



Hampton Wick

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Chestnut Sunday 13 May 2012

This great annual event will take place on Sunday 13 May 2012 in Bushy Park. The parade will start from the Teddington gate at 12.30 and carry on up to the Chestnut Avenue to the event site near the Diana Fountain (opposite the side entrance to Hampton Court Palace).

Chestnut Sunday has been celebrated since Victorian times and is considered to be the beginning of the picnic season – so why not bring one along?

What will be there

This year a number of re-enactment groups are expected, ranging from the Vikings to Great War Russians to the Gulf War. Other promised arrivals are the Ancient Greeks, Veteran Cyclists, Companion Cyclists, cars and many other vehicles, motorbikes (including some Harley Davidsons), the Royal Parks and Friends of Bushy Park Information Officers team, a squad of Air Cadets and the Horse Rangers Band. The list has not been finalised and more are expected to join.

At the event site itself, there will be displays by many of the above and others, such as local bee keepers and the Hampton Wick Association. There will be a 50s/60s Band. There will also be a fairground with "gallopers", pony rides and food outlets. These are the only things that you will have to pay for – the rest is free, including car parking!

Parking

The Avenue and the existing car parks will be closed at 12.15 for about 2 hours. If you are coming by car for the day, aim to get there early: the main overflow car park is just to the west of the Diana Fountain.

Video competition

Bring your video camera along and film the day: there is a plaque to be won for the best video or DVD of the event. Entries should be a maximum of 20 minutes and be sent to Colin Pain FACI at 41 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick KT1 4HQ by 1 September 2012.

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Contact: Further information may be obtained from Colin Pain 020 8977 4074 or Bill Swan 020 8979 1586.

QUIZ NIGHT AND FISH & CHIP SUPPER – FEBRUARY 2012 – A GREAT SUCCESS

On 9th February the Hampton Wick Association held its annual Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper. As in previous years, tickets were sold out and Bullen Hall was full with budding quiz enthusiasts all hoping to win the coveted Milk Bottle Trophy. David Rees, Quizmaster extraordinaire, posed his 40 questions in his usual professional style with a welcome break half way through for a tasty fish & chip supper. Raffle prizes were donated by our local favourites, Hampton Wick Tandoori and Hoa Nails, as well as champagne, wine and chocolates. The winning team, pictured, were proud to be presented with their trophy, which they will safeguard until next year.



A MAJOR HWA INITIATIVE

In 2011 the launch of the Hampton Wick Business Directory, www.hamptonwickdirectory.org.uk, was a major successful project and we are now pleased to announce the launch of the printed edition which you will have hopefully received through your letterbox.

We hope you will agree that this is a fantastic resource providing us all with details of local business and services available on our doorstep. We also hope that it will encourage you to “shop local” and support this great community and its businesses in these difficult times. If you have not received your copy, or you would like your business to be included, please let us know via email, business@hamptonwick.org.uk.



Business Update

The Swan

A warm welcome to the new managers of the Swan, Brian and Becky Stewart, who arrived in early April. Becky is a Councillor for Hounslow and so already knows one of our own Councillors, Tony Arbour, well. By the time you read this, food will be available again. Brian says that the focus will be on traditional pub grub with daily specials. Music will continue, usually on Friday evenings, with jazz on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. They have Sky Sport but Brian is keen to emphasise that it's not just football but also rugby, cricket, Formula 1 etc. It is hoped that the upstairs room will be available again for private hire later in the year. Telephone: 020 8977 2644.



1 of 1 Design

marthapountain HAIR at 92 is a new hair stylist very close to the station – telephone 020 8943 5111.

1 of 1 Design are a number of designer/makers based in Hampton Wick. The idea is to produce unique, hand-made pieces including textiles, jewellery, glass, homewares, often using up-cycled materials. They are championing a return to the unusual and hand-made in a move away from disposable fashion. The next Open Studio will be at River Garth, Lower Teddington Road, on 18, 19 and 20 May. For further information and an invitation to the private view, held to raise funds for Hampton Wick Infants School, contact info@1of1design.co.uk or Kate on 07968 159138.

Hampton Wick Station – we deserve better!

The state of Hampton Wick station is of great concern to many of us. It needs painting and there is a damp problem on the stairs closest to the ticket office that requires urgent attention.

Recently, trees have been cut down and severely trimmed on both sides of the station. Some of the trellising put up to prevent people from getting under the platforms has fallen over or been pulled down. Litter is being allowed to accumulate on the embankments.

If you agree that we deserve better, why not write to:

Att. Mr Tim Shoveller MD
South West Trains
Overline House
Blechynden Terrace
Southampton SO15 1GW

Changes at Hampton Wick Library

From 18 April 2012, Hampton Wick Library's opening hours are:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10.00am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday: Closed

Wednesday: 10.00am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-6.00pm

Saturday: 9.30-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

Sunday: Closed

David Hodgson, our head librarian, will be transferring to Whitton Library. Now is the time to say that we are very grateful to David for all his work at Hampton Wick and to wish him well at Whitton!

Two new people join the library, David Turner and Francesca Early. David's family has a long association with Hampton Wick, stretching back to the 19th Century – so he is particularly delighted to be with us.

Planning update



Student accommodation

Many will be aware already of the planning application to convert a significant part of the High Street (Bermuda House and Brentham House, opposite the Post Office) into student accommodation. To date, around 100 people have strongly objected to these proposals. The application is on-going but has now reached the stage where the Borough's case officer will be assessing the entire case in detail as well as reviewing comments submitted.



New building on High Street

On a brighter note, the development further down the High Street, next door to Hussars, is nearing completion. This is what it is expected to look like:



This looks like an example of sympathetic development retaining the overall character of the High Street. Given the number of empty retail units in the High Street, it is to be hoped that tenants are found for the new retail space being created.

Old Town Hall

We understand that this historic building on the High Street – which we have been lobbying to have listed – was sold prior to the planned auction last Autumn. At the moment, it's very much a case of watch this space!

PAST EVENTS

Christmas in Hampton Wick

Once again, we celebrated Christmas in Hampton Wick around the tree in "Christmas Square", by the Foresters, to a keyboard accompaniment and the smell of roasting chestnuts. Father Christmas put in an early appearance to deliver presents for local children. This annual community event remains one of the highlights of the year and it would be great if even more of us were there this year. So do look out for the date closer to Christmas 2012!

On Saturday 3 December 2011, this new event, organised by Sharon Bastion and Veronica Finlay, was held at the White Hart. Despite this being the first year of this event, it was very well attended and passing traffic going into Kingston made the White Hart the ideal location. The current plan is to repeat the event in December 2012, hopefully building on this year's success and attracting more stall holders and customers.

The Stall Holders in 2011 were –

See-Queen – Hand painted items

Tomfoolery – Quirky vintage items

1 of 1 Design – Bespoke Textiles & Jewellery

Zest for Light – Handmade Glass

1921 – Lindsay – Handmade cakes & chutneys

Gill Anderson – Gingerbread Goodies

Jenny Michell – Charity Stall for Genesis Trust

David Rees – Art

Current Committee Members

Following the Association's 50th Annual General Meeting in the Bullen Hall on 22 March 2012, the membership of the Committee is now:

Catherine van den Broek	Chairman
(Vacant)	Vice-chairman
Fraser Wilson	Secretary
Adam Spencer	Treasurer
Anne Hardy	Website/Newsletter editor
Sharon Bastion	Business Support
Mark Merrington	Membership Secretary
Roger Hall	Planning
Chris Drayson	Richmond in Bloom & Social
Ronnie Findlay	Events Liaison
Magdalen Miles	
Iain Cox	

HWA Membership Form

PAY NOW FOR 2012

I/we would like to join/renew membership of the Hampton Wick Association (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS):

Name/s: Phone

Address: Postcode

Email:

Tick here to receive
free email news ☐

Individual (FULL) £5 p.a.

Concessions £3 p.a.

Individual (ASSOCIATE) £5 p.a.

Family/Business £10 p.a.

I enclose an additional donation to the HWA £.....

I would be interested in volunteering to help ☐

Please make your cheque or PO payable to the Hampton Wick Association and send it with this form to:
Hampton Wick Association, The Firs, Church Grove, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AL