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## Council News

Cemex has informed the Council that, with the agreement of the owners of the former airfield, they are drawing up plans to extract minerals from this land under the terms of Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. In the autumn, Cemex will be looking to engage with the local community about its plans and to seek their feedback.

Representatives of Cemex have introduced themselves to the Council ahead of starting the process of public consultation and applying for planning permission. They indicated their anticipated time scales but with large projects, such as this, timings can vary due to requirements of the planning process. The start of the public consultation is most likely to be in the autumn and a planning application submitted to Hampshire County Council at the beginning of 2019. The earliest

start of work on the site would be in 2020. They estimated that the extraction of gravel would take 7 to 8 years and Cemex would be on site for 13 to 14 years overall, undertaking preparation and restoration work.

Once the public consultation starts the Parish Council will be making representations regarding the key issues that the community raised when the site was allocated for gravel extraction.

Due to the number of possible proposed developments in Hamble, the Council's Planning Committee has agreed to investigate commissioning a transport study including a survey below Hound Corner to enable the effects of traffic to be considered in any subsequent planning applications. The County Council has held a Traffic Plan Briefing with local

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## Council News (continued)

parish councils and separately with local businesses. Highways England is holding a number of public information exhibitions in the area to update residents on its plans to improve the M27 and the Windhover roundabout.

As mentioned in the last Council News there was a vacancy on the Parish Council and that a new councillor would be co-opted at the Council's June meeting. The Council was very pleased that six parishioners showed an interest and a commitment to apply to be a Parish Councillor. At the meeting the applicants were asked what they saw as important issues for Hamble and what they could contribute to the Council. Tony Ryan was co-opted to the Parish Council.

We were not able to let residents know that a series of drop-ins were being arranged by Eastleigh Borough Council on their emerging Local Plan. One was held at the Primary School at the end of June. There are others in the area in July (see page 7) if you wish to attend one of them. The final consultation exercise, before the Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State, will start on 25th June and run until 6th August. This will be the last opportunity for people to comment or influence the Plan. The Parish Council is likely to convene an exceptional Council meeting to consider its final response. We will let people know via our website and notice boards and continue to look at the Borough Council's website for more details.

The consultation regarding the Community Governance Review has now finished and the Borough Council is considering the suggested parish boundary changes, which includes extending the Hamble Parish boundary on the east side of Hamble Lane up to Mallards Road, taking in the whole of the Hamble School, Blackthorn Health Centre and Wessex Manor. Eastleigh will have met on 25th June to consider the Parish Council's proposal and we hope to update you on the outcome of that.

The Parish Council has reintroduced an agenda item at Council meetings to enable briefings with Borough and County Councillors. At the last meeting Borough Councillors David Airey, Adam Manning and Malcolm Cross attended to hear and share what each Council was currently undertaking and to find ways to improve communications with each other.

Youth Options, who have taken over the youth work in our area, will be undertaking a 12-week outreach project on Hamble Foreshore to provide activities and engage with Hamble's youngsters.

The handrails have been replaced to the walkway to the Public Jetty and new larger litter bins have been installed at Westfield Common.

A Royal British Legion 'Silent Soldier', a near life-size silhouette, has been given to the parish to commemorate the end of the First World War and it will be installed at an appropriate place in Hamble.

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## Message from the Clerk

Popping down to the Foreshore and Westfield Common at lunchtime for a quick bite to eat I am always surprised at how lovely and unique Hamble is. There can be few places that can beat Hamble with its waterfront offering, the great range of places to spend leisure time and opportunities for work. It makes it an unbelievably special place, which is what came out of last year's survey – a friendly village in a beautiful natural setting. Perhaps it is these very aspects that also make it an attractive location for development both in terms of new homes and business activity. The survey was clear that this pressure from development, and the activity that comes with it, is the greatest threat to the village and its environment.

A lot of time has been given over to planning issues in this magazine in the months since I joined the Parish Council and this edition is no different. As many of you will be aware, Cemex has contacted local councils on the peninsula to confirm that they are starting work to bring forward a planning application to extract gravel on Hamble Airfield. They have confirmed that they will be arranging community events to set out their proposals in the autumn, ahead of submitting a planning application around the new year. The Planning Application will be determined by Hampshire County Council (HCC) rather than Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) as the County Council are responsible for waste and mineral planning. Before Cemex start the consultation exercise they will be carrying out a range of studies that will be required as part of the planning application.

If planning consent is granted they will need to undertake a range of measures before

they start any extraction. With this in mind, it is unlikely that they would be on site before 2020 although these indications are only indicative.

Cemex believe that there is approximately 1.6 million tonnes of gravel on the Airfield and expect to extract it over a 7-8 year period. The gravel will be predominately used within the Hampshire/West Sussex area and is likely to be used in concrete for the building industry. Once they have removed the gravel they anticipate that they may continue to be on site for up to a further 5 years to infill and remediate the site.

Parishioners have already started to raise concerns with us and at the last Planning Committee members agreed to set aside money to undertake a traffic survey. EBC and HCC produced a Strategic Transport Study back in 2015 as part of the Local Plan. The study was an interim study pending further work and a final report. The study identified that the whole of the Hamble Lane corridor experiences significant congestion but that the section between the Tesco store and Portsmouth Road forms a strategic corridor to the Hamble Peninsula and the City of Southampton. Both of Highways England's and HCC's recent consultations have focused on actions at this end of the lane.

What has been more difficult to establish is what data and analysis has been carried out on traffic below Hound roundabout. It is this section of the road that councillors want information on and will look to either work with the existing data or if needed collect more information. EBC is due to publish the final report shortly as part of its Local Plan preparations and we hope that





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## Message from the Clerk (continued)

this might give us the insight needed.

On that subject, EBC is inviting residents to a series of events across the borough to update them on changes to the Local Plan as part of the final stage of consultation that will take place between 25th June and 6th August. An event took place at Hamble Primary School on 25th June, and the next local events are as follows:

- Pilands Wood Community Centre,  
Chamberlayne Road  
- 24 July, 4pm - 7pm
- Abbey Hall, Victoria Road  
- 25 July, 3pm - 7pm

The dates and locations for all of the events are set out in the Summer 2018 Borough News or can be found on our website.

Highways England have also confirmed that they will be holding a series of roadshows to share the programme of works that are planned to introduce Smart motorways between junctions 4 - 11 on the M27. A Smart motorway uses the hard shoulder as a permanent running lane, converting it into a four-lane motorway. New signage and technology will also help to manage variable speed limits and ensure safe lane use. The nearest exhibition will be at:

- The Lowford Centre, Portsmouth Road, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8ES on 29 June 2018  
- 12.30pm to 7.00pm.

If the prospect of attending all these events doesn't appeal, the Parish Council will be in attendance and will be making representations on your behalf. Information will be on the website.

By the time this arrives we should have our new website up and live. The new website will mean that you can register for email alerts on issues of interest to keep you up to date as they arise. We do also have our own Facebook page and push information out through there as well. For those of you that don't rely on digital media for your information we do refresh our information boards regularly and with our longer opening hours at the Parish Office we are happy to help people find information. From September, when The Mercury opens, there will be opportunities for people to get help there and terminals that people can use to access web services. Barclays will be back once a month to help people improve their skills and confidence with issues such as using online banking, social media and mobile devices and help producing a CV and preparing for interviews. The sessions will be an hour long and will be on a one-to-one basis. Anyone wanting to use the service should contact the parish office and we will put you on the list. It will be on a first come first served basis so don't hang back!

Lastly, we have had a good response from people who are looking to help at The Mercury but still have plenty of opportunities for people to get involved. If you have some time to spare and want to help out a couple of hours a week, or if you want to get back to work and need some work-based experience to put on your CV - we can provide support and training to help you help others. Just give us a call.

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## YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: TONY RYAN

I have resided in Hamble for almost 20 years and feel that I have a lot to offer to the Council.

I am well known in the community at large and have many associates both young and more mature. I feel this to be important as I am able to communicate, listen to and understand the feelings and moods of all ages across the whole community.

I have also, in the past, been heavily involved in a sporting capacity, helping to manage a local football team based in Hamble. This was successful but also had a real sense of community spirit and togetherness to it.

In my professional life, I have worked in a business capacity for a number of Multinational IT Companies, managing IT projects across the UK University Sector. Throughout my career, I have developed project management, presentation and negotiation skills, all of which I feel would be of great value to the Council. Having worked on many IT contracts I also have

an eye for detail which I consider to be vital when discussing future plans and projects.

I am not a member of any local club or association, am politically independent and do not hold any agenda other than doing what is best for Hamble residents.

This last point I think is very important as I feel Hamble is at a crossroads with very important decisions to be made on local issues such as housing, proposed gravel pit extraction, congested roads and an increasing local population - I would like to be involved in these discussions to ensure the village continues to have a real influence on its future direction.

tony.ryan@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk



## VOLUNTEERS THANKED FOR THEIR LONG SERVICE

At a gathering of our Hamble Good Neighbours volunteers, long serving drivers were presented with certificates acknowledging their contributions to Good Neighbours in Hamble.

Since at least the 1970s there has been schemes here to help our older residents be able to get to their medical appointments. This is an invaluable service to many and we are often told: "I don't know what I would do with out you."

Hamble Good Neighbours evolved from Hamble Care in 2011 and is run entirely by volunteers, drivers and those who work behind the scenes. On average the co-ordinator receives 8 requests every week from those needing our help (currently this is more than the number of active drivers available). If not for the drivers being so generous with their time there would be more occasions when we are unable to find a driver for someone.




In the picture with their certificates are Rick, 5 years driving, Tony 25 years plus, Penny 10 years and Claude also 25 years plus. We thank them and all our volunteers for their generosity.

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Most of our volunteers are retired and

can spare the time but do not worry if you have other commitments, we are grateful for any time you can give us. Some of our most effective volunteers can only use their lunch hour.

By the way our bird expert, Andrew Balmer, has written an update on our bird boxes which you can read on our web-site, please see the link below.

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The County Council is seeking to make savings through changes to financial support for public transport services.

The core funding for the operation of community transport schemes, such as Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Minibus Group Hire Schemes, are not included in these proposals. This consultation does include questions on proposals to change the discretionary discount for holders of older persons' bus passes on some community transport services.

The County Council is also asking for views on proposals to switch off some street lights for two or more hours during the night. This would mean that some areas of the county would have no street lighting for a period of the night time.

This consultation opened on midday on Monday 11th June 2018 and will close at midnight on Sunday 5th August 2018.

### Full details of the County's proposals and a response form can be found at:

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## *A Memory of the Mercury 1952-55*

The Training Ship Mercury had a profound influence on most of the boys who entered its gates and I was no exception. I joined in September 1952, one of thirty-five teenage boys from across Britain with an ambition for a seafaring career. There, on the banks of the Hamble, we abruptly left childhood behind as we adapted to a different way of life and learning.

By the time I joined, the Fry era was over and, under a new captain, the Mercury was trying to shake off its harsh Victorian image and, in line with new Government educational requirements, to increase its focus on academic attainment. The 45-acre shore establishment off Satchell Lane consisted of an imposing Captain's House that included offices and domestic facilities. Elsewhere, there were classrooms, a Seamanship Hall, gymnasium, library, dining hall, a fine theatre, chapel and a sick bay as well as a parade ground and a large playing field. By Mercury Creek was a slipway and boathouses and at the river's edge were thick reed beds, mud flats and a pier from which we boys boarded dangerously overcrowded naval cutters in all weathers and states of the tide to row out to a draughty Victorian warship to sleep in canvas navy hammocks.

Mercury provided a form of vocational education for physically fit boys of good character who joined between the ages of thirteen and fourteen to train as seamen. In addition to a range of academic subjects and divinity we were taught seamanship, ocean navigation and chartwork as well as signalling and for some boys, music and military band instruments. There was also a lot of parade ground drill and rowing, sailing, swimming and team sports. When not engaged in these we were usually cleaning something. Every boy had a cleaning station or 'quarter' that was

inspected by the Captain and his Divisional Officers every Saturday.

Mercury, whose motto was 'Men are the Souls of Ships', was run like a navy ship with a chain of command from the Captain and officers to boy petty officers, leading hands and badge boys. The discipline was strict and regimented and like the proper Navy we were each allocated a consecutive number; mine was 4151.

The non-academic instructors were a former Royal Marines Bandmaster and several naval petty officers whose orders were mostly announced by bugle calls. Mercury must have been the only school in the country where its pupils rowed to get to bed and went to sleep to the plaintive echoes of a bugler sounding the 'Last Post' to remind them of the duty and sacrifice of those who had gone before. For administrative purposes the ship's company was divided into four Divisions and I was in the third section of Drake Division. Our daily rig was Navy No. 11's working clothes but, on parade, we wore the bell bottomed 'square rig' uniforms of Navy ratings. Traditionally, the training was to prepare boys for entry as Boy Seamen in the Royal Navy. However, by the time I joined, many boys who headed for a career in the Royal Navy were coached for examinations to enable them to join as Artificer Apprentices. Also, an increasing number were joining the Merchant Navy as Deck Officer Apprentices or Cadets and were taught accordingly. The ethos of the Mercury training was based on the now unfashionable virtues of duty, loyalty and obedience, which served most of us well in our forthcoming careers. When I joined, Captain Bradby told us in a welcoming speech that to be successful in the ship we would need determination, initiative and guts. I'm not sure if I had those qualities in any quantity but I survived.

The first term at Mercury was the hardest as I learned to adjust to a masculine society and conform to its regimented boarding life, its rituals and naval traditions. During those first weeks some new boys wept in their hammocks and a few ran away but despite my previous lack of discipline and the adjustments needed to adapt to communal living I took to the new life fairly well. And, though I disliked the parade ground drill, the inevitable bullying and aspects of the harsh regimented regime there were elements of adventure and challenge that were not available to most teenage boys.

The Mercury was keen on religion. On Sundays the few Roman Catholics marched to a local Catholic church while the rest of us were obliged to attend two services in the school chapel. However, coming from a secular Jewish background the rituals and sermons of the Anglican Church made little impact on me. Every night, before we climbed into our hammocks, we assembled on the main deck of the ship for a roll call and to sing the vesper hymn, *The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended*. But the hymn sung with greatest gusto was the one we sang in our little chapel during the last evensong of each term when 160 boys nearly lifted the roof with their enthusiastic rendering of *God be with you 'til we Meet Again*.

Apart from when we went rowing, sailing or cross-country running we were mostly confined to the 45 acres of the Mercury grounds. One of the few outings for the whole ship's company was the annual visit to the Whale Island Tournament at HMS Excellent, the Navy's shore-based gunnery school in Portsmouth. On Remembrance Sunday our buglers were invited to sound the Last Post at various Hampshire village war memorials. The rest of the ship's company marched down Satchell Lane behind our band and guard with their fixed bayonets and white belts and gaiters, to the village war memorial in Hamble Churchyard. The local folk came out of their homes to



*Earl Mountbatten inspecting the ships company,  
March 1955*

see us pass by; boy sailors marching like men, proud to be Mercury boys and proud, for a fleeting moment, to be the centre of attention.

I somehow managed to get and retain a good conduct stripe. However, though I was never in serious trouble, for example I didn't smoke, abscond or make illegal trips to the village, I admit that I liked to be the centre of attention by playing the fool. The PT Instructor once told me I would make a better clown than a sailor and I think at the time I was trying to excel at both. I was certainly not one of the Captain's 'favourites' and he always concluded my end of term reports with 'Is lacking in self-control'. Academically, I did fairly well and at the annual prize giving at the end of 1954 I was awarded the school history prize. That was to be my last full term as it was my intention to go to sea as soon as I turned sixteen. Some of the boys who joined with me, stayed on until the summer of 1955 to become the first Mercury trainees to take GCE exams but I had found a reputable shipping company to take me as a Deck Officer Apprentice without any academic qualifications. Apparently, to have completed two years at the Mercury was sufficient qualification for them. And, more than 60 years later, I'm still proud to be a member of that dwindling band of brothers who can say 'I was a Mercury Boy'.

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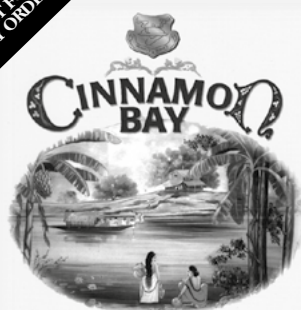
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## Join the Big Butterfly Count: 20<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August

The big butterfly count is a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 60,000 people took part in 2017, submitting 62,500 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK.

### Why count butterflies?

Butterflies react very quickly to change in their environment which makes them excellent biodiversity indicators. Butterfly declines are an early warning for other wildlife losses.

That's why counting butterflies can be described as taking the pulse of nature.

The count will also assist us in identifying trends in species that will help us plan how to protect butterflies from extinction, as well as understand the effect of climate change on wildlife.

### How to take part

Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the big butterfly count. This time of year has been chosen because most butterflies are at the adult stage of their life-cycle, so are more likely to be seen. Records are welcome from anywhere: from parks, school grounds and gardens, to fields and forests.

If you are counting from a fixed position in your garden, count the maximum number of each species that you can see at a single time. For example, if you see three Red Admirals together on a buddleia bush



then record it as 3, but if you only see one at a time then record it as 1 (even if you saw one on several occasions) – this is so that you don't count the same butterfly more than once. If you are doing your count on a walk, then simply total up the number of each butterfly species that you see during the 15 minutes.

You can download the Butterfly Conservation's handy identification chart to help you work out which butterflies you have seen.

You can submit separate records for different dates at the same place, and for different places that you visit. Remember that your count is useful even if you do not see any butterflies or moths.

You can send in your sightings online at [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org) or by using our FREE big butterfly count smartphone apps available for iOS and Android.

Unfortunately, any counts sent in on paper or by email, text or phone cannot be accepted. The website will be open to receive records throughout July and August.

**[www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org)**



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## CAN YOU HELP WITH INFORMATION?



I have been trying, for some time, to find out where my father Trevor, who was a member of the 13th Hampshire Home Guard, served.

Thirteenth Hampshire encompassed Hamble, Netley and Woolston. As Trevor worked at 'Air Services Training' (AST Hamble), the family believe he was a member of the Hamble Home Guard, but have not, as yet, been able to confirm this.

The main reason for our interest, is that in about 1940-41, Trevor was sent on a course to 'Battle School' in the New Forest area, where he was injured in a hand grenade accident and spent some time in Lymington Cottage Hospital. I remember visiting him with Mother. He was allowed out to tea with us, wearing hospital blue and white shirt and red tie. He had to go

to hospital on several occasions to have shrapnel removed from his back and arm.

I write this and provide the above photograph in the hope that someone may recognise a relative or friend and the location where the picture was taken.

Trevor, a 2nd Lieutenant at that time, is centre row, third from the left. The officer seated centre, front row, could be Major Crowther who drove Mother and me to visit Father in hospital.

If you do recognise anyone in this picture, the location, or may have any information, please contact the Parish Council office on 023 8045 3422 or email: office@hamblepc.org.uk and we will pass any information on.



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## HAMBLE-LE-RICE FLOWER CLUB



Regular Flower Club members enjoyed the practical session in June entitled 'Moonlight' or 'A Picture'. This was a golden chance for many of the 'beginners' plus 'old timers!' to practice their interpretive work under the watchful eye of our resident tutor Pat Maple. We are indebted to her for such expertise.

"JULY the month of summers prime

Again resumes her busy time

Scythes tinkle in each grassy dell

Where solitude was wont to dwell" - by John Clare

And for the Flower Club too it's also a busy time!

A demonstration on July 9th at 1.30pm by Anne Clarke called 'In my element' is followed on Thursday July 26th at 7pm by...

### Our Pearl Celebration

This demonstration by Katherine Kerr is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy an evening entitled 'Petals and Pearls a Plenty'. Tickets cost £10.00 including a glass of fizz! Here's your chance villagers and friends to watch and admire the skill of a national demonstrator as it's a late kick off! So those of you who work hard during the day come and enjoy a relaxing evening!

Don't forget all are always welcome at our club, whether to just watch or enjoy the fun of flower arranging!

For tickets and/or further information re anything to do with Flower Club please do not hesitate to contact any of the following people.....

Sheila Barker Vice Chairman 02380453718

Rosemary Dorman, Secretary: 02380452385

Judy Raponi, Treasurer 02392 554157

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For Southampton City based surgeries (including Woolston Lodge) visit: [www.southamptonprimarycare.org.uk](http://www.southamptonprimarycare.org.uk)

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## Hamble Local History Society: GE Aviation

GE Aviation kindly agreed to host the last meeting of the Society which gave members the opportunity to visit one of Hamble's last surviving large houses, Sydney Lodge. Sydney Lodge is a Grade II listed building built between 1789 and 1798 and was the home of the Earl of Hardwicke. It is now undergoing a thorough restoration after suffering water damage. The Society also visited GE's new high-tech composites facility that included a cleanroom to produce components for Airbus.

Following this Chris Hodson gave an illustrated talk about the factory's history from 1936 to the present day. Similar to other Hamble aviation companies the aircraft factory started because the waterside site was suitable for producing seaplanes. British Marine Aircraft bought Sydney Lodge and its grounds, as well as Hamble Cliff House that gave access to Southampton Water. The factory was built, with an adjacent housing estate and shops for its employees, to construct and service flying boats which were popular at that time with airline companies for long-distance flights.

After much investment British Marine Aircraft did not prove successful so Henry Folland took over and the factory became Folland Aircraft Ltd. During the Second World War it was a sub-contractor for Spitfire production and undertook work on a variety of bombers. After the war there were limited opportunities for new aircraft production and, therefore, the factory had to diversify by producing refrigerators, aluminium prefab buildings and electric light trucks.

Eventually it undertook aircraft sub-contracting work again as well as design and development work. It produced the huge control surfaces for the large Brabazon passenger airliner and wings for aircraft such as the Chipmunk and Vampire jet fighter. In 1951 Teddy Petter took charge of the factory and changed Hamble's philosophy to concentrate on smaller aircraft. First it produced a Midge



*History Society members outside of Sydney Lodge*

jet fighter and undertook development work on ejector seats. Then it went into production of the well-known Folland Gnat – one of which is displayed at the entrance to the factory. In the 1960s and 1970s the Gnat was used by the world renowned Red Arrows aerobatic display team.

In the following decades the factory built sub-assemblies and components for the Harrier and Hawk jets and were specialists in moulding jet canopies and windscreens. It undertook work for Airbus and Boeing on their passenger airliners and McDonnell Douglas on various projects. Over the years the company was consolidated into larger aircraft groups or changed ownership and the most familiar name remembered by local residents was Aerostructures. In 2007, GE Aviation became owners of the Hamble factory.

Over the years, these companies invested in modern machinery and expanded the factory. Similarly, GE Aviation invested in a 9,000 square metre composites production facility at Hamble as part of a £50 million-plus investment in the site from 2012 to 2018. Today about half of GE Aviation's production is made from plastic composites.

A most interesting visit and a very knowledgeable speaker whose illustrated presentation gave an excellent insight to an important Hamble factory.

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## FROM THE COUNCIL'S RECORDS

**100 YEARS AGO - L.G. Board** A memorandum was read from the L.G. Board inviting local bodies to arrange for systematic collections in their Parish of Fruit Stones & Nut Shells which are urgently required for Munitions of War ... JULY 1918

**75 YEARS AGO - Death of Councillor A.R. Luke** ... He paid high tribute to his 36 years work as a Councillor & for serving 6 consecutive years as Chairman ... JULY 1943

*Bert Luke was a boatyard owner.*

**75 YEARS AGO - Co-option of Mr W.G. Luke** ... Mr Luke was much experienced in Council work & he acted as Honorary Clerk to the Council soon after its formation, he served on the Council for many years, & had been both Chairman & Vice Chairman ... JULY 1943

*Walt Luke was Bert's brother and boatyard owner.*

**50 YEARS AGO - Playing Field Gravel** ... Mineral expert, Mr Lennox, from the County Council who had been very helpful and considered the withdrawal of gravel worth preserving but it really depended on what the Parish Council intends to do on the Playing Fields ... JULY 1968

**50 YEARS AGO - Footpath Satchell Lane to Church** ... from time to time the Council receives complaints about horses cantering along the footpath between Satchell Lane and the Church. As this is not a bridle path she asked if notices could be placed to this effect. JULY 1968

**25 YEARS AGO - Planning** Mercury Area Residents Association ... letter to Eastleigh Borough Council objecting to the planning application for Riverside Park ... Siting of 18 holiday chalets at Riverside Park ... It was resolved to oppose the application ... An overall long term plan for the site should be required as it would seem that a change in use is intended with each plan ... JULY 1993

**25 YEARS AGO - Parishioners Question Time** Mrs Sparshatt-Worley explained to the Council that she had submitted the planning application for change of use for no. 2 The Square to a Beauty Salon because she thought there was a need ... JULY 1993

THE ABOVE IS AS RECORDED IN THE ARCHIVES (IMU)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN JULY

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

### The Story of Netley Hospital

10:30am, starts from outside the café, Royal Victoria Country Park. Tickets £5 (accompanied children free) available from WeGotTickets.com

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### Bursledon and District Gardening Club



A talk by Marcus Dancer "New and Exciting Plants" Competition 1 rose stem 7 for 7.30pm. £2 per meeting for visitors. 02380 402986

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

### ST. Andrew's Church Summer Fête



Entertainment, Dog Show, Great Hamble Bake Off, Art Competition, Flower arranging Competition, Grand Draw, Games, Tombola, Stalls and Refreshments. £1 entry (50p children over 7) Noon - 4pm.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

### Hamble Parish Council Meeting



All Council meetings are open to the public. Each agenda includes a Public Session where members of the public may speak on any matter. 7pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

### HAMBLE PLAYERS: Cheshire Cats



See page 13. 7.30pm, Hamble Village Memorial Hall

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

### THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT



See page 17 for details of how you can join the count to help Butterfly Conservation.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### Hamble Parish Planning Committee Meeting

7pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Bursledon, Hamble & Hound Local Area Committee Meeting

6pm, Hamble Primary School

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

### Hound Local History Society: The Railway Comes to Netley

A talk by Stephen Hoadley £3 for visitors. 7.30pm, St. Edward's Church Hall, Grange Road

## Regular Events

Weekly	What	Where
Monday	<b>Monday Club</b>	1.30pm, Hamble Club
Monday (except Bank Hols)	<b>Hamble River Singers Community Choir</b> (Contact basschickbev@gmail.com)	7.30pm, HRSC Rooms
Monday	<b>U-Tone Circuit Training</b>	8.15-9.15pm, Memorial Hall (Rear Hall)
Monday (except Bank Hols)	<b>Forever Fit:</b> 60+ fitness exercise to music. 4 week block £16. (Call Julie: 07952 983 349)	10.30 - 11.30am, Follands Sports & Social Club.
Tuesday	<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	9.30-11.30am, Memorial Hall
Tues & Thurs	<b>Pilates</b>	(Tues 12-1pm) (Thurs 10-11am) Memorial Hall
Tuesday	<b>Puppy Classes</b> (contact Annette 023 8045 3490)	6-9pm, Memorial Hall
Wednesday	<b>Yoga</b>	10-11.30am, Memorial Hall
Wednesday	<b>Body Control Pilates</b> (Contact: Caroline 07803 302654)	9am-10am, Roy Underdown Pavilion
Wednesday	<b>Chairfit:</b> 60+ Seated exercise to music. 4 week block £10. (Call Julie: 07952 983 349)	11.15am-12pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion.
Wednesday	<b>Cherubs</b> (Contact: Father Graham Whiting 023 8045 2148)	10.30am - 12pm, St. Andrews Church.
Wednesday	<b>Acting Up</b> For class times contact: 07519 754829	Memorial Hall
Thursday	<b>Walking Netball</b>	9-10am, Hamble Sports Complex
Friday	<b>Village Market</b>	Memorial Hall, 9.30-10.45am
Bi-Weekly	What	When
10th	<b>St. Andrew's Cafe @ The Priory Centre</b>	10.30am-12.45pm
Monthly	What	Where
2nd Monday	<b>Hamble Flower Club</b>	1.30pm, Memorial Hall
4th Monday	<b>RAF Association Ichen &amp; Hamble branch</b> (Contact: Steve Rawlings 02380 740771)	12pm, Hamble Club
1st Tuesday	<b>Bursledon and District Gardening Club</b>	7pm, St Pauls Church, Bursledon
2nd Tuesday	<b>Hamble Ladies Group</b>	7.30pm, Priory Centre, St Andrew's Church
1st & 3rd Weds	<b>Hamble Conservation Beach Cleans</b>	10am, Hamble Point Car Park
2nd Wednesday	<b>Hamble Conservation Task</b>	10am, Hamble Point Car Park
4th Wednesday	<b>Informal Bereavement Support Group</b> (Contact: Heather Smith 02380 452998)	2pm-4pm, The Priory Centre
Last Saturday	<b>Place 2B Café</b> (Coffee, Cake & Conversation)	10am-12pm, Priory Centre

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PAGE 28

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

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### Hamble Sports Complex

24th July -31st August (Excluding bank holiday)

#### Age 5-7 Years Activities will include:

Football, Swimming, Arts and Crafts, Mini Golf, Cricket, Den Building, Outdoor Adventures with Team Building, Trampolining, Gymnastics and many more but may vary day to day.

#### Age 8-11 Years Activities will include:

Swimming, Football, Football Golf, Touch Rugby, Bouncy Castle, Trampolining, Gymnastics, Badminton, Hockey, Cricket, Den Building, Outdoor Adventures with Team Building and many more but may vary day to day.

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### Royal Victoria Country Park

#### Beach Explorers

24th & 25th July

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#### Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

To book your place please visit the shop in the Park or phone 023 8045 5157 (10am - 4pm).

#### Pirates

7th & 8th August

Yo ho ho me hearties! A session of pirate activities - hats, parrots, boats and a treasure hunt. For children aged 4 yrs and over. Sessions are at 10am or 2pm. £6/child.

#### Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

To book your place please visit the shop in the Park or phone 023 8045 5157 (10am - 4pm).

#### Survival!

21st & 22nd August

A hands-on session of shelter building and fire lighting. Toast your marshmallows over a roaring fire! Suitable for children aged 4yrs and over. Sessions are at 10am or 2pm. £6/child.

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