

Pamber Parish Newsletter^{February 2026}

Little London, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Pamber Heath



Welcome to the first Parish Newsletter of 2026.

Spring is just around the corner and the days are finally getting lighter. Inside you will find information about a resident survey that Pamber Heath Memorial Hall Committee is carrying out with the Parish Council to find out what improvements you would like made to the outside facilities. Please take the time to either complete the survey online

<https://forms.gle/t5Ue8PTth2LxeQSN9> or return the paper survey by the 6th March. We would love to know your ideas.

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Pamber Heath Memorial Hall Committee Report



The new year is always a good time to take stock and think about what has been achieved over the previous year. In 2025, the Hall had a new roof, cavity wall insulation, a new ceiling and new blinds all helping to improve the security, energy efficiency and appearance of the Hall. We are grateful, as always, to the Parish Council for their support with these improvements and look forward to their continued support with this year's projects. These will include a new audio-visual system throughout the two halls so that we can provide more facilities to our potential hirers and clubs, plus planning what the outside space of the Hall could look like so that there are some useful external facilities for locals and for hirers to make use of. There is a link to a survey in this newsletter where you can give us your views about this project and what you would like to see included.

My pleas for new committee members and friends of the Hall have born some fruit. We have a new committee member, Peter Dove; we are looking forward to working with him and we have been very lucky to have some new 'friends of the Hall' who have helped us set up for and run events and markets. Some people have been very generous with their time, one friend using his professional expertise to help us fine tune our new heating system, again to improve energy efficiency and young Jack Reynolds helped us gather raffle prizes with his mum, Suzie, one of our committee members, by driving her to various businesses. It just shows you that you don't have to be retired to be involved in the hall's work, and we are very grateful to Jack and all those local people who have given up their time to help make the Hall the success it is. Again, we still could use more committee members and more friends of the Hall – email if you think you can help us.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to a few long serving committee members this year. Jenny Marshall retired from the committee at the

AGM in May and Hilary Williams, who has given literally decades of service to the committee as secretary, retired this January. We are so sorry to see her go but extremely grateful for all the hard work and support she has given the Hall Committee over the past 20 years. In March, it is Village Hall Week so watch this space as we focus on the health and wellbeing opportunities the Hall provides, the theme of this year's event. And, if you feel you could run a club or class at the Hall which adds to the community's offer of exercise clubs, wellbeing sessions, hobby clubs and social gatherings for local people, then please get in touch. Anyone out there interested in running a gardening club – or a photography club? Or what clubs would you like to see at the Hall? Email to give us your ideas. I'm a big believer in communities helping themselves and supporting the people who live within them, and we want to provide the resources and amenities that you would find useful in the village.

Thank you to everyone who has supported one of our events. This year, there will be the markets as usual, a quiz in the Autumn and our next event is the live band, the Undercovers, in March. We look forward to seeing you then.

Jane Escott-New , Chair – PHWMH Management Committee

PAMBER HEATH WAR MEMORIAL HALL Outside Space Survey 2026



We are working with our Parish Council to upgrade and improve the Hall outside area. We have a few ideas but want to know what you, our residents and hall users, would like the outside space to look like!

You can complete the survey online at <https://forms.gle/t5Ue8PTth2LxeQSN9> or alternatively complete the enclosed form and drop it into the letter box at the hall by 6th March 2026.

Pamber Parish Council



Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had an enjoyable festive season. Some of you will have seen that our Clerk Chris Gunnell has decided to fully retire in April. This is a sad loss to the council as over the last few years he has guided us through some difficult decisions as well as helping to keep the parish neat and tidy. If you are interested in the role or know of someone who may be, please contact me.

A few of the residents around Pamber Park have questioned the progress of the bunds. As we have informed them, we will not be undertaking any further works until BDBC planners decide on the planning application, hopefully this will be in the next month or so. The winter weather brings dirt and damage to our roads; the increase in traffic and heavy loads seems to have made this even worse this winter. Reporting the damaged spots is the most effective way to get them dealt with. I have seen an increase in the use of the app “Fix My Street” which seems a handy way to send a report. However, the repairs are still in the hands of Hampshire Highways in the majority of cases, you can report many kinds of issues direct to HCC. and is not limited to potholes. Others include, drainage and flooding problems, overgrowing vegetation and road sign problems to name but a few. Go to www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem Another ongoing issue which affects the parish is the speed of vehicles through the area, in particular through Little London, Silchester and Pamber Heath which is used as a “Rat Run” to and from AWE.

At some time in the future, we are hoping to organise a meeting to discuss what, if anything, can be done to alleviate the problem which has been heightened by the many roadworks in the parish. I am attending a Road Safety Summit hosted by our Police and Crime commissioner Donna Jones, in March. I have submitted a question on police’s view of 20 mph limits in rural areas. If you have any other questions you would like answered please let me know, I will see if I can get them raised.

Cllr. Simon Greaves, simongreaves@pamber-pc.gov.uk
Pamber Parish Chairman

News from St Luke's Church



Happy new year everyone from us all at St Luke's. Christmas seems long gone but if you have been travelling past St Luke's over the past few weeks you will have seen our outside crib scene lit up and brightly coloured lights shining through the church windows. It isn't that we have forgotten to turn them off! We are celebrating the Christmas and Epiphany (the coming of the three Magi) seasons until Candlemas which is celebrated on Feb 2nd. On that day (40 days after Christmas) we stop looking back to Christmas and look forward to Easter. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and then the big celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Christmas is always a lovely time and this Christmas was no different. We held a Christingle service in St Luke's on Dec 5th and then I had the privilege of sharing the story with Impstone Pre-School with them taking all the parts. We had a lovely 'stable' in their quiet corner and then completed the story with glittery pictures and singing. Our Thursday morning coffee morning party was held at the Pamber Heath War Memorial Hall. The party was great fun, the food was delicious (and lots of it!) and the raffle yielded some great hampers! Impstone Pre-School also played a major part in the entertainment; the children seemed so little when they came on to the stage but their voices were beautiful and compelling as they sang their repertoire of songs. We were also entertained by the Ukulele group as we joined in singing all the Christmas songs going back in time – both the children and the Ukulele group were most enjoyable. Thank you!

I must mention the Hall Committee and all that they do. We were invited to have a table at the Christmas Fair and thanks to hard work from the Hall Committee and the St Luke's team; we raised £150 for Church funds. The annual Christmas concert again organised by the Hall committee is always a wonderful start for us to the Christmas festivities. I am honoured to be asked to take part and I think some of the wisest words come from children: Kelly aged 9: Christmas is all about hope, hope for your family and hope for all the rest of the families around too. Thank you to everyone who made it such a special and enjoyable evening!

Christmas Eve we held a crib service at which we acted out the Christmas story helped by Mary, Joseph, shepherds, a camel, donkey, kings and of course an Innkeeper and Angels – around 25 children in all and 50 adults. We then welcomed Christmas day with a Midnight service.

The New year has seen the start of 'Oaks and Acorns' - a group for little ones and Seniors which started on 16 Jan. Our activities are for all ages and so far we have done ice-painting (indoors!), snowglobes and we have plans for snowflakes and a winter landscape for the next couple of weeks. We are running on a Friday at ST Luke's from 10 – 11:30 and everyone is welcome. Do please come and join us – we would love to see you!

At St Luke's, our 10:00am Wednesday Communion services and our Sunday services on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00 am are continuing and this month we have an additional Sunday evening service on 8th February at 5:00 pm – Compline. This is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Now from Feb 2nd, we turn 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 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 Easter services, (including a dawn Service on Easter morning at the Skate park) can be found on the parish website: www.stpaulstadley.org.uk

A big thank you to PK, Seju, Milan and Yogi who along with Jay provide a welcoming and well-stocked village shop and Amy and her team at the Pelican who give us such tasty food and welcoming service at The Pelican. Why not come on the 4th Saturday of each month between 12:00 and 2:00pm when we have our Pub gathering – everyone welcome; company

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



JOIN OUR TEAM!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MANAGE PAMBER HEATH MEMORIAL HALL AND RUN EVENTS

Are you looking for a new challenge in 2026. Do you have skills that you think would be helpful to us or are you willing to help at one or two events a year?

We are a very friendly team and would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved either as a Committee Member or a friend of the hall.



**email : p hmhsecretary@gmail.com
to find out more**



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Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

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charity num: 301914



Pamber Heath Memorial Hall
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A...
Treasurer



We are seeking a volunteer Treasurer to join our committee. This hands-on role combines strategic oversight of the charity's finances with day-to-day bookkeeping.

If you are interested please
Email: phmhchair@gmail.com
or phone 07702 347176 . Full details
can be found on our website
phmemorialhall.co.uk



Club Contacts

Impstone Preschool Monday – Friday 8.30am - 4pm Amanda Davies
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Short Mat Bowls Monday 1.45 – 5pm, 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—Thursday 7.15—8.15pm
adam@activehealthy.uk

Little Imps Wednesday 10am - 11.30am Amanda Davies
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U3A Wine Appreciation, 2nd Wednesday every month
2.30 - 4pm Keith Buckingham bucktadley@btinternet.com

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

Ballroom Dancing Wednesday 7 – 8pm, 8 - 9pm Kerry Pretty
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Fitness Pilates Thursday 10 – 11am Claire Hecquet
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Deft Fingers Friday 1.30 - 4pm Mary Middleton 0118 9700754

TaeKwando Friday 7 - 8pm Jason Cooper
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B&D Dog Training, 2nd Sunday of the month. jacshnt@icloud.com

Petite School Of Dancing - Monday 10.15-11.15am Louise pain
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