

Hamble River History

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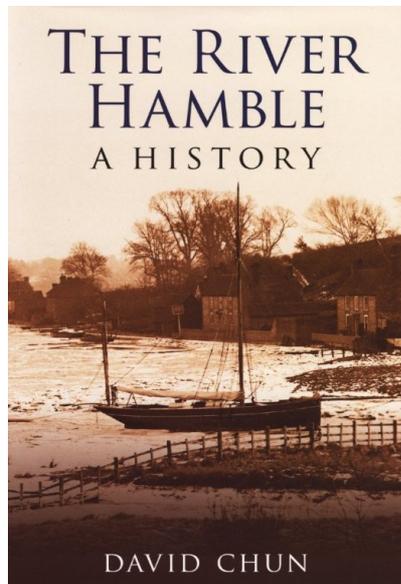
David Chun, who had recently written a book, entitled "The River Hamble - A History", gave the Society a talk about his book and the river's history.

He started by talking about his inspirations behind the book, which took five years to write and was the result of 20 years of research. Unlike other previously published books of the area, it covered the whole river from its source to the mouth. His book covers every aspect of the river's history from its early archaeology to the 20th century.

David spoke about the river being a waterway, in the 13th century being used to transport stone to build Bishops Waltham Palace and later being used to carry coal and grain. Of course shipbuilding was mentioned, including Hamble's master shipwright Moody Janverin, as well as the river's woodlands and timber trade. Fishing and salt making were other important trades, with salt being produced at Hamble Point.

He illustrated his talk with pictures from his book, including a series of 1830s sketches of the Upper Hamble by "EAJ" and later photographs from the Shawe-Storey collection held at the Hampshire Record Office.

David concluded by expressing some concerns about the effect some current proposed developments may have on the river.



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