

Pamber Parish Newsletter

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath



Pamber Hall Improvements

As you will have noticed work is underway on the hall extension and improvements. Work is progressing well so far and we hope to be able to have a grand opening event in early December 2023.

Whilst the work is ongoing we are still taking bookings for the hall. The only time the hall will be closed is during the May half term and the six week summer holiday from 24th July until 4th September. This will allow the contractors to do the internal remodelling that is needed.

We apologise for any inconvenience the building work may cause but we are sure it will be worth it in the end.

Hall Committee update

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Out of the Shadows' evening which raised £704.80. We had some lovely feedback and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. The money raised will be used towards the hall maintenance costs.

Whilst the building work is ongoing we have decided not to hold a Summer Fair this year and other fundraising opportunities will be limited, however we are hoping that our next event will be a Quiz night on 7th October. More details will follow closer to the time.

The Hall Committee AGM is on 30th May at 7.30pm in the small hall (access via the preschool garden) . This is where we appoint the Committee for the coming year and update on the year's progress. Please come along if you are interested in joining our friendly team.

To book the hall please either email pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com or phone 07871 459960 and Jenny will get back to you as soon as she can.

Online Shopping Donations

If you do some of your shopping online you could be raising money for the hall at the same time by signing up to Easy Fundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pamberheathmemorialhall/>

Please support our lottery!! Our supporters have purchased 40 tickets so far, this provides the Hall with around £105 per month, it only costs £1 per ticket and there are some fabulous prizes. Go to bandcommunitylottery.co.uk and search for Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

Pamber Heath Allotments

Allotments are available at Pamber Park for a small annual rental. Please contact Maurice Biggs on 0118 9811438 for more information.



Save the dates !



Quiz Night - 7th October 7pm



Hall reopening - 9th Dec from 2pm



Carol concert -19th December 7.30pm
Doors open from 7pm

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

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall AGM

30th May at 7.30pm at the Hall

The meeting will include a report on the year's achievements, financial update and plans for the future. If you are interested in joining the Committee please come along to find out more and meet the team.

Pamber Parish Council



Following the uncontested election due to a shortage of candidates the Parish Council are inviting applications for a South Ward Councillor to be co-opted after the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May.

If you have an interest in local matters and want to help your local community then please contact the Clerk or any Councillor for further information.

Pamber Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm at either St Stephen's Hall, Little London or Pamber Heath Memorial Hall alternatively on 2nd Monday of each month.

Keep up to date with events via the Council website or our Facebook and social media accounts.

www.pamber-pc.gov.uk email: clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk

Community Speedwatch

The Pamber Parish SpeedWatch group has recently re-formed following previous lack of volunteers

There are four locations approved by the police to monitor the speed of traffic in the Parish and the group aspire to run two monitoring sessions per month. Two sessions ran in April recording speeds up to 47mph in a 30mph zone.

Clearly, the SpeedWatch sessions improve safety of the community by slowing traffic and increase public awareness of inappropriate speed. The group has just enough volunteers to run these sessions so if you would like to join the Pamber SpeedWatch group please do get in touch and make our Parish a safer place. The commitment is approximately one hour per session that you are able to join, training is provided by the police and more people will allow us to run more sessions. I have met more local people through the group and its great to meet up for a chat!

Lynda Parker-Schwarz

To join or find out more information please contact the Pamber Parish Clerk
email: clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk

The last term has been a busy one. We had a Mother's day craft week with dads and grandparents coming in to make crafts for the mummies ! Some of the children have been visiting Bethany's Care Home and we have also set up an exciting new garden while the building work takes place.



Impstone & Cherry Trees
Preschools

One of our topics this term was 'occupations' and we were lucky enough to have a visit from a fire engine and also a visit from Newbury & District Agricultural Society. The children absolutely loved meeting Buttercup the Cow!



This week we visited Beale Park and were also busy celebrating the Coronation.

We're looking forward to the Summer with Sports Day and our older children preparing for their next big adventure at Primary School.

The preschool is currently full with a waiting list and lots of new children will be starting with us in September.

Amanda Davies 07733 898914

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News from St Luke's Church



Easter eggs might be finished (although a kind friend gave us a bag of small eggs just this week!) but the celebrations in the church continue with bible accounts of Jesus appearances to many people after his resurrection. Sceptical? I can understand that – it's not normal to rise from the dead. People have written books to prove the resurrection didn't happen – however, having started with the hypothesis that the resurrection story was a myth, they ended up with the conclusion that the only solution to their conundrum was that Jesus did rise from the dead. 'Who moved the stone' by Frank Morison and 'The Case for Easter' by Lee Strobel are two such books. If you like journalistic detective stories you might like these!

We celebrated Easter Sunday with a dawn service by the Tadley Skate park at 6:00am. I always love these services but the idea palls considerably the night before with the thought of a 5:00am start. However, once out of bed (in the dark!) and on my way, the excitement of remembering that first Easter and singing and praying in the open with a group of over 30 people, takes over. The mist hung in the trees – only a light mist – and somehow added to the mystery of that first Easter morning. Thanks to the Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) we celebrated together with prayers, hymns and a drama, enjoyed some little Easter eggs and then went back to the URC Immanuel Centre where we enjoyed a full English breakfast.

The Coronation of King Charles III is very much in the forefront of the news – whether a monarchist or a republican, he deserves our thoughts and prayers for the role he is taking on in our country and far beyond our borders. It's a massive role to take on at the age of 74 – I pray for him and all the Royal Family that they serve God in their lives in the best way they can. It is well known about the King's deep respect and care for people and in particular for people of other faiths and I found it very moving and poignant that the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and his wife are due to stay with the King and Queen Consort at Clarence House the night before the Coronation. This is to allow them to walk to the Abbey without having to travel by car on the Sabbath. I pray for God's blessing on the service, on all attending and participating and for our new King's reign. CTAT is organising a big party on May 7th on the Green, starting with a service at 11:00am and followed by lots of food, entertainments and fun.. Do come !

Our church of St Luke's will be hanging out bunting to celebrate the coronation and we have a beautiful gold pot decorated and filled with lovely purple flowers by Hazel and Brian. Impstone pre-school in Pamber Heath are decorating crowns to aid the festivities. A big thank you to our church wardens (Christine and Jean) and everyone who supports St Luke's in many different ways.

I have nick-named St Luke's 'The Pop-up' Church because it pops up in various guises through the week. Our church is used for a Communion Service every Wednesday morning at 10:00am but our belief is that God welcomes us 24/7 wherever we are and it is so good for us to be able to welcome people into the church with love and warmth so that they can enjoy time with each other. So, on Thursday we become a café from 10:00 to 11:30, another very warm and welcoming place where tea, coffee and biscuits are served and where you'll find many friendly people to meet and chat with. If you are new to the village, recently retired or just want to meet up with local people, do come and join us. Friday morning between 10:00 and 11:30 we become a 'playroom'. We have loads of toys and a big welcome for parents/carers, grandparents and children from 0-4 years at our baby and Toddler group. Do come and join us – we'd love to see you and chat with you over coffee whilst we all play with the toys – I love the train set!



We are so lucky with the Pamber Heath community and enjoy being a part of it. It's wonderful to see the work progressing on the Pamber Heath Memorial Hall – we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all involved and especially the Hall Committee. Thank you! In addition to the Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, we have The Pelican, the shop and the church. Great! Thank you to everyone who makes this village such a friendly and welcoming place to live. There is a Silent Disco at The Pelican over the Coronation weekend – if, like me, you don't know what a Silent Disc is (I do now!), pop into the pub and ask Aaron and his team. It should be fun.

Details of all our services will be on the parish website:

www.stpaulstadley.org.uk. There you will find details of more celebrations as the Revd Steve McKay is licensed as Rector of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester on 26th June. He has been doing a great job over the last few months as the Rector Designate and we look forward to welcoming him to the role as Rector.

With my love Cathy Pynn (Revd) Resident priest
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Tel: 0118 9701007

Contacts

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<https://www.impstoneandcherrytreespreschools.co.uk/>

Monday to Friday 9am until 2.45pm

Short Mat Bowls Maggie Branston the.branstons@gmail.com

Monday 6:45pm-9:45pm ,Wednesdays 1:45pm-4:45pm.

Pilates Salli 07754 879469 info@workout2music.co.uk

Wednesdays 6pm – 6.45pm

Ballroom Dancing Kerry Pretty 07979 850786 Wednesday 7-8pm and 8-9pm

K9 Planet Zoe Bradbrook 07815 0580321 zoe@k9planet.co.uk

Thursday 5pm - 8pm

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

Circuit Style Exercise Joe Sidey 07760 558749 Tuesday 7.15 to 8.15pm

Taekwon-do Jason Cooper 07770 882315

jason1cooper@btinternet.com Friday 7pm—8pm

For General Hire please contact the booking clerk on 07871 459960 or email pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com

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