

Paris Smith A chronology of events over the past 200 years



1818

The firm has traced its origins to 1818 when Certified Attorney Edward Bryant travelled from London to Southampton to set up the business which would become Paris Smith.



1900

Paris Smith begins working closely with the maritime sector, writing up The Notes of Protest to record discrepancies between ship and shore figures and other perils of the sea.



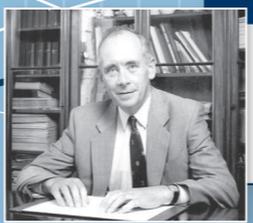
1912

Paris Smith registers a Protest for Captain Smith in respect of his previous ship immediately before he took up the appointment as captain with RMS Titanic.



1980

The start of a successful association with the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton - one of the longest running arts and business partnerships in the UK.



1991

Former Senior Partner, Philip Ely, was President of the Law Society from 1991-1992 and later received an OBE for his services as a member of the Legal Services Commission.



1997

With business good and staff numbers increasing, Paris Smith moves to the impressive building which continues to be its headquarters to this day - Number One, London Road, Southampton.



2015

After working on behalf of Winchester-based businesses and individuals for many years, Paris Smith opens its first Winchester office at 9 Parchment Street.



2018

Paris Smith celebrates its 200th anniversary with a series of celebratory events including a black tie dinner with live music at Southampton's iconic O2 Guildhall.

The South



1832

The City of Winchester became the first place in Hampshire to set up a police force. It consisted of seven constables and they were given an office in the Old Guildhall.

Image provided by Hampshire Constabulary History Society



1840

The London and South Western Railway opens, linking London and Southampton. The original main line is still in use today. On an average weekday 96 trains operate between the two cities.



1938

Former Senior Partner Cecil Paris was the only player ever to be captain of both Hampshire County Cricket and Hampshire Rugby in the same season - 1938.



1885

Southampton Football Club is founded. The club has been nicknamed "The Saints" since its inception due to its history as a church football team. The team plays in red and white shirts.



1912

RMS Titanic leaves Southampton on her ill-fated maiden voyage. There were 2,224 passengers and crew on board. Tragically more than 1,500 lost their lives when the ship hit an iceberg.



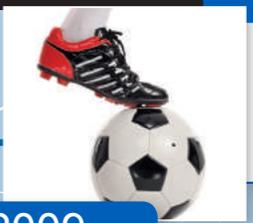
1936

The first Spitfire takes off at Eastleigh Aerodrome (later to be called Southampton Airport). It was the only British fighter aircraft to be produced continuously throughout the Second World War.



1982

The task force sets sail from Portsmouth for the successful recapture of the Falkland Islands led by HMS Hermes and HMS Invincible.



2018

St Mary's Stadium in Southampton plays host to England Lionesses' 2019 FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Wales, on Friday 6th April. The match ends in a 0-0 draw.

World Wide



1837

At the age of 18, Queen Victoria's reign begins. It was a period of industrial, cultural and scientific change throughout the United Kingdom. Her reign lasted more than 63 years.



1918

The Representation of People Act 1918 is passed by Parliament. It allowed women to vote for the very first time and recognised their contribution to World War One.



1953

Upon the death of her father, Queen Elizabeth II accedes the throne. Her Majesty is the longest serving monarch.



1969

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first men to walk on the moon. The following words are transmitted, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."



1989

Tim Berners-Lee invents the World Wide Web. In November he implemented the first successful communication between computers via the 'internet' at CERN in Switzerland.



2007

After years of speculation the first iPhone is launched. It was the world's first phone to feature a multi-touch touchscreen thus removing the need for a keyboard or stylus.



1859

Described as one of the most influential figures in human history, Charles Darwin publishes 'On the Origin of Species' and changed the way the world understands nature forever.



1945

The Third Reich surrenders on 8th May 1945 bringing World War Two to an end. It was the most global war in history and it directly involved more than 100 million people.



1992

The fall of the Berlin Wall. After weeks of civil unrest, crowds of East Germans crossed and climbed onto the Wall and were joined by West Germans in an atmosphere of celebration.



2016

The United Kingdom votes to leave the European Union. The precise impact of 'Brexit' on the UK remains to be seen - but at the time of writing the subject is NEVER out of the news!