

May 2024

# Pamber Parish Newsletter

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath



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**D-DAY** 6 JUNE 2024

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BEACON LIGHTING  
REPRESENTING THE LIGHT OF  
PEACE WITH LIVE MUSIC &  
FISH & CHIPS.  
CHINOOK FLY OVER

Thursday 6th June  
7.30-10.30p.m at  
Pamber Park, Pamber Heath  
Hants RG26 3TN  
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**PAMBER PARISH COUNCIL**

## Hall Committee update



The refurbished Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall continues to go from strength to strength. Bookings are increasing and several clubs use the hall every week including some new ones – yoga and U3A wine appreciation - which have started since we were fully reopened in the new year.

There are a few building snags we're sorting out, inevitable in any building project, but now the weather is improving, we are looking forward to the grassy area behind the hall being flattened and re-laid with new grass so that it becomes an attractive space for us to use again. The pre-school garden will also be revamped so that the children have an improved and extended outdoor play area. Combined with our general ongoing fundraising, the committee, led by our very able treasurer, is now seeking to improve the large hall through grants for various items that would improve the hall's ceiling, floor, energy efficiency and acoustic facilities. The Sunday market, open from 8am, is a new venture for us with stalls selling meat, flowers, plants, pet food, and candles. And one Sunday each month the market will be supplemented with a car boot sale – the first one was in April and attracted several bookings. The next car boot sale will be on 16th June and then 21st July. We would like to grow these ventures however, so if you would like to have a stall at the market selling your wares, or you want to book a space for your car boot sale to earn some cash for your pre-loved items to be re-used and repurposed, email [pnhmcarboot@gmail.com](mailto:pnhmcarboot@gmail.com) to book a pitch.

We're approaching our AGM, 7pm on 22nd May, when a new committee and chairman will be elected. Members of the public are invited to attend to hear about the hall's work, and again, we are always looking for new committee members to help us with our work - or you can be a friend of the hall, helping out at fund raising events. See our website for details. And speaking of future events, we have a Summer Market planned for 7th July with a range of stalls, attractions, and some really special raffle prizes, and then two fabulous live performances from local bands. On 7th September, the Undercovers (tickets £10) will perform for the first time at the hall. We are lucky to be able to secure a date from this popular local band which excels in performing popular party anthems playing a wide range of music including R & B, funk and soul, rock and pop, covering a wide range of hits from the 60s to today. This five piece quality band promises to deliver a memorable experience with two hours of top quality

music. Then on 19th October, the ever popular and hall regulars, Out of the Shadows (tickets £12.50) will perform their lively and wide ranging repertoire of 'Sounds of the Sixties' originally made famous by Cliff Richard, the Shadows, the Beatles, the Searchers and many others. If you would like information or tickets for any of these events there are a number of ways to book: Contact our booking clerk - mobile 07871 459960 or email: pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com or - for Out of the Shadows, email Pauline on paulinewday@yahoo.co.uk



Jane Escott-New  
 Chair of Hall Committee  
 phmhchair@gmail.com



# LIVE MUSIC THE UNDERCOVERS

7th September  
 Tickets £10



[www.undercovers.me.uk](http://www.undercovers.me.uk)

# Sounds of the 60s! Out of the Shadows

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall  
 19th October 7.30pm £12.50

Bring your own food and drink.



Live music

Raffle

Get your tickets early for this popular event!  
 For tickets and/or more info, pls contact Pauline  
 paulinewday@yahoo.co.uk



## Pamber Parish Council



### Pamber Parish Council Spring Report

May is the start of the Council year. It is the month when we hold the AGM where we elect the Chairman and Vice chairmen then the sub-committee members and PGM where we hear reports from various institutions that serve the parish including the Police, schools and the Pamber Forest Warden.

This year the council chose to review the subcommittees, dropping the need for a Highways representative. The Village hall representative has been changed to a working party that will liaise with the two Hall Committees as issues and requests arise, Judith Tyson and Chris Goss take on this role. Judith also continues as our liaison with the Pamber Forest Warden. I, Judith and Stephen Howis form the South ward Planning Sub Committee while Chris, Philip Kingston and Roger Gardiner do the same for the North ward.

Planning has always been a bone of contention in the Parish. It is only in the last few months the BDBC have re-met the housing supply quota which has meant the local plan can be enforced in full. It remains to be seen how this will be enacted by the planners and Development control Committee [DCC]. The majority of application have been for dwellings in the countryside and now the full force of Policy SS6 – New housing in the countryside should be met, along with other related policies.

I have the pleasure to report that the Lengthman scheme funded by HCC will continue for the next two years. Pressure to cut spending to balance the county council budget did put this funding in jeopardy. It is good to see that HCC see the value in the scheme which allows the Parish council to maintain some elements of our countryside.

The Councillors and I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Cllr. Simon Greaves

Chairman of Pamber Parish Council

Is your community group interested in planting some trees?

Maybe you'd like to plant an orchard

Grants are available from

[www.hants.gov.uk/hampshireforestpartnership](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshireforestpartnership)

The aim is to plant one million trees by 2050

Will you help?





**Impstone &  
Cherry Trees**  
Preschools

After a very successful Spring term, we are pleased to say we are fully booked throughout the Summer and holding a waiting list for new starters in September. After the February half term, we trialled opening a little earlier (8.30am) and closing later (4pm) to support families of our children with working parents and this was so successful, we have continued with this for the future.

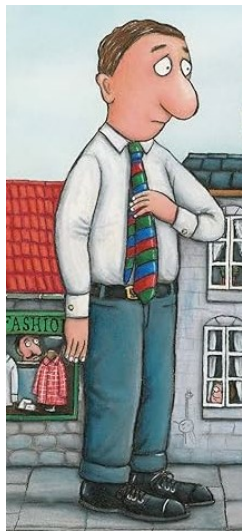
Throughout the Spring term, we continued our visits to Bethany's Care Home, our visit from Coach Dan of Wee Kicks for our weekly football sessions, cooking sessions using our new height appropriate child hob and we managed to secure the courtyard space so the children could get outside for some fresh air every day . Our Easter celebrations saw a visit from Cathy Pynn at St Lukes Church. Sadly, the torrential rain put paid to us visiting the church, so luckily Cathy and her friend joined us to make Easter nests, We look forward to visiting the church in the summer term. We also held our own family Easter Egg hunt on the last day of the Spring term, the children had a fabulous time finding as many eggs as they could and receiving their special gift from the Easter Bunny! We were also able to raise over £500 which will be going towards our new sensory room.

The start of the Summer term has already seen our annual visit to Beale Park, We have linked this term to our topic book of "The Smartest Giant in Town' where the children have learned about self care, animals and mathematical concepts such as big/small, tall/short . As we head towards half term, we are looking forward to our Sports Day event and also the grass seed growing over the coming weeks so we can finally get back out to our garden.

We will also be saying a sad goodbye to a large number of our children in July who will be starting their next big adventure at school. We are so very proud of each and every one of them especially as this is one of the first cohorts to have been born during the pandemic. We do already have a large waiting list for September and a full diary of visits booked, as the new funding from the government has seen an increase in the children that are eligible for this, so we recommend contacting us through our website, email or phone call if you are looking for a place for your child(ren) .

**Amanda Davies 07733 898914**

**[impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com)**



## News from St Luke's Church



The sun is still shining at 6:45 pm and it feels as if summer has come! I hope that you are all able to enjoy the good weather

This last few months have seen Lent, easter and now

Ascension and next week on 19th May Pentecost. These are all

important times for us at St Luke's and for Christians world-wide. Family history is really important for us all – talking and sharing memories and stories of family who have lived and died and who make us who we are. The Christian family is no different and we share together the stories and events in Jesus life – he was born, died and rose again and then went up to Heaven. But we also share what he means to us now and how he is alive to me today. All families need to know where we come from to help us to know who we are.

The two Easter gardens have been beautiful this year. The creation of the table-height one was not by Impstone Pre-School as planned, because it was too wet the day we were due to plant it! However, we did enjoy time with them in their beautiful new surroundings, playing hunt the egg, and making easter nests – very choclatty and yummy!

Which brings me onto the amazing Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall – what a privilege to be invited to the opening ceremony on the 10th to give God's blessing and thank God for all those who had the vision for this War Memorial Hall and all who made the vision happen, maintained it over the years and thank God for all those involved in this new phase giving us such a wonderful centre for activities in the village.

Our Baby and Toddler runs on Friday 10-11.30 term time only at St Luke's Church, Church Road, Pamber Heath. We welcome all parents/carers, grandparents and children from 0-4 years. Our team of 5 run the group as a place for toddlers to mix, sing, craft, play and for mums, dads and carers to meet with refreshments provided for parents/carers. The coffee morning on a Thursday between 10:00 am and 11:30 am, is another very warm and welcoming place and we have been able to invite speakers to join us. Becky visited us to advise on how to prevent falls and then we had Jo from the Princess Royal Trust. The dedicated team at the Trust will provide you with support to discuss, develop and implement an emergency plan. Up to 48hrs free care may be available for the person you care for in the event of an emergency. This is a FREE service and no Adult Services assessment is needed. We plan to have more visits from people who can help us to make the most of the community in which we live.

We have been sad to hear of the death on 29th January of Eileen Richards a member of our coffee morning group. Her smile and joy was infectious and I had many interesting discussions with her when I took her communion. We have celebrated more 90th birthdays and are becoming nonagenarians – is this the result of the love and care in the Pamber Heath community?

Do join us for a Communion service every Wednesday at 10:00am in St Luke's. Our church is used for this service once a week and our belief is that God welcomes us 24/7 wherever we are. We have been fortunate enough to be given a lottery grant for new wall heaters in the church. One of our gas heaters had to be disconnected so we have been surviving with one gas heater and many electric heaters.



Our 5 yearly inspection by the diocese alerted us to the need of a new roof in the next 5 years. We have a strategy group in place and plans for a series of events over the next five years culminating in a big celebration of its 130th anniversary. The first event is fund-raising at the St Paul's fete on 8th June at which we have a stall. If you have anything which you would like to donate (not shoes or clothes) please let me know.

Thank you to everyone who is part of the life of our church and community and to the Hall Committee for their visions and all their work. Pamber Heath is a great place to live.

Details of all our services are on the parish website: [www.stpaulstadley.org.uk](http://www.stpaulstadley.org.uk)

With my love

Cathy Pynn (Revd) Resident priest 27 Silchester Road, Tel: 0118 9701007



## Raffle and Summer Market



Now that the building work is completed, we can hold our annual Summer Market again this year. **It's on Sunday 7th July from 1 - 4pm**

if you would like to have a stall, please contact Jenny Marshall, [pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com](mailto:pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com) . All profits go to the upkeep and maintenance of the hall so please support us by buying some raffle tickets (enclosed) and coming on the day.

You can drop off your raffle ticket money and stubs in advance to: The Memorial Hall, Jenny Marshall at Golden Buffs, Burney Bit or Christine McGarvie, 71 Pelican Road or just bring them on the day.

**For a chance to win a bottle of wine, bring the slip below and put in the marked box on the raffle table**

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### Free Wine Raffle Entry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_

## Club Contacts

**Impstone Preschool** Monday – Friday 8.30am - 4pm Amanda Davies  
07733 898914 [impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com)

**Short Mat Bowls** Monday 6.45 – 9.45pm, Wednesday 1.45 – 5pm  
Maggie Branston [the.branstons@gmail.com](mailto:the.branstons@gmail.com)

**Yoga** Tuesday 6.30 – 8pm Julie Bushell [julie@juliebushell.co.uk](mailto:julie@juliebushell.co.uk)

**Exercise group** Tuesday 7.15 – 8.45pm Joe Sidey 07760 558749

**Little Imps** Wednesday 9.30 - 11am (starting in September) Amanda  
Davies [impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com) 07733 898914

**U3A** Wine Appreciation, 2nd Wednesday every month

2.30 - 4pm Keith Buckingham [bucktadley@btinternet.com](mailto:bucktadley@btinternet.com)

**Pilates** Wednesday 6 – 6.45pm Salli Silk [salli@workouttomusic.co.uk](mailto:salli@workouttomusic.co.uk)  
07754 879469

**Ballroom Dancing** Wednesday 7 – 8pm, 8 - 9pm Kerry Pretty  
[kerry.pretty@sky.com](mailto:kerry.pretty@sky.com) 07979 850786

**Fitness Pilates** Thursday 9.30 – 10.30am Claire Hecquet  
[claireshomestudio@outlook.com](mailto:claireshomestudio@outlook.com)

**K9 Planet** Dog Training Thursday 5 - 7pm Zoe Bradbrook  
[zoe@k9planet.co.uk](mailto:zoe@k9planet.co.uk)

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

**TaeKwando** Friday 7 - 8pm Jason Cooper  
[jason1cooper@btinternet.com](mailto:jason1cooper@btinternet.com)

## Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

To book contact the booking clerk on **07871 459960** or email  
[pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com](mailto:pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com) . More details on the website  
[phmemorial.co.uk](http://phmemorial.co.uk) and follow on facebook.

## St Stephens Hall, Little London

To book contact Doreen Quilter 07854 280343  
[doreen.quilter@btinternet.com](mailto:doreen.quilter@btinternet.com)