

September 2023

# Pamber Parish Newsletter

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath



## Save the dates !



**Quiz Night - 7th October 7pm**



**Hall reopening - 9th Dec  
from 3.30pm**



**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](http://www.phmemorialhall.co.uk) or facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/pamberheathmemorialhall>

## Hall Committee update

The Hall Committee AGM was held on 30th May and a new Committee was appointed. We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Chairman, Jane Escott– New. Lynda Parker-Schwarz remains as Treasurer and Hilary Williams as Secretary. The Committee thanked the outgoing Chairman, Alan Marshall, for his many years of service (although he isn't escaping and stays on as a member of the committee). If you are interested in getting involved in running the hall please get in touch as we are always looking for more members of the Committee or ad-hoc helpers. We are a friendly team and it is a great way to get more involved in the community. We have lots of exciting plans for the hall once the extension and refurbishments are completed so we would love for more people to get involved.

Our next event is a Quiz on 7th October (see poster on page 3) and we will be holding our very popular carol concert again this year. We hope to see lots of you at both events.

Excellent progress has been made on the building project over the Summer and we can't wait to be able to fully open in 2024 with new improved facilities to better serve the community.

To book the hall please either email [pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.





# QUIZ NIGHT

**Pamber Heath Memorial Hall**

**7th October 7pm**



**£5 a person. Teams of 6.  
Bring your own drinks and nibbles.**

**Please contact Jane to reserve your table  
email - [pamberheath.memorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:pamberheath.memorialhall@gmail.com)  
phone - 01189701945**

## Pamber Parish Council



The summer break is over, and we resume normal business at the parish council. While on our break planning applications continued to be received, which we have commented on. We continue to consider whether applications meet local need and provide affordable housing of an appropriate size. How will the environment and historical aspects be affected in and around the locations? As well as the implications developments will have on drainage, services and road safety. However, the ongoing lack of a 5 year housing land supply in the existing BDBC Local plan continues to dominate the decisions made by the planners and the Development Control Committee.

But this is not the only business we deal with. Through the lengthsman scheme we have cleared overgrown footpaths along the A340 from Skates Lane to Ramsdell Road. We are part funding improvements to the public rights of way around Boar's Bridge Farm which will allow better access to the countryside of all. The Memorial Hall Committee will report on the progress of the Hall extension. Suffice it to say that, from the Council's standpoint, we look forward to the completion of the works. The building will enable us to provide space and services fit for the future to you, our residents.

I take this opportunity to remind you that we meet every second Monday in the month except August. You can attend a meeting and ask questions, where we have the powers and authority we will act where appropriate.

### Pamber Community Speedwatch

During August, the Pamber Community Speedwatch team were provided with speed radar guns via the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillor Community Grant Scheme. The purchase has enabled the Community Speedwatch team to conduct vehicle speed monitoring *events with less volunteers and without having to assemble the large CID speed detection device*. The radar guns detect speeding vehicles from 1,500 feet, giving volunteers a better opportunity to capture vehicle type and number plate data. The devices can easily follow vehicles that speed up whilst passing the volunteers to drive away, the CID is static and not able to do this. Since deploying the equipment, several vehicles travelling at excessive speeds over 50mph in a 30 mph zone have been reported to the police (one vehicle at 58mph). By driving at just 5mph over the 30mph speed limit it takes you an extra 21 feet to stop, endangering other road users and those on foot in rural locations. Local members of the public are typically pleased to see the Team and congratulate our efforts to keep them safe.

A local tradesperson told me that he is more mindful of what speed he is doing, knowing the Community Speedwatch Team might be active. Additional volunteers are always welcome and allow the team to hold more events, you can join us by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council at: [clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk)



**Impstone &  
Cherry Trees**  
Preschools

Well didn't those summer holidays fly by! We finished our amazing summer term saying goodbye to our largest cohort of children moving on to their next big journey at School, with their graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their time with us and to wish them well for the future, we will miss them!

As we start the new school year and Autumn term, we've already been super busy! We've been to visit our school leavers on their first day at school and welcomed all our new and returning children. It's been great to hear about everyone's summer adventures, sounds like you've all had lots of fun, even though the weather wasn't quite as good as we'd hope!

This terms topics include 'Elmer', an elephant who teaches us that it's ok to be unique and have differences, and a return of our favourite 'Room on the Broom' topic where the witch is shown great kindness by those around her when she needs help.

We're also looking forward to going back to Bethany's Care Home and seeing the residents interacting with the children.

The works completed at the hall over the summer break have given us a new stage and storage area and we can't wait till Christmas for our first production on stage! We had a tour around the building works this week. It was brilliant to see the new space where the children will be learning. We're now over half way through the project and can't wait to officially move in for January 2024:)  
Amanda Davies 07733 898914



In aid of:



## **Silchester Community Choir Autumn Concert**

**Saturday 14th October, 2.30pm**

**Doors and bar open 1.45pm**

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath Road, RG26 3TQ

**Get your tickets now at**

**[www.ticketebo.co.uk/silchesterchoir](http://www.ticketebo.co.uk/silchesterchoir)**

For more information, email [silchesterchoirtickets@gmail.com](mailto:silchesterchoirtickets@gmail.com)



## News from St Luke's Church



September seems to have entered with Summer in its wake. Suddenly it's hot and I hear people commenting on the heat, unable to go out in the afternoon because of the heat! The weather has a hard job pleasing us! Sometimes life can be a bit like that – things aren't just how we want them to be – which is maybe a good reason just to highlight the season of harvest and creation which we celebrate now. It's good to sit and think about what has been good over the past few months, what has been difficult and maybe what has helped us to grow during those difficult times.

The flowers in St Luke's garden have given so much pleasure through their beauty and abundance. The wild flower garden gave us a wonderful variety of wild flowers which we hope will return next year. This has, in its turn nurtured bugs for the bird population and the sound of birds singing in the hedge opposite is deafening at times.

Looking back over the year some people have moved away – our previous rector Richard and his wife Kayla amongst them. It's always sad to say good bye – but in saying 'goodbye' we are able to say 'hello and welcome' to our new rector Steve McKay and his wife Sarah. We also welcome our newly ordained curate Revd Chris Knight and his wife Esther and their three children and a new member to our team – Revd Karen West. We are so lucky to have this new and vibrant team joining us in the parishes of Tadley Pamber Heath and Silchester.

Our church is open daily from between 9:00am and 6:00pm and gives a welcome space for quiet and reflection – due, I'm sure, to the effect of over 100 years of on-going prayer. We continue with this time of worshipping God in different ways on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays:

Wednesday at 10:00am we have a quiet informal communion service to which everyone is welcome. It lasts about 30 – 40 minutes and just gives a breathing space in the middle of the week. We have also been blessed to have a friend from Ukraine who joins us when she can. She gives us her personal view of the situation in Ukraine as it affects her family and friends and we in our turn pray for them and Ukraine and Russia in this awful war.

The Thursday Coffee Morning from 10:00 to 11:30am is going from strength to strength and gives a wonderful opportunity for chatting and sharing news over biscuits and coffee (or tea!) SO, if you can, do come and join us.

On Friday 8th Oct our team of Barbara, Helen, Trina, Vicki, and myself were excited to be welcoming everybody back to St. Luke's Church Baby and Toddler Group which runs from 10-11.30am weekly during term time. Do come and join us for play, craft, songs and chat! Refreshments for parents/carers. The session is free and we really hope we can see some of you there – everyone is welcome.

We have been excited to have 2 Christenings this year – Thomas McCallum and James Coventry – both were happy family occasions when we celebrated new life and their start on their journeys of faith



Our pub gatherings continue on the last Saturday of each month at the Pelican from 12:00pm – 2:00pm – great food and company!

Today as I write, my husband is going on a visit to the newly extended Pamber Heath War memorial Hall – another growth that has happened thanks to the dedication and commitment of the Hall Committee – all volunteers who have tirelessly worked to ensure that we have a hall able to cope with the needs of the village now and into the future. Thank you everyone.

Talking to people in the village I am constantly amazed at what wonderful people there are around. There are people who are carers for relatives, people who despite difficult circumstances, always have a smile on their faces and people who do amazing things. One such person is gradually losing his sight and has just qualified to play for the National Blind Golf team – but more news of that anon. Andrew Cobb has recently become a volunteer for TWAM (Tools with a mission) They promote reuse as a way to combat climate change. Every year, TWAM send over 250 tonnes of tools to Africa and recycle any broken tools that they receive. Many of these tools were unwanted and took up space in people's sheds or garages, and are put to good use. They also provide local opportunities in the UK as well as sending tools to 6 partner countries in sub-Saharan Africa. More info from [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk) and locally from Andrew ([andrewcb@twam.uk](mailto:andrewcb@twam.uk)) Soon, we will be celebrating harvest and Remembrance time – look out for notices on our church board as we remember these special times. Details of all our services will be on the parish website: [www.stpaulstadley.org.uk](http://www.stpaulstadley.org.uk)

If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0118 9701007 or 07863968264. St Luke's is open for hire Saturday to Tuesday, some Wed afternoons, and Thurs and Friday afternoons

With my love and prayers

Cathy

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27 Silchester Road, Pamber Heath

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## Contacts

**Impstone Preschool** Amanda Davies 07733 898914

<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 - 7pm

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

**Circuit Style Exercise** Joe Sidey 07760 558749 Tuesday 7.15pm to 8.45pm

**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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