

# Hamble Families and People

## 11th November 2021 - Memorial Hall

If you look inside Hamble Church you will see memorials to the prominent families who lived in the village over the last few centuries and the Parish Council records show who have greatly contributed to the village over the last hundred years. Who are these families and people?

The Society's chairman, Ian Underdown, gave an interesting and extremely informative talk about the notable families and people who have made a significant contribution to Hamble over the centuries, in particular those that have had more than one generation that have given much to the village.

He started by talking about and showing pictures of the Janverin family with Moody Janverin being a master shipbuilder in the 1700s and he built one of the village's largest dwellings, Hamble House. Martha Janverin gave the clock for the church tower in 1880. Then followed the Brady family who played a significant role in Hamble village life for 170 years and many of them served with distinction in the Royal Navy. They had control of many of Hamble properties and gave a bell for the church tower in 1715.

Ian continued by telling the stories of the Scovell family one of the largest shellfish merchants in the country, the nobility such as the Yorke family some of who held the title the Earl of Hardwicke and Admiral Sir John Fullerton who was captain of Queen Victoria's royal yacht. Shopkeepers such as Norris family with Tom being one of the first parish councillors and the Robinson family who ran the village blacksmiths and the King & Queen pub. Boatbuilders the Luke family, boat skippers the Williams family and aircraft manufacturer A V Roe were also included.

Many older Hamble residents remembered the Bartlett family at Manor Farm, Taylors the builders, Robinsons artist/printers and Hookers publicans/bakers and their family histories were told.

One interesting person who made a significant contribution to the village was Sammy Williams with volunteering and St Andrew's church being central to his life. He was elected as Captain of the Fire Brigade when it formed in 1906 and before the First World War took over the bakery and grocers shop near the Quay. He was passionately interested in Red Cross activities and as the village did not have a resident doctor, if someone was ill or needed first aid, he was the person everyone would seek for assistance. On his death in 1951 a memorial fund was set up in his name to replace the war damaged church window and it was decided that the face of St Andrew should be that of Sammy in recognition of his long service to the Church.

Ian concluded by telling the stories of some people still living in the village that included information about his late father who was the Parish Council's longest serving Chairman and he covered 20 families and people who have played an important part in Hamble's village life. His talk received an excellent response at the end. Afterwards, people reminisced about some of the recent families they knew and expressed their surprise about some of the new information they had learnt from the presentation.

To accompany the talk another new booklet in the popular Hamble local history series was launched entitled 'Hamble Families and People' and for more details see the 'Publications' section.