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Message from the Chair of The Parish Council

Hamble Parish Council has an enviable record of good housekeeping and a focus on keeping down costs whilst maintaining a wide range of assets; this approach has served us well but over time it has meant that a number of our assets now need to be replaced, and changes in the regulatory framework mean that we have had to review the way we do business.

Part of this has been to put residents at the heart of what we do and the WeRHamble survey helped to identify community priorities. This indicated that residents wanted high quality facilities and services that the whole village would be proud of.

We now have a list of projects for this year which will deliver new benches and street furniture in key areas, play equipment at Bartletts Fields and improved management in the dinghy park, allotments and at Westfield Common. Work is also progressing on plans to redevelop Mount Pleasant and make improvements to the Roy Underdown Pavilion.

The way the Council works has also been reviewed. One of the major changes is

that we have set up a Planning Committee to bring a greater focus and expertise to issues that you have said are of concern. This usually meets on the fourth Monday of every month. We have also changed the hours of opening for the office during year but from the start of May we will be opening Monday to Friday 10am to Midday and 2pm – 4pm. We hope that this will mean more of you can get to us when you need to but in any event staff can always be contacted by email at clerk@hamblepc. org.uk.

Office procedures and equipment have also been reviewed with the objective of ensuring that we comply with all the relevant legislation and that we are operating as effectively as possible. This has meant significant financial savings from such apparently mundane items as encouraging the use of electronic payments, increased use of electronic banking, replacing our photocopier and telephone contracts. We have also looked to increase our sources of income for example the cost of printing the magazine has been reduced and advertising income

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Driving as a volunteer is a role that can easily fit into your life

When speaking about their volunteer role, here are some of the things the Hamble Good Neighbours Drivers - who come from many different backgrounds and ages - have said:

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"I like driving and I like meeting people, so when I retired being a Good Neighbours driver seemed ideal for me, **I get a great feeling of satisfaction** and I have met so many interesting Hamble people. Its always a pleasure to be able to help them."

"Before I volunteered to help behind the scenes I had not realised how many people in the village really needed help to get to appointments. **If gives me the feel good factor** to be able to put people's minds at rest about how they would were to get to the doctors or hospital.

Driving as a volunteer is a role that can easily fit into your life, allowing you **flexibility**, **satisfaction** and the **opportunity** to meet others. **Please phone 08456430371 to see how you can help your neighbours.**

If you have an old dinghy which a local care home could use for a flower bed - please let the Parish Council office know

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Message from the Chair of The Parish Council (continued)

increased. A win win for the parish.

There have also been efficiency savings from changes to the way we work. For example, we have used email and electronic banking to speed up the Dinghy Park allocation and the allotment administration. We are just about to embark on updating the parish council website. Once the update has taken place it will be cheaper to run and also be able to provide additional services such email alerts and a new planning application function. More about this soon.

The other area that we have been focusing on this year is working with other agencies like Highways England and Hampshire County Council to provide local knowledge, make them aware of our concerns and to try and find solutions to the problems of Hamble Lane.

Looking forward we will be facing new opportunities. The Parish Office will be taking over the day to day running of the

community hub. It has been agreed that it will be called "The Mercury" and will be the home of a model of the training ship, donated by the Mercury Old Boys Association. We expect to run a programme of activities for all of the community - not just those that like to read!

All these changes take time to achieve but we are focused on delivering your priorities and getting things right. This has taken extra money this year with an average increase in bills of £5.20 over the year, the first increase for a number of years. We will continue to look at options to raise money from a range of activities as well as adopting a user pay approach which is generally seen as a fairer way of paying for services.

We are proud of our village and know you are and hope we can harness that passion to get things right.

- Sheelagh Cohen, Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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The Parish Council has appointed a new Administration Assistant and Jack Emerson-Heaney, who is the current editor of this magazine, will be undertaking this role. This new post has been necessary because of the increased work load in the Parish Office. With Jack's appointment the Council office will open every weekday, Monday to Friday, from 10am-midday and 2-4pm.

To add capacity to the work of the Council's grounds team it has been decided to use a local Community Payback team once a month to undertake tasks such as clearance of undergrowth, cleaning of street signage and furniture.

Progress has been made regarding the new library/community hub which will be known as 'The Mercury'. A working group has visited similar local establishments to view how they operate and to identify good practises and features that could be used in Hamble. It is anticipated that the volunteers that have put their names down to help run Hamble's new facility will visit one of these local facilities so they can see the range of opportunities and services that Hamble could offer. If you wish to volunteer to help please contact the Parish Office (asstclerk@hamblepc. org.uk). As part of improving the traffic flow by the new library/community hub the Borough Council is seeking 'no waiting' restrictions opposite the new building.

The new Planning Committee has been busy with a number of important matters. Residents from Kingfisher Close attended its last meeting to express their concerns regarding the impact the development at the Riverside Park was having on their

properties. Eastleigh Borough Council are looking at issues on the site and the Parish Council is supporting residents in making their concerns known. It is hoped that the situation can be improved.

The Council does not only consider planning matters in the parish but also those outside of it that affect Hamble. The Planning Committee objected to an application by Deacons Boatyard that would reconfigure its pontoons so a safe passage for small craft would be lost for Hamble residents who wish to go up river. Following a recent closure of Hamble Lane and the diversion route which resulted in traffic chaos, the Clerk has been asked to contact Hampshire County Council's Highways to establish a Hamble Lane designated diversion route and to ensure any future work on Hamble Lane would if possible be outside rush hours and if traffic control signals were required that they are manned.

The planning appeal regarding the refusal of planning permission for a 64-bedroom dementia care unit adjacent to the Blackthorn Health Centre has been dismissed. GE Aviation has undertaken another public consultation regarding its development proposals on its sports field after making changes to its original plans as the result of feedback from its first consultation.

The local policing team has given recent crime statistics to the Council and informed it that PC Robin Tebb is Hamble's new dedicated police officer. Hedge End is our fully operational police station with police officers working out of it 24/7 although it is not open to the public. The crime recorded



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Council News (continued)

in Hamble remains low compared to other areas and for the months of December to February there has been a fall in total crime compared to the same period last year.

A grant has been made to Friends of

Hamble Primary School to support its initiative to give boating/sailing experience to all its Year 5 pupils which will be provided by Hamble River Sailing Club. The two safety ladders on the Southern Quay are to be replaced to make them easier to use in an emergency.

HAMBLE RIVER RAID 2018

The Hamble River Raid was initially created to raise funds for the Hamble Sea Scouts. It has subsequently grown to be a major local spectacle, held annually, uniting the immediate community and those from further afield in healthy fun on the River Hamble.

Over the years we have been supported by many inspiring members of our community who have started the race and helped to run the event. Because of this, the event has evolved with computers and GPS to enhance the time keeping and a loud speaker system to keep spectators and competitors informed. This year a new time keeping system will be used to provide faster results.

There is a Hog Roast and refreshments available for all. We continue to have the support of Hall & Woodhouse and The Jolly Sailor donated the beer as they have done over many years. As one competitor said, "The Hamble River Raid has become a serious sporting event supported and put on by the local community without losing the element of fun that embraces all ages and skills."

In addition to Rowing boats we welcome a good mix of craft - be they paddlers or rowers such as OC6's (six man outrigger



canoes), Stand up paddlers and an increased fleet of Kayaks and Canoes. A real celebration of paddling in all forms!

We have already started to get entries from competitors and expect it to pick up from now on. If you and your team - be it family or friends - would like to join us please check our updated website: www. hambleriverraid.org for further details.

The River Raid could not happen without the support of friends, parents and Scouts, the Hamble Parish Council and River Hamble Harbour master and of course competitors. Thank you all for taking part and making it the success it is.

We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday 19th May 2018 from 11am.









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NEW DRIVE TO GET MORE WOMEN INVOLVED IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

As part of the national This Girl Can campaign developed by Sport England, Eastleigh Borough Council has launched This Girl Can Eastleigh, a celebration of active women doing their thing no matter how well they do it, how they look or even how much their body jiggles in the process.

This Girl Can Eastleigh aims to help women to overcome the barriers that may be stopping them from participating in exercise; Feelings of self-doubt and insecurity, a fear of being ridiculed or judged, just some of the reasons women often find it difficult to embark on a journey to a more healthy and active lifestyle.

To showcase what's achievable This Girl Can Eastleigh has recruited a handful of local champions, ordinary women who in the past year have changed their lives through exercise, which it is hoped will inspire other women in Eastleigh to get out there and get involved in more physical activity.

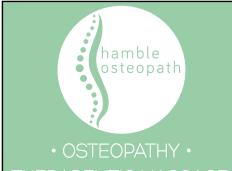
One of the champions, Sarah Floyd, knew she needed to take control of her life. The 42-year-old from Hedge End was unfit and struggling with her weight. A year ago she joined a Couch to 5K course, set up by Eastleigh Borough Council's SportWorks programme, and she hasn't looked back. She has dropped five dress sizes but most critically, her health and wellbeing have dramatically improved.



To help more women in Hamble get active. Eastleigh Borough Council have teamed up with Hamble Sports Complex and local clubs in the area to offer free taster sessions in a host of different sports and activities. Activities available to try include Aquacise, Yoga, Walking Netball, Tennis, Zumba and more. There will also be a beginner Ladies Badminton course available at Hamble Sports Complex this summer.

Be part of our ongoing campaign to encourage all women in Eastleigh to get moving and feel unstoppable doing it! If you're doing something active in Eastleigh share a photo or video (the more red faced and fabulous and hot and not bothered the better) and use #ThisGirlCanEastleigh on Twitter and Instagram.

For more information about the campaign. visit www.eastleigh.gov.uk/thisgirlcan



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The prolonged severe wet weather has damaged a number of paths giving access to Hamble Common and repairs will require considerable effort. In particular we are assisting Eastleigh Borough Council with the restoration of the Solent Way where it runs along the boundary with Hamble Point Marina. The condition of this section of path has been deteriorating over a number of years and is virtually impassable after heavy rain. Eastleigh BC provide the materials and specialist tools and we provide the physical effort. Some of the tasks can be arduous but there are roles for a wide range of agility and strength. Please join us if you can.

Beach and Common cleans are also vital, made necessary by the actions of a small number of people who do not seem to



appreciate the damage their behaviour has on the Common and its wildlife.

BEACH CLEANS

Wednesdays 2nd and 16th May.

The next conservation task is:

PATH REPAIR

Wednesdays 9th May.

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HAMBLE CUBS LITTER PICK

Earlier in the winter we had learned about the amount of time litter takes to decompose, and the dangers it poses to wildlife and marine life. So, at the end of March, Hamble Cubs went out to pick up litter around the village. Armed with litter pickers and wearing stout boots against the mud, we went along the Rail Trail, Hamble Lane and down the path to the Royal Victoria Country Park. It was good to be able to go out and do our bit to help.

The children did a great job, and we picked up 13 bags of litter. Although this was a great achievement, it's a shame that there was so much to pick up. There were also a few dog droppings not picked up, which meant we had to watch where we were walking as well.

We need extra adults whenever we leave

the Scout Hut, so huge thanks to the parent helpers, and of course the leaders, for their help this and every week.

Cubs is open to boys and girls aged 8 to 10 and a half, and our group is part of Hamble Sea Scouts. Children can join the Beaver section at 6, and then after Cubs they move on to Scouts, then Network Scouts.

We always need more adult help; there is a long waiting list for children to join the younger groups, and there are enough children to fill 2 Cub packs. So if you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with Sharon Hoey via email at info@ hambleseascouts.org.uk Any time you can spare is welcome, you don't have to be a parent, and you won't be expected to run the pack!

-Sue Hand

THE HISTORY OF TRAINING SHIP MERCURY

Fifty years ago this July, the Training Ship Mercury finally closed its doors after 77 years, during which it played an important role in the more recent history of Hamble-le-Rice. In fact, the school began life in 1885 on the sailing ship Illovo moored off Binstead on the Isle of Wight, but moved to its Hamble home in 1892. During those years, it trained over 5,000 boys, most of whom went on to the Royal and Merchant Navies

The school site, off Satchell Lane, is now occupied by Mercury Gardens, St Agathas Road and Frv Close. Here were the classrooms, mess hall, parade ground. sports field, offices and staff housing, Little remains today except the old slipway and a path leading to our pier, whose slowly rotting wooden piles are still visible. From there, we embarked into boats to sleep aboard a wooden walled hulk of a former naval sloop, which had had her masts removed and an extra deck added. That deck was clad in corrugated iron to protect the boys sleeping in their hammocks. The ship's hull was painted black initially with grev topsides. Post World War II the topsides were painted white with a red roof giving her the appearance of Noah's Ark! Today she has been restored to her former glory as HMS Gannet and is on permanent display in Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Mercury began life due to the philanthropic efforts of Charles Hoare, a member of the Hoare's merchant banking family (who continue to run the bank today). Charles' intention was to train 1,000 boys, from poorer backgrounds, ahead of joining the Royal or Merchant Navies. Prior to this, he had attracted widespread media attention when he went to court for having an extramarital affair with an underage girl - Beattie Sumner. Charles, an amateur yachtsman, immediately became captain. Bizarrely, although remaining married, he installed Beattie (now an adult) in the school and she played a major part in its



Divisions

history until the mid 1940's. In the latter years, Mercury became a fee paying school with some boys being supported by grants from their local authorities.

Throughout the life of Mercury the United Kingdom had one of the world's largest Royal and Merchant Navies and establishments such as this provided a steady stream of young, well trained, recruits. Boys originally stayed for two years, later extended to three, when we were instilled with a sense of duty, discipline, respect for others and a sound knowledge of seamanship and navigation, all of which were highly valued by both navies.

In 1908 Charles Hoare died. Ten years earlier Beattie married C.B. Fry, one on England's finest cricketers and all round sportsmen. C.B. nominally succeeded Charles as captain but, in reality, spent little time at the school as his sporting and business interests led him to travel extensively. Beattie (known as 'Ma' Fry) effectively ran the school and became an increasingly formidable woman, ruling with a rod of iron. Whether summer or winter. boys went bare foot! Discipline was harsh and often quite brutal. Following her death in 1946, C.B. continued as captain until 1950 but passed much of the responsibility to his step-daughter Sybil Hoare (whose father was Charles!). Sybil was reportedly just as much a tyrant as her mother. When CB retired an ex naval officer. Commander

Matthew Bradby was appointed captain and he was succeeded by Commander Ronald Hoyle in 1960. During those years, things began to change with improvements to educational standards and life in general. The school closed in 1968 due to a combination of reducing numbers and concerns by the authorities about the standards of the accommodation - it was no longer considered acceptable for young boys to sleep in hammocks in such austere conditions (in winter months the decks often froze overnight!). Notwithstanding Mercury was always unique compared with other schools of its day and a "character -building" experience. I believe in a very positive way.

CB Fry's influence brought about visits by people such as The Prince Of Wales (the future King George VI) and Sir Winston Churchill, as well as numerous well known sporting friends. CB, who died in 1956, was well liked by the boys and had a somewhat softer character than Ma and Sybil. The last President was Earl Mountbatten of Burma and he presided over the closing ceremony. Some boys reached very senior positions in the Royal and Merchant Navies. Inevitably, many sacrificed their lives in the two World Wars and their memorial stands at the entrance to St Andrews Church. Notwithstanding the last surviving serviceman of World War I, Claude Choules, began as a Mercury cadet and served in the Royal Navy in World War I and the Royal Australian Navy in World II. He died in Australia as recently as 2009 and this was widely reported in the media, often pictured wearing his Mercury hat. Of those who did not go to sea, many joined the Royal Marines, Army or RAF, some entering as bandsmen as Mercury always had a fine band. Among the old boys was a young airman, who was one of the 'Great Escapers' (a mass prison camp breakout in 1944) from Stalag Luft III. Sadly, like many other escapers, he was caught and murdered by the Gestapo.

The Mercury Old Boys Association was



TS Mercury/HMS Gannet in 1968

established in 1978. 10 years after the closure. Sadly, with ever decreasing numbers able to attend reunions and serve the committee, we are formally winding up the Association and our last reunion will be in September. A major part of this will be an event in Hamble on Saturday 22nd of September. This will begin at around 11am when we will march through the village to St Andrews Church accompanied by the local scouting organisations and Hamble Pipe Band. After a short memorial service, we will formally present our model of the ship, as she was in our times, to the village to be displayed in your new Community Hub and Library. We are hugely proud to learn that this building will be named after Mercury. After our reunion, we will be presenting our cups, trophies and bass drum to Hamble Sea Scouts. Importantly Lord Baden Powell, a friend of C B Fry, launched the Sea Scout movement at Mercury in 1909 and your local troop retains the name Mercury.

More information can be found at www.tsmercury.com which we will continue to maintain for as long as possible.

All of us are hugely proud of our old school and have a lot of affection for its spiritual home, Hamble. On behalf of the Association, I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Parish Council, Mercury Gardens Residents Association, Fr Graham Whiting and the many residents of the village who continue to take so much interest in our old school and support what we do.

- Captain David Parsons MNM, Chairman, Mercury Old Boys' Association



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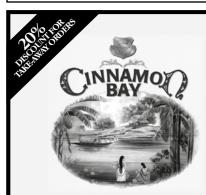
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HAMBLE LADIES' GROUP

Matthew Whitfield came along in March to talk to us about his career as a Royal Navy Fighter Pilot flying Sea Harriers and serving on Aircraft Carriers.

Matthew told us about the job he loved. saving he was living his dream serving as a pilot for 20 years cutting his teeth against the Russians although he never went to war. He showed us slides of him taking off and landing on the aircraft carriers flying in squadrons of six and said that he trusted the engineers on board with his life and still to this day they are his trusted friends. One of the biggest challenges of his career was night flying, taking off and landing at dusk and also in the dark.

We were shown his supersonic helmet he wore which was green for camouflage and also showed us a control column (stick) from a Sea Harrier and demonstrated how to use the controls.

Matthew gave us a very interesting insight into the career of a Fighter Pilot in the Royal Navy which started here in Hamble when he was just a young boy, playing on the airfield he would watch the planes taking off and landing. He was proud to tell us that he had flown over Hamble in 2009 in a Sea Vixen - how wonderful that must have been for him.

On leaving the Navy Matthew flew spy planes for the MI5 for a while and was also a pilot for big corporate companies. He now teaches life skills but is still proud to have his flying licence. Another enjoyable evening.

In April Rachel Hampton from Mayfield Nurseries came along once again to give us an update on the work being done at the nursery as well giving us a demonstration of how to make a hanging basket.

Mayfield Nurseries which is situated in Mayfield Park, Weston Lane is a plant nursery selling a range of award winning

plants at affordable prices. Every penny raised is ploughed back into helping people with mental health issues. The Nurseries have now been running for 22 vears and has proved a great success in improving the lives of people it helps. Over the years they have widened the help they give to other groups of people including to veterans suffering from combat stress and dementia groups. Some of the people that go along to the nurseries are referred by their doctors for gardening therapy. They also are supported by Southampton City Council to go out to housing estates helping and encouraging residents to improve the areas they live in which has proved to be very successful.

The Nurseries rely on donations and raising money through the selling of their plants to the public but, needing to raise more money, have now started selling their plants to landscape companies too. They have various open days throughout the year when you can go and watch hanging basket demonstrations, join in a BBO and refreshments with activities for children and of course buy some of their lovely plants.

Public support is very important so that they can continue to do the amazing work they do in helping people with mental health issues. Rachel and her colleague brought along a selection of plants for sale and many of our members were happy to part with their money.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAMBLE LADIES **GROUP**

This year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our group. On TUESDAY 12TH JUNE we are planning a social evening to commemorate this event and would like to invite any past members to join us on that evening. If you would like to join us and so we can get a rough idea of how many people to expect could you







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At our next meeting on 8th May starting at 7.30pm we have author Philip Hoare coming along to talk to us about his writing

much of it based on the history of our area. Why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome. Our meetings are held in the Priory Centre in Hamble.

-Bobby Conduit

HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB



The April meeting on Monday April 9th at 1.30pm (new permanent start time to help avoid traffic afterwards) was a demonstration by Christine Evans who entertained us with "And Guess What I Found?" which turned out to be a collection of containers which she had stored in her attic. She then proceeded to delight us with artistic creations based on the containers. very clever! The flower colours ranged from palest pink to hot orange, from the sublime to the exotic! We had a lot of members and visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, especially those who won the raffle flower arrangements, one of which is shown here.

The New Beginners Classes are really

popular. They are on the third Monday of the Month and anyone interested should contact Sheila Barker or Judy Raponi (details below).

Monday May 14th

Our next meeting (start 1.30pm) is an interesting talk with Janelle Quitman on "Talk Bees" as without bees there would be few flowers!! Bee-keepers welcome too!

Thursday 26th July

A Special date for your diaries not to be missed! To celebrate 30 years as a Flower Club we have an evening Demonstration at 7pm in the Memorial Hall by Katherine Kerr entitled "Petals and Pearls a Plenty". Tickets are £10 each and include a glass of wine and are available from those members below.

Advanced Notice: Designs are underway for the Flower Festival at St. Andrews Church to commemorate 100 Years since the end of World War One over the Remembrance Days of Friday 9th to Sunday 11th November 2018. The Club would like to hear of Hamble Families who were involved in the Great War, so we can feature them and show that they have not been forgotten. Details to Judy Raponi, 02392554157 or Sheila Barker on 02380453718.

Visitors welcome at all Club events, just turn up or if you require more details/tickets: Rosemary Dorman,Secretary: 02380 452385 Valerie Pritchard,Chairman: 02380 455952

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HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The room was full when Ian Underdown took those present at the Society's last meeting for a trip up the Hamble River in 1910 showing the views and villages at that time over a hundred years ago. lan started at the mouth of the river at Hamble Point buoy and took the tide to its tidal limit. How different were the scenes compared to today with a rural open river devoted to just vachtsmen and fishermen. The most noticeable thing seen on the river trip was the large number of hards giving residents access to the river over the mudland.

The first place to be viewed was Luke's winter slips at Hamble Point with open sided sheds and boats ashore. The boats were hauled up by hand winches on wooden greasy way slipways and logs. Then over to Warsash to discover the crab and lobster trade. They were imported mostly from the West Country & Ireland, carried alive in the wells of coastal schooners and kept in ponds ashore or wooden boxes in the river called 'carbs' until they were required.

Next, passing the large steam yacht owned by Mr Shenley of Warsash House and then the Hamble-Warsash Ferry, a wooden rowing boat operated by Adonijah Bevis. lan then took a short walk around Hamble village showing the main features at that time. Interestingly he said in 1910 the Parish Council was concerned about the practice of people throwing their old pots, tins and kettles on the foreshore which gave visitors a bad impression of the place. It was agreed that people should deposit this rubbish at low water mark.

Rowing up river past Luke's boatyard, one of the major employers in the village, to the Training Ship Mercury to visit its shore

establishment. That year Mercury boy and scout Martin Enrick was awarded the first Silver Cross in the scouts for saving a boy from drowning. Off Badnam Creek was a large battleship mast sunk in the mud and ship hulks which were part of the Boom Defence. They were to be used to connect up dolphins across the entrance of Southampton Water with wires, nets and booms for protection against enemy attack.

Moving on further up river to Swanwick and Bursledon with a large sailing collier moored off the Jolly Sailor pub with coal for these villages and then to be taken by small barges up to Botley. Ian then stayed for the annual regatta and showed the events that took place. Under the old wooden toll bridge and the railway bridge and on the right was Bursledon Brickworks with a barge loading to take the bricks away to local harbours. The bricks were transported from the brickworks to its quay by an aerial ropeway.

On the way up to Botley there was a large wreck believed to be a Viking ship from which local people had taken away wood until stopped by the Admiralty. In the last century Mr Crawshay and the Moodys from the local boatyard undertook a survey of this wreck using 'dynamite' to remove the mud with little success. (In 1933 it was found to be the Grace Dieu, built in 1418, the largest ship ever built at that time and for the next 200 years.)

Taking the left fork of the river to Botley, Fairthorne Manor could be seen which was owned by a wealthy coal mine family who were very generous to the local community. Next passed Pinkmead Cottage reputed to be a smuggling haunt in by-gone days and once a pub called the Blue Anchor. Before

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Botley was a boatshed hiring out rowing boats and on reaching Botley there were wharfs on the left to supply the village with essential goods. At the tidal limit was Botley Mills that dates back to the Domesday Book.

lan retraced the route back to the fork of

the river and then took the right fork up the River Cur to the Horse & Jockey pub which was journey's end where refreshments could be taken!

Comments at the end of the meeting included what amazing pictures and scenes. I never knew that! Overall a very good talk and everyone enjoyed it.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S RECORDS

100 YEARS AGO - Pig Production

... read a circular letter he had received from the Board of Agriculture, urging the national importance of Pig Production. It was decided to invite persons interested to apply to the Chairman.

MAY 1918

75 YEARS AGO - New Ration Card Distribution

... an Advert in the Echo that Parishioners would have to go to Winchester to obtain their Cards at times stated & in alphabetical order. It was pointed out that this would be a hardship to most people in time & expense & also a serious loss of productive hours in Industry request him to make an arrangement which had worked well last time for the distribution to be made in the Parish ...

MAY 1943

75 YEARS AGO - Fairey Aviation Obstruction

... Two buildings were erected - One a works Police Office and the other an A.R.P. Control Post They were not erected on Fairey Aviation Premises but are wholly on 'Common Land' controlled by Hamble Parish Council ... The Council's Boundary Stone was removed & thrown aside in order to erect the buildings ...

MAY 1943

Fairey Aviation occupied Hamble Point.

50 YEARS AGO - Registration of Common

... From ex Councillor Mr W. Allen enclosing plan and drawing attention of the Council to a piece of Common Land previously a duck pond in front of Admirals Court, and now included in that property. He had been given to understand that was originally Common Land, at which time a gravel pit was dug there and the owners of the adjoining property wired it off to protect children from falling in ...

MAY 1968

50~YEARS~AG0 - Cul-de-Sac off Sydney Avenue

Proposing that that the road of the new estate be known as Sydney Gardens ... opposed the suggestion ... put forward the following alternative proposals ... Flowers Gardens or Flowers Close to commemorate the late Mr A. Flowers on whose land the estate is being built.

MAY 1968

25 YEARS AGO - Public Landing Facility

The new public pontoon, landing stage was fixed in place on 21st May 1993. MAY 1993

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MAY

Tuesday |st Bursledon and District Gardening Club



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Monday 14th Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Meeting



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7pm,

Roy Underdown Pavilion

Listing of an event does not constitute endorsement. Details believed to be correct at the time of publication.

Tuesday 29th Hamble-le-Rice Parish Planning Committee Meeting

7pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

Saturday 19th



A fun event of 'Blazing Paddles' - The Hamble River Raid is a great day on the water for all ages and abilities.

Hog roast & refreshments available for all on the Foreshore.

Friday 25th

Hound Local History Society: Southampton's role in the D-Day landings and beyond A talk by Don Robertson £3 for visitors. 7.30pm, St. Edward's Church Hall, Grange Road

FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR MAY & HALF TERM SEE PAGE 11

Regular Events

Regular Eve	<u>4115</u>	
Weekly	What	Where
Monday	Monday Club	1.30pm, Hamble Club
Monday (except Bank Hols)	Hamble River Singers Community Choir (Contact basschickbev@gmail.com)	7.30pm , HRSC Rooms
Monday	U-Tone Circuit Training	8.15-9.15pm, Memorial Hall (Rear Hall)
Monday	Forever Fit: 50+ fitness exercise to music. £4/session. (Contact Julie: 07952 983 349)	10.30 - 11.30am, Roy Underdown Pavilion.
Tuesday	Parent & Toddlers Group	9.30-11.30am, Memorial Hall
Tues & Thurs	Pilates	(Tues 12-1pm) (Thurs 10-11am) Memorial Hall
Tuesday	Puppy Classes (contact Annette 023 8045 3490)	6-9pm, Memorial Hall
Wednesday	Yoga	10-11.30am, Memorial Hall
Wednesday	Body Control Pilates (Contact: Caroline 07803 302654)	9am-10am, Roy Underdown Pavilion
Wednesday	Chairfit: 50+ Seated exercise to music. £3/session. (Contact Julie: 07952 983 349)	11.15am-12pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion.
Wednesday	Cherubs (Contact: Father Graham Whiting 023 8045 2148)	10.30am - 12pm, St. Andrews Church.
Wednesday	Acting Up For class times contact: 07519 754829	Memorial Hall
Thursday	Walking Netball	9-10am, Hamble Sports Complex
Friday	Village Market	Memorial Hall, 9.30-10.45am
Bi-Weekly	What	When
1st, 15th & 29th	St. Andrew's Cafe @ The Priory Centre	10.30am-12.45pm
Monthly	What	Where
2nd Monday	Hamble Flower Club	Memorial Hall
4th Monday	RAF Association Itchen & Hamble branch (Contact: Steve Rawlings 02380 740771)	12pm, Hamble Club
1st Tuesday	Bursledon and District Gardening Club	7pm, St Pauls Church, Bursledon
2nd Tuesday	Hamble Ladies Group	7.30pm, Priory Centre, St Andrew's Church
1st & 3rd Weds	Hamble Conservation Beach Cleans	10am, Hamble Point Car Park
2nd Wednesday	Hamble Conservation Task	10am, Hamble Point Car Park
4th Wednesday	Informal Bereavement Support Group (Contact: Heather Smith 02380 452998)	2pm-4pm, The Priory Centre
Last Saturday	Place 2B Café (Coffee, Cake & Conversation)	10am-12pm, Priory Centre

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