

Hampton Wick

The newsletter of the Hampton Wick Association
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Spectacular Springs ahead in our Memorial Gardens

Through our membership of the Thames Landscape Strategy's Community Advisory Group, the HWA has been offered hundreds of free flowering bulbs for use in a public garden.

The bulbs are generously donated by the prestigious Lincolnshire family firm Taylors Bulbs, in partnership with the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association. The bulbs are made available totally free of charge to amenity groups such as us across all London Boroughs.

Chris Drayson, honorary President of the HWA, keeps a watchful eye on the Memorial Gardens throughout the year and successfully campaigned for their improvement several years ago. He submitted our application and we were successful in being given "bags and bags" of Galanthus, Alliums, Margaritas and Scillas.

Together with Ronnie Finlay, Chris has planted all the bulbs in clumps around the Memorial Gardens. We're not certain whether they'll come up this year, but they are sure to provide a splendid display in future.

**Many thanks to Taylors Bulbs and the
Metropolitan Public Gardens Association.**

World War One research – help needed



2014 is the centenary of the start of World War One. The Hampton Wick Association would like to support a project to find out more about the names of those who died in that war and are commemorated on the Hampton Wick War Memorial. We hope that the project will result in an exhibition, or perhaps a special edition of this newsletter, later in the year.

If you would be interested in helping with this project, please contact: membership@hamptonwick.org.uk

We would be especially interested to hear from relatives of any of those named on the memorial or of anyone who fought in the war and returned home.

Have you renewed your 2014 HWA subscription?



A word from the Chair



At the time of our last Newsletter, we were about to hold our traditional Fish & Chip Quiz Night in the Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club. This proved to be a highly successful event which you can read about elsewhere.

Shortly afterwards, the annual Remembrance Sunday parade took place, with a service round the War Memorial led by the Rev Jerry Field of St John's but involving all our local churches. The organisation of this is now largely down to Tom Furber at the Foresters in conjunction with St John's: it remains an incredible and very moving ceremony.

Then Christmas. This year, we decided to see if we could reinstate the tradition of having real Christmas trees up and down the High Street. We increased the number of available brackets from 18 to 41 and installed 41

trees. The lights that we had sourced proved to be temperamental in the cold weather with limited battery life and we have been looking into better and longer lasting batteries for next year. However, in terms of what was achieved, special thanks must go to Mark Buckley and Carol Dukes who did most of the hard work.

We also held the Craft Fair outside the White Hart on 30 November 2013 and the traditional Christmas Carols evening on 13 December 2013. We had fantastic weather for the former and appalling weather for the latter – though plenty turned out to see the Fulham Brass Band (which has members living locally) and Santa and a number of “magic cars” and to eat the free roast chestnuts.

So what does 2014 hold? In terms of the Association, the next planned milestones are our AGM on the 27 March, Chestnut Sunday on Sunday 11 May at 12:30pm and the August Festival on Sunday 10 August.

Best wishes for 2014!

The 2014 AGM will be held on Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club.



On 3rd October the Hampton Wick Association held their ever popular Quiz Night with fish and chip supper.

For the first time the event was held at the Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club which provided ample room for the 60 attendees who formed their teams ready to do battle for the sought after trophy, the 'Hampton Wick Milk Bottle'.

The popular quiz master, David Rees entertained all with his quiz covering a number of subjects before fish and chips were delivered, care of The Teddington Fish Bar, for an 8.30pm supper. Refreshments were available at the bar, kindly run by Keith Nicholls and his team from the cricket club.

The trophy was presented to the winning team 'The Merry Go Rounds', which included one of last year's winners, Gerry Michelmore as well as our very own Chair, Mark Merrington and his wife, Alison.

The Association also held a raffle with 15 excellent prizes, many donated by our local businesses and funds raised will go towards Christmas festivities.

Thanks go to Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club and to all the businesses that kindly gave donations including Hoa Nails, Martha Pountains, Il Fiume, 1 of 1 Design and Hampton Wick History.

Our disappearing High Street

Our High Street continues its slow transition from a retail/commercial thoroughfare to a residential one with news that planning permission has been granted for Bermuda and Brentham Houses to change their use to residential. Developers plan to convert the buildings into up to 22 one and two bedroomed flats. Further up by the bridge several shops are up for sale/lease and we await the outcome. However, in Teddington their High Street was shortlisted for High Street of the Year in the Daily Telegraph competition.



Elsewhere work continues on the refurbishment and repainting of the railway bridge, with work scheduled to continue well into the summer. With work continuing all night on certain days local residents, particularly the boat dwellers in Burgoine Quay, have complained about the noise and local Councillor, Dr Tania Mathias, is taking up their concerns with the contractor concerned.

Across the water Kingston Council were shortlisted for their ambitious plans to improve cycling in Kingston, which included a new bridge alongside the above railway bridge dedicated to cyclists. They have now submitted a formal bid and hope to hear if they have been successful later this month.

Chase Lodge Hotel: special offer to HWA members

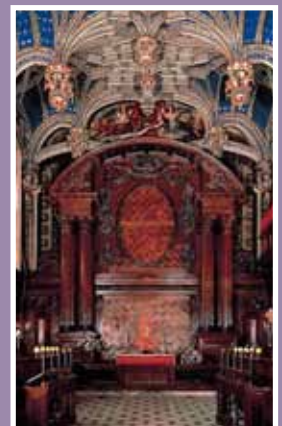
Chase Lodge Hotel is a 200-year old building with oodles of character in Park Road, right in the heart of Hampton Wick. It has been operating for some 28 years and is open every day between 7am and 6pm. Recently, it has started to serve tea, coffee, and hot chocolate with cakes.

We are delighted to announce that the owner of the hotel, Denise Dove, has made a very special offer to members of the Hampton Wick Association: pop along and if you'd like to see what it's like inside, just present your membership card for 2014 and you can have a complimentary tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a cake. The offer is limited to one visit and one person per card. Hurry though as it will be available for a limited period!



The Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace

Many of us are regular or occasional visitors to Hampton Court Palace but few seem aware that The Chapel Royal provides a beautiful place of worship, with its own Chaplain, Director of Music and full-time Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend the sung religious services at The Chapel Royal – and the choir (in



which it must be said the Chair of the Hampton Wick Association has a personal interest) is on particularly fine form at the moment.

The Chapel Royal has always been an active church within the Church of England: its services are traditional, according to the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Except during the summer months (the 4th and 5th Sundays in July, all of August, and the first Sunday in September), the Choir sings at services on Sundays at 11.00am and 3.30pm. All are welcome and entry to the Palace is free for those who come as worshippers in The Chapel Royal (tickets still have to be bought if you wish to visit the rest of the Palace!).

NEW HAMPTON WICK HISTORY BOOK

On 30 November, at our Christmas Craft Fair, Ray Elmitt, author and local historian, launched the second volume in his Brick by Brick series, later giving a sold out talk at the Library.

The Brick by Brick project aims to trace the development of the roads and buildings of Hampton Wick from 1750 to the present day. The latest volume covers Park Road and its environs – Cedars Road, Church Grove, St John's Road, Sandy Lane, School Lane, School Road and Vicarage Road. It has 220 pages packed full on interesting information and chronicles the development of a key area in the Wick.

The book costs £9.99 and is available from The White Hart and Hussars in the High Street. In addition, the Association usually has the books on sale at events throughout the year.

Events

Normansfield

We'll Meet Again – Twickenham Operatic Society:
Friday 31st January to 1st February 7.45pm & matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday Tel: 07989 565411

Normansfield Theatre Talk and Tour:
Saturday 8th February from 10am-12midday
Tel: 07989 565411

Music of the Heart – St Margarets Singers:
Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm Tel: 0333 1212 300

Songs of War and Peace:
Friday 7th March and Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm
Including matinee on 8th March at 2.30pm
Tel: 0333 1212 300

Hampton Wick Library

Hampton Wick Library Reading Group:
First Saturday of every month 11.00am – 12 noon
Tel: 020 8734 3358

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:

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| Mark Merrington | Chair |
| Chris Drayson | Honorary President |
| Fraser Wilson | Secretary |
| Carol Dukes | Treasurer |
| Anne Hardy | Newsletter editor |
| Sharon Bastion | Business Support |
| Mark Merrington | Membership Secretary |
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The HWA membership form

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I would be interested in volunteering to help ☐

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