thanks for your support while the Parish team take a break over the holidays. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



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## INTRODUCING THE HAMBLE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE!

This Christmas, Hamble Parish Council is pleased to introduce a new community initiative: the Hamble Living Christmas Tree Service. This service will enable Hamble residents to plant, store, and reuse their rooted Christmas trees at Hamble allotments, offering a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to traditional Christmas trees.

### Why choose a living tree?

- They provide cover for birds and wildlife.
- Planting trees helps absorb carbon dioxide, improve water supplies, and supports biodiversity.
- Families can enjoy the joy of watching their tree grow alongside them, saving money and reducing environmental impact.

### How it works

Hamble Lane allotments are an asset provided by Hamble Parish Council to the whole community. There are 38 allotment plots which are allocated to Hamble residents and the surrounding peninsular. One plot has always been held back by the Parish Council for its own use and we are opening this up to the community as living Christmas tree storage.

- Planting: Trees can be planted on allocated mini-plots in January or February. Arrangements must be made with the Parish Council office in advance as the area is gated.

- Care & Removal: You can decide to dig up your tree for Christmas in Year 2 or leave it to grow until Year 3, at which point it must be removed. Trees left beyond Year 3 will become the property of the Parish Council.
- Three-Year Cycle: Trees can be replanted after Christmas, restarting a new cycle.

You can view full terms on our website:  
<https://bit.ly/3OkKxJG>



This is a wonderful way to make Christmas more sustainable while supporting local wildlife and contributing to the community's green spaces.

To participate, or for more details, please email [reception@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:reception@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk) by 6 January. Plots will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Make your Christmas tree a gift that grows year after year!



# HAMBLE WILDLIFE FEATURE



Red Admiral Butterfly, Jay and Common Buzzard. Taken at Hamble Common by Peter Hyde. Pale Tussock Moth Caterpillar taken at Roy Underdown Pavilion by Mark Cowley (Estates Ranger).

# THE FUTURE OF HAMBLE: YOUR VISION, YOUR VOICE

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent survey to establish whether there is an appetite in Hamble to start consulting with the community on your vision for future Hamble. We are delighted to share that all of the 83 respondents unanimously supported moving forward with community consultation.

The Parish Council will now create a working group that will work closely with the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group to coordinate the community consultation. This process may ultimately lead to the development of a Village or Neighbourhood Plan – if you'd like to understand the

differences between these two types of Plans (and particularly how they differ in terms of influencing future planning and development decisions), please visit: <https://bit.ly/3OjNie3>



In the New Year, the newly-formed working group will be reaching out to you through surveys and workshops to gather your thoughts and ideas. Keep an eye on our social media, noticeboards, and future newsletters for updates and opportunities to get involved. Your input will be invaluable as we take the next steps in shaping the future of Hamble.

## UPDATE FROM HAMBLE PENINSULAR RESIDENTS GROUP

Since the Regulatory Committee meeting in May, the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG) and Hamble Parish Council (HPC) have met several times to discuss a way forward. We are all awaiting Cemex's decision to appeal the planning application refusal, with the deadline set for 22 November. Should it go to appeal, we recognise the significant effort required to fight it.

We are also mindful that Persimmon Homes, the developer that owns the airfield, will continue to push for its development.

Given this, we believe it's crucial to establish an up-to-date Parish or Neighbourhood Plan that outlines the community's vision for the future of Hamble. Having such a plan would offer guidance on future development and protect the village. HPC discussed this need in last month's newsletter, which included a survey to gauge interest in starting this process. At the same time, HPRG hosted informal brainstorming sessions with a diverse group of local residents to explore ideas. These sessions aimed to gather input from people of different ages, family situations, and business backgrounds.

We recognise the valuable skills and expertise within our community and encourage anyone with relevant knowledge to come forward. Three 2-hour sessions were facilitated by local professionals and attended by around 15 people each. The goal was to gather ideas for Hamble's

future and assess interest in contributing to a positive plan for the village.

The volume of ideas presented was overwhelming, with participants filling an entire wall with post-it notes. These ideas were grouped into themes and prioritised. Participants also identified three words that represented what they valued or envisioned for Hamble, which were then used to create a mission statement with the help of AI.



We brainstormed a list of ideas

While this engagement only involved a small portion of the community, it showed the enthusiasm for shaping the village's future. This process of community involvement is essential to understanding what the wider village wants. However, for the effort to succeed, it's important that the entire community participates and shares their views.

Stay tuned for updates on the 'Hamble Against Development' Facebook page and on HPC's channels. You'll be invited to participate in surveys and consultations, and if you have relevant skills, we encourage you to come forward.

**Hamble Peninsular Residents Group**

## SPECIES SPOTLIGHT FROM BIRD AWARE SOLENT: BLACK-TAILED GODWIT



The black-tailed godwit is one of the first birds to migrate back to our coasts for the colder months of the year. It is a large and elegant wader, with long legs and a long beak.

It makes a long migration route of over 1000 miles from Iceland to get to our Solent shores, an incredible feat for a bird weighing around 300g.

If you spot these waders out along the coast, it's no surprise that their scientific name, *limosa limosa* translates to 'muddy muddy', as these birds love nothing more than probing their bills in mud.

One of the easiest ways to distinguish them is by the way they forage. Bird Aware Rangers say they have a motion like a needle on a sewing machine, bobbing their heads up and down rapidly in the hopes of finding worms and shellfish hidden under the surface.

Black-tailed godwits enjoy foraging in large groups. They've been seen in flocks of about 300 along the Solent coastline already this year.

The best time to see these birds is during the falling tide, when it moves from high to low. As the tide falls, the exposed mudflats and saltmarshes along the River Hamble provide the perfect hunting ground for all sorts of waders.

These habitats are what makes Hamble Estuary such an internationally important area for nature. By giving birds plenty of space to rest over the winter, we can all enjoy this special space for many years to come.

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## HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The autumn continues to be one of our busiest seasons. A recent task was to support Parish ground staff in tackling the recreation area adjacent to Mount Pleasant School. It had become badly overgrown, and an appreciable amount of space was no longer accessible. Fortunately, the turnout of volunteers was excellent and after a few hours we had made a significant improvement. We will need to go back again but everyone involved was pleased with the outcome. Soon we will be turning our attention to birdboxes, which provide vital protection and shelter for our songbirds. We have over 50 placed around the village and the Common, and every year they need to be cleaned and in many cases repaired or even replaced.

Our annual programme of tasks is displayed on our website and noticeboards posted around the Common. We meet on Mondays at 10am; the meeting place for the Parish tasks is at the Roy Underdown Pavilion at SO31 4RN.

If you would like to know more about us, please either visit our website [hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk](http://hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk) or contact Philip Rawlinson: 07810 453138, [philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com](mailto:philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com).

## HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Once again, we had a full house – 40 members and 10 guests – at our November meeting to hear David Leutchford talk about the 'Birds of Warsash Shore'. We spent a pleasant hour listening to David describe the many birds found on the shore. His talk was accompanied by a slide show of the birds, complete with their bird songs, and it was such a treat to see David's stunning photographs.

The variety of birds is incredible: Canada Geese, Brent Geese, Shelducks, Redshanks, Oystercatchers, Golden Plovers, Black-tailed Godwits, Curlews, Dunlins, Cormorants, Kestrels, Turnstones, Teals, Wigeons, Stock Doves, Herring Gulls, Black-headed Gulls, Buzzards, Rock Pipits, Little Egrets, Grey Herons, and Kingfishers. It's absolutely amazing how many breeds of birds can be seen at Warsash Shore; well worth keeping an eye out for them on your shoreline walks.



David explained that most of these birds are migratory, flying here from all over the world to spend the winter before returning home. The mudflats along the Hamble

River, a protected area, are a perfect spot to see many of them wading and feeding.

David generously donated his fee to Hamble Inshore Rescue.

Next up for us is our Christmas Lunch, which will be held at the RAF Yacht Club in Hamble on 10 December, starting at 12:30pm for 1pm. It's time to don your Christmas party dresses and kick off the festive celebrations!

Our first meeting in 2025 is on 14 January and will include our AGM alongside a quiz. Why not join us? You'll be more than welcome. We'll meet at the Priory Centre in Hamble at 2pm.

Bobby Conduit, 02380 453626

## THE MERCURY LIBRARY AND HUB

I'm sure everyone will agree that our Remembrance window display this year was stunning. It featured over 500 hand-knitted poppies, all made by our wonderful volunteers, their families, and friends. Each one was beautiful, but the purple poppies drew the most comments.



This colour represents the animals and horses who fought alongside soldiers in the wars and lost their lives. We also had knitted poppies for sale, raising over £60 for the Royal British Legion. A big thank you to Bobby and Lorraine for dressing the window so beautifully.

Don't forget to bring the children along on 21 December for our FREE Christmas craft session! There will be so much to do for children of all ages (and grown-ups, if you'd like to join in). Don't miss out on the festive fun! The session will run from 10am to midday, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Our games afternoons are now held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2pm, and they are becoming increasingly popular. Why not come along and see what's on offer? Don't worry if you're unfamiliar with the games being played – our friendly volunteers are always happy to show you the ropes.

The Hub is a designated warm space where you're guaranteed friendly company, plus a hot drink, and, if you're lucky, some homemade cheese straws or biscuits.

We are also a dog-friendly place – we just ask that dogs are kept on a lead. Our newest doggy member is Honey, and she has her paws well and truly under the table! She's very well-behaved and loves meeting up with Dave, one of our regular visitors. Sometimes, they even get a dog treat!

If you haven't visited us yet, do pop in – everyone is welcome!

## UPDATE FROM HAMBLE PLAYERS

We'd describe 2024 as another year of continuous development for Hamble Players: investing in sound and lighting systems, creating complex scenery and sets, updating our website, increasing our membership, and presenting four very different productions.



The response from our Patrons has been amazing once again! Thank you all for attending and supporting us.

2025 is going to be another fantastic year and we are delighted to put on a variety of productions for your entertainment.

- **25-29 March: Black Coffee: an Agatha Christie Poirot classic mystery** Physicist Sir Claud Amory has constructed a working formula for one of the deadliest weapons known to man – the Atom Bomb. Hercule Poirot is called in after the formula is stolen and Sir Claud murdered.
- **8-12 July: Farndale Avenue... Christmas Carol Comedy Play** The ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society mount another assault on the classics with their stage version of A Christmas Carol. What could possibly go wrong!
- **4-6 September: We'll meet again... with supper included, a Revue** Join us for a Theatre Supper to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. 'We'll Meet Again' is a story, told in songs and short scenes, through the eyes of one family.
- **2-7 December: Dick Whittington Pantomime** A poor orphan boy from Lancashire sets off for London with his cat to seek his fortune. He's lured by the rumour that the streets of London are paved with gold



Tickets are available at:  
[www.hambleplayers.co.uk](http://www.hambleplayers.co.uk) and  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers)  
Box Office: 023 8044 0660

## HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At its last meeting the Society successfully launched its new booklet the 'Hamble River Collection'. This booklet is a collection of interesting insights into the river's history that were not included in detail in the previous booklets: 'Hamble River – a Glimpse of the Past', and 'Boats of the Hamble River'.



Over the years people have found sending one of the Society's booklets is a welcomed gift at Christmas time. So maybe if you know someone who has associations with Hamble but does not live in village, they might like a copy when you contact them over the Christmas and New Year period – particularly the new booklet the 'Hamble River Collection'.



This and other booklets such as 'Hamble in the Past', 'Hamble Pictures from the Past', 'Hamble Pubs', 'Aviation at Hamble', 'Hamble River – A Glimpse of the Past' and 'Boats of the Hamble River' are available from Post Office at Coronation Parade. Price just £4 each.

Please put the Society's next meeting in your diary or on your calendar: Thursday 6 February 2025. Geoff Watts will be giving 'An Armchair Tour of the Hamble Valley'. More details will be in the next newsletter.

For more information about the Society, please contact the Society's Secretary, Margaret Greenfield: 023 8045 4373.



## HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB

Can you believe that we are now in December and at the end of our floral year? We have done so many things each month, from fascinating talks, fabulous demonstrations, and some great practical sessions.

We also had our annual Club trip, which this year was to Kew Gardens – a really lovely day out for those who went along. And not forgetting our very popular annual Christmas Wreath Workshop, where members of the community can come along and make their own fresh Christmas door wreaths.

On Monday 9 December, we have our annual Christmas Demonstration, where this year the very talented Jo Richards will be taking us on a trip to see Santa through her floral arrangements. Tickets for this event are only £15 and open to everyone. There are a few left, so do pop us an email to book yours and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of flowers galore, plus a raffle and refreshments, including, of course, mince pies.

Then our 2025 programme starts with lots of interesting things to be revealed...

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 second Monday of each month at Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1pm for a 1:30 pm start. We are a friendly bunch!

In the meantime, on behalf of myself, my fellow committee members, and all our Club members, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rosie Skeats, Chairman



## CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Where does the time go? Christmas is upon us once more, and here in Hamble, we are able to celebrate it with our new priest, Rev. Hayley Richens.

We welcomed Hayley at a wonderful service at St. Edward's Church, Netley, on 30 October. She is now Priest in Charge of the new combined Benefice of Hamble-le-Rice and Hound, conducting services at St. Andrew's, Hamble, St. Mary's, Hound, and St. Edward's, Netley.

Why not join us at St. Andrew's for our Christmas services?

- **Sunday 15 December, at 6pm:** Carol Service followed by wine or soft drinks and mince pies for all.
- **Tuesday 24 December, at 4pm:** Crib and Christingle Service for children (and well-behaved adults) with distribution of Christingle kits.
- **Tuesday 24 December, at 6pm:** The ever-popular Carols in the Square, led by Rev. Hayley Richens.
- **Tuesday 24 December, at 11:30pm:** Midnight Eucharist with congregational carols.
- **Wednesday 25 December, at 10:30 am:** Our traditional Christmas Day Service.

After Christmas, why not join us for our usual Sunday and Thursday services at 10am?

Wishing all in Hamble a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

February: Monday 20 January  
March: Monday 17 February  
April: Monday 17 March

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

# CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

**Tuesday 24 December**  
**Hamble Square car park**  
**Singing starts at 6pm**

Plans are well underway for the annual Carols in the Square on Christmas Eve. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a bit of a sing song. It's always a lovely opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends and to raise money for local charities.

We would like to thank local businesses and organisations CooperVision, BP, The River Rat, The King & Queen, and Hamble Parish Council for their support in covering the costs of holding this event. Their support means that we will be able to distribute 100% of the funds raised on the night to local charities... so please make sure you bring your cash!

We have lovely new song sheets, which you will also be able to download from the Hamble Parish Council website

in the same way as last year. Lookout for the QR code on the posters in December.

We are delighted to welcome Rev Hayley Richens, Hamble's new priest to her first Carols in the Square and she will be joined by Tim Hughes to keep us organised!

However, the event cannot take place without support from the community. We need volunteers to help us on the evening to marshal, hand out carol sheets and shake buckets. You will need to arrive at 5:30pm for a briefing with a hot drink, kindly donated by the River Rat, you get to wear a lovely brightly coloured jacket, and your duties finish when everyone has gone home and you can adjourn to the pub or home to get ready for Father Christmas with a nice warm feeling of having done your bit! If you are able to help, please email [hamblecarols@gmail.com](mailto:hamblecarols@gmail.com).

Carols in the Square, Hamble Square car park, Tuesday 24 December, singing starts at 18:00.



# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December 9.00am - 12noon  
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# CHRISTMAS

word search puzzle

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and diagonal.

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STOCKING  
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FIREPLACE

SNOW  
GARLAND  
EVE  
TREE

HOLLY  
BELL  
LIGHTS  
SLEIGH

CARD  
CHRISTMAS  
STAR  
SANTA

# UPCOMING DATES



## Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

### Full Council

Monday 9 December at 7pm  
Monday 13 January at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.

### Asset Management Committee

Monday 6 January at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.

### Planning Committee

Monday 27 January at 7pm  
At Roy Underdown Pavilion.

### Christmas Craft Session 21 December 10am - 12pm

At The Mercury Library & Hub.

### School Closure The Hamble School and Hamble Primary School 21 December - 5 January 2025

### Santa Meet and Greet 22 December 3pm - 5pm

At The Victory.

### Carols In The Square 24 December From 6pm

At Hamble Square Car Park.



COLOUR US IN AND CUT US OUT FOR THE HAMBLE CHRISTMAS TREE!

