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Aerodrome

1919 Proposed aerodrome on Southsea Common near the castle 95

Airfield

1923 Council agreed to offer of £20 a month from Surrey Flying Services for flying rights to meadow north of farm buildings on Great Salterns Estate 95

Airport

1929 Consideration to be given for Aerodrome and attracting new industries 95

1929 Only suitable site 76A of Highgrove Farm, 24A also under consideration to allow for future expansion 95

1930 War Department paid for £37,000 for moat and ramparts; Highgrove Farm to be acquired 95

1930s 260 acres of Highgrove Farm and War dept land purchased 9

276 acres, 76 Highgrove Farm £37,000, plus fortifications £40,000 172

14 Dec 1930 First landing and takeoff from site 9,172

1931 Drained, cleared and levelled 172

1931 Tunnel under railway filled in 95

2 Jul 1932 Official opening by Under Secretary of Air, Sir Philip Sassoon 9,172

1933 Jersey Airways Ltd to use D.H Dragon Moth aircraft for service including building of hangar 95

1936 Proposed to be used for housing as no longer suitable for modern aircraft 95

1953 80' by 56' hangar from Edinburgh Flying club purchased and erected, cost £4,500 95

1956 Proposed to move to Farlington Marshes 95

Aug 1967 Channel Airways 748 aquaplaned on grass runway 9

Aug 1967 Hour and a half later another also aquaplaned through the fence and came to rest on the Eastern Road 9

Airport Closed 9

Reopened after tests but 748s diverted to Eastleigh in wet weather 9

Jan 1968 Channel Airways declared that the service was no longer viable 9

31 Dec 1971 Airport closed 9

31 Dec 1973 Closed 172

Site redeveloped for housing and industry

IOW 'Car' Ferry

1825 Towboat service 9

1926 Tow boats from Point to Ryde replaced by three ferries; MV's Fishbourne, Wootton and Hilsea 9

1956 Proposed new site in Broad Street/East Street involving: 78-80 & 92 Broad Street, cleared site; 82-84 Broad Street, 2 storey house & shop; 86 Broad Street, derelict; 88 Broad Street, 3 storey house; 90 Broad Street, store; 94 & 96 Broad Street, derelict 3 storey houses; 98 Broad Street, 3 storey house & restaurant; 100 Star & Garter derelict public house; Coal Bunkers in East Street / Cromwell Court 95

1961 Replaced by Fishbourne and Camber Queen 9

1969 Cuthred 9

1973 Caedmon 9

1983 St Catherine and St Helen 9

1990 St Faith 9

2001 St Clare 9

Floating Bridge

May 1840 Opened 9

First bridge called Victoria, made by Bristol Ironworks 9

1842 Second added, called Albert 9

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1854	Alexandra	9
1864	Victoria replaced by Alexandra	9
1892	Albert sunk and was replaced by the Duchess of York	9
15 Dec 1959	Closed due to poor condition of both bridges	9
Gosport Ferry		
2005	Solent Enterprise sold became floating restaurant in Copenhagen until burnt out in 2016	9
2015	New ferry, Harbour Spirit built in Croatia cost £3.2m	9
2016	50 year old Portsmouth Queen sold, being relocated to river Thames as London Queen for use as party boat	9
Hovertravel		
1965	Founded	
Langstone Harbour Airport		
1936	Imperial Airways Ltd two runways to be dredged at the harbour, for two year period, landing stage to be at Education Committee Playing Fields. Land to be reclaimed to be used as aerodrome with terminals, cost £1,114,850	95
1937	CPO issued for land at Farlington Marshes mainly the Cooper, Hill & Russell families	95
MV Solent		
1902	Built for LWSR Lymington to Yarmouth route	9
	Transferred to Portsmouth Ryde route	9
Jan 1948	Sold to Pounds Scrapyard	9
	Engine, funnel and paddles removed, beached by Bert's Café and used as extra accommodation	9
MV Southsea		
1948	Built by WM Denny Bros, Dumbarton for Southern Railways	9
1988	Withdrawn from service	9
2001	Ex British Rail Isle of Wight, Ryde/Portsmouth Ferry moored off of Pounds Yard, owned by River Avon Historic Vessel and Navigation Trust, preservation group and MV Southsea Society	9
2003	Towed to Southampton after relationship between the two groups failed	9
Jun 2003	24 ratings from HMS Sultan removing rust and sanding down woodwork, prior to dry docking for hull to be refurbished	9
Mar 2005	Towed to breakers yard	9
Portsmouth & Ryde United Steam Packet Co		
1855	Baltic Wharf	35
Road Roller		
1904	New wheels ordered for Steam Roller from Aveling & Porter, £40	95
Southsea & Hayling Ferry		
1946	Ferry Road, Geo Spraggs & Co	1
1951	Ferry Road, Spraggs Bros	1
Steam Packet Service		
24 May 1817	Portsmouth to Ryde, commenced	181