

Doctors' Surgeries at Hamble

In the spring of 2006 the 'Blackthorn Health Centre' opened in Satchell Lane, opposite to the Hamble Community Sports College. It serves the villages of Hamble, Netley & Bursledon and provides all the patient services previously offered at the Copse Lane Surgery plus extra new services including an on site pharmacy.

With the increasing population in Hamble and its neighbouring villages and the prospect of this continuing with ongoing housing development, the practice had outgrown its existing premises, having well over 10,000 patients.

The Copse Lane Surgery was retained and used by some of the visiting service providers e.g. orthopaedic and hearing specialists, Citizen Advice Bureau. (In 2009 it became a NHS Dental Surgery.)

How things have changed over the decades! Prior to the Second World War Doctors Pern, Turner and Bamber provided care for patients in Botley, Hamble, Netley Abbey, Bursledon and West End. Dr Turner originally practised at West Dean in Station Road, Netley Abbey.

Older residents will remember Dr Turner serving Hamble by himself after the Second World War with the surgery at No.1 St Andrew's Buildings. The wartime mortuary by the old Fire Station in Shell Mex Road later became Hamble's surgery and Dr Turner was joined by Dr Foster in 1952. When Dr Turner retired in 1973, he was replaced by Dr Wilson. In 1989 the totally inadequate ex mortuary surgery was replaced by the Copse Lane Surgery as part of the community gains from the Copse housing development.

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