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## Update from Your Parish Council

### Woodland Trust

Following last month's article about tree planting Cllr Andy Thompson has been scouting the parish identifying parcels of land that could be planted up. The council can then decide on a strategy for focusing our efforts.



Did you know...The Woodland Trust is the largest woodland conservation charity in the country. They provide information and resources for people to help protect trees in their area, support wildlife in their own garden as well as selling a wide range of trees suitable for the UK and even providing free trees to schools and community groups. Find out more about their good work at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk).

### Flower Power

By now spring flowers are popping up all over the village. Each year we are planting more bulbs and hope that people are able to get out and enjoy them. We can only

plant on land owned by the parish council although we have formally approached other land owners about both bulb- and wildflower-planting on land they own and hope this can be included for next year.

Last year, we also purchased planters from Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) for the Foreshore and outside the parish office and have been looking to do the same this year. To reduce our carbon footprint, we have looked for a local supplier as the flowers came from Holland last year. That has given us the opportunity to work with Mayfield Nursery a Southampton-based arm of the charity Solent Mind. As well as supplying a fantastic range of plants, the Nursery supports people with mental health problems and other needs to gain confidence and skills while working in horticulture. We should have more news on the project in the next month or so.

### Planning Updates - Local Plan Examination

At a recent planning meeting held by EBC on its local plan (which creates a

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25-year plan for the area), consideration was given to a policy called HA2, which covers the Mercury Marina and Riverside Camping and Caravan Park. The policy identifies 4.7 hectares of land at this site for a marina, hotel, a range of other holiday accommodation and car parking/boat storage. At the meeting, the agent acting for the land owner requested multiple changes to the policy which included: increasing the site area; removing the requirement for a hotel; and allowing residential development to cross subsidise the provision of other holiday accommodation such as lodges. Following the meeting, Hamble Parish Council contacted EBC setting out concerns about the nature of the proposed changes. As a result, EBC have withdrawn the site from the Local Plan on the following grounds:

- Ecological sensitivities of the site – based on evidence previously collected as part of the Local Plan process, the site was discounted for residential development.
- Poor accessibility of the site – the lack of footpaths and street lighting along that part of Satchell Lane are not conducive to residential development
- The Council (EBC) is already meeting its housing needs and is directing development away from the peninsula.

The site continues to be designated for marina / boatyard use and will be unchanged by the withdrawal of the policy. In terms of the next steps Christa Masters, the Planning Inspector (appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the Examination) will now report back to EBC before the end of February setting out her findings. In the meantime, EBC will be drawing up a list of all the modifications made so far, including those to the HA2

policy.

### Bofors Gun



Despite efforts by EBC to move the Bofors gun, discussions are still ongoing with English Heritage about how best to do this so as not to cause any damage. Once it is safely removed work can start on finding a new home for it. Some suggestions have already come in and include: the Southern Quay, the grassy mound at the entrance to the river at Hamble Point or the gun emplacements on the Warsash side of the river. Let us know if you have any other suggestions or a preference from these ideas!

### Air quality



Improving air quality in the village we know is a priority – you told us so in the WeRHamble Survey. Recently, as part of EBC's Air Quality Action Plan, Hamble Parish Council raised a number of concerns about air borne pollution not just from cars but also from industrial activities on Southampton Water. A strategy is due to be considered by EBC shortly but in the meantime, let's try and do our bit across the village. Cllr Dann has recently started a discussion about how to encourage more children in the area to travel to school without getting in the car.





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We congratulate the many families who do walk to school each day, but a recent survey of the Mount Pleasant car park indicated that over a hundred cars use the car park on a typical morning for drop-off at the Primary School. Whilst the Council recognises it can't solve this problem on its own, it agreed to investigate air quality monitoring in the area, to discuss the situation with the school and to encourage parents or carers with any ideas on how to promote less car use for the school run to come forward. The Council does have a community grant fund and would welcome proposals that would help to tackle this issue.

In the meantime, if you are taking your child to school please think twice before leaving the engine running – either to keep warm in the winter or cool in the summer – research shows that those inside a car in a congested area have a higher exposure to pollution than those on the outside. In either event it is just adding to the problem.

### Community Use of Parish Facilities



Steve Harris, manager of Hamble Club Youth FC, attended February's Council Meeting to promote the annual youth tournament which is to be held at Mount Pleasant on consecutive weekends at the start of July. The event which will run on 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th July and will attract over 1000+ visitors over the two weekends. The Club now has over 430 young people on

their books and the tournament is a great opportunity to showcase young talent. It is also an important fund-raising activity to support the work of the Club throughout the year.



Other events that take place in and around the Foreshore were also agreed at the council meeting and, as usual, the foreshore will be busy hosting a range of activities from River Hamble Games and the River Raid to the Farmers and Brocante markets.



## Hamble Spring Festival

To make sure that parking is available, the Donkey Derby Field will once again be in use although it can only be used for a maximum of 28 days in a year due to planning restrictions. Recent history around the field and the restrictions on its use have almost taken on mythical status – to dispel the myths we will provide a potted history of the site in the next edition – so if you want to know more, check out next month's magazine!

**Join the conversation and keep up to date with all things Hamble:**

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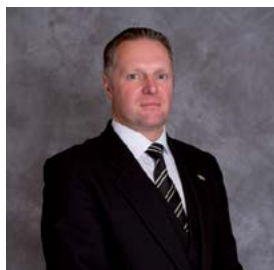
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## Did You Know – Who Governs What in Hamble?

Many people are unclear about which council does what in Hamble, to whom should a complaint or suggestion be directed, and how the General Election impacted on Hamble Parish Council? First, let's take a look at some of the key points...

### A Quick Tour of Local Government



Hampshire County Council ([www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)) are responsible for the delivery of national services such as transport, education, social care, libraries, and waste management.



Eastleigh Borough Council ([www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)) are responsible for more local services, such as street-lighting, refuse collections, planning applications and road maintenance.



Hamble Parish Council (HPC) ([www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk)) are responsible for managing a number of communal areas within the village which includes the Foreshore and Westfield Common; the cricket and football pitches; and children's play areas as well as overseeing the allotments and rear cemetery as well as the foreshore car park

and dingy park.

In addition, HPC also owns land and buildings which it leases out to organisations such as the sea scouts and squash club on Hamble Lane and promotes use of the foreshore for events and markets.

### Who is on these Councils?

Hampshire County Council is comprised of 78 elected county councillors representing each of the 76 divisions within Hampshire. Currently, 55 of these are Conservative, 19 are Liberal Democrats, 2 are Labour and 1 Independent. Hamble is one of the 76 divisions and is represented by Councillor Keith House @CllrKeithHouse (of the Lib Dem party).

Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) is governed by 39 elected local councillors. Currently, 34 of the 39 elected councillors are Lib Dems, led by Cllr Keith House.

As you will probably be aware, Eastleigh is represented in the Houses of Parliament by our local MP, Paul Holmes @pauljholmes from the Conservative Party who was elected in the General Election in December 2019, replacing Mims Davis (also Conservative, elected in 2015).

Just to be clear; we're represented in Parliament by a Conservative MP and in the County Council by a Liberal Democrat. The country has a Conservative Prime Minister but the local administrative governance is the responsibility of a Lib Dem majority. Not at all confusing, right?

### Does Hamble have a political bias?

Several of the other local parishes within Eastleigh have a number of their parish councillors who are also members of Eastleigh Borough Council.

Significantly, Hamble Parish Council differs in this regard and is predominantly





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### Why is this significant?

The 12 volunteer councillors (pictured, below) who sit on HPC do so because they



are passionate about making Hamble a better place. The discussions, options and decisions made reflect purely the interests of those living and working within our lovely village – rather than trying to align to a regional political agenda or fight ideas purely because they were suggested by a different political party.

We're really proud of this autonomy and firmly believe it results in a better outcome for the people of Hamble.

As a result, the long answer to the original question is that the General Election and even Borough Council Elections don't have a direct impact on Hamble Parish Council. However, the people of Hamble have a massive impact on Hamble Parish Council, as the 12 councillors are elected by you every 4 years. The next local elections are this May when we will be asking you to vote for who you would like to represent your interests within the village or even stand yourself (see below for more on this).

You can see who your current councillors are, by visiting: [www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk) > Your Parish Council > Your Parish Councillors

- Cllr Sharon Hayward

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## Are you interested in becoming a parish councillor in Hamble? If so, read on...


We hold Elections every 4 years to elect 12 candidates to form the Parish Council. If you stand to become a councillor you should expect to complete the 4-year term. To qualify to stand you must be 18 years old or over and be a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen and are either registered as an elector in Hamble, or are an owner or tenant of land/premises in Hamble or your principal or only place of work for the past 12 months is in Hamble or you have lived in Hamble for the past 12 months or within 3 miles of it.

If you do want to stand, then Eastleigh Borough Council who manages the election process, will be hosting a briefing event

on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 2pm in rooms 11/12/13 at Eastleigh House, Upper Market Street, Eastleigh SO50 9YN. If you would like to attend please contact Sam Jones directly on the following email: [sam.jones@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:sam.jones@eastleigh.gov.uk).

The notice of election will be published on Wednesday 1 April with nomination papers being accepted by the Returning Officer at Eastleigh House between 10am and 4pm from this date until close of nominations on Wednesday 9 April 2020 at 4pm.

If you want advice or information about the role of councillor or the process please contact the parish office for more information.



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### What is Southampton City Vision?

Southampton City Vision will be the new Local Plan for the City of Southampton, a document that will set out the future development of new homes, work spaces, infrastructure and facilities across the city over the next 20 years and beyond.

### Our vision

Much has changed in Southampton since various local plan documents were published. We therefore intend for Southampton City Vision to replace some of these older documents in order to provide new, up-to-date and relevant planning policies. Southampton City Council (SCC) wants Southampton City Vision to be a place shaping tool that is both city wide and community focussed, meeting the development needs of the city whilst recognising the needs and diversity of individual communities.

Developing the Southampton City Vision document will be a lengthy process that will bring together a wide number of technical studies and all the information collected through our consultation exercises.

One of the main challenges of producing this plan is to ensure that SCC address the city's key issues whilst meeting the Government's and legal requirements.

To meet these requirements, the plan will have to: identify land for new homes and workspaces, maximising the potential of space available; provide necessary

infrastructure and facilities to support the growth of the city; and protect and enhance the environment. However, SCC would also like their plan to: recognise individual neighbourhood identities; connect us with our waterfront; and encourage growth and further investment in the city.

### So, where are SCC now?

SCC are currently at the start of the plan preparation process, part of which involves conducting an initial consultation exercise to ensure we have a good understanding of what people and businesses in the city need. This initial consultation, which runs from 10 February to midnight on 19 April 2020, is your opportunity to start shaping the plan. To have your say on the future of your city or to find out more about the consultation and local events search 'Southampton City Vision' or if you would prefer to give your views in person, SCC are also holding the following public engagement events:

Wednesday 4th March, 9am-5pm: West Quay, Above Bar Mall (Level 3, outside Next)

Tuesday 10th March, 1-5pm: Centenary Quay Library, Woolston

Tuesday 17 March, 12-4pm: The Marlands (Flourish, Ground Floor)

Wednesday 18 March, 8am-1pm: Bitterne Market

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Children can play and socialise within a free play setting which provides a story and snack time, a book corner, small world play areas, craft and mark making activities.

### Parent and Toddler Group

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For more information, contact Jane Hooke

## Parent & Toddler Group

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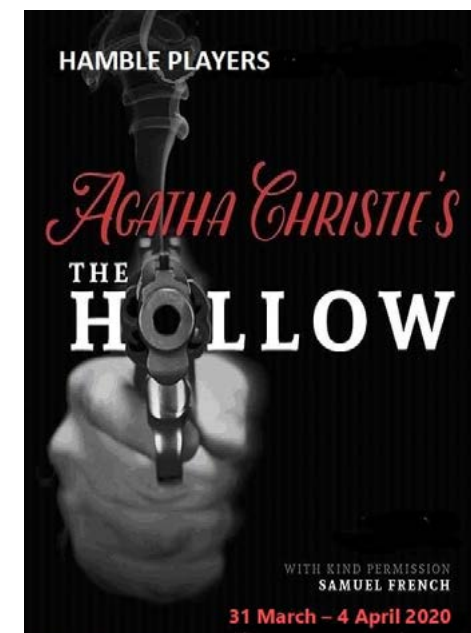
## Celebrating 100 Years of Agatha Christie

It is one hundred years since Agatha Christie's first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* was published. It seems appropriate then that we bring one of her later books/plays to the Hamble stage. SO! Have you got your tickets yet?

The cast have now put their scripts down and are sorting costumes, building scenery and manhandling the props! Will you work out the murderer or murderers before the end? Will there be more than one murder? As with all good murder-mysteries, comedy is also very much part of the script, but who plays the funniest character?

All will be revealed at the Memorial Hall from Tuesday March 31st – Saturday April 4th. All performances start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are on sale either by phoning the Box Office on 02380 440660 or going to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hambleplayers). Tickets will be priced at £7 for the Tuesday performance. Wednesday – Saturday £10 for adults & £8 for concessions (be thee small or ancient!). So, treat yourself to a night out with friends. Beverages of all



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MARCH

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

### Hamble Parish Council Meeting

All Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

7pm, Roy Underdown Pavilion

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

### Southampton Jobs Fair

The Jobs Fair is a great way to speak with potential employers face-to-face. You can register with employers for jobs, collect info on employers, ask them questions, apply for jobs, or even have a mini interview on the day. FREE to attend. 10am-1pm, Solent Conference Centre, Solent University

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

### Make and Take: Nest Building



Make a nest and a model bird out of natural materials, clay and feathers in the woods. If wet it will continue indoors.

This is a pre-bookable event for ages 2-4yrs. £4.00 per child.

Please phone 02380 683790 to book your place. 10.30-11.30am, Itchen Valley Country Park

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

### Time For a Cuppa: Dementia Coffee Morning



Raise money for Dementia UK with coffee, tea, cake and raffle. £5 entry.

10.30am, Royal Southern Yacht Club

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Candidate Briefing Event for Potential Councillors

If you're thinking of standing for election in May, then this event will be of interest. 2pm, Eastleigh House

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April



Hamble Players bring Agatha Christie's The Hollow to Hamble. Performances start at 7.30pm each night. See page 13 for full details on prices and tickets.

Hamble Village Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

### Parent & Toddler Group

Children can play and socialise within a free play setting which provides a story and snack time, a book corner, small world play areas, craft and mark making activities.

9.30-11.30am (term time only), Hamble Village Memorial Hall

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Hamble Parish Planning Committee Meeting

Considering the Council's response to applications in or affecting Hamble. 7pm, The Roy Underdown Pavilion

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

### Junior Warming Pan



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

## Regular Events

Weekly	What	Where
Monday	<b>Monday Club</b>	1.30pm, Hamble Club
Mondays	<b>Hamble River Singers Community Choir</b> (Contact <a href="mailto:basschickbev@gmail.com">basschickbev@gmail.com</a> )	7.30pm, HRSC Rooms
Monday	<b>U-Tone Circuit Training</b>	8.15-9.15pm, Memorial Hall (Rear Hall)
Monday	<b>Walking Netball</b>	9.45-10.45am, Hamble Sports Complex
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
Tuesday	<b>Puppy Classes</b> (contact Annette 023 8045 3490)	6-9pm, Memorial Hall
Wednesdays & Fridays	<b>Fantasy Allstars Cheerleading Classes at Hamble Sports Complex</b>	6-8pm Wed (12+), 5-6pm Fri (3-8years), 6-7pm Fri (9-11years)
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.
Friday	<b>Village Market</b>	Memorial Hall, 9.30-10.45am
Friday	<b>Pilates classes for all abilities</b> <a href="mailto:info@pilatesbysue.com">info@pilatesbysue.com</a> / 07720 390175	11am & midday, Roy Underdown Pavilion
Saturday	<b>Yoga (10-11am)/Guitar Lessons (11am- 12pm)</b> <a href="mailto:steve@steveosman.com">steve@steveosman.com</a> / 07902 740 370	Roy Underdown Pavilion

Bi-Weekly	What	When
Alternate Tuesdays	<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 Itchen &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 452988)	2pm-3pm, The Priory Centre
Last Saturday	<b>Place 2B Café</b> (Coffee, Cake & Conversation)	10am-12pm, Priory Centre

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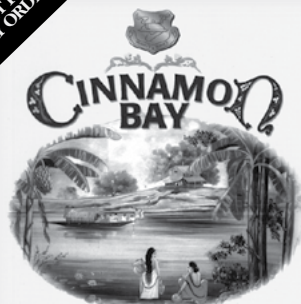
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The Parish Council plan to repeat the events this year and we have taken on the task of organising the activities. The chosen dates are 10am at 1st and 15th April but please keep an eye on our website for more details such as meeting points.

The task in March reverts to the familiar role of scrub clearance on the Common. We really have made a difference this winter in spite of the wet weather and the historic appearance of the Common is gradually re-emerging.

Regardless of the task we welcome volunteers, the tasks can be arduous but there are roles for a wide range of abilities. Furthermore we appreciate that many people cannot spare the time for the whole task so please do not be put off if you can



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## Hamble Ladies: From Christmas Dinner to Pets as Therapy

I know Christmas 2019 is a distant memory for most of us - well let's face it even what we had for dinner yesterday can be at times - but our Christmas dinner at The Beach Hut in December was once again a success.

The team served up an amazing dinner and you couldn't ask for a nicer place to be and sit with friends and enjoy yourselves and to start off our Christmas celebrations.

Thanks again to Phil for all your effort and please book us in for next year.

In January we held our AGM. The weather was dreadful but we were pleasantly surprised when about 15 members turned up. We made the most of it and sat around with coffee and tea and a catch up.

The committee has stayed the same with myself as Chairman, Joan Fitzgibbon as Secretary, Dawn Brook and Anne Bastard looking after the finances and Maggie Smith and Jenny Cudmore in charge of the tea and coffee and helping us in lots of other ways. We have been doing it for a good many years now and it seems to be getting more popular with new members joining from month to month.

In February we were visited by Laura Hamilton and her beautiful 'Pets as Therapy' (PAT) dogs. The two white golden retrievers were called Pilot and Lily. Lily was one of Pilot's litter of puppies which were born over 5 years ago with Lilly being very small and extremely ill. There didn't seem any hope of Lily surviving but with a lot of love and care Laura and her family have nursed her and she is now a fully operational PAT dog along with her mum. Lily is still very poorly and has had other major illnesses in her short life and now is being treated for cancer but she was a joy to see and very inquisitive, affectionate and even ended up

on the lap of one of the members.

Laura has been awarded the Citizen of Honour Award by Fareham Council for her dedication to 'Pets as Therapy' and together with Pilot and Lily they have done over 500 hours of visits. They visit two schools; one weekly and the other twice weekly. They also visit The Firs Care Home in Locks Heath, Hamble Heights and Avon Park amongst other places.

The charity 'Pets as Therapy' was started in 1983 with 3 dogs but has now become nationwide with 25,000 dogs and 150 cats. The breeds of dogs which are ideal for PAT dogs are Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, border collies, greyhounds, lurchers, just to name a few. PAT dogs can be very calming for patients and it has been proven that the comfort they bring does improve health. They are sometimes also used to calm students before exams, with patients with clinical depression, stroke patients and also help with people who are phobic about dogs. There is a 'read to dogs' programme which involves children actually reading to dogs, the children then feel comfortable doing this with no one to correct them and it helps to boost their confidence. Apparently, the dogs love it too and get rewarded with lots of tit bits and cuddles.

Dogs have to be 9 months old and the owner has had to have them for 6 months or more. The dogs have to prove that they are capable of sitting quietly, disregarding any distractions, calm around other dogs, happy to be made a fuss of and have their ears and tails pulled. They must like to be groomed and accept food without grabbing what is on offer. As you can imagine this is quite a tall order especially for quite



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young dogs. Pilot and Lilly passed with flying colours on all accounts and enjoy their job as PAT dogs.

It was a pleasure to have Laura come along with Pilot and Lily and to see how much she loves them and they love her. At the moment, with Lily being treated for cancer they are not visiting but we were so pleased she came to us and wish Lily a speedy recovery.

Our programme for the following 5 months is as follows:

10th March: Lizzie Hibberd - Bird Award Solent

14th April: Daniel Angus - Solent Mind - Mayfield Nurseries

12th May: Roy Godfrey - Roysbees

9th June: Social Evening - to be confirmed

14th July: Trip to The Weald and Downland Living Museum

It was lovely to see so many members and new members turn up on Tuesday 11th February. Why not come and join us? We meet at 7.30pm in the Priory Centre in Hamble.

-Bobby Conduit

## Hamble Flower Club: Memories Demonstration

At our February meeting Marion Catt entertained us with her talk entitled - 'A Mixed Bunch' - what a fabulous insight into the history of some of our most loved flowers and I certainly didn't know that the Dutch ate the tulip bulbs during WW2 to save themselves from starvation.

Flower arranging classes still have spaces for newcomers particularly in the Beginners section. So, don't forget to contact either Christine or any committee member for more details.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The March class is now on Monday 16th not Thursday 19th as previously stated.

On Monday March 9th we will be holding our AGM. The lunch prior to this event should be pre-booked, although we may be able to squeeze the odd bod in! Don't forget to bring your own crockery and cutlery please. (Saves a lot of washing up!)

Lunch (at noon) costs £10.00. Please contact any committee member to order this and to inform us of any dietary requirements. Its Open House for the AGM (2pm, so all welcome, at no cost and hear what we've been up to all year and the full plans for the year ahead.



**A Winter's Tale by Karen Foulkes**

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - Open Evening Demonstration on Thursday April 23rd.

Ann Maree Dicker will give a demonstration entitled, 'Memories'. The profits from this event will go to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice in memory of Pat Maple.

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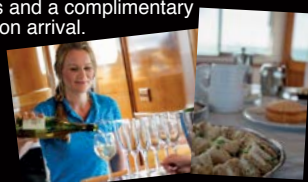
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## History of the River at Bursledon

Jeff Martin, Bursledon's expert on its village history and Chairman of Bursledon Local History Society, gave an illustrated talk on the 'History of the river at Bursledon' to the Society's last well-attended meeting that included visitors from other local villages.

He started by giving evidence of local Roman activities and the later period when salt making was important to Bursledon. He illustrated this by showing pictures of how this was done near Hacketts Marsh, although its production ceased about 1500. Jeff used maps to show details of the village and why shipbuilding was important. Bursledon was nationally important for shipbuilding as it was a safe location, allowing early warning of an attack, had sheltered but deep water and a good availability of timber. The first royal ship built at Bursledon was the 'St George' in 1338 and it was launched by the King, Edward III. The 'Grace Dieu', the largest ship ever built in England in the early 1400s, was laid up at Bursledon and her remains are a protected wreck in the river today.

At times of war, merchant shipbuilders were offered contracts to build naval vessels but it was a risky business with many of them going bankrupt. In the 1600s, William Wyatt was successfully building 80-gun ships at Bursledon and in the 1740s Philemon Ewer was another significant Bursledon naval shipbuilder. At the end of this century, George Parsons was successfully building naval ships including Nelson's 74-gun 'Elephant'. Details of supporting local industries were explained such as iron making.

In the 1700s Bursledon's population was about 200 and only topped 600 in the 19th century. Jeff then went on to describe



the village's pubs. The Red Lion and The Swan were on each side of the river to provide refreshments for those waiting to cross. There were also The Ship & Launch by Lands End Hard and the riverside Jolly Sailor pub that had a shed alongside it to store dead bodies recovered from the river until an inquest was held at the pub. The Jolly Sailor's important association with the regatta was also illustrated.

The only way to cross the river in early times was by a ferry, but in 1800 a wooden toll bridge was built as part of a road scheme between Portsmouth and Southampton. Initially there were structural problems that were rectified by George Parsons. A railway bridge was built in the late 1880s and this again had problems with landslips of the embankments during construction. The railway led to a boom in the strawberry-growing industry but cut off many houses from the river and completely changed the landscape. The toll bridge was freed from tolls in the 1930s and a new concrete bridge constructed. In 1975 the M27 motorway bridge was opened.

Jeff illustrated how merchant sailing vessels from the north of the country brought coal and other goods to Bursledon Pool to be distributed locally; including to Botley by

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barge. He told of smuggling activities in the  
village with some storing contraband in the  
box tombs in the churchyard. After the First  
World War many 70ft naval motor launches  
were for sale and some were converted to  
houseboats and Deacons Boatyard started  
business. The story of Bursledon's riverside  
activities could not be told without mention  
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Howards' Way.

His talk concluded by moving further up  
river to explain about Maidenstone Heath,  
brickmaking at Hoe Moor, plus Upton  
and its shipbuilding site. Those present  
were enthralled and impressed by Jeff's  
presentation, particularly with its detail -  
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- Hamble Local History Society

## From the Parish Council's Records

**100 YEARS AGO - oil Company** A letter was read from the Anglo Mexican Petroleum  
Company, asking for information as to Water Supply for their Oil Depot. **March 1920**

**100 YEARS AGO - Co-option of New Member** ... that Rev Everard Verdon Roe be co-  
opted a Member of the Council to fill the vacancy ... **March 1920**

**100 YEARS AGO - Fire Station Shed** ... Mr Basil Lubbock who had willingly consented  
for the Fire Station Shed to be placed at the corner of his field near the school ... **March 1920**

**75 YEARS AGO - Hamble Ferry** Fareham Urban D-Council stating complaints have  
been received with the difficulty of crossing the Ferry. They would be glad of any information  
on the Ferry Rights and also whether there is an obligation upon the Ferryman to keep to  
scheduled hours. **March 1945**

**75 YEARS AGO - Parish Dump** ... that a new Notice Board be ordered & fixed to the  
Dump. Also that a letter be sent to the Officer in charge at the Copse, drawing his attention  
to that his servants were indiscriminately depositing rubbish at the dump, instead of placing  
it at the end of the Tip. **March 1945**

**50 YEARS AGO - Mercury Field** ... Asking who owns the Field and the Copse in Hamble  
Lane, close to the Shell Mex Social Club. Pointing out that it is being ruined by old cars and  
motor cycles using it as a race track on Saturdays and Sundays ... advising that the field in  
question belongs to the Trustees of the Mercury. **March 1970**

**50 YEARS AGO - Harbour Master** Advising all further correspondence and payment of  
accounts should be sent to: Capt Leach, Harbour Offices, The Quay, Hamble ... **March 1970**

**25 YEARS AGO - District Councillors' Report** ... regarding the transfer of council  
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