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WELCOME TO YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of 2024! The end of the calendar year is always a busy time for the Parish Council. This is when we start planning for the year ahead, setting budgets and identifying the projects that are likely to bring most benefit to the village.

These plans can of course be impacted by external decisions and events, the most immediate of which being the outcome of the Hamble Airfield planning application. While Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee decided to reject the quarrying application back in May, the applicant Cemex had 6 months to appeal this decision. 22 November is the deadline, and we wouldn't be surprised to see a last-minute appeal. Keep an eye on our social media, noticeboards throughout the village, and the next issue of the newsletter for updates.

Looking ahead, one of our biggest projects over the next 12 to 18 months is likely to be a community consultation on the future of Hamble. We want to hear from you about how we can make Hamble a better place to live and work, to relax and enjoy, and to grow up and retire. Initially we want to understand whether there's an appetite within the village for this project, and who would like to take part in our workshops, surveys, and working groups. You can register your interest on Page 3.

Another exciting project which is now well underway is renewing the play area at Mount Pleasant. I'd like to thank the 180+ residents who completed our recent survey on the types of play equipment you'd like to see. Your input is invaluable and has formed the basis of the tender document which potential contractors are now using as the brief on which to quote.

We've also set up a new working group to focus on making improvements to the facilities on the Foreshore. Following the closure of the toilets this summer, we're focusing on ways in which we can improve the quality of the washrooms whilst also minimising the opportunity for anti-social behaviour and damage. The Foreshore is a terrific asset for both our own community and for visitors to the village, and we want to enhance the Foreshore experience for everyone.

November brings some important dates to mark in your calendars. The Remembrance Sunday service will take place on 10 November, starting at St. Andrew's Church at 9:30am, before moving to the War Memorial in the Square at 11am. On Armistice Day, 11 November, we will gather at the War Memorial at 11am to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. Looking towards December, the village Christmas tree will be delivered to Hamble Square on 21 November, and on 1 December the Christmas lights will be switched on.

Finally, we're currently working on the 2025/26 budget for the parish, which we will then submit to Eastleigh Borough Council so they can determine the precept for the year. While the general operating budget is likely to remain steady, we may need to allocate additional funds to maintaining and improving our community assets. We'll share more details on this as the plans are finalised.

Chris Jones,
Chair



PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

THE FUTURE OF HAMBLE: YOUR VISION, YOUR VOICE

Hamble Parish Council is looking to the future. We want to create a positive vision for the Hamble we want to see, build, and nurture together. While part of this exercise may involve considering how to prevent unwanted changes to our village, we want the focus to be on starting a conversation which ensures Hamble thrives for generations to come.

Let's think beyond today and imagine what Hamble could look like in the years ahead. Here are the **four main themes** we want to explore:

- 1. How can we make Hamble a better place to live?** What kind of village do we want to be? Do we want to be a bustling, vibrant community with new opportunities, or do we prefer a quieter, more traditional village feel? How do we strike a balance between growth and preserving the unique character of our village?
- 2. How can we make Hamble a better place to grow up and retire?** Who will live here? What kind of community do we want to welcome? Will Hamble be a place for young families, retirees, or a mix of all ages? How can we ensure that there's the right type of housing, services, and amenities to support everyone, from first-time buyers to those looking to downsize?
- 3. How can we make Hamble a better place to work?** What businesses will be based here? Do we want to encourage local businesses and start-ups, create space for more shops, cafes, or services, or support industries that provide local employment? How do we build an economy that benefits both residents and business owners, while maintaining the character of our village?
- 4. How can we make Hamble a better place to relax and enjoy?** What kind of environment do we want to create for future generations? How do we protect our green spaces, wildlife, and Foreshore? What steps can we take now to ensure that our environment is both sustainable and enjoyable for those who will live here in the future?

These are big, important questions, and they go right to the heart of what it means to live in Hamble. But they're not questions that the Parish Council can answer alone – we want to hear from you, the people who know and love Hamble best.

How do we plan to do this?

Over the coming months, we want to explore these questions with you. We want to understand your views on:

- **The environment:** housing, space, transport, bio projects, climate
- **Work:** jobs, tourism, business
- **Recreation:** culture, clubs, sport, history, identity
- **Public services:** health, education, volunteering, community, police, fire/rescue, Hamble Lifeboat, coastguard
- **Services and utilities:** water, power, sewers, data, waste

Together, we'll start from the position of what we want Hamble to become, then work out what we need to get us there.

This includes thinking about how areas like Hamble Airfield can be used to benefit the community. Although we recognise this isn't our land to control, we want your input on how it could best serve Hamble, so we can start a conversation with the relevant stakeholders, including Eastleigh Borough Council as part of their review of the Local Plan.

How will this work in practice?

We plan to gather your thoughts, ideas, and feedback through:

- Running workshops on each of the 4 main themes which you can attend and contribute towards.
- Setting up working groups for the 4 themes, each led and co-ordinated by a HPC councillor, and made up of both councillors and residents.
- Inviting experts to speak and consult with the working groups regarding any issues or opportunities raised as being important to the village's future.
- Surveying the Hamble community on the 4 main themes.
- Supporting the working groups with research into the areas of greatest importance to the village.

What happens after we gather your feedback?

Once we've gathered your ideas and feedback, we'll use them to create a Parish Plan – a broad outline of our shared goals. From there, if needed, we'll develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a more detailed, legally binding document that sets out what we want in terms of future development. The Neighbourhood Plan will have real power and influence over future planning decisions in Hamble.

What's the difference between a Parish Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan and a Local Plan?

- **Parish Plan:** A non-binding, community-led document that sets out our vision and priorities for the future. It can be broad in scope and encompass everything that we want Hamble to become. It's our way of saying, "This is what we want our village to be."
- **Neighbourhood Plan:** A formal, legally recognised document that is used in the planning process. It gives us a real say (in certain matters) over how land is used, the type of homes built, and the overall shape of future development. Once adopted, planning authorities must take it into account when making decisions about housing developments and land use.
- **Local Plan:** The principal planning document for the area and is led by Eastleigh Borough Council. Local Plans set out the strategic priorities for the area; for example, the number of new homes and jobs needed in the area and requirement for infrastructure and facilities. It is important for Local Plans to refer to Neighbourhood Plan, and similarly for Neighbourhood Plans to refer to Local Plan policies.

How can you get involved?

If you care about the future of Hamble, now is the time to make your voice heard. Whether you want to see more green spaces, better transport, affordable homes for your children, or improved facilities, this is your chance to shape what Hamble looks like in the years to come. You can get involved by:

- **Attending a workshop:** dates/times to be confirmed shortly
- **Joining a working group:** we anticipate a minimum time commitment of 4-5 hours per month, for at least 6 months.
- **Completing our surveys:** keep an eye out for our surveys in the newsletter, social media, and on noticeboards.

Join us, share your ideas, and help us create a vision for Hamble that reflects the needs, dreams, and hopes of everyone who calls this village home. Your vision, your voice.

Get Involved – Together, We Can Shape the Future of Hamble!

**SIGN UP HERE TO
HAVE YOUR SAY ON
THE FUTURE OF
HAMBLE, OR TO
REGISTER FOR UPDATES**

<https://bit.ly/4eMGzoB>



Alternatively, tear out the slip below, and return it to the Parish Office

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF HAMBLE

Would you like to see Hamble Parish Council work on a Village Plan for the Future of Hamble?

Yes No

Name

Email

Phone Number

Would you attend workshops to discuss your ideas for the village?

Yes, Several Yes, One No

I consent to Hamble Parish Council using these details to contact me with community and project updates

COUNCIL NEWS

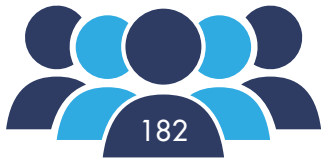
MOUNT PLEASANT PLAY AREA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Play Area survey back in September. Your feedback was invaluable in shaping our understanding of what the village wants to see in this important space. We've used your input to create a detailed document outlining the community's priorities, which has now been shared with those interested in tendering for the project.

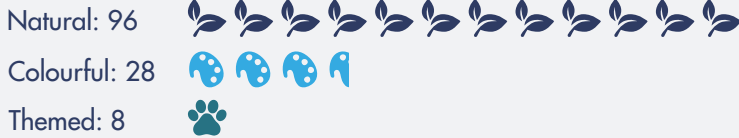
We'll be posting regular updates on this project on our social media, the Parish Council website, and in future issues of the newsletter.

Here is a summary of the results:

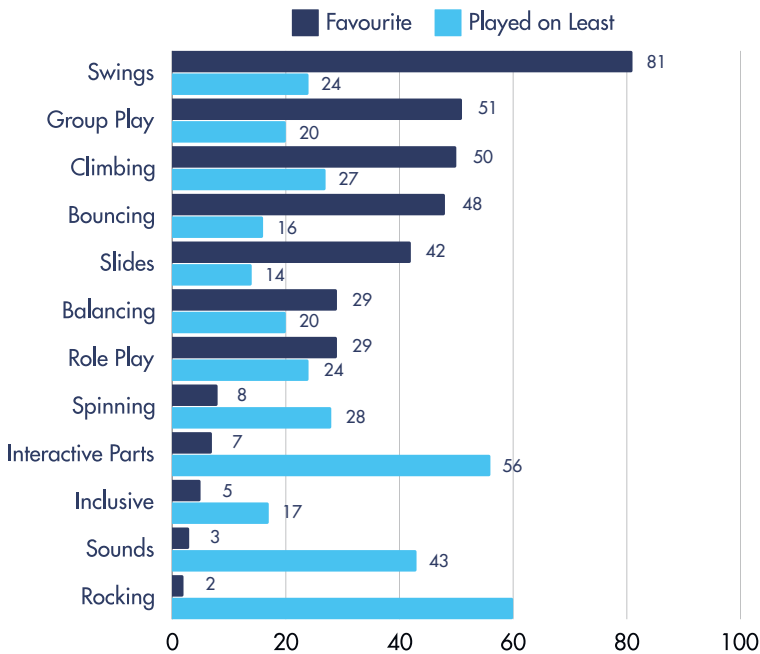
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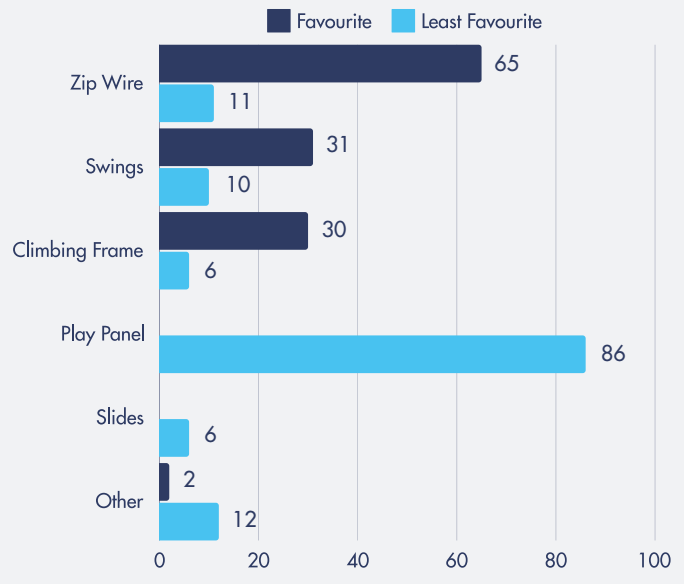
Which of the following play area features would you like to see at Mount Pleasant?



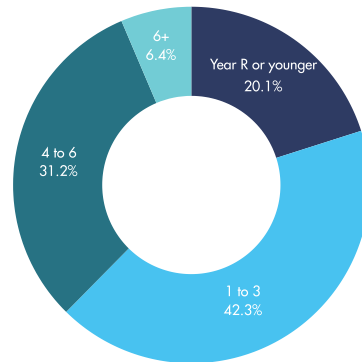
Favourite and least favourite type of play equipment in a play park



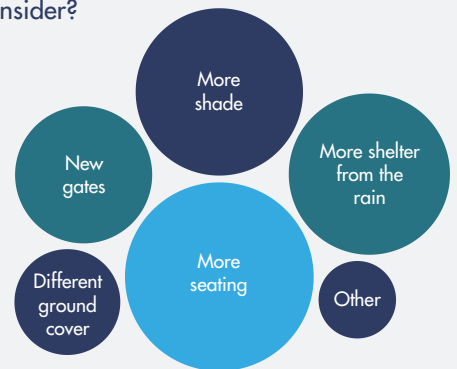
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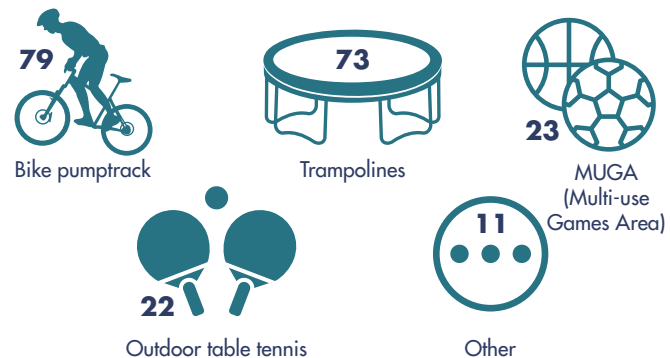
Which school age groups should the play area at Mount Pleasant mainly cater for?



Is there anything else regarding the play area that we should consider?



What activities would you like Hamble Parish Council to consider adding to Mount Pleasant in the future?



HELLO HAMBLE HABITANTS

I'm at that time of life where I look back and think about all the people I've lost along the way... I really am a hopeless tour guide!



The grounds team have been busy planting hedging in the flowerbeds behind the new benches on the Foreshore in front of the dinghy park. This is due to the high water flooding we experienced in the spring, which killed off the existing plants due to the salt content of the flood water. To stop this happening again, we have decided to plant hedges of silverberry (*Elaeagnus Ebbigei*). We have chosen this plant for two main reasons. Firstly, it matches the existing hedging around the car park and quay area; and secondly and obviously most importantly, it is salt water tolerable.

Now is the perfect time of year to give bird boxes a thorough clean – once you're sure they're no longer occupied. You need to get rid of any parasites (or their eggs) before a new family of birds can move in, particularly as these unwelcome guests can be very harmful to chicks and their chances of survival. While birds will clean bird boxes themselves before nesting, it's best to make sure they're completely clear. Use boiling water to kill any parasites, and let the box dry out thoroughly before replacing the lid. Insecticides and powders must not be used.

A community trees project being run by Eastleigh Borough Council is kindly donating some of their trees to the Parish – watch this space for more details and locations in the coming months.

And finally, I visited a postcard factory the other week. It was okay... nothing to write home about!

Mark Cowley, Estates Ranger



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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. Any changes to the hourly parking charges in The Square will be in line with Eastleigh Borough Council's charges.

Parking permits will be on sale online from Monday 25 November at 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 front door when visiting the office.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

The festive season is just around the corner, and we're preparing to bring some Christmas cheer to the village!

- **Thursday 21 November:** The Christmas tree will be delivered and installed in Hamble Square. Please be aware this may cause minor delays to bus services.
- **Wednesday 27 November:** The Christmas lights will be installed from 4pm onwards in Hamble Square – on Liberty Row, Admiralty Row, and Copperhill Terrace on Satchell Lane.
- **Thursday 28 November:** Coronation Parade lights will be installed.

The lights will be switched on from **Sunday 1 December**, marking the start of the festive season in Hamble.

In addition, this year we are introducing a **Christmas Tree Planting Scheme** at the village allotments to promote sustainability. More details will be shared in December's newsletter and on noticeboards and social media in the run up to Christmas, so stay tuned!

CHRISTMAS AT THE RIVER RAT



Magical Christmas Party Nights: 13 & 14 December – Tasty food, good wine, Christmas music and all the festivities expected! PLUS be dazzled by Caley Page Magician during the evening! 2/3 courses; £29.95/£34.95, per person, deposit and pre-order required.

Baubles & Bubbles Workshop: 19 December – Get festive and enjoy an evening of creativity with our baubles and bubbles workshop. £25pp to include 2 baubles and all materials, plus a glass of Prosecco on arrival

Christmas Quiz Night: 20 December – Challenge yourself with our Christmas quiz night. £3pp quiz entry. Doors open at 6pm, starts at 6.45pm. Teams of 2–6. Prize for the most festive dressed team!

Festive Afternoon Tea: 22 December – Enjoy a lavish afternoon tea accompanied by live festive music throughout from Zoe Dupuy. £35 per person to include a glass of fizz on arrival.

Christmas Day Lunch: 25 December – Serving a sumptuous 4 course festive feast from 12pm. Booking essential, deposit and pre-order required.

CHRISTMAS

At the Victory

STARTERS

Roasted Carrot and Celeriac Soup (VG, GFA)
Toasted sourdough

Duck and Orange Paté 2 COURSES
Spiced tomato chutney, melba toast £28

King Prawn Cocktail (GF) 3 COURSES
Babygem, Mary Rose sauce £33

MAIN COURSES

Turkey Stuffed with Sage and Onion
Sausagemeat (GF)
All the festive trimmings

Salmon En Croute
New potatoes, seasonal greens, lemon and parsley sauce

Nut Roast (VG, GF)
All the festive trimmings

Festive Burger (GFA)
Beef burger, brie, bacon, cranberry sauce, fries

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding (GF)
Brandy cream

Chocolate Brownie
Berry compote, salted caramel ice cream

Vegan Lemon Tart (VG, GF)
Vanilla ice cream

Christmas Day 2024 Lunch Menu

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

Choice of starter, main and dessert

Booking and pre order essential. £10 deposit required per adult

Add a Festive Bellini on arrival + £5 per glass

Truffle parsnip with a parsnip crisp (VG/GF)

Starter, choose from:

- Smoked salmon, pickled beetroot & dill salad wreath with a honey mustard dressing (GF)
- Whipped goats cheese, roasted balsamic grapes, maple pecans & croutes (V/N/GF on request)
 - Seared duck breast with mulled wine roasted plums (GF)

Main, choose from:

- Traditional Roast Turkey (GF on request)
A traditional Christmas dinner
- Vegetarian Nut Roast dinner (V/VG on request/N)
 - Baked Salmon Fillet (N/GF)
Balsamic roasted root vegetables & potato with a pesto dressing
 - Chicken Supreme (GF on request)
In a creamy mushroom & pancetta velouté with buttery mash & greens
- Butternut Squash, Lentil & Almond Wellington (VG, N)
Thyme potatoes, greens and a red wine gravy

Dessert, choose from:

- Christmas Pudding with brandy butter (V/GF & VG on request)
- Chocolate Mirror Truffle Torte with berry sorbet (VG/GF)
 - Mince Pie Eton Mess (V)
 - Lemon Meringue Roulade (V/GF)

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

Mince pie served with tea or coffee

Children's Menu

3 courses £35

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

Festive Menu

£27.50 Two Course Lunch – Monday to Friday
 £35.00 Three Course Dinner – Sunday to Thursday
 £39.50 Three Course Dinner – Friday & Saturday

STARTERS

ROMSEY WATERCRESS & POTATO SOUP *vg, gf*
 Chilli Ciabatta Croutons, Chive Oil, Freshly Baked Bread

CHALK STREAM TROUT & COLDWATER PRAWN COCKTAIL *gf*
 Whipped Avocado, Bloody Mary Sauce, Malt Crunch Loaf

PRESSED TERRINE OF FREE-RANGE CHICKEN & SMOKED HAM HOCK *gf*
 Butter Brioche, Rocket, Pickled Shalott Rings

MAIN COURSE

BUTTER ROAST BREAST OF TURKEY
 Cranberry, Chestnut & Orange Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Turkey Gravy

PAN FRIED FILLET OF SEA BASS *gf*
 Chorizo, Smoked Haddock & Potato Chowder, Bronze Fennel

ROASTED PUMPKIN & SAGE TORTELLINI *vg*
 Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Crispy Sage, Toasted Pinenuts, Almond Parmesan

All Main Courses Served With A Selection Of Seasonal Winter Vegetables

DESSERT

BELGIUM CHOCOLATE & ORANGE TORTE *vg*
 Chocolate Ice-Cream, Gingerbread Crumble

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING *v*
 Brandy Sauce, Red Currants

MAPLE GLAZED CRÈME BRÛLÉ CHEESECAKE *gf*
 Winter Berry Salsa

A 10% service charge is added to the final bill

VG - Vegan • V - Vegetarian • GF - Gluten Free • (GF) - Can be made gluten-free on request. On request some of our dishes can be adjusted to accommodate intolerance & allergies. Whilst every care is taken we cannot guarantee that our ingredients are nut free. Should you suffer from any food allergy please inform a member of the team.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Two-Course £32 | Three-Course £37.50

CURRIED PARSNIP VELOUTÉ (VG/GFA)
 Chestnut & Onion Bhaji, Coriander, Grilled Sourdough
 SMOKED HAM HOCK & CAPER TERRINE (GFA)
 Red Wine Poached Pear, Parsley, Hampshire Watercress

SMOKED HADDOCK FISHCAKE (GF/N)
 Romesco Sauce, Pickled Chilli, Lusso Leaf Cress

ISLE OF WIGHT BLACK GARLIC & MOZZARELLA ARANCINI (GF/V)
 Truffle Mayonnaise, Lemon, Rocket

ROASTED TURKEY BREAST (GF)
 Chestnut Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, All the Trimmings

TEST VALLEY VENISON (GFA)
 Braised Red Cabbage, Pomme Purée, Roasted Shallot, Hampshire Porter Sauce

FILLET OF RAINBOW TROUT (GF)
 Crushed New Potatoes, BBQ Hispi Cabbage, Curried Mussel Sauce

TOASTED NUT & VEGETABLE BALLOTINE (VG/GF/N)
 Caramelised Cauliflower Purée, Crispy Shallots, Pickled Raisins

CHRISTMAS PUDDING (GFA)
 Brandy Sauce

STICKY TOFFEE & MALT PUDDING
 Salted Caramel Ice Cream, Beer Butterscotch Sauce

SET LEMON CREAM (V/GFA)
 Clementine Segments, Basil, Homemade Shortbread

SELECTION OF LOCAL CHEESES (GFA)
 Smoked Dorset Red, Dorset Blue Vinny, Old Winchester, Rosary Goat's Cheese, Grapes, Chutney, Biscuits

Festive Menu

On the table

Marinated olives, roquito sweet chilli pepper pearls, sunblushed tomatoes, Mediterranean sourdough ciabatta

To start

Charred hispi cabbage, hazelnut & chilli butter

Lobster bisque, lemon & dill oil, lemon creme fraiche

Game terrine, pear chutney, garlic & herb crostini, pea shoots

To follow

Chalctoft farm lemon & herb roasted turkey breast, apricot stuffing, pig in blanket, duck fat roasted potatoes, carrot & swede mash, sauteed sprouts, gravy

Fillet of beef wellington, horseradish & chive mashed potato, wilted greens, red wine jus

Panfried halibut fillet, thyme & Isle of Wight garlic fondant potato, clam & sweetcorn chowder

Beetroot & squash wellington, sage & Isle of Wight garlic mashed potato, crispy kale, vegetable gravy

To finish

Mince pie cheesecake, chocolate flake, glacier cherry

Barkham blue cheese, water biscuits, chutney & grapes

Lemon posset, lemon curd, shortbread biscuit

£37 per head
 pre-booked parties of 4 or more



THE KING & QUEEN CHRISTMAS MENU

Glass of Mulled Wine or Sherry & Mince Pies upon Arrival
 (Add a glass of Prosecco £3.50 pp)

STARTERS

French Onion Soup

French Onion Soup with Sweet Caramelised Onion, Melted Gruyère & White Wine, served with Hoxton Sourdough Bread
 Vegan or Vegetarian available

Moules Marinière

Fresh Mussels Cooked with Shallots & White Wine in a Creamy Garlic Sauce, served with Fresh Baked Bread & Butter

Burrata (GF, V)

Fresh Burrata with Sticky Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Toasted Pine Nuts & Basil Leaves

Duck Liver Pâté

Luxury Duck Liver & Pork Pâté, served with Toasted Hoxton Sourdough Toast

MAINS

Festive Turkey

Turkey Breast with a Meaty Pork, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Wrapped in Streaky Bacon with Garlic Roasted Potatoes & Gravy with all the Festive Trimmings. *Gluten Free Option available*

Festive Nut Roast (Ve)

Homemade Nut Roast with Garlic Roasted Potatoes & Vegetable Gravy with all the Festive Trimmings

Ox Cheek Bourguignon (GF)

Sous Vide Ox Cheek with Pancetta Wild Mushrooms & Mash Potato, served with a Rich Bourguignon Sauce

Veggie Steak (V) (GF)

Layered Roasted & Grilled Veg on a bed of Fresh Spinach, Butternut, Aubergine, Onions, Courgettes, Halloumi Cheese, Field Mushrooms, then drizzled with melted Mozzarella. *(Add a smashed burger patty for £3)*

Lemon Sole (GF)

Grilled Whole Lemon Sole with Capers, Samphire & Brown Butter Shrimp, served with Asparagus & Parmentier Potatoes.

Rib Eye Steak Box (Add £5)

Local British Rib Eye Steak, Matured for at least 35 days, served with Chips, Onion Rings, Grilled Tomato & Alfordford Watercress with Garlic Butter. Served with a Selection of Sauces.

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudd

Christmas Pudding with juicy Sultanas, Cider & Rum, served with Brandy Sauce
Gluten Free & Vegan options available

Chocolate Fondant (V)

An authentic Italian rich dark Chocolate Pudding with a soft & gooey Chocolate centre, served with Vanilla Ice Cream

Butter Scotch Whisky Bomb (V)

A Gingerbread Whisky flavoured Sponge with a Butterscotch Sauce

CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS

All Christmas Bookings to be pre-ordered, minimum 5 days in advance. Any dietary requirements/allergies, please advise when pre-ordering

Two Courses £32, Three Courses £38.50, Steak option add £5
 Minimum Four people per booking

Book your Christmas table today

Ask one of our staff or call 023 8045 4247 or email janet@therumpub.co.uk

V - Vegetarian, GF - Gluten Free, W - Vegan

V E DAY IN HAMBLE

The Parish Council has been approached by the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC) about the possibility of organising a V E Day commemoration event for the village for the 80th anniversary in 2025.

In the first instance, we'd like to understand how the community would like to see the village mark this occasion. If you have any suggestions on how you would like to see the Hamble commemorate V E Day, please do get in touch. We would also like to hear from any community organisations who may wish to be involved in commemoration events.

If you have suggestions or would like to take part, please contact Helen, the Parish Clerk:
clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

FLOODLIGHTS AT ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION CAGES

With the winter nights drawing in, the floodlights at the cages at Roy Underdown Pavilion will now be on from 5pm to 8pm every night, providing a well-lit and safe space for everyone to enjoy.

We hope that you can all make use of this facility to stay active during the darker evenings. However, we kindly ask that it be used responsibly so that it can be enjoyed by the whole community.

EV ON-STREET CHARGING FOR HAMBLE RESIDENTS

Are you thinking of getting an Electric Vehicle (EV) that will need on-street charging from your house? If so, you may need to run a charge cable across a public walkway. To address this, some Councils are installing cable trenches or gutters that hide the cable and prevent tripping hazards.

It's hoped that we can get Hampshire County Council to install all of Hamble's cable trenches in one application and installed as one job lot. The installation will come at some cost to each household, but there may be support available through a village grant.

At this stage, the Parish Council would like to identify any residents that would be interested in a charge cable trench.

If so, please can you either:

- complete the online form: <https://bit.ly/3NyVIU5>; or
- email clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name and address, and using the subject line: Hamble EV Cable Trench.



With the move to electric vehicles set to accelerate in the next decade, it's important to plan ahead for the future needs of the village.

Alistair Garrod

COMMUNITY NEWS

A HELPING HAND FROM HENVILLE

With Christmas just around the corner, families can find their finances stretched – a worry which is then compounded by extra, unexpected educational expense.

Perhaps your child has come home from school with information about an outing? Or maybe your student at college or university has found themselves with an extra, unexpected outlay?

Fortunately, Henville Educational Foundation is a local fund to which families can apply for grants towards certain educational needs.

The person on whose behalf the request is being made must live in the village and be aged under 25. Money is also given to schools and youth organisations. The grants are to be used for books, educational visits, equipment, assistance with fees for training courses, special educational needs, or private tutoring. Sporting and musical activities may also be considered.

All applications are treated in strictest confidence. If you think the Trust could help you, please email henvilletrust@aol.com or call 07789 654653 for an application form. The trustees meet four times a year to consider these applications with the next meeting taking place in December.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE PRIORY CENTRE

For twelve years, we have held a lunch on Christmas Day in the Priory Centre for those who may not be able to spend the day with others. This year is no exception, so if you would like to share lunch and company, please come along – you will be made very welcome.

We have a number of seats at our Christmas lunch table which we would love to share with you. Come and join us and enjoy good company, friendly faces, and a lunch of traditional Christmas fare! Our wonderful team of volunteers are ready and waiting to provide a wonderful Christmas Day lunch and hospitality. There is easy access for all, with no steps and everything on one level.

Places are restricted in number so pre-booking is essential. Transport to and from the Priory Centre can be provided on request. Please join us... we would love to see you!

For further information please contact Kay on 07866 097789, 023 8045 4745 or kay007@ntlworld.com

Many of you will know that the parishes of Hamble and Hound have been without a parish priest for a few years. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that the Rev. Hayley Richens has been appointed and will take up her post on 30 October. We all look forward to welcoming Hayley and wish her well.

November is when we remember all our armed forces members who have been lost in conflict and at St Andrew's there will be the usual Remembrance Sunday church service on 10 November, starting at 9.30am and moving to the War Memorial for 11am. On Armistice Day, Monday 11 November, a service will take place at 11am at the War Memorial.

We are raising money to fund major restoration of the clock at St Andrew's, and every donation helps. Thank you in advance for your contribution as this clock belongs to ALL the people of Hamble and due to its connection to the central atomic clock is the most accurate timepiece in Hamble. Please donate here: <https://gofund.me/49ecbdd7>



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HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

In October Judy Theobald came along to talk to us with the topic being 'Flushed with Success.' We weren't sure what to expect but Judy surprised us with her talk about the 'History of the Toilet' – her words not mine!

It seems that toilets took a very long time to develop. The Romans sat around together to do their business with streams underneath the seats to take the waste. No filtration system, no disposal system. A thousand years later in castles the waste came down shutes straight into the moats which was also where drinking water was taken. As you can imagine diseases were ripe. Toilets did not improve for a very long time. Privacy was never a worry. It seems that it was a case of you went to do your 'business' amongst others and thought no more of it. The commode then came along and was used by the richer within society who were happy to do so as it was their servants who emptied them.



The privy was the name for outside 'toilets' with some having 4 holes in. Imagine that! Some had no doors as they would have been broken off for firewood. Beautiful sideboards were in place in drawing rooms with little doors at each end which contained chamber pots to be used after dinner.

In London the waste went straight into the Thames. Queen Victoria bought Osborne House to escape the Great Stink in 1858 because of the smell. Escaping to the Island was her way out. It wasn't until the late 1800s when the lavatory was invented, sewers were built, and privacy became something everyone wanted. Well, you would, wouldn't you? We must be grateful that the flushing toilet was invented way before our time.

Our next meeting is on 12 November when we have David Lutchford coming along to give us a talk on Birds of the Hamble River. Why not join us? 2pm, Priory Centre, Hamble Church.

Bobby Conduit,
02380 453626

CHILL OUT WITH THE SNOW QUEEN AND HAMBLE PLAYERS THIS DECEMBER

Hamble Players has over 40 members who are either on stage or in the wonderful team that bring our productions to life. In fact, just about everyone is involved in The Snow Queen, this year's pantomime, as its one of our biggest productions!

The show's director is Sheila Barker and it's a real family affair as her daughter Catherine is Assistant Director while husband David is busy building the set!



There is so much that goes into bringing a production to life...

- The director selects a show and presents it to Hamble Players for sign off. The script and licences are purchased, then it's onto readthroughs and auditions for the cast to be decided.
- In the background, the director is selecting their support team for the set build, lighting and sound, costume design and creation, sourcing all the props, the stage management, marketing, and the front of house team who meet and greet, provide the hospitality and organise the raffle.
- Once everyone is in place, the rehearsals and set design start around 12 weeks before opening night. The director creates their schedule, then every Monday, Thursday and Sunday there are script reads, stage direction, dance choreography, singing practice, and the set is built.
- The excitement grows as the scripts go down (we should know our lines!), everyone knows their places, the set is finished, the sound effects and lighting are all in the right place and the songs and dance moves are perfect. All these are given a final check at the dress rehearsal and we're ready for opening night!



We hope to see you at The Snow Queen, which is playing between 3-8 December. Tickets sold out some time ago, but why not join the waiting list at <https://bit.ly/3EcRBTy?> You might be lucky!





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HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The autumn programme of works is well underway and with the breeding season over for most wildlife we have been able to tackle the growth of scrub on Hamble Common. The cows have done a great job with their grazing, but they will be removed soon as the grass is no longer nutritious leaving it to us to remove the gorse and silver birch which are not attractive to cattle. We also have renovation tasks around Hamble particularly on the foreshore where public seating needs some care and attention.



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 whereas beach cleans and Eastleigh tasks meet at School Lane car park.

If you would like to know more about us please either visit <https://bit.ly/3C0X4Py> or contact Philip Rawlinson: philiprawlinson123@btinternet.com, 07810 453138.

As we approach the last two months of the year our minds turn to Christmas – starting with our Christmas Wreath Workshop. This year we will be using moss rings! This popular event is open to everyone and is held on Saturday 30 November, 2pm-4pm in the rear hall of Hamble Memorial Hall (£40 per person). Spaces are filling fast so contact Jeanette on 07813 362997 for more information and to book your place.

This year the very talented Jo Richards will be taking us on a trip to see Santa through her floral arrangements for our annual Christmas Demonstration. This event is open to everyone, and tickets always sell out. All the arrangements made are raffled off so you could be one of the lucky ones to take home an amazing design. Why not come and spend the afternoon with us on Monday 9 December?

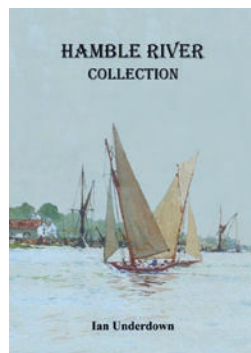
Please email info.hambleflowerclub@gmail.com if you are interested in coming along to any of our meetings, or have any questions. We are a friendly bunch and meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm start. We hope to see some of you there!

Rosie, Chairman

HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the next Society's meeting its Chairman, Ian Underdown, will be giving a talk entitled the 'Hamble River Collection'. This talk will be accompanied by the launch of a new booklet, which joins the previously-released popular booklets 'Hamble River – a Glimpse of the Past' and 'Boats of the Hamble River'.

The new booklet is a collection of interesting insights into the river's history that were not included in detail in the previous booklets. It includes smuggler's deaths, how tax duties were avoided by smuggling salt at night, coastguard stories, and two important Second World War Combined Operations naval training bases that played a significant role on D-Day. It also provides comprehensive information



about the boatyards that have served the river over the years, details of prominent river people and boat restorations, plus notable regattas that have taken place. Finally, at the top end of the river it provides information about the Curbridge Whale, Pink Mead Cottage and the river's source along with the non-tidal river activities.

There are many other interesting and fascinating insights about the river included in the booklet, which is a must read for anyone who has an interest in the history of the river.

The Society's next meeting will be on Thursday 7 November, 7.30pm, at the Memorial Hall (Rear Hall). New members and visitors are always welcomed! Our meeting fee is just £2. If you would like more information contact our secretary, Margaret Greenfield: 023 8045 4373.

The booklet will be first available at this talk at the cost of only £4. After this you will be able to buy it from the Post Office at Coronation Parade.

COMMUNITY NEWS



YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Hamble Primary School is currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, with different skills and experiences but all share a common interest in wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- has 3-4 hours of spare time a month and has energy for the role
- is able to visit the school during the day at least a couple of times a term
- is able to work well as part of a team
- has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

In return we can offer you:

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

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

UPDATE FROM THE MERCURY HUB

At the recent National Quilling competition, Irene won the silver salver award for excellence in quilling (again) for her stunning creation (the photo doesn't do it justice!), whilst in the children's categories, Chloe came 1st in the 15-18 age range, Lottie 1st in the 10-14 age range with Darcy in 2nd place, and William came 1st in the under 10 group. To see all of their wonderful creations in their full glory, pop into The Hub where they are on display.

As winter creeps in and energy bills rise, a lot of people will be finding it hard to make ends meet. The Hub is a donation point for Hound Food Bank so if you have anything to spare, please drop items off to us to help those less fortunate. Every donation, however big or small is always gratefully received. Thank you.

On the 22 November, from 10am to 1pm a representative from Citizens Advice Eastleigh will be running an open session for the public to get advice about claiming pension credits. If you think you are eligible but aren't sure, please come along to get some advice and help to make sure you don't miss out.

We have two of our popular storytelling sessions to look forward to: one on 1 November and the second on 3 January, from 10.30am to noon. Make sure you bring the little ones along for some storytime fun.

A warm welcome is guaranteed here so join us on Monday-Saturday 10am to 1pm plus Monday 2pm-4pm, Tuesday 2pm-4pm and Wednesday 2pm-5pm. We look forward to seeing you. Our programme is posted weekly on our Facebook page and is also on display in The Hub, and often includes additional events.

Once again, thank you to the band of volunteers who make The Hub happen.

UPCOMING DATES

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings at the Roy Underdown Pavilion

Full Council
Monday 11 November
7pm

Asset Management Committee

Monday 4 November
7pm

Planning Committee
Monday 25 November
7pm



Remembrance Service
10 November
9.30am

At St Andrew's Church.

Armistice Day Service
11 November
10.30am - 12pm

At The War Memorial.