

January 2025

Pamber Parish Newsletter

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath



The Pelican—Pamber Heath



The Plough—Little London



The Queens College Arms—Pamber End

Welcome to the first Parish Newsletter of 2025. Inside you will find lots of information about upcoming events in the Parish.

As a Parish we are lucky enough to have 3 pubs. Did you know that the Parish Council has recently applied to have The Queens College Arms registered as 'An Asset of Community Value'? Find out more in the Parish Council's minutes or at

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/community-right-to-bid>

Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall – 2024 and beyond!

2024 was an exciting year for the hall as the community began to take advantage of our new improved building. We now have 2 halls and kitchens, vastly improved facilities for Impstone local pre-school and the grounds are now newly planted so that the outside of the hall is as attractive as the inside.



The upgraded community building is providing much improved accommodation for the many clubs and societies which use the hall for their meetings. A range of fitness classes started in July (ActiveHealthy) and our other clubs and societies benefitted from the upgrades to the accommodation. Successful hall events have included a summer market, a Halloween party, a great music evening with Out of the Shadows, a Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas market, all helping to raise much needed funds to meet the hall's running costs. We now have wi-fi extended throughout which will allow us to zone the heating – not only reducing our heating costs but also helping to meet our environmental targets.

In 2025 we hope to refurbish the roof of the main hall, plus upgrade the interior lighting and ceiling. Our treasurer, Lynda, works hard on securing grants for such work and we are always grateful to the Parish Council, and the management committee of the hall, for their support in maintaining the building. While the committee continues going from strength to strength, we can always use new committee members or maybe you could just volunteer to be a friend of the hall, helping us with events without having to sit on the management committee itself. If you are interested, then get in touch via our website.

We welcome a new booking clerk in 2025, Sheldon Cary, taking over from Jenny Marshall who has provided sterling service on both the hall committee and as booking clerk for a number of years. She deserves a huge 'thank you' for all she has done to manage this key area of the hall's work so efficiently and capably. Contact details remain the same.

2 forthcoming events – firstly, a band we haven't had at the hall before, but we are excited to welcome The Undercovers on 8th March, performing their lively and wide-ranging repertoire of popular party song and anthems. From R 'n' B, funk and soul to ska, rock and pop, the Undercovers play a wide range of hits spanning the 60s to today. The reviews of the band are great - "What a Band!! The Undercovers were absolutely fantastic one of the best live performances I have seen, the band have such a wide range of

songs it really got everyone up dancing! Jules has a great vocal range and knows how to work the crowd; all the musicians are super talented and I couldn't recommend them highly enough!!

Tickets are going fast but there are a few ways to book:

Email : jennymarshall2@hotmail.com or book online from our website.

In addition, we are participating in Village Halls Week 2025 which aims to celebrate, encourage and support the efforts of volunteers who keep these important rural community buildings open. The hall will be open for you to look round on 23rd March, 2025. The parish councillors will be available for you to meet them and raise any issues you want to discuss.

We hope to welcome you to these and our other events in 2025 - and thank you for the support you have shown to the hall during the past year.

Jane Escott-New—Chairman, Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall

Pamber Parish Council



Happy New Year to you all, I hope the festive break was enjoyable and that 2025 brings you happiness. You may be aware that Stephen Howis has stood down as a South Ward councillor to enable him to devote time to his new role as chairman of the Newbury Arts Society. We wish him well and thank him for work in the Parish. This leaves a place for a new resident to join the council. If you have thought about joining the council then please look out for further announcements on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

The refurbishment of the Memorial Hall is all but complete. In the months ahead the Parish intend to replace the roof on the old hall and commence the refurbishment of the tennis courts converting the 3rd court into an activity and recreational area.

Traffic passing through the Parish continues to cause problems to many. The Council are in discussion with Hampshire County Council and the police to investigate the option we have to address the problems. I remind residents who have hedges that are on the roadside. It is your responsibility to keep these trimmed to your property boundary. This is usually at least 0.4m from the road verge, road signage should not be buried within the foliage.

Don't forget, our parish meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. If there are any questions or issues you think the Parish Council can help please let us know.

Cllr. Simon Greaves- Pamber Parish Chairman

Upcoming Events 2025

At Pamber Heath Memorial Hall



March 8th	The Undercovers
March 23rd	Hall Open Day
May 8th	VE Day 80th Anniversary event
-	beacon lighting, Pamber Park
May 21st	Committee AGM
July 6th	Summer Market
November 30th	Christmas Market
December 18th	Christmas Carol Concert



For more information on all these events please go to our website www.phmemorialhall.co.uk or
facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pamberheathmemorialhall>



News from St Luke's Church



Happy New Year to everyone from us all at St Luke's. And a big thank you to all who came to our Open Day on October 19th.

Thank you to all who came and thank you for the generosity shown in the gifts we have received for our fund for new tiles for the roof. At Christmas, our roof funds were enhanced by a very generous donation from the concert given by the Tadley singers at St Paul's. A wonderful concert enjoyed by everyone and very generous donations by so many.

The Scout leaders and Scouts walked from The Den to St Luke's on Remembrance Day, marched their flag into church and joined us for our service in which they read 2 lessons with great clarity and meaning. Thank you Aaron and the Scouts. Christmas saw our Beavers at Church for an evening making paper chains, decorating Christmas Tree ornaments and then talking about the meaning of Christmas and the first Christmas. Just before Christmas, our Coffee Morning enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, thanks to Judy (how lucky we are to have this hall!) and we were royally entertained by the Ukulele group. Then Impstone Pre-school little ones emerged from their Pre-School, singing as they mounted the stage in the Hall and sang and acted with great confidence. We enjoyed the Christmas Nativity with a mixture of adults and children acting in it and telling the story and assisted on their walk to Bethlehem by the Revd Linda Williams who is now a permanent member of our team (retired but with her husband Nigel, giving enthusiasm, time and energy to St Luke's and the community). The start of Christmas day was welcomed during our Midnight service – always a moving and special time.

For fun and biscuits and tea/coffee do join us with young and old and all ages in between, at our coffee mornings which run every Thursday, all year apart from Christmas. We now have so many people over the age of 90 that we can't be considered old until we reach that age. Our Friday Toddler group runs on Fridays term time only, both from 10:00 – 11:30. Please do come and join us! We have already had sheep, bubbles and balloons this January – what will be next? Our Wednesday morning services at 10:00 am continue – a relaxed service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion to which everyone is welcome!

We have had our Crib lit in the church carpark since Christmas but on February 2nd we will turn off the lights. Then we turn our thoughts to Lent and Easter when we remember how Jesus died a criminal's death after living a life full of love and care BUT he came alive again on the first Easter Sunday and is still alive. It is in his name for him that we welcome you to our church. Details of all our Easter services will be on the parish website: www.stpaulstadley.org.uk

As we move into this new year, I thank God for the joy and fun of living in this community and especially for our shop with PK, Seju, Milan and Yogi and Amy and her team at the Pelican

Cathy Pynn (Revd) Resident priest 27 Silchester Road, Tel: 0118 970100



Impstone & Cherry Trees
Preschools

The new year marks a whole year in the new building and what a year it's been!! We've worked

hard both inside and out to provide a stimulating environment for the children and they love it!

Our outside space has had lots of work done, including a new roadway play area, an allotment space, new perimeter fencing and some external classroom upgrades too.

The Autumn term saw us meet lots of new families and children who have settled in amazingly. Our Halloween party back in October was a huge success and the children enjoyed dressing up and playing lots of spooky games!

Christmas had us up on stage again with our annual performance and we couldn't be prouder of how well the children did, especially as this was a very young cohort!

January (& the coming weeks) brings some new children to the setting and we're also very excited with all the events and activities we have planned, including Mother's Day, Chinese new year and Valentines Day to name a few.

We can't wait for the spring to arrive so we can see our garden start to bloom and we'll be able to plant vegetables in our allotment.

Amanda Davies—Preschool Manager

'Little Imps'
Baby & Toddler Group

RUN BY
Laugh, Play, Learn, Grow
Impstone & Cherry Trees Preschools

Come along for a chat and a play

Baby area, stories, crafts, activities, singing & rhyme time

EVERY WEDNESDAY TERM TIME
10am - 11.30am

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall,
Pamber Heath Road,
RG26 3TQ
(small hall)

£2.50 per family (2 children, 50p per add. child)
inc drink and snack

For more information, contact us on:
impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com
07733 898914

LIVE MUSIC

THE UNDERCOVERS

8th March 25-7.30pm

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets only £10



60s/70s/
80s Party
band

www.undercovers.me.uk

To Book - Scan QR code,
www.ticketebo.co.uk/pamber-heath-memorial-hall/the-undercovers-live or contact
jennymarshall2@hotmail.com, Tel: 07749 809242
charity num: 301914



Club Contacts

Impstone Preschool Monday – Friday 8.30am - 4pm Amanda Davies
07733 898914 impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com

Short Mat Bowls Monday 6.45 – 9.45pm, Wednesday 1.45 – 5pm
Maggie Branston the.branstons@gmail.com

Yoga Tuesday 6.30 – 8pm Julie Bushell julie@juliebushell.co.uk

Exercise group Tuesday 7.15 – 8.45pm Joe Sidey 07760 558749

ActiveHealthy Exercise classes—range of classes between 9-1pm on
Tuesday and 12-4pm on Friday adam@activehealthy.uk

Little Imps Wednesday 10am - 11.30am Amanda Davies
impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com 07733 898914

U3A Wine Appreciation, 2nd Wednesday every month
2.30 - 4pm Keith Buckingham bucktadley@btinternet.com

U3A Art group every 2nd and 4th Thursday 2-4pm
TandDU3A@gmail.com

Pilates Wednesday 6 – 6.45pm Salli Silk salli@workouttomusic.co.uk
07754 879469

Ballroom Dancing Wednesday 7 – 8pm, 8 - 9pm Kerry Pretty
kerry.pretty@sky.com 07979 850786

Fitness Pilates Thursday 9.30 – 10.30am Claire Hecquet
clairehomestudio@outlook.com

Deft Fingers Friday 1.30 - 4pm Tony & Mary Middleton 0118 9700754

TaeKwondo Friday 7 - 8pm Jason Cooper
jasone1cooper@btinternet.com

B&D Dog Training, 2nd Sunday of the month. jacshnt@icloud.com

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To book, contact the booking clerk on **07871 459960** or email
pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com . More details on the website
phmemorial.co.uk and follow on facebook. To join our mailing list
sign up at <https://mailchi.mp/8ae00c493407/pamber-heath-memorial-hall>

St Stephens Hall, Little London

To book contact email info@ststephensvillagehall.org