

2007- Close seasons working parties

It was decided to hold full day working parties and judging by the turnout on each day and the substantial amount of work carried out I think it was a good decision.

Up stream pontoon extension

In order to provide a safer access to the upstream pontoon and so as to form a barrier to drift wood it was decided to cover over what had been the little used upstream slip way.

Steve Harridge and his team have installed steels and now planked in the area.



Lunch

On each full day working party the teams have enjoyed a lunch of Soup, bread & cheese and we also seem to have eaten all of the old stock of crisps and chocolate and finished the final beer barrel!



Thanks go to Chris, Jane & Mary and their willing teams of helpers.

Environment Agents/HSC Tree Management

On a fine day in February and with Andrew Graham of the Environment Agency present and helping a dedicated team successfully caught up with the urgent tree management on the Surrey Bank.



Saplings were removed and pollarding of the trees was carried out with the larger trees having their branches removed their canopy lifted up to their main branches.



We were loaned an 8-ton barge by the Environment Agency and this was completely filled with the branches from the Surrey bank and from the Church Land.



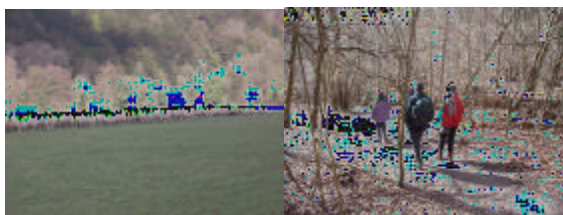
Handicap Class Walk & Lunch

By way of a change the Closed Season Handicap Class social took the form of a walk in the Surrey Countryside and then a roast lunch at the Running Horses at Mickelham.



Commodore arranges stampede of sheep

The walkers were suitably impressed that flock of sheep was rounded up in front of their eyes. Nothing is too much trouble for the Handicap fleet!



Some twelve members braved the spring sun and some quite challenging walking whilst in all twenty-six sat down to lunch.



Some early season dates for your Diary

- 11th March Working party & Cleaning Sunday
- 17th March **Team Racing at Tamesis now CANCELLED**
- 17th March Fitting Out Party- 20.00
- 21st April Quiz Night
- 28th April Mid Thames Trophy at Desborough
- 12th May Junior Regatta & Topper Dinner
- 2nd June Sunbury Rally

The New Web Site- WWW.hamptonsailingclub.com

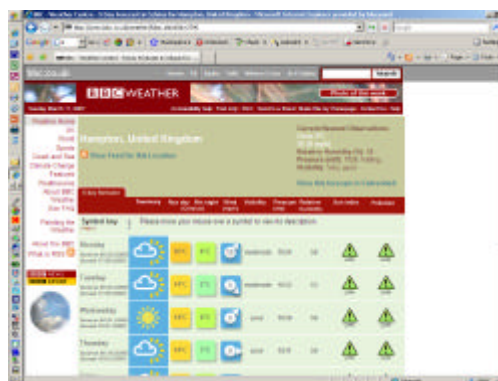
The new Web Site is fully up and running



Thanks go to Emma Flight who has masterminded the new look and set up the interactive sections. There is now a News/Events section to keep you up to date with events and a Members Forum for your comments.



There is a weather link and you can access the programme and will be able to look up results



Scroll and Sail into 2007 with HSC !

George & Chris

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