

WW1 Peace Celebration

After the First World War it was decided that the day for the national celebration of victory and peace would be on Saturday 19th July 1919. Hamble's Peace Celebration started at 9am at the church when the bells were rung and the Union Jack hoisted on the tower. The Roll of Honour was decorated with flags and streamers of rambling roses.

At 2pm the children assembled on the Quay under the direction of the School Headmaster, as well as the Cadet Corps who headed a procession to Avro's airfield and hall where the main celebrations took place. On arrival they sang the National Anthem and the Union Jack and other flags were hoisted. This was followed by the children's sports, but owing to the wet weather the tea was held in Avro's social hall.

Afterwards the adults sat down for their tea while the remainder the sports took place. Plenty of good things were provided and thoroughly enjoyed. The celebrations were concluded by dancing in the hall.

Admiral Sandeman had intended to present to each child a peace mug, but they did not arrive in time.

Avro's social hall was opposite to where the entrance of Aquila Way is today.

