

DECEMBER NEWS

Hambledon Parish Council

Dates for your Diary

Next PC meeting: Monday 6th Jan 2020 (7.30pm; Meeting Room, Hambledon Village Hall)

Deadline for logo competition entries: Friday 31st Jan 2020. Please submit your designs to the Clerk via clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk, or in hard copy FAO Clerk, Hambledon PC, 17 Stewarts Green, Hambledon, Hants, PO7 4SU. Please contact the Clerk if you have any queries. Good luck!

Hambledon Arts Society Christmas Evening: Friday 13th Dec 2019 (8pm; Village Hall; please contact Martyn Kille on 9263 2800 if you are not a member and would like to attend)

Hambledon Christmas Tree Festival @ St Peter & St Paul: Saturday 14th Dec 2019, 12pm

Carol singing in the High Street: Thursday 19th Dec, 6.30pm

Christmas Goodnight Service @ St Peter & St Paul: Tuesday 24th Dec 2019, 6pm



**Merry
Christmas
& a Happy
New Year !**



Message from Hambledon Flood Action Group

The Hambledon Flood Action Group (FAG) has put together some important information for residents. A note to villagers from FAG, a leaflet regarding ground water flooding from the Environment Agency (EA), and a Hampshire Groundwater Briefing Note from the EA, are all available on the PC website ('Flood Alleviation Scheme & Flooding Updates' page). If you have problems accessing any of these, please contact the Clerk.

Sergeant Gilmour Retires

Many of you will already be aware that Stuart Gilmour, Sergeant within the Winchester Greater neighbourhood Police Team based in Bishops Waltham, retired from the Hampshire Constabulary last month. He has been replaced by Sergeant Richard Holland (richard.holland@hampshire.pnn.police.uk). I am sure that you will join the PC in thanking Stuart for the contribution that he made to the safety and security of our community, and wishing him a very happy retirement!

Please see full listings of church services in the Dec 2019 edition of **The Hambledonian**.

South Downs National Park News

The SDNP Dec 2019

Newsletter is now available online by following this link
<https://mailchi.mp/southdowns.gov.uk/south-downs-news-december-2019-edition>

A pdf version is also available on the PC's website (newsletters page).

Clerk's Christmas Leave

Please note that the Clerk will be on annual leave from Wed 18th Dec until Fri 27th Dec, & then on limited hours w/c 30th Dec. Non-urgent enquiries will be responded to asap, and any urgent issues should be referred directly to your local parish councillor.



News from Hampshire CC

Cllr Roger Huxstep's report for Dec 2019 can be found on the PC website ('Council Meetings' page; associated document to Dec 2019). Topics covered are as follows:

- **Hampshire Highways** - new equipment being used to prune overgrown branches which means there is no need for road closures. Routes are safer for buses, but with far less disruption to drivers.
- **Bus Travel** - HCC doing what it can to make bus travel a more attractive and viable transport option.
- **Going Green** - introduction of zero-emission vehicles for StreetWorks team, those inspecting utilities; and highways inspectors, engineers and technicians (day to day work).
- **Flooding** - programme of planned improvements to highways surface water drainage systems, alongside annual road ditch clearing programme and routine maintenance on gullies and catch-pits. Residents and landowners are being asked to ensure that ditches and drains on private land are kept clear.
- **SmokeFree Hampshire** - new stop smoking service launched 12/11/19; including face-to-face advisors, telephone advice, digital offer, and practical tips.
- **School admissions help for Armed Forces families** - a new video has gone live (funded by Forces Connect South East; made by HCC), offering more details on securing a school place and giving key dates for applications. This video can be accessed via the following link "[A new video](#)".
- **Helping carers to find the support they need** - 'Carers' Rights Day' held on 21/11/19, when HCC reminded unpaid carers how to access info, advice & support. The three main ways are:
 - Hampshire Carers' Support & dementia Advisor Service
www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/dementia or tel 01264 332297.
 - Connect to Support Hampshire
www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/carers
 - Carers' Emergency Planning Service
 tel 0800 1691577.

News from Winchester CC

Walking for Health - WCC is hosting a walk leader training on Tuesday 14th January 2020. The sessions will be taking place between the times of 11:00am – 2:00pm and will last around 3 hours. It will be taking place at River Park Leisure Centre (SO23 7DD). See <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/training-session/january-2020/volunteer-walk-leader-training-winchester> for more information.