

March 2022



Spring is here at the hall !

The Hall AGM will be held on 17th May. This is your chance to find out more about how the hall is run. We are also looking for new volunteers to either join the committee or just to join our list of 'friends of the hall' to help at events. Unfortunately our group of 'friends' has got smaller in recent years which has meant that we haven't been able to run things like the jumble sale so please get in touch if you feel you could spare any time.

We will be having a Bag2School collection again between 11th and 21st April. We will be collecting your donations of men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. You will be able to drop off your donations between 11th and 21st April in the box outside the hall. Please contact Christine McGarvie if you need any help getting your donations to the hall. Tel:01189701576 Christine@mcgarvie.me.uk.

We are getting back to normality at the hall! Most of the clubs are running as usual, preschool is flourishing and the hall is being hired again for private functions, including many children's and adult's parties and a wedding!

Past Events

We held a very successful Christmas market at the end of last year. Many stall holders had booked a space to sell their wide range of wares and we saw a steady stream of Christmas shoppers all buying their last-minute presents, having a cup of tea and a slice of cake before having a go on the tombola and buying a raffle ticket. Of course, Santa was in attendance and saw so many 'good' children that his sack was completely empty by the end of the afternoon! Over £600 was raised which went towards hall funds.

Future Events

This summer, on July 10th, we are planning another market so really hope that the weather will be kind. As well as the craft and other stalls there will be a BBQ and other refreshments, raffle and hopefully some events in our central arena. Belvoir Estate Agents have very generously offered to sponsor us again. More details will be in our next newsletter and on our website.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual spring jumble sale. However, we will be having another clothes drop during the Easter holidays. See the advert for more details.

New Build

The fundraising for the extension is still going ahead. We have already raised a considerable amount and have started the process to go out to tender. If you happen to have any 'spare' cash, (or cheques, gold bars etc) we'd be very grateful!

Expanding the newsletter distribution

We are conscious that some of the surrounding villages are included in the Pamber Parish and yet do not receive the newsletter nor are represented on the committee. Therefore, we are making every effort to include the residents of Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London. Thankfully residents in Pamber Green and Little London will now be able to get the newsletter online but we really need volunteers to deliver in Pamber End.

If you feel you could post a few through letterboxes then please get in touch. Any resident in Pamber End who would prefer to have theirs via email can let us know on pamberheath.memorialhall@gmail.com

AGM

This year's AGM is on Tuesday May 17th at 7.30. Please come along and chat to us, join the committee or become a 'friend of the hall'. We really do need your help!

Finally

It's a sad time for the hall as we say goodbye to our booking clerk, Joe Sidey. Joe has been working with us for the past ten years. He and his wife, Mairi, are going travelling so Joe has decided it's time for him to retire from this post. We wish them lots of fun and many adventures. We will still see them though as they have asked to be included on the 'friends of the hall' list so will hopefully be at many of the events in future years.

Our new booking clerk is Sophie Ward who has been working as the cleaner for the last two years and knows the hall well. She can be contacted on 07871 459960 , pamberheath.memorialhall@gmail.com or via our website.

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 or using Amazon Smile. Just go to these links to register

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

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and select Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall

It costs nothing to sign up and you can be automatically notified that a donation is available. In February, the Hall collected £42 with just a couple of online transactions

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 Memorial Hall AGM

17th May at 7.30pm at the Hall

All welcome

Pamber Parish Council update



The Council are currently seeking a replacement for South Ward Councillor Doreen Quilter who resigned in January. Any parishioner, anybody with a business within the Parish or anybody living within 3 miles of the Parish boundary can apply by contacting the Clerk. You only need to have an interest in Parish affairs and be prepared give a little of your time to help your local community. We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee by lighting the beacon in Pamber Park in June. Watch the notice boards or our website for further details.

A new notice board will be erected at the Burney Bit entrance to Pamber Park. We hope to display information about the Park and the flora on it.

A replacement for the old Little London sign at St. Stephens Hall has been agreed. A local artist has been retained to carry out the work and we expect to have the new sign in place in the near future.

Keep up to date with events via the Council website or our Facebook account. www.pamber-pc.gov.uk email: clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk

Impstone and Cherry Trees Preschools



**Impstone &
Cherry Trees**
Preschools

It's nearly spring! The 20th March marks the start of spring and we have so many plans for the garden. We have a brand new outdoor classroom which we are looking forward to making the most of over the coming months.

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish? Swimming trunks! Our current topic book is Elmer and we are thoroughly enjoying all the colourful stories and creating our own Elmer posters. The moral of the story to celebrate difference and never to hide your true self is a lesson everyone can learn - you are enough! We have got lots of activities planned for St Patrick's day, Holi and Red Nose daybring on the paint, facepaints and wonderful colours which in turn tie in nicely with our current Elmer theme. If you have a child who would like to join us please call Amanda on 07733 898914 to arrange a visit.



CLOTHES RECYCLING



11th -21st APRIL

BRING YOUR UNWANTED MEN'S, LADIES' & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, PAIRED SHOES, HANDBAGS, BELTS & ACCESSORIES TO THE HALL. THIS WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PAMBER HEATH HALL EXTENSION PROJECT.

Donations can be placed in the box in the porch area. Sorry we can't take uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, bedding, curtains, soft toys or pieces of fabric . If you need help getting your donations to the hall please contact Christine McGarvie

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News from St Luke's Church



Hello from St Luke's! As I write this my mind and heart is full of the devastation and suffering in Ukraine. There seems so little of a practical nature we can do but I have been grateful to all those charities doing work on the ground and those organising lorry drives with clothes blankets etc. to take out there. However, I believe prayer is vital and have them all in my prayers frequently. We are tolling the mended church bell to help remind us of God's love ever present and the need to keep war in our hearts and minds.

We are part of the parish of Tadley and Pamber Heath under the leadership Of the Rector Revd Canon Richard Harlow together with church wardens and the PCC. We are committed to showing God's love in any way we can and in particular in our love and care for people, nature and our buildings. Our activities including the Thursday Coffee mornings, Friday Toddler groups and weekly 10:00am Wednesday Communion services are very much part of this. The church is available for hire and details of this and all our services will be found on the parish website: www.stpaulstadley.org.uk.

The Coffee mornings host a very friendly group of between 18 and 25 people and welcome, people to chat with and tea, coffee, biscuits. We are always ready to welcome new people every week between 10:00 and 11:30. Just before Christmas we had a wonderful spread organised by Marian Goss in memory of Ivy and Jo Whitmarsh. We enjoyed quizzes and wonderful entertainment from Revd Pat Brown and Monica Curry. Pat and Monica provided accompaniment for carols and Pat gave us a rendition of a hilarious view of Mendelssohn's Messiah in the guise of someone who didn't quite understand what it was all about! We look forward to welcoming you.

At St. Luke's Church Baby and Toddler Group our team is up and running on Fridays from 10-11.30am weekly during term time. Do come and join us for play, craft, songs and chat! There are refreshments for parents/carers but you will need to bring drink or snack for your child/children. We aim to provide a range of activities to cover early learning goals and now have a Tuff table where we put sensory activities. Just recently we have had shaving foam in which we hid little bears for the children to find – fun was had (by adults and children alike!) looking for the bears and making patterns on the Tuff table with the foam.

One of the things we have all missed over the past 2 years is meeting with friends face to face and we hope that these group are places where you can find friendship and care. We are asking for donations for both the coffee morning and Toddler group in order to contribute to the maintenance of St Luke's for our use and help us purchase extra resources.



We have Pelican Pub Gatherings on the last Saturday of each month where people have a chance to lunch together with others. The meals are delicious and there is a great variety to choose from - I'm afraid you will need to pay for your meal, but the company is free. Everyone is welcome (last time we had 25 diners) and normally people are there between 12:00 – 2:00pm (approx.!) It does help to order your meal beforehand (phone Aaron, the Landlord, (0118 970 1558) at the pub) if you know you would like to come so that they are not inundated with lots of requests for different meals at the same time.

We celebrated Christmas with a lighted crib in our Church garden and with activities at the Toddler group and a Christmas Eve Crib service. I really don't need to be there as the children dress up and tell the Christmas story with amazing accuracy and, of course with great gusto when they have to say NO ROOM AT THE INN!.

The Church garden is showing signs of Spring thanks to the care of our gardeners. The blue plastic sheet on the front lawn is preparing an area for a woodland meadow and this should soon be ready to be removed to allow us to sow the flowers.

We now have a Wednesday afternoon monthly meeting in St Luke's of the Ladies Group and last week I was invited to give a talk to them on St Luke's church. Thanks to Anne Hutchison and the book: Pamber Heath History (researched, written and published by Raymond West) there were enough resources to give pictorial descriptions of the church and many events since 1880 when the church was built. The overall feeling was that of a building which had given so much joy been such a key part of the whole community through its many services and activities. Hopefully that feeling is still part of St Luke's today. There were many things I didn't know. It was designed and built as a church and a school with an attached house for the school teacher. The pews had hinges at the back for boards to be attached which acted as desks for the pupils during the week. It was obviously a well-loved and well used building, judging from the wonderful events described both in Anne's accounts and photos and Raymond West's book Sadly I had limited time but there also a wealth of resources to be found on the Tadley And District History Society (TADS) website <https://www.tadshistory.com> I feel so blessed to be part of the community of St Luke's and Pamber Heath.

With my love

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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.co.uk

Monday & Tuesday 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 0118 9700068/07815 0580321

zoe@k9planet.co.uk Thursday 6pm - 8pm

Deft Fingers Tony & Mary Middleton 0118 9700754 Friday 1pm-4pm

Circuit Style Exercise Joe Sidey 07760 558749 Sunday 6:30pm-8pm

Taekwon-do Jason Cooper 07770 882315

jason1cooper@btinternet.com Friday 7pm—8pm

Tadley Youth Running Club Keith Bushnell or Kate Robson

07800 733060 youth@tadleyrunners.co.uk Tuesday 6pm –7pm

For General Hire please contact Sophie Ward on 07871 459960

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