



# Hampton Wick

The newsletter of The Hampton Wick Association (founded 1962)

December 2009

## High Street speeding - hope at last?

**Residents' complaints about speeding traffic on our High Street have fallen on deaf ears for years because, we were told, there were "not enough deaths" to warrant any action and that "average" speeds were little over 30mph.**

Christmas Special:  
see centre pages



Photo: Trish Gant

As we all know, traffic moves quite slowly during the day. The problem is mainly at night but the police analysis of the data didn't show this up.

However, we recently obtained some raw data from the council's speed measuring devices and analysed it for ourselves (see graph on page 3). The data clearly shows that at night a great deal of traffic is driving illegally at over 30mph.

And lorries make up a lot of that night-time traffic. HGVs thunder past the small cottages on the High Street, separated by only a narrow pavement. Residents cannot sleep and the vibration is causing some of the buildings to develop significant cracks.

Despite years of requests and petitions, neither the police nor the council would/could do anything about the situation. It seemed pointless to keep asking for enforcement of the 30mph limit: nothing was going to happen.

Instead we turned our attention to the physical layout of the High Street. Teddington High Street is straighter than ours but it is hard to drive along it too fast because of central bollards, in-line bus stops, pedestrian refuges and parking spaces that effectively create "bends" in the road. With support from Cllr Pat Parsons we've been asking the Council to consider a similar approach in Hampton Wick, making it hard for vehicles to break the speed limit whether or not there are signs or police present.

*Continued inside*

## Act now to keep Bushy Park free!

The HWA played an active part in last summer's campaign against the proposed car parking charges in Bushy Park.

We believe that Bushy Park should be free for everyone who wants to use it. There *may* be a case for charging a toll on through traffic which only uses the Park as a short-cut. But parking charges penalise people who want to stop and enjoy the park.

Last summer the parks agency assured MP Vince Cable that the matter would be debated in Parliament before a final decision was made. However, we have now learned that Minister Margaret Hodge can, and probably will, simply sign it through without any Parliamentary debate despite the overwhelming opposition from all local MPs, all local councils and the vast majority of local residents and park users. If you think this is wrong, please write to Margaret Hodge MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA to oppose the parking charges. More information at [www.keepbushyparkfree.org.uk](http://www.keepbushyparkfree.org.uk)



# Happy New Year!

2009 was a busy year for the HWA. We introduced membership cards and the Hampton Wick Passport scheme to encourage members to shop, eat and **drink locally. We've also set up a free email news service and now have over 250 subscribers receiving regular updates this way. If you're online, do sign up: [www.hamptonwick.org](http://www.hamptonwick.org)**

**We've had lots of fun: the Fish & Chips Quiz** Night in February was a sell-out success. In May the sun shone down on us at Chestnut Sunday. The Summer Fair this year had a Tudor theme and was a fantastic family day out in the Wick. Remembrance Sunday again saw record crowds turn out for the piper-led parade down the High Street. And the Christmas Carols evening was bigger than ever – see pages 4 and 5.

**We've campaigned: against late night** antisocial behaviour near the end of Kingston Bridge; for reduced traffic speeds on the High Street; for the re-opening of our Church; for improvements to the area around the Library; against parking charges in Bushy Park; against the imposition of **bus stops in Church Grove. We've been** successful in some areas, less so in others, but we never give up fighting for Hampton Wick.

2010 subscriptions are now due. We also need more members to help us run the HWA, particularly a treasurer, events organisers and a local business co-ordinator. Do get in touch if you can help.

With very best wishes for 2010

Carol

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Carol Dukes, HWA Chair

**PS: We've just heard that the Hampton** Wick station refurbishment which was put on hold in 2009 is back on again and work will start in the near future.

## Notice board

### Hampton Wick Association & Hampton Wick Library

cordially invite you to the  
Annual Fish & Chip Supper Quiz Night

Friday 26th February 2010, 7pm  
Bullen Hall, Bennet Close

Quiz starts 7:30pm  
Fish and Chips served at 8:30pm

Wine, beer & soft drinks available

Bring your friends and family or come along and  
join a quiz team on the night

Featuring David Rees, Quizmaster extraordinaire  
Raffle

£2 entrance and quiz  
£1.50 for concessions/HWA members  
£5 for cod & chips - order on arrival

Tickets must be bought in advance at  
Hampton Wick Library or  
Hussars Espresso House

### Help Wanted - Summer Fair organisers

We need help organising the June Summer Fair.  
If you think you might be able to help then please  
get in touch, see back page for contact details.

### Help Wanted - Treasurer

We currently have a vacancy for a Treasurer.  
If you can help and would like more details please  
contact Carol, contact details on back page.

### Help Wanted - Local business liaison

We need someone to help liaise with local  
businesses, including setting up a local business  
directory. Contact Carol, details on back page.

### Hampton Wick & South Teddington Good Fellowship Club

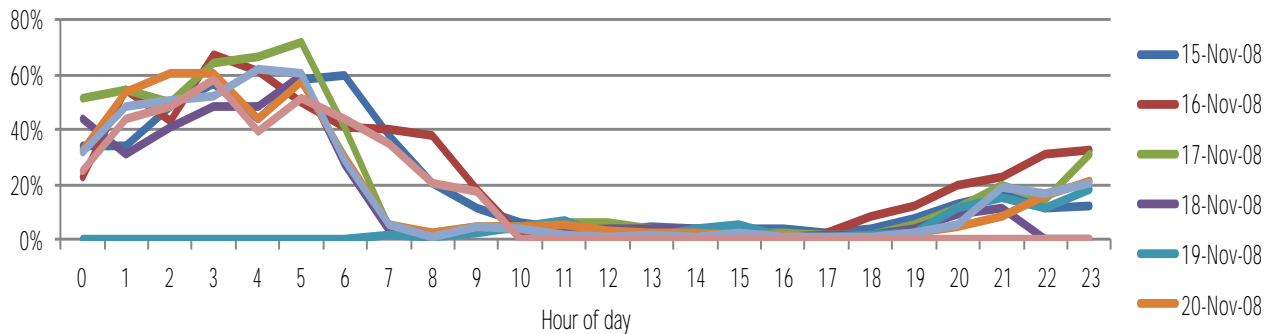
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## Percentage of traffic travelling at greater than 30mph Hampton Wick High Street Northbound. 15-22 November 2008



## High Street Hope?

At last it seems we might be getting somewhere! **Chris Smith, head of the Council's transport policy unit,** believes that our approach might be achievable without having to find any new money. Funding is already available to improve the accessibility of the High Street bus stops. Some of our suggestions fall within the remit of the scheme e.g. a central pedestrian refuge will prevent dangerous driving and will help people cross the road near a bus stop. As our proposals are all low cost and virtually zero maintenance Chris hopes to include some of them and effectively kill two birds with one, low cost, stone.

We had a very encouraging site-meeting with Chris and his colleague Mick Potter. It appears we can achieve a great deal without losing parking spaces. The detailed scheme will be published for consultation soon. If the final plan reflects our discussions, we will be delighted to support it.

## More Good News

We have also learned that under a London-wide lorry ban, heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) over a weight of 18 tonnes are banned from driving through Hampton Wick during the following hours:

Monday - Friday: 9pm - 7am  
(including 9pm Friday night to 7am Saturday)  
1pm Saturday - 7am Monday

Any breaches of the overnight lorry ban should be reported to the London Lorry Ban Unit, details:

Telephone: 020 7747 4770/020 7934 9915  
Email: [lorry.control@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:lorry.control@londoncouncils.gov.uk)

Further information at:

[www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/Transport/Transportpolicy/LondonLorryControl.htm](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/Transport/Transportpolicy/LondonLorryControl.htm)

# Christmas Carols - Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in making this year's Hampton Wick Christmas Carols such a big success.

A massive thanks to all our volunteers.

Particular thanks to all the businesses who contributed to the street lights and the event itself: Asset & Investment Management, David Howard, Foresters, Garners, Gazprom, Hampton Wick Dental Centre, Holland, Hahn & Wills, Kingston Laser Clinic, The Jolly Barber, Lazgill Ltd, Levene.

Thank you to all the businesses who took part on the night: Foresters, Hussars Espresso House, Moidul's Hampton Wick Tandoori, The Swan, The White Hart.

Finally a very special thank you to: Charlie Chandler's band, "Behind Bars"; Geoffo the clown; Gerry and his magic car; Ronnie and her elves and last but certainly not least, Santa himself.





Family carol singing around the Hampton Wick Christmas tree



Geoffo the Clown entertains the children



The Brass Band accompanies the carols



All the fun of the fair



Santa and Santa's chauffeur arrive in the magic Santa car





Roasted chestnuts



Charlie Chandler's band "Behind Bars"

# Christmas 2009 Hampton Wick

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Dancing to the music



Santa's Elves



Living statue

# Deplorable Neglect Of Our Library

On 10<sup>th</sup> November Carol Dukes and Mark Buckley from the HWA met with Cllr Pat Parsons, council ward champion Yvonne Kelleher and **representatives from the council's Libraries, Parks and Highways departments**. We walked around the library to try to agree what actions would be taken to improve health and safety, planting and signage.

There is total confusion within the council over which department is responsible for which of the paths (including Shaw's Path), roadways and flower beds in the area. It is likely that the paperwork was botched when the land was transferred to council ownership. We hope that our ward champion, Yvonne Kelleher, will be able to get the situation clarified.

**Yvonne backed the HWA's previous requests and again asked the council's construction services to take urgent action to repair or replace the crumbling steps and collapsing handrails which make the area positively dangerous, particularly because it is so poorly lit (and often not lit at all) after dark. Nothing has yet been done.**

The street lighting around the library is poor to non-existent. However, despite the fact that the path is used as a public thoroughfare, the highways department are refusing to light it, saying that the libraries department must provide the funding. **The libraries department say they don't have the money.** So, yet again, nothing is being done.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, at a meeting with the HWA, Ian Dodds **the head of the council's libraries department** admitted that the lack of signage to the library, and on the library itself, was a serious problem and agreed to get something done about it. The meeting on 10<sup>th</sup>

November came to the same conclusion. But nothing has been done.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, at a meeting with the HWA, a **representative of the council's Parks department** (Kevin Waggott) promised that shrubs would be planted, at least in the beds actually adjacent to the Library, and that this would happen during the autumn. We are now in late December and nothing has been done.



The HWA deplores the council's negligence of Hampton Wick's one and only public amenity. Last April, Cllr Liz Jaeger, LBRuT's cabinet member for youth, culture and leisure, said "We understand the importance of libraries to local people and have committed £1.4m to the financial investment in building refurbishment and service improvement over the past five years."

**Well, Cllr Jaeger, we certainly haven't seen any of it in Hampton Wick!**

## St John's Update

I met recently with the parish vicar, Revd David Lund and two churchwardens to discuss St John's Church which has now been closed for a year. Revd Lund explained that the matter is not in his hands and that the church authorities have given him no information on the church's future.

The Bishop of Kensington has told us that the future of St John's would be determined by the diocese and the parish. However the parish (the vicar and his churchwardens) are being left out of the loop. This leaves only the diocese. Next stop - in January - the Archdeacon! **I'll report back.**

In the meantime, the churchwardens reassured me that basic maintenance, e.g. clearing of gutters, is still being carried out on the church building.

*Carol Dukes, HWA Chair*

## Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2009

Hampton Wick once again turned out in record numbers to show respect for members of the armed forces, past and present.

Hundreds of people joined the piper-led procession from the Foresters to the Memorial Gardens where church reader Gareth Lawrence led the service. 'Amazing Grace' was sung and wreaths were laid. The traffic was halted for the two minute silence before the sounding of the Last Post.

It was a deeply moving occasion on which everyone came together to share our sadness and pride.

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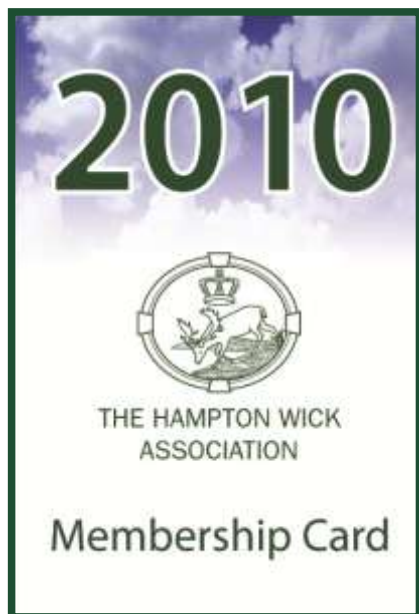
Correction:

In the previous issue, in the Al Ferrier article, the rugby world cup was mentioned. This should of course have been the soccer world cup.



# 2010 subscriptions are now due

Please help to keep Hampton Wick special by joining the HWA.



The HWA is run by local people on a completely voluntary basis. Subscriptions help cover administration costs, insurance and publicity for events and many other costs such as expenses for the brass band at Christmas.

Just as importantly the more members we have the stronger our voice, be it when we talk to Richmond Council or the Church of England, the Police or others on behalf of the Wick.

We are a small community - we need **everybody's support!**

Do please join or renew your membership.

If there's anything we do which you don't agree with then let us know - contact details overleaf.



The Hampton Wick Passport scheme aims to encourage local people to support local businesses, and to provide rewards for HWA members.

Wherever you see the passport sign in the window, there'll be a special offer available inside when you show your HWA membership card. Always enquire about the latest offers.

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## HWA Membership Form

Unsure whether you've paid? If you've not got a 2010 membership card then you've probably not paid.  
Still unsure? Contact Anne Hardy on 020 8977 1346 or [annehardy@fastmail.fm](mailto:annehardy@fastmail.fm)

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

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Please make your cheque or PO payable to the Hampton Wick Association and send it with this form to:  
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The HWA exists to serve the interests of Hampton Wick

The HWA supports the local community by maintaining a watch on local issues that may affect our environment, such as High Street speeding or closure of amenities; organising events such as the Summer Fair and Christmas Carols and communicating with local residents, businesses and others with an interest in Hampton Wick through the notice boards, web site, email news and this newsletter.



## THE HAMPTON WICK ASSOCIATION

Formed in 1962 to fight proposals to build a flyover from Kingston that would have demolished a large section of the village

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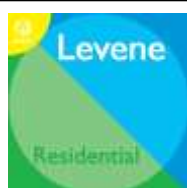
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