



VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY

BEACON LIGHTING

PAMBER PARK



8TH MAY 7.30PM



Bar - Raffle

**Music from
Tadley Concert Brass**

raising funds in support of the British Legion
Games courtesy of The Loddon Valley Lions
National Song- I Vow to Thee My Country at 9:30pm

Cods and Rockers - Fish and Chips

And more..



Hall Committee Report



We are pleased to say that the refurbishment work on Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall is drawing to a close, and we are grateful to Morris and Blunt, our contractors, for their sterling work on the build. The snagging work is now complete and we move on to our next development project working with the Parish Council – modernising the main hall with new lights, a new audio-visual system, a new ceiling, and some sound proofing to improve the acoustics. The exterior roof has been replaced and we will shortly have cavity wall insulation and zoned heating so that we can reduce our carbon footprint - and most importantly, our energy bills! We hope to have all this completed by the end of August.

The pre-school garden has been revamped so that the children have a fun outdoor play area including a model road layout. Their parking of their ride-on cars is most impressive. Grown-ups take note!

We held our first Open Morning to show off our impressive facilities in March, and to celebrate the work of the Hall Committee, all volunteers, to keep the Hall welcoming, clean, safe and inviting. We were delighted to see our club users showcasing their work and recruiting new members, and we are grateful for their continued support. Tadley and District History Society helped us out with display materials and visitors were able to view all our facilities including touring the pre-school.

We also recently welcomed a local band from Hartley Wintney, The Undercovers, in March, for one of our live music events. This was a hugely successful evening, raising much needed funds for the hall and showcasing again, that Pamber Heath residents know how to have a good time when they get their dancing shoes on.

The Sunday market continues – we are always hoping to attract new stall holders. The next car boot sale will be on 27th April. 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 our booking clerk, or pnhmcarboot@gmail.com to book a pitch.

This year we say goodbye to a very valued long serving committee member, Jenny Marshall. Jenny used to be our booking clerk and has provided years of exceptional service to the hall. She will be greatly missed and we are extremely grateful for all the time and effort she has put into the hall over the past decade. She will continue to be Chair of the Trustees of Impstone Preschool

We're approaching our AGM, 7pm on 27th 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 6th July with a range of stalls, attractions, and some really special raffle prizes. We hope to see you there, with fingers crossed for good weather this year. If you would like to book the hall for a party or event, or you want to run a club, contact our booking clerk - mobile 07871 459960 or email: pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com

The Pamber Heath Memorial Hall Committee are sad to announce the passing of Tony Middleton. He was an active committee member and chairman for many years who will be sorely missed.

Charity number
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**CAR BOOT
SALE**
**PAMBER HEATH
MEMORIAL HALL**

Sunday 27th April
8am to Noon
£5 per pitch. £1 to hire a table



Contact pmhcarboot@gmail.com
to book a place.

**'Little Imps'
Baby &
Toddler Group**

RUN BY
Laugh, Play, Learn, Grow

Come along for a chat and a play

Baby area, stories, crafts, activities, singing & rhyme time



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
TERM TIME
10am - 11.30am**

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall,
Pamber Heath Road,
RG26 3TQ
(small hall)



£2.50 per family (2 children, 50p per add. child)
inc drink and snack

For more information, contact us on:
impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com
07733 898914

Pamber Parish Council



Winter is behind us and Spring is hopefully giving us a taste of good weather that we can expect for the summer. Together with the Memorial Hall Management Committee the Parish Council are investigating options to upgrade the area between the Hall and the tennis courts. One option is to provide a Toddler activity area. We are going to contact BDBC for advice on what could be provided. Residents have contacted the Clerk regarding rubbish collection. Many of the roads in the parish don't have footpaths so bins on the verges can be a road hazard. Likewise when placed on the pavements they can be obstacles for pedestrians, wheel chair users and pushchairs. We would urge residents to place bins on the road side just in time for collection and to bring them in as soon as possible.

Another cause of frustration is the repair of pot holes. The Parish Council along with our local County Councillor are asking Hampshire Highways dept. for their criteria on pot hole repair and why the repairs seem to be completed on a random sequence, we have all seen one hole repaired and within meters others left not done, why? You can play your part in speeding up the process by reporting pot holes though this on-line link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways>

Finally I hope to see you at the VE 80 commemoration at Pamber Park on 8th May. We will be lighting the beacon at 9:30 in the evening.
Cllr. Simon Greaves—Pamber Parish Chairman

Pamber Community Speedwatch Update April 2025

As the winter months have come to an end and there are more daylight hours, the Pamber Community Speedwatch team (CSW) have returned to the road side. Our first event recorded 40 vehicles travelling over that location's 30 mph speed limit - in just an hour. One driver astonished our volunteer by travelling at over 50 mph. It seems if you are not out regularly, the speeding vehicle numbers quickly creep back up. Therefore our team aim to hold regular Speedwatch events across our approved locations over the coming months to slow drivers down again. Citizens in Policing, which includes Community Speedwatch, has been working hard at improving communications and support to volunteer teams, generating newsletters and a web based document/ information store for CSW teams. Through this medium, our team are invited to meet other teams across Hampshire and Isle of Wight at a 'tea and cake' event which we are all looking forward to! Please join us! With more volunteers, we can hold more events. You can join us by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council at: clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk

News from St Luke's Church



Happy Easter to everyone from us all at St Luke's. From Easter Sunday on Apr 20th we are having a Communion service every 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00 am at St Luke's. Our Wednesday morning services at 10:00 am continue – a relaxed service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion to which everyone is welcome and is followed by refreshments. Our Church of St Luke's is a place of prayer, open daily and a place for families and friends to come together for happy and sad times. We rejoiced in a wedding at St Luke's in January – a beautiful and bright day but a little chilly. We have also been sharing in the sadness as people die but also sharing in the thankfulness and joy of lives well-lived.

We are having another open day on the 17th May between 12:00 midday and 4:00 pm to which everyone is invited. The 'theme' of the Open Day is a celebration and thanksgiving of Pamber Heath residents talents, skills, crafts and hobbies. We hope people join us in this celebration and also share and display their talents /hobbies. There will be refreshments for which people are invited to donate and the proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice. There will also be a raffle (tickets £1 each), and a plant sale and proceeds from these and any extra donations will be put to the roof fund. Do please come and join us!

We have been very fortunate in receiving a grant from the Lottery Fund for £11,000 for the work on the roof. The estimate for the roof has come down and the grant from the Lottery Fund and the donations already given should see us well on the way to covering the current cost for the roof. Work is hopefully going to start on the roof, week beginning 12th May. We are so grateful to all who have helped with this venture and will continue to help. We are hoping to paint the steeple whilst the scaffolding is up.

For fun and biscuits and tea/coffee do join us at our coffee mornings which run every Thursday, all year apart from Christmas. We now have so many people over the age of 90 that we can't be considered old until we reach that age. We thank God for their vibrancy and inspiration – come and enjoy!. Our Friday Toddler group runs on Fridays term time only, both from 10:00 – 11:30. We would love to see you. The church is available for hire – please give me a ring if you would like to investigate possibilities.

As winter moves into Spring and Summer we thank God for the warmer weather, The past few weeks we have turned our thoughts to Lent and Easter when we remember how Jesus died a criminal's death after living a life full of love and care BUT he came alive again on the first Easter Sunday and is still alive. It is in his name for him that we welcome you to our church – whether you come for private prayer or to join in our activities. We welcome you. Details of all our services will be on the parish website: www.stpaulstadley.org.uk

With my love

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

SUMMER MARKET

Sunday 6th July
1.30pm to 4.30pm

PAMBER HEATH MEMORIAL HALL

FREE ENTRY

RAFFLE - TOP PRIZE £100

CRAFT STALLS

SILENT AUCTION

TEA AND CAKE

TOMBOLA

BRIC-A-BRAC



To book a stall please email
jennymarshall2@hotmail.com

Club Contacts

Impstone Preschool Monday – Friday 8.30am - 4pm Amanda Davies
07733 898914 impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com

Short Mat Bowls Monday 6.45 – 9.45pm, Wednesday 1.45 – 5pm
Maggie Branston the.branstons@gmail.com, 07816 969205

Yoga Tuesday 6.30 – 8pm Julie Bushell julie@juliebushell.co.uk

Exercise group Tuesday 7.15 – 8.45pm Joe Sidey 07760 558749

ActiveHealthy Exercise classes—range of classes between 10-1pm on
Tuesday and 12-4pm on Friday adam@activehealthy.uk

Little Imps Wednesday 10am - 11.30am Amanda Davies
impstonecherrytreespreschool@gmail.com 07733 898914

U3A Wine Appreciation, 2nd Wednesday every month
2.30 - 4pm Keith Buckingham bucktadley@btinternet.com

U3A Art group every 2nd and 4th Thursday 2-4pm
TandDU3A@gmail.com

Pilates Wednesday 6 – 6.45pm Salli Silk salli@workouttomusic.co.uk
07754 879469

Ballroom Dancing Wednesday 7 – 8pm, 8 - 9pm Kerry Pretty
kerry.pretty@sky.com 07979 850786

Fitness Pilates Thursday 9.30 – 10.30am Claire Hecquet
claireshomestudio@outlook.com

Deft Fingers Friday 1.30 - 4pm Mary Middleton 0118 9700754

TaeKwando Friday 7 - 8pm Jason Cooper
jason1cooper@btinternet.com

B&D Dog Training, 2nd Sunday of the month. jacshnt@icloud.com

Health & Wellbeing Club Alternate Saturdays 9am-10.30am
mcardleeve@gmail.com 0118 9701438

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

To book, contact the booking clerk on **07871 459960** or email
pmhbookingclerk@gmail.com . To join our mailing list sign up at
<https://mailchi.mp/8ae00c493407/pamber-heath-memorial-hall>

St Stephens Hall, Little London

To book contact email info@ststephensvillagehall.org

THE NATION SINGS 'I Vow To Thee My Country' at 9.30pm on 8th May 2025

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are
peace**

(Words and Music by Gustav Holst and Cecil Spring)

On 8 May 2025, we mark the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day. At 9.30pm over one thousand of beacons and hundreds of Lamp Lights of Peace will shine throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, with the flames from them both, representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war, along with the nation coming together in city and town squares to village greens, and all other manner of locations at this special and unique one moment in time, and sing the great British Hymn 'I Vow To Thee My Country, standing side by side in gratitude, honouring the many sacrifices that secured our freedom.

**Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future
built on unity, hope, love and peace**

Please bring this hymn sheet with you to the beacon lighting at
Pamber Park on 8th May