



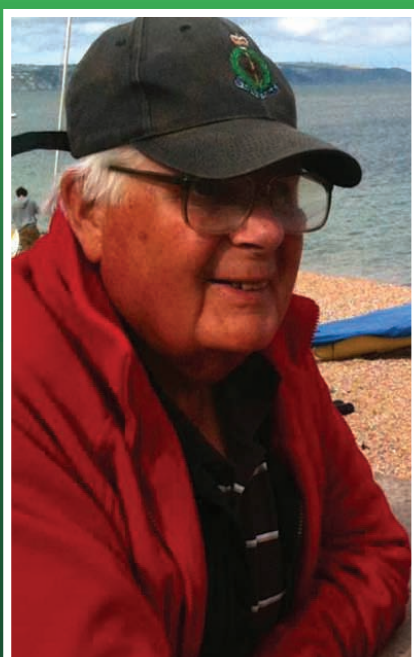
# Hampton Wick

The newsletter of the Hampton Wick Association  
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## HWA says goodbye to its Founder



### COLIN PAIN 1928 – 2013

Colin Anthony Kirby Pain, a Hampton Wick resident for nearly 60 years, died suddenly and sadly on 24th January 2013 aged 84.

Amongst other things Colin will be remembered for his dedication to Hampton Wick. He was a founder member of the Hampton Wick Association in 1962 established originally to oppose a flyover extension to the Kingston one way system which would have destroyed half the village and he chaired the Association for many years.

In 1977 he and his wife Mu recreated the annual Victorian festival Chestnut Sunday and he attended every year since – wearing his Victorian top hat.

He was a member of the friends of Home and Bushy Parks and helped man the information desk in the Pheasantry Welcome Centre. He was also a local historian and often gave talks on the History of Hampton Wick and was a strong supporter of the recently formed Hampton Wick History Group. In 2007 he was awarded a Community Award by Richmond Council for Voluntary Service for outstanding services to volunteering in Richmond Borough.

Colin had various hobbies. He was an amateur cinematographer (favouring his beloved standard 8) and cartoonist. He won many awards for his films at the Whitehall Cine club, SERIAC and the IACs top ten as well as internationally. He was also fascinated with magic lanterns and often put on shows with magic lantern slides and was an active member of the Magic Lantern Society.

With his beloved wife Mu (who sadly died in 2000) he helped form the Thameswick Players Amateur Dramatic Group and used his architectural expertise to build incredible stage sets.

These newsletters normally go out to HWA members only, so, if you would like to receive regular updates about your village...

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# New Chairman for the HWA

## Mark Merrington voted in as HWA Chairman

At the 2013 AGM – well attended despite the continuing cold weather – HWA members voted on the committee. First, outgoing Chair Catherine van den Broek thanked Chris Drayson, Adam Spencer, Magdalen Miles and Iain Cox who are all standing down from the committee. Catherine will stay on the committee but has had to step down from the role of Chair due to pressure of work.

The meeting then unanimously voted for Mark Merrington as new Chair. Mark is a lawyer and is married with two children. He has lived in Hampton Wick for over 15 years and has been on the HWA committee for the past three years, most recently as membership secretary, a role he is willing to continue alongside the Chairmanship.

Nominations were made and unanimous votes cast for Carol Dukes and Mark Buckley to return to the committee and for Michael Bower to join for the first time. Carol takes on the role of Treasurer, Mark will continue to run the two websites and the email news service, and Michael will work with Sharon Bastion on marketing for local businesses. The following existing committee members were re-nominated and received unanimous support from the meeting: Fraser Wilson (Secretary), Anne Hardy, Sharon Bastion, Ronnie Findlay, Roger Hall and Catherine van den Broek.



As we go to press we've just heard of the sad passing of our former Chairperson, Pat Parsons. More on this can be found at [www.hamptonwick.org.uk](http://www.hamptonwick.org.uk)

## UDC building

**By now everyone will be aware that following a successful campaign led by local architect Richard Pain and supported by the Association, the former Urban District Council building and library in the High Street has been granted Grade II listing by English Heritage. This provides important protection for our most distinctive building.**

English Heritage noted that “In comparison with the larger – and later – town halls at Richmond-upon-Thames or Redbridge, Hampton Wick Local Board Office is small, yet it was grandiose for its setting in the High Street which to this day retains its vernacular, riverine character in its two-storey, often weatherboarded, domestic and commercial buildings”.

Of special note is the terracotta roundel in the gable exterior. This depicts the stag and crown that denote Hampton Wick, familiar to many of us as the symbol used by the Association. The roundel is believed to have been designed by Sir Thomas James Nelson. Nelson, appointed City Solicitor in 1862 and latterly himself a resident of Hampton Wick.

A hidden surprise is that inside is a council chamber described by English Heritage as “an increasingly rare and evocative example”. The chamber is said to be a well-proportioned and dignified space and also lavishly detailed, using high quality materials for architectural detail, fixtures and fittings, all of which have survived extraordinarily well.



# HIGH STREET NEWS

The scaffolding is finally down at 25 – 27 High Street and the HWA are pleased that the character of the building has been retained and in keeping with the High Street. The owners of the development advise that both retail units are under offer to one retailer, which is good news, but at this stage we are unable to confirm their proposed use of the premises.

You may have noted the arrival of Hampton Wick's new community notice board, located outside Sigma Sport on the High Street. We understand the library will be overseeing the display of posters etc. with local news and items of interest. It is also worth remembering that HWA have 2 local notice boards with news and details of local events, one outside the post office and one at the railway station.

There is now a cash machine with free withdrawals outside Hampton Wick Post Office. A welcome local amenity, giving us all the opportunity to spend in our High Street and support local businesses.

We are advised that internal refurbishment works have commenced at 33 High Street and that an existing occupier in the High Street is planning to open a second outlet. This is good news in decreasing the number of empty units.



## Room For Work Job Club

If you've just been made redundant, have been searching for employment for some time – or you are thinking about self-employment – you'll find guidance and encouragement in a supportive environment at Room for Work. Our sessions are designed for skilled workers, managers and professionals. Room for Work fills the gap between the JobCentre and expensive career coaching. We are supported by local volunteers.



Each week features a relevant and informative talk given by a recognised expert in a relaxed, friendly environment. You will gain insights and insider knowledge that will improve your ability to find and land a job that is right for you. We also include practice sessions to help you master skills and techniques that will improve your employability.

MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ON TUESDAYS 10am – 12.30pm at The Warehouse at St John's Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AL

Join our rolling programme at any point – it's FREE! Simply turn up at any session with pen and paper in hand.

For more information, visit our website: [www.roomforwork.org](http://www.roomforwork.org)

### Success Stories:

Since October we've attracted 45 members, with 7 finding work. Derek D (age 55) has moved from a senior role in advertising to a management position in retail, with plans to buy the business. Derek says: "The most important part of the programme was being able to attend an office-like environment run by someone who understands the needs of the more experienced, commercially savvy professionals, and who could help motivate, encourage and inspire using practical business-based techniques."

Claire H (age 30) had a role as Public Affairs Officer in the public sector. Over the course of two months, Claire attended 6 sessions at RFW before she succeeded in her goal of making a sector change to a permanent role in housing. According to Claire, "Not only does Room for Work give practical advice and enable you to meet a range of other people also in a similar situation to you, it also helps you to think about where to go next with your career and what you enjoy but allows you to consider this at your own pace."



# News from St John's

It's been two and a half years since Rev Graham Singh and Rev Jerry Field arrived to lead the re-opening of St John's Church which had been closed for several years.

The HWA was very active in campaigning for the re-opening of our church and we're delighted with the astonishing success that it's been.

Graham is now preparing to move on to a new post in his home town of Guelph in Canada, leaving Jerry to take over as our Minister. The Bishop of Kensington will conduct the official handover during his visit on 19th May.

Graham and his family will be leaving for Canada in August where they'll be leading another project to re-open an empty church.

The HWA would like to thank Graham and Celine for everything they have done for Hampton Wick and all they have achieved in re-opening St John's. We wish them every success and happiness in Canada.

## What goes on at St Johns?

A thriving congregation has been built up with over 100 adults and 80 children attending every Sunday, coming from Hampton Wick, Teddington and other local areas. The main family service at 10am now fills the ground floor of the church which is why they're having to bring the balconies back into use. The 6pm Sunday service is quieter and more reflective in style, with no children's activities.

The church runs courses on Parenting Children and Parenting Teens and on Marriage. The current marriage course is being attended by about 15 couples.

Community-based activities include a Job Club held on Tuesday mornings, a Youth Club from 4pm – 7pm on Fridays and a Mother & Toddler Club on Wednesday mornings.



Jerry Field

## The Warehouse. A Major New Amenity for Hampton Wick

**When the church re-opened none of us had any idea that Hampton Wick was going to gain a completely new amenity – The Warehouse.**

The original church hall (now Bushy Park Day Nursery) was sold off many years ago. For years our only public hall has been Bullen Hall, which is a very useful facility but it's often booked out and is not a very flexible space.

In the car park behind the HSBC building and behind Kingston Bridge House there is a very large dis-used warehouse. It was used for file storage in pre-digital times but it has been empty for years. The Church have now leased it from the bank.

The building was simply a shell – a brick structure with no windows, water or facilities of any kind. It was full of racking for storage.

With funding from the Hampton Fuel Allotment charitable trust as well as from the congregation The Warehouse has been transformed. On the ground floor are two really big halls, with windows, insulation, heating, carpets and audio-visual facilities. There are toilets (including disabled) and a very rudimentary kitchen which, in time, will be developed into a catering grade facility.

On the first floor there is a huge space, deliberately left quite bare as a place for the youth club to have indoor skateboarding (good for practising before trying out the big skatepark over the road) and bands. There's also a smaller, more comfortable area which is used for the youth club tuck shop and chill-out zone as well as for prayer and meditation.

The Warehouse is used by all sorts of groups including the Rose Theatre (for rehearsals, youth work, holiday clubs etc), the Job Club, Youth Club and Mother & Toddlers as well as Sunday School. Local businesses and charities have rented the space for daytime business meetings.

There's even been a film made and a photo-shoot upstairs!

It is available for hire, with discounted rates for community groups and charities. Local companies may also find it useful for training or away-days. The church office manager, Penny Miller, can be contacted on [info@stjohnshamptonwick.org](mailto:info@stjohnshamptonwick.org) or 020 8977 7733.

## The Tower Fund

The church has set up a Tower Fund to help them raise the very significant sums that will be needed to refurbish the masonry on the tower and spire and also to get the clock and bells working again. In addition to contributions from the congregation and local residents they will probably be canvassing for support from charitable trusts and other grant-giving bodies. If you are interested in donating to this, or have suggestions you would like to make, please contact [jerry@stjohnshamptonwick.org](mailto:jerry@stjohnshamptonwick.org)

# Refurbishment of the building

**The congregation has invested to protect and enhance the beautiful and historically significant building of St John's:**

- A new boiler and radiator system has been installed
- New toilets have been installed, including a disabled facility
- A lot of roofing work has stopped the leaks but there is still a lot more to do
- A small kitchen has been installed
- The floor has been levelled and carpeted. The next stage is to level the floor all the way out to the steps outside, from where a ramp will be fitted down to the pavement making the entire building accessible to wheelchair users
- The gardens have been replanted
- The pews have been removed / moved to the sides allowing for much more flexible use of the space inside
- The stone staircases have been cleaned and sanded and the walls replastered and repainted.

In addition the organ has been renovated and is now in regular use. The church has equipped it with a humidifier to protect its delicate wooden workings from the effects of having heating in the building.

The next project is to finish refurbishing the front doors which need to be repaired and rebuilt. The plan is to install glass panels so that passers by can see into the church. The church is also working on plans to bring the two balconies back into use – currently there are safety issues and also it's not possible to see what's going on when sitting down in them.



## New Zebra Crossing for Hampton Wick

We are delighted that the local council has installed a new zebra crossing on Church Grove. This end of Hampton Wick has become increasingly busy over the past couple of years:

- The Skateboard Park and the youth project draw lots of young people
- Since re-opening St John's Church has attracted a large and growing congregation, particularly young families with children
- The new Warehouse facility behind St John's (formerly a file storage warehouse) is being used not just for Sunday School but also by the new Friday youth club, by The Rose Theatre's youth group, a mother and toddler group and other local clubs and associations.

All this activity in the area has led to the installation of the new zebra crossing, right opposite the Church Grove Gate into Bushy Park providing all of us in Hampton Wick with a new, safe access point into the Park.

Councillors Tony Arbour, Clare Head and Gareth Evans attended the "opening ceremony" on 22nd March together with Rev Graham Singh and Rev Jerry Field from St John's and representatives from the HWA, the FBHP, the Royal Parks and Richmond Youth Partnership.

# Chestnut Sunday 2013

Despite the unsettled weather there was a fantastic attendance at this year's Chestnut Sunday event in Bushy Park on 12th May. Thankfully, the morning stayed dry and sunny for all the stall holders, volunteers and community groups who arrived early to set up.

The sun continued to shine for the fantastic parade down The Avenue with an array of vintage cars, motorbikes and military vehicles. The HWA displayed a selection of historic photographs and maps and Hampton Wick history books were on sale with a guest appearance from the author, Ray Elmitt, who signed copies on request.

We also welcomed new members who completed membership forms throughout the day.



## Can you help Teddington Memorial Hospital?

The League of Friends of Teddington Memorial Hospital is looking for volunteers to help with their forthcoming box collections at Teddington shops:

**Squires: Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th and Month 6th May**

**Marks & Spencer: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June**

**Sainsbury's: Friday 9th and Saturday 10th August**

**Tesco: Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October.**

These box collections are a very important part of the fund-raising activities for The League, which works hard to raise funds to improve the facilities and equipment available for patients using this greatly valued local hospital.

If you could spare from one hour to four hours over the course of the year to help, please email Carys Williams on [boxcollections@friends-tmh.org.uk](mailto:boxcollections@friends-tmh.org.uk).

## Brentham and Bermuda Houses

It is a while now since we raised objections to the plans to convert Bermuda and Brentham Houses into student accommodation. The application has been withdrawn so thank you to those of you who supported our campaign.

However, developers often amend applications and resubmit them at a later date, so we need to remain vigilant.

We would be interested in hearing your thoughts on the two buildings and also the empty retail units neighbouring them. Why not write to me at [roger@rogerhall.me.uk](mailto:roger@rogerhall.me.uk) and let me have your comments and suggestions as to what you would like to see in our High Street?

## New Youth Club for Hampton Wick

The KCafe and St John's Church have teamed up to offer a new youth session for local young people.

Friday Nights at The Warehouse

**A new youth club for boys and girls aged 11 to 16**

Every Friday from 4.30 – 6.30pm  
at St John's Warehouse

## Hampton Wick Library

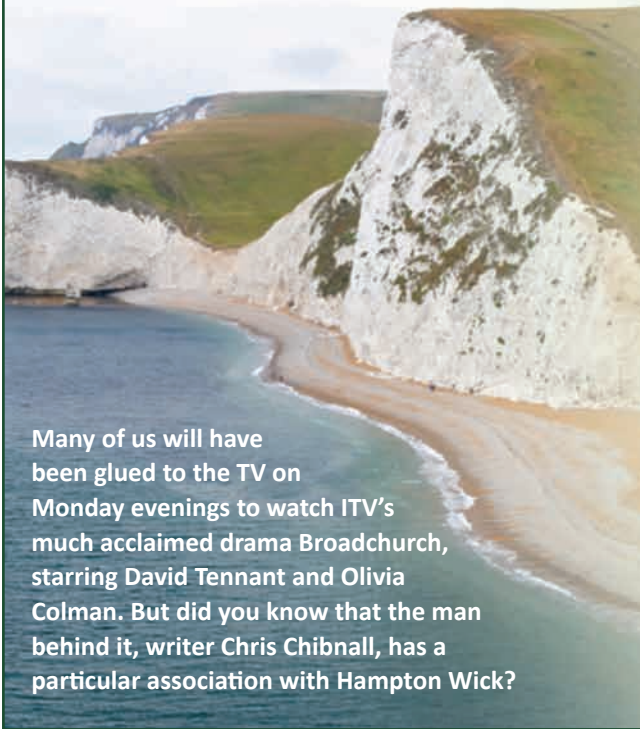
We are looking for volunteer gardeners to look after the maintenance of our gardens, beds and borders.

If you would like to help weed, plant and maintain our beds and gardens and work with staff to plan a gardening and planting schedule, then we would like to hear from you!

Please speak to a member of staff at Hampton Wick Library for details or, for more information, visit [www.richmondgov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmondgov.uk/libraries)



## Hampton Wick linked to Broadchurch!



Many of us will have been glued to the TV on Monday evenings to watch ITV's much acclaimed drama *Broadchurch*, starring David Tennant and Olivia Colman. But did you know that the man behind it, writer Chris Chibnall, has a particular association with Hampton Wick?

Interviewed in 2007, Chris said:

“I was writing, and I got a play accepted by a Fringe theatre, a room above a pub in Hampton Wick . . . I wrote another two short plays that year, and got very involved with the running of the theatre, brought in another writer to be the writer in residence the year after. And suddenly there was like this powerhouse of new work, in this tiny corner of south west London! The great thing about somewhere like Hampton Wick is that there's a great theatre-going audience but no other fringe venues, other than the Orange Tree in Richmond – so we'd be sold out all the time. Amazing audiences seeing these barmy new works where we'd all be trying things out. And often there would be ladies in their sixties coming to see shows about blokes and swearing. But it was, essentially, where I learned stagecraft – because you would write a play, and it would be on four weeks later, and I lived round the corner and I would go along every night to see what worked and what didn't, and hone it and hone it. So it was amazing – you learn about jokes, about stagecraft, about getting characters in and out of scenes...”

Chris is talking about the theatre that used to operate above the Rose and Crown pub, now Sanho noodle bar. Chris also went on to write for shows like *Life on Mars*, *Doctor Who*, *Torchwood* and *Law & Order* before striking gold with *Broadchurch*. But, in his own words, he “learned stagecraft” whilst living and writing in the Wick!

## Hampton Wick goes “global”

For all you social media fans, The Hampton Wick Association can now be found on Facebook and Twitter, so “get Tweeting”. [www.hamptonwick.org.uk](http://www.hamptonwick.org.uk)



## Hampton Wick: Brick by Brick

- Have you ever wondered when your house was built?
- Are you curious about who has lived there before and what they did for a living?
- And, if you live in a new development, have you ever wondered who and what occupied the site previously?

You can now find answers to these and other questions at an intriguing new free website: [www.hamptonwickhistory.org.uk](http://www.hamptonwickhistory.org.uk)

Historical records, plans and pictures for over 400 residential properties are already available and the first of three books accompanying the project is for sale at Hussars Coffee Shop and the White Hart or via the website.



**South Western Railway.** On 1 July Hampton Wick will celebrate 150 years of being connected to Britain's railway network. Opened by the London and South Western Railway in 1863, the line between Twickenham and Kingston filled in a gap in the company's network and shaped the history of many of the towns and hamlets through which it passed; Hampton Wick being no exception. However, the history of Hampton Wick Station was not all a happy affair and in 1888 a signalman's error caused an accident that left four people dead and many injured. Years later, in 1916, the London and South Western Railway included Hampton Wick Station in one of the most ambitious electrification projects in the British railway industry up until that point. To celebrate Hampton Wick Station's 150th anniversary and its history thereafter, an exhibition of images and artefacts will be on display at Hampton Wick Library between Saturday 15 June and Saturday 27 July 2013.

# Save the date! Hampton Wick Grand Parade Sunday 4th August

On Sunday 4th August two Prudential Ride London cycling events will be coming through Hampton Wick as part of the Olympics legacy. Between about 7am and 10am 20,000 amateur cyclists will be racing across Kingston Bridge before heading off up Between The Walls. They'll be followed at about 1.15pm by 150 elite cyclists along the same route – possibly including some TeamGB Olympic heroes.

Our High Street will be closed as it was for the Olympic cycling events and the HWA hopes to take advantage of this for a brand new community event – the Hampton Wick Grand Parade. We hope that local businesses and organisations will join in to promote themselves, have fun and raise some money for local charities. We also hope that we'll have a fun fair and/or craft fair. More details will be publicised soon, but if you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Mark Buckley on [mark@dtew.co.uk](mailto:mark@dtew.co.uk)



## Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club 150th Birthday Party, for all the family Sunday 9th June 2013

A game of Victorian Cricket to mark the club's  
first game 150 years ago to the day.

Colts 6-A-Side and Quick Cricket competitions,  
Bouncy Castle, Children's Entertainer,  
Children's Cupcake Decorating, Victorian Fancy Dress  
Competition, Hog Roast and much more

Join the party from 2pm – Hog Roast from 5pm.

Hog Roast £5 per person  
Family Ticket, 2 adults & 2 children (Under 16) £15

For more information email:  
[hwrcc150thyear@gmail.com](mailto:hwrcc150thyear@gmail.com)

Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club, Bushy Park,  
Hampton Wick, Surrey, KT1 4AZ  
[www.hwrcc.co.uk](http://www.hwrcc.co.uk)

## Current Committee Members

Following the Association's 51st Annual General Meeting in the Bullen Hall on 21 March 2013, the membership of the Committee is now:

Mark Merrington	Chairman
(Vacant)	Vice-chairman
Fraser Wilson	Secretary
Carol Dukes	Treasurer
Anne Hardy	Newsletter editor
Sharon Bastion	Business Support
Mark Merrington	Membership Secretary
Roger Hall	Planning
Catherine van den Broek	Richmond in Bloom & Social
Ronnie Findlay	Events Liaison
Mark Buckley	Website/email news
Michael Bower	Networking/Marketing

## The HWA membership form Pay now for 2013

I/we would like to join/renew membership of the HWA (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPS)

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Concessions (Full) £3 p.a. ☐

Family/Business (Full) £10 p.a. ☐

Individual (Associate) £5 p.a. ☐

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I enclose an additional donation to the HWA £ ..... I would be interested in volunteering to help ☐

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