

Village Time Line

Year	Event	Content - References e.g. scanned photos, web links etc	who
The beginning of time	Village	Hambridge is also spelt Helm-bridge, this originating in a personal name. Helm-don. https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028058208/cu31924028058208_djvu.txt Generally Ham = village, bridge = crossing or settlement West = west, and port = market place	
1086		Earnshill mentioned in the Domesday Book, a manor and eight acres	
1645		Battle of Langport during Civil War	
1731	Earnshill	Earnshill House built	
1780	Brewery	Hambridge Brewery founded by the Lang family	
1815		The Battle of Waterloo	
1801	Mill	Sold by Earnshill to Langs?	
1836	Canal	Westport canal buildings built	
1837		Queen Victoria becomes Queen	
1840	Canal	Westport canal opens	
1842	Church	Church foundation stone laid	
1844	Church	Rev. C.S. Grueber appointed first perpetual curate	
1844	School	Old school built	
1849	Church	Hambridge Vicarage now owned by the church plus a field opposite, Church Cottage and Ferndale. The	

		School house built at about the same time as the Church	
1854	Shop	John Dyer and then his wife Mary runs a bakery and grocers at the present day Post Office 1854-1888	
1855	Chapel	Hambridge Chapel built	
1869 on	Band	Hambridge and Westport Brass Band, conductor W. Dabinett	
1875	Canal	Westport canal closes	
1884	Parish	Created as a parish http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/unit/10433605	
1870	Parish	In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Hambridge like this: HAMBRIDGE, a tything in Curry-Rivell parish, and a chapelry in Curry-Rivell, Barrington, Earnshill, IsleBrewers, Nidon, and West Moor parishes, Somerset. The tything lies near the river Isle, 4½ miles NW of South Petherton, and 5 miles SW of Langport r. station; and has a post office under Taunton. ... The chapelry was constituted in 1854. Pop., 556. Houses, 117. Pop. of the Curry Rivell portion, 417. Houses, 86. The manor belongs to R. T. Combe, Esq., of Earnshill. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Value, £100.* Patron, the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The church is in the early English style, and has a tower. There is a chapel for Bible Christians.	
1892	School	Old school extended to cater for 130 pupils	
1894	Village	Hambridge included in the parish of Curry Rivel	
1895	Church	Charles Marson appointed perpetual curate	
1900	The Old Post Office	Postmaster Mr Dyers. Shop area built in early 1900s and moves to PO Row for a while	
1901		Queen Victoria dies	
1908	Village	Cecil Sharp folk songs published	
1910	Church	Long room demolished	
1914	Church	Arthur Hook appointed perpetual curate	
1914-1918		The First World War	

1918	RBL	Old Comrades formed	
1920	RBL	War Memorial built	
1921	Church	William Dight appointed perpetual curate (1920-1927)	
1921	RBL	Legion hut bought from Army at Warminster	
1921	RBL	Old Comrades join British Legion	
1924	Church	Mothers Union started	
1927	Church	James Gibson appointed perpetual curate (1927-1930)	
1925	Shop	William Oatey takes over shop as grocer and draper	
1929?	School	New school opens	
1930	Church	Hugh Willimott appointed perpetual curate (1930-1948)	
1932?	School	Old school closes	
1939-1945		The Second World War	
1940	Shop	John Raynor runs Post Office and shop	
1940	Brewery	H.M.Lang and Co. Ltd Brewery changes name to Hambridge Brewery	
1944	Plane crash (strictly speaking in Isle Brewers)	27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54. Ju 88A-4, Wnr.144551, B3+BL of 3/KG 54 Ofw. Hans Brautigam (F) POW Ogefr. Kurt Chalon (B) POW Ogefr. Alfred Maleztki (Bm) POW Uffz. Robert Belz (Bf) killed This aircraft loaded with 3 AB 500's was shot down by W/Cdr. K.M.Hampshire DSO and F/O. T.Condon on Mosquito XVII of 456 Sq. RAAF (Ford, Sussex). Crashed at 23.50 hrs at Walrond's Park Farm, Isle Brewers, near Ilminster, Somerset. Belz's body was found at Isle Brewers 13/4/44	
1944/45	Manor Farm	Farm wins Victory Churn Contest	
1948	Church	G Hilder appointed perpetual curate (1948-1959) also Archdeacon of Taunton from 1951	
1951	Festival of Britain	Fancy dress football in Hawkers Field	
1954	Shop	William Taylor runs Post Office and shop	
1958	Brewery	Hambridge Brewery completely bought by Ind Coope and brewery closed, remaining as a distribution site	
1959	Church	Roger Wallis appointed perpetual curate (1959-1968)	

1962/63	Village	Bad winter	
1963	Shop	Eric Plested buys Post Office and shop	
1968	Church	Roger Wallis appointed vicar (1968-1979)	
1973	Youth Club	Youth Club run by Mike and Sheila Cleal	
1970	HWRC	Recreation Trust started	
1975	HWRC	Skittles League formed	
1980	Car boot sales	Held in the strawberry field	
1979	Church	R Boots appointed vicar (1979-1992)	
1980	Village	Playses Green built	
1982		Falklands War	
1982	HWRC	Village Hall opens	
1982		Hambridge Marathon	
	Harvest Suppers		
	Carnivals		
	The Fair		
	Cabarets		
1990	Youth Club	Youth Club in old school closes	
		Village beacon made by Ian Dunster	
1991	Villages day	To raise funds for blood processing machine at Langport surgery3434	
1992	Parish Council	First meeting of Hambridge Parish Council, chair Bridget Combe. Formally part of Curry Rivel Parish	
1994	Church	D Burton appointed vicar (1994-1995)	
1996	Shop	Gill Plested takes over Post Office	
1996	Church	Alan Elwood appointed vicar (1996-2012)	
1997	Parish Council	John Alford takes over as chair	
2000		Millennium celebration	
2002		Queens 50 th Jubilee	
2002	Events	Elvis makes debut at Sheila's' cabaret	
2006	RBL	British Legion Hut sold	
		List of school head teachers - to follow	
2008	Events	Berties Big Band cabaret	
2009	Burrow Hill Run	Berties 2	
2011	Events	Barn Dance	
2012	Events	Queen's 70th Jubilee	
2014	Pubs	Lamb and Lion renovated	
2014	Parish Council	Simon Denley becomes Chair	
2015	Pubs	The Old Barn Owl closes and is put up for sale	
2017	Church	Phil+ Dennison appointed vicar	

2017	Village	War Memorial restored	
2019	Shop	Linda Winter takes over Post Office - shop opened in 2017	
2019	Elvis	Elvis sings again!	
2019	Parish Council	Elections	
Today			