



Photos supplied by HPC and The Big Hamble Bear Hunt Facebook page

## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

At the time of writing, it appears we face the prospect of a very different Christmas this year. So many of the events and rituals that we associate with this festive period are based on coming together with loved ones, which is more difficult this year. Despite this, the people of Hamble and the wider area are again rising to the challenge to lift spirits, support each other and find ways to do things just a little differently this year. Since the last edition we have seen the Hamble Bear Hunt take to the streets, a live stream of a Remembrance Day event at Hound Church and the annual act of Remembrance took place at St Andrew's Church. As we move into December the Hamble Advent Windows are primed and ready to go.

A band of volunteers are out there working to make sure that people get the help they need and organisations such as the Netley Food Bank, Hamble Good Neighbours and the Church are all stepping up their efforts to do more when it's needed most.

So, despite the dark nights, the uncertain times and the changes to routine – there is still much to be positive about as the new year

approaches and, we all hope, ways to tackle the pandemic.

In recognition of this Eastleigh Borough Council have launched an award scheme to recognise 'local heroes' that have given their time to help others during the pandemic. You can nominate someone by going to [www.eastleigh.gov.uk/local-heroes](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/local-heroes). If you can't access the website and need a little help, give the parish office a ring and we will help you make your nomination.

Lastly Father Graham has told us, that due to the uncertainty with the covid restrictions, that this year's Midnight Mass will not take place. There will however be an outdoor Christmas Story for children and families at 4pm on Christmas Eve. The service will follow the Christmas story and include a visit to the manger. A 10.30am Eucharist Service will also be held on Christmas morning. There are also plans for a Carol Service over the Christmas period with more information on <http://standrewshamble.org>.

Finally Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2021 from everyone at Hamble Parish Council.

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# GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO HAMBLE

Like so many others, the Parish Council has seen its income reduce this year alongside having to spend more money on measures to keep people safe and the village clean and tidy. Central government has recognised this and allocated additional funding to local

governments across the country. Eastleigh Borough Council have awarded Hamble Parish Council a grant of £12,204.00 to help plug the hole in our finances which we are very grateful for.

## PLANNING

### Recent Applications

The Planning Committee in October considered two applications linked to the River Hamble. Both related to proposals at Universal Marina. The first was for the rearrangement and additional marine berths at the Marina. The committee objected to the application as it would lead to the loss of the inshore channel used by small boat users including paddleboards and canoes as well as a loss of public space along the river. There was also concern that the more affordable crown estate moorings would be lost in the process.

The second application related to a number changes including the movement of the dry stack. There were concerns that the new location for the dry stack would be very visible from the river and the opposite bank whilst the current location is well screened and landscaped.

### Local Plan Update on Mercury Marina Policy

The Local Plan Inspector has agreed to hold an additional hearing to consider further evidence that EBC has commissioned that supports its objection to residential development on the site. The provisional date for this hearing has been set for Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 10.00am. We will confirm more details about how to join on our website or you can check on EBC's. [www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)

### Southampton Airport Extension - Planning Meeting

Eastleigh Local Area Committee will meet on the 17 December 2020 to consider the Southampton Airport Planning Application. The application includes plans to extend the runway and to expand the long stay parking facilities. Members of the public can join and participate in the meeting, either in person or by having by their statement read out by a member of staff. The arrangements for joining the virtual meeting will be published on their website shortly. [www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)

### Tree Planting

Our first trees from the Woodland Trust have gone in but plans for other sites have been put on hold until the current restrictions have lifted. We still hope to involve as many people as possible in a community plant out.



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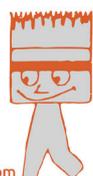
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# HAVE YOUR SAY

## Allotment Pathway

Back in the summer, Hamble Parish Council started a consultation with allotment holders at the Hamble Lane allotments in response to regular vandalism and damage to the allotments and their crops.

There is a pathway which leads from the layby outside the Primary School, through the allotments, parallel to the main road up to a gated entrance on Hamble Lane next to the bus stop.



Several allotment holders feel that if this pathway were closed it would reduce the risk of continued damage.

In November, the Parish Council agreed to consult village residents in order to gauge public opinion on closing this stretch of pathway to see if this does indeed reduce the vandalism.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider a trial 6-month period from April to September next year, but before we commit to this course of action, we are keen to understand if there are any views about this suggestion or alternative suggestions.

Please share your thoughts with us using the contact details are at the bottom of the page.

If you are interested in having an allotment you can apply via our website [www. http://www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/hamble-parish-council-14956/get-an-allotment/](http://www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/hamble-parish-council-14956/get-an-allotment/)

There is a waiting list but priority is given to residents and there is usually some turnover during the year.

## COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hamble Conservation Volunteers

Sadly our plans to restart our winter tasks were abandoned following the most recent lockdown but we continue with beach and village cleans. These take place on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in every month but Covid19 restrictions do require you to register with HCV before you can take part.

If you wish to participate please contact Philip Rawlinson at [hambleconserve@btinternet.com](mailto:hambleconserve@btinternet.com)

or phone 07810 453 138.

Updates on our activities can be found on our website: [www.hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk)

Heres something from earlier in the year when the conditions were better!



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# COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS cont

## Christmas Advent Windows

Look out during December for Advent windows popping up around the village. Windows will be dressed and unveiled each day of December. There will be a map available and published on the *@HambleLivingAdvent Calendar* Facebook and we hope to publish images of the windows in future newsletters.

## Tennis Update

The council grounds team have now removed the tennis nets for the remainder of the winter. Unsurprisingly, with the shorter daylight hours, increased bad weather and leaves on the court, fewer people are playing and we are keen to preserve the net for use next year.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to form a Tennis Court Working Group - to help create some guidelines for managing the court and ensuring it remains a free amenity to villagers whilst minimising the risk of damage. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved – we envisage it would require a few hours in the new year to determine some protocols, with occasional follow-up meetings or discussions if issues arise.

## Carols in The Square – Postponed

With the continued emphasis on social distancing, the organisers of the Christmas Eve Carols in The Square have confirmed that this popular event will not take place this year. We are hopeful that restrictions will permit the return of this popular outdoor event next year.

Hopefully by the time you read this article, the tree and lights will be up in The Square creating some festive cheer!



## Volunteers to the Rescue

Volunteers have once again come forward to help the Hamble Quarantine Group provide a helping hand to those that need it. It is a confidential service helping with shopping and other essentials, staying in touch through a regular phone call or being a companion when a quick stroll is needed. Contact us via our Facebook group (Hamble quarantine help) or the Parish Office. You'll also find our details at our local Co-Ops.

## Hamble Post Office

Mitu Daga and her team run the Post Office at Coronation Parade, offering expert advice as well as a friendly chat. Mitu took over the Post Office in 2018 and made a number of changes aimed at providing excellent customer service. In fact, the Branch was nominated for the best post office in South East area for its customer service during the pandemic although it wasn't a winner it was commended for all the very positive comments from its customers. A big well done and thank you to them and all our shop workers in Hamble

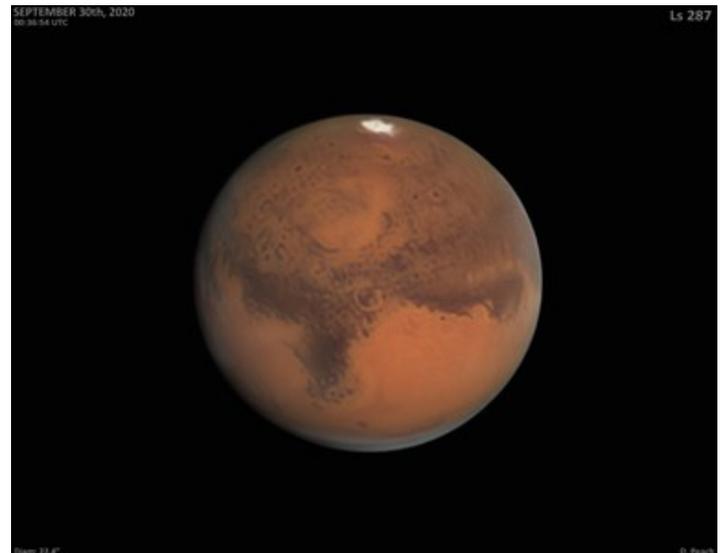


# COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS cont

## Natural World

How many residents in the village can boast that they have an asteroid named after them? Well Damian Peach FRAS amateur astronomer, astrophotographer, lecturer and author can. Asteroid 27632 was re-named Damianpeach by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) for his contributions to amateur astronomy which has spanned thirty odd years. Damian's work has appeared in an extensive range of publications, has featured in Edinburgh Science's Festival and The Royal Greenwich Observatory and had been used by the likes of the BBC and NASA.

Many of Damian's images were taken from his back garden in Hamble (more can be found at his website <http://www.damianpeach.com/>).



His image of Mars has recently been featured on the BBC website and if you want to see Mars for yourself it will see it as a bright orange star to the south east in the night skies.

Damian's top tip for December, is the "conjunction" of Jupiter and Saturn on the 21st. With a small telescope or even with binoculars you should be able to see both planets — Saturn with its famous ring system and Jupiter with its cloud bands and Galilean satellites — simultaneously in the same field of view! So, make it a date, and you never know you might spot Damian at the same time!

## Tips to Keep Your Energy Bills Down in Winter

With winter upon us, and more of us working at home, staying warm during the day can be worry. Are you worried if you turn the heating up, your bills are going to go through the roof?

Here are some steps you can take to keep your energy bills in check:

**Everyday tips:** There are little, everyday things that can help, such as making sure TVs and other devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need.

**Get a better deal:** Next, see if you can get a better deal by changing your energy supplier. Citizens Advice has a price comparison tool (<https://energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk>), and their star rating assesses the customer service records of the 40 biggest companies.

**Talk to your employer:** If your pay is close to the national minimum wage, the extra costs of working from home could be counted as a

pay cut and bring you below the legal level. Talk to your manager or HR department, or your union rep if that feels more comfortable. Finally, your employer should pay for any costs connected to your health and safety – such as a suitable chair for work at a computer. It's also worth taking a look at your employer's expenses policy, you may be able to claim for a number of other things, such as printer ink or telephone line rental.

**Cut costs in the long-term:** You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long term is to invest in good insulation - or ask your landlord to do so.

## Facilities on the Foreshore

Our public toilet facilities, situated to the side of the Hamble Lifeboat station, remain open throughout the year. During the winter months, we keep one cubicle open and are carrying out regular cleaning to ensure that they are safe.

# COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS cont

## School Admissions

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2021, now is the time to apply for a school place. Applications are open for Hampshire residents now. Information on how to apply can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

The closing date is Friday 15th January 2021. Don't miss it.



## Hamble Lifeboats

If you are still thinking about Christmas cards and gifts Hamble Lifeboat has cards designed by crew member Chris Bruty and a calendar featuring their local volunteers. The photos in the calendar were taken by residents earlier in the year.

For more information contact Hamble Lifeboat directly.

Dates to look out for:

Light up a Life 12 December 4pm

Southampton Airport Planning Committee - 17 December

Last day to post Second Class letters - Friday 18 December

Last day to post First Class letters - Monday 21 December

Planetary conjunction - Monday 21st December

Christmas Children's Service - Thursday 24 December 4pm

Planning Hearing - MDL Marina - Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 10am



## Help and Advice on Hand

We are aware that many residents in the Hamble have been affected by these uncertain times. This is brought into even more focus as many residents work in Hospitality - keeping our local pubs, restaurants and suppliers alive.

In these uncertain times, we thought it would be helpful to share the free support and advice that is available via Citizens Advice Eastleigh.

Free, confidential and impartial advice.

visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



Or call:

- Advice line 0808 278 7862
- Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133
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There's no better time to have peace of mind. Do you need help in

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- **Making a Lasting Power of Attorney?**

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# COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS cont

## Message from Temporary Sergeant Ian Simpson

Hello Hamble! Let me introduce you to 2 members of your beat team, PC 27059 Mike Alder and PCSO 17931 Steve Tizzard. They are the newest members of the Hedge End South team and although they work across the South, Hamble is their designated area. We are trying to find new ways to interact with you all, so please follow our Social Media pages, Hedge End Police on Facebook and Twitter.

We are looking to produce a video doing a Q&A session, so please keep an eye out for a post asking you to input your questions beforehand for us to answer, we will look to post the replies by 3rd December.



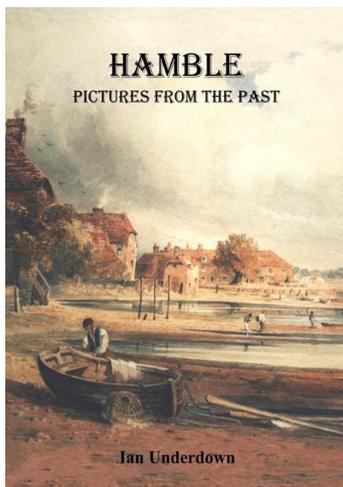
## History Society

Hamble Local History Society has published a new booklet 'Hamble - Pictures from the Past' with over 75 pictures tracking changes across the village.

Some of the pictures of Hamble have never been seen before!

The booklet is available from Coronation Parade Post Office at the cost of £3.

For more information about the History Society contact 023 8045 3776.



## Keeping an Eye on the Tides

December 2020 - Continued

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22 Tu	03:04	3.8	05:49	4.1	09:08	1.8	C	E	2
23 We	03:54	3.8	06:44	3.9	10:07	2.0	D	C	1.7
24 Th	04:52	3.9	07:47	3.8	11:11	2.0	D	C	1.6
25 Fr	05:09	3.6	08:15	3.9	-	-	B	D	1.9
26 Sa	06:17	3.9	08:54	3.6	12:16	2.0	D	C	1.7
27 Su	07:21	4.0	09:16	3.9	00:35	1.9	C	F	2.1
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4 Fr	13:07	4.4	02:51	4.3	06:21	1.3	M	N	3.2
5 Sa	13:23	4.4	03:36	4.2	07:02	1.4	K	L	3.1
6 Su	14:08	4.1	04:22	4.0	07:48	1.6	J	K	3
7 Mo	15:02	4.0	05:08	4.1	08:45	1.8	G	F	2.2
8 Tu	16:04	3.8	05:59	4.1	09:59	2.0	F	H	2.4
9 We	16:48	4.0	07:38	4.0	11:20	1.9	F	D	2.2
10 Th	17:17	3.8	08:39	3.8	12:54	1.7	F	H	2.4
11 Fr	18:27	4.3	09:44	4.3	01:00	1.5	H	K	2.3
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