

# Pamber Parish Newsletter

Sept 2024

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath

## Sounds of the 60s! Out of the Shadows

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall  
19th October 7.30pm £12.50

Bring your own food and drink.

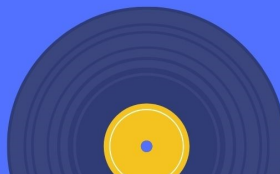
*Live  
music*



*Raffle*

Tickets can be purchased online at  
[www.ticketebo.co.uk/pamber-heath-memorial-hall/out-of-the-shadows](http://www.ticketebo.co.uk/pamber-heath-memorial-hall/out-of-the-shadows)

or pls contact Pauline [paulinewday@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulinewday@yahoo.co.uk)



## Hall Committee update



The last month or two has shown us the importance of people in communities working together.

The Memorial Hall is one of the focal points for the community of Pamber Heath and there are hardworking volunteers running the hall on your behalf. Some of them have been very generous with their time and skills and have done this for several years so a big 'shout out' to them. They sit on the management committee, running the hall on behalf of the parish council, overseeing the day-to-day work of the hall, ensuring it



is financially viable, keeping the maintenance up to date and making it available for community activities like the clubs and hiring events you all know about. And all for no pay!

But we do need more volunteers – if you think you could help the committee by bringing your skills – organisational expertise, marketing or business experience, legal or corporate knowledge, or IT proficiency we would love to have you on board. We only meet 10 times throughout the year with sometimes a short term sub-committee being formed when there is a particular project to oversee. Or maybe you could be a 'friend' of the hall, helping with events like the Summer or Christmas Markets, the annual carol concert or a quiz night. If you are interested in either of these roles, then please get in touch – contact details are below. I am very happy to talk to anyone who is interested and show you our fantastic facilities.

Meanwhile, thank you to everyone who supported our Summer market which raised well over £1,000 – this is valuable income towards the hall's running costs helping us to keep this great community facility available for you. Since our refurbishment and extension last year, the number and variety of clubs is increasing with the addition of 'Activehealthy' exercise classes on Tuesdays and Fridays since the beginning of July. You can see the clubs using the hall on our website and contact our booking clerk if you need a venue for an activity you run.

Our Sunday market continues and there are 2 more car boot sales before these end for the winter period. Our next hall event is OUT OF THE SHADOWS on 19th October – this popular band 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 (£12.50), there are a few ways to book: Contact our booking clerk - mobile 07871 459960 or



email: pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can book tickets online via our new ticketing service –

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/pamber-heath-memorial-hall>

It promises to be a great evening and is a fun way to support the hall. We hope to see you there

### **Summer Market Review**

Despite the awful weather everyone who came along to the 'summer' market had a great time. Such a shame the sun didn't join us!

As usual the refreshment areas proved very popular as did the tombola. All the craft traders had a steady flow of customers and there were many bargains to be had on the bric-a-brac stalls. The main prize of £200 was donated by Impstone and Cherry Trees Preschool (as a thank you for all the help and support the Hall Committee and Parish Council have given over the past few years) and it was real amazement when the winner also won the second prize!

We would like to give an enormous thank you to the local companies who generously gave vouchers for the Silent Auction, namely, Bracknell Meats, Dominos Pizza, Elm Park Garden Centre, Rowberry & Morris Solicitors and Sainsburys.

The day raised just over £1200, which was an amazing amount and really helps with the upkeep and maintenance of this well used and popular village hall. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

### **New Defib at Pamber Heath Hall.**

We are extremely grateful to Redrow who have donated a new defibrillator which has been installed outside Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. The old unit was in need of updating after several years of service. The unit is registered with the local ambulance service.



## Pamber Parish Council



The work of the Parish Council still goes on in the background even if it seemed quiet over the last few months. Councillors attended the public consultation for the Solar farm in Little London and Sherborne St John. We are now in conversation with Bramley and Sherborne St John Parish Councils as well as other interested groups including the Community Energy Group. The aim is to agree a combined response that will bring the best beneficial results for all concerned. This will include public spaces, conservation, and the community benefit fund. Should a reader have concerns they feel need considering, please contact the PC Clerk.

Now that the village hall extension has been completed, we are looking at ways in which to rejuvenate the area behind it and the tennis court that is overgrown. We are starting with the tennis court which we are looking to change to a multi use sports area. On 6th June we commemorated D Day 80 with the beacon lighting.

The exact number of people who attended the event is not known but if the 600 servings from the chip van are anything to go by we had a good attendance and people had an enjoyable time. We thank all those that provided attractions and entertainment. Next year we commemorate VE Day 80 on 8th May 2025, another opportunity to light the beacon.



Cllr. Simon Greaves  
Pamber Parish Chairman  
Email: [clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk)

## Speedwatch report

This year the Community Speedwatch team gained a new volunteer, we are now a team of seven however, additional volunteers are always welcome. Early in the year, the police approved four new locations, some of which have seen a significant number of speeding vehicles. Since May, the team have monitored over 2,100 vehicles travelling through the parish and recorded more than 250 over the speed limit. In one session, 49 registration plates were noted in one hour. The top speed recorded in our 30mph locations was 50mph. At one location, the team witnessed a vehicle tracked as being over the speed limit, hit another vehicle, luckily, no one was seriously hurt. This accident demonstrates how important it is for drivers to not only pay attention to their speed but also to other road users. You can join us by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council [clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk)

## News from St Luke's Church



St Luke's in Church Road Pamber Heath, was initially named St Luke's Mission Church and was built in 1880 thanks to the generosity of Richard Benyon. It was initially used as a school during the week and a church on Sundays. The Parson lived in the house on the corner of Church Road and Silchester Road and the head of the school lived in the house attached to the church/school.

The Church/school was opened in Nov 1880 but the school (Pamber Heath School) was closed in 1909 when Tadley School was opened.

Over the years the church has been used for services, concerts, meetings, weddings, baptisms, funerals, teas and jumble sales. It is currently used for a service on Wednesday (10:00), Coffee Morning on Thursday (10-11:30) and a Toddler group on a Friday (10 – 11:30). It is open daily for private prayer and has special events at Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Day which we share with the local community

We are a friendly and outward looking community and would like to get to know more of the people in Pamber Heath. How can we best serve you as a community.

We invite you to come and meet us at a special open day on Sat 19 Oct and Communion service Sun 20 Oct. Do please see our advert and come along

Since our last Pamber Heath Newsletter we have visited Impstone Preschool and had great fun. It is fantastic to see them in their new purpose built area – they even have low level work tops and hobs.

Everyone is catered for and it's a bright and welcoming and stimulating place to visit! I do love playing with the children and Manda and the team make us very welcome.

The coffee Morning has had a visit from the surgery so that we could share with them our thoughts and hear how they are serving us. We also had an interesting talk on skin cancer from their cancer specialist which was very informative. Thankyou to our Surgery for arranging this. We are hoping to have more talks over the autumn (maybe including one from the Binfield Badgers) and also to hear from some of our own coffee morning members who are a very interesting group.

Thanks to the Lottery, we now have electric wall heaters instead of our one gas heater.

As well as raising money for a new roof we currently have a team of villagers and congregation painting the outside of the church – thank you so much to all those who have been so generous with their time and effort (and in some case, their money).



I do hope we will meet you on Oct 19th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm but you are welcome at any of our events. Our Coffee Morning runs all year apart from Christmas and our Toddler group runs on Fridays term time only. We are starting our Autumn term on Friday Sept 13th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

We will have a Remembrance Day service at 10:50 on Sunday November 10th as we remember all those who give their lives to serve their countries.

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; or [enquiries@stpaulstadley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stpaulstadley.org.uk)

**Saturday 19th October 10am to 4pm.  
Celebrate St Luke's Day on Sunday 20th  
October 10.15am with a special church  
service. Everyone is welcome.**

St Luke 150 is working toward celebrating your village church's 150th birthday in 2030- including fund raising for a much-needed new roof. Contact Rev'd Cathy Pynn if you want to join in and help in any way.



[enquiries@stpaulstadley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stpaulstadley.org.uk)

# LIVE MUSIC

## THE UNDERCOVERS

8th March 25 - 7.30pm

Tickets £10

Bring your own drinks and nibbles



60s/70s/  
80s party  
band

Raffle

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



Scan QR code to book

### Booking Clerk Vacancy

We are looking for a new booking clerk. This is a part time paid role. Hours are negotiable. Please see our website for a full job description [phmemorialhall.co.uk](http://phmemorialhall.co.uk)



## 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

**ActiveHealthy Exercise classes**—Tuesdays & Fridays at 12,Thursday evening class at 7.15pm [adam@activehealthy.uk](mailto:adam@activehealthy.uk)

**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)

**U3A Art group** every 2nd and 4th Thursday 2-4pm  
[TandDU3A@gmail.com](mailto:TandDU3A@gmail.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)

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

**TaeKwondo** 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. To join our mailing list sign up at <https://mailchi.mp/8ae00c493407/pamber-heath-memorial-hall>

## St Stephens Hall, Little London

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