



Hampton Wick

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SAVE OUR POST OFFICE

Our postmaster, Mr Patel, has advised the Association that it is proposed to convert Hampton Wick Post Office into a Post Office Local.

The Association understands that this will result in a reduction of services. Normally, it would entail the loss of: banking; moneygrams; travel insurance; financial services (eg selling ISAs); passport check and send; Euro and Dollar exchange; and notarisation. In other words, our Post Office would only sell stamps and handle letters and parcels.

Future transactions would be over the shop counter. The present arrangement of three mail collections a day from inside would continue and the cash machine would be retained.

The Association is concerned about these developments. We understand that the next stage is that Post Office Ltd will arrange a four week 'first stage customer engagement exercise' for customers.

A leaflet and poster will be made available in the Post Office. These will explain the proposed change including questions intended to gather our comments on service issues. Letters will also be sent to key local representatives.

It is going to be very important that everyone makes their voice heard when Post Office Ltd begins its consultation. The Association will be considering what further steps to take to ensure that this happens. If you feel strongly about this please email info@hamptonwick.org.uk



Members should be aware that, in light of the Post Office's proposals, Mr Patel has made a planning application to reduce the retail size/space of the Post Office. The Association opposes this application because it leads to a significant loss of retail space on the High Street and would give further support to the proposals for reduced services.

A word from the Chair



Welcome to our latest newsletter!

Since the last newsletter in January, the Association has held its Annual General Meeting on 27 March in the Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club, and Chestnut Sunday took place on 11 May. The latter suffered somewhat from the same mixed weather that we had over Easter but, as usual, we had our stall which featured a display of pictures related to the railway following last year's 150th anniversary celebrations.

I won't repeat all the news contained elsewhere, save to say that our main forthcoming event is the Hampton Wick Festival on Sunday 10 August. If you'd like to be involved with that, please do get in touch.

All good wishes for the Summer!

Artists in Residence

This new group meets at St John's Church Warehouse (at the back of the church next to HSBC car park) on the first Friday of the month from 7pm.

The idea is to provide an opportunity for local artists and those that appreciate art to come together in Hampton Wick and for artists to exhibit and sell their work. Each month different artists exhibit, with items for sale, and give short presentations. There is a suggested contribution for the evening which includes live music from local musicians and a complimentary drink. Contact: Deborah Miller, artistsinresidencehamptonwick@gmail.com. 07706098777.

HW Festival video wins award. News from Twickenham Alive Film Festival.

We're delighted to announce that the Hampton Wick Festival video was awarded a Special Mention at the Twickenham Alive Film Festival last week.

Thanks and congratulations go to film-maker Alan Benns who directed, shot and edited the film.

Our trophy



WHO WAS R C SHERRIFF?

Robert Cedric Sherriff (6 June 1896-13 November 1975) was an English writer. He wrote several plays, novels and screenplays and was nominated for an Academy award and two BAFTA awards.

He was born in Hampton Wick at 2 Seymour Road (then called "Rossendale") and educated at Kingston Grammar School from 1905 to 1913. He maintained loose links with his old school for the rest of his life, in particular the school boat club. He donated money to buy land for the school boathouse and the Sherriff Club still exists to promote and encourage activities to further the interests of the school's rowers and boat club.



After a spell working in insurance, he was a captain in the 9th battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, serving in World War I at Vimy and Loos. He was wounded at Passchendaele near Ypres in 1917 and awarded the Military Cross.

Sherriff started writing short plays for performance by members of Kingston Rowing Club to raise money for a new boat. One of his early efforts was Journey's End, based on his own experiences in World War I. The play was recognised as a masterpiece and, in 1929, it became a West End hit, starring initially a young Laurence Olivier.

From 1931 to 1934, he studied at New College, Oxford. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and the Society of Antiquaries of London. He also moved into the glamorous world of Hollywood as a screenwriter, his most famous screenplays including Goodbye Mr Chips, The Invisible Man and The Dambusters.

Sadly, 2 Seymour Road has been demolished in the past few years. In its place now stands a smart development of flats – but fittingly named "Sherriff House".

Members may like to know about How Like It All Is: Beyond Journey's End. This is an event at the Studio in the Rose Theatre in Kingston on 27 June at 19:30 and is a rehearsed reading by Kingston Grammar School students of a new play based on real events: how, during one reunion weekend in 1930, R.C. Sherriff and his ex-comrades confronted the troubled legacy of their wartime experiences in the trenches.



**Sunday
10th August
2014**

Even bigger and better than last year!
Grand Parade, Live Music, Street Food, Craft Fair, Circus Entertainers and that gorilla with a sidecar
See you Sunday 10th August
All enquiries: mark.buckley@hwfestival.org.uk

The Teddington Pram Race is back!

**Sunday
29th June
2014**



**The Masons
Arms
to the
Village Fair**

Follow the Hampton Wick Tudors on tour

Planning application



We have been following the planning application to develop 6, 8 & 10 High Street with interest and can report that the Planning Dept at Richmond Council are now reviewing the case and assessing comments

received. There were five comments, some in favour and some objecting. We also wrote setting-out the Association's view, which was that we would broadly support anything which would improve the High Street, but were concerned about the loss of two more retail units. Our letter can be viewed on the Council Planning Portal. The Council also consulted English Heritage, but they declined to comment.

Do you have an opinion on the development or, like us, are concerned about our disappearing High Street? If so, do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Road Repairs in Hampton Wick

The council has announced that the following roads in Hampton Wick will receive funding for improvements in the 2014 round of the Community Roads & Pavements Fund scheme. All works will be carried out by April 2015.

Glamorgan Road
– pavement repairs

Lower Teddington Road
– pavement repairs

Broom Park Road – road repairs

Warwick Road – road repairs

Local history projects

Unusually, we have no new publications to review in this edition of the newsletter. However, Ray Elmitt, local historian, tells us that he completed the Hampton Wick Brick by Brick website at the end of May. This means that the history of all 650+ residential properties in the village is now available online at www.hamptonwickhistory.org.uk. Ray also aims to have the third and final book in the series ready for a November launch covering Barge Walk, Beverley Road, Bushy Park, Elton Close, Hampton Court Road, Home Park, Home Park Terrace, Marina Place, Old Bridge Street, Upper Teddington Road, Warwick Road and Woffington Close. Finally, the Association hopes to organise for July another of Ray's famous history walks around the Wick.

Meanwhile, the Chairman's wife, Alison Merrington, has been doing some research into the names recorded on the War Memorial as World War I casualties. Whilst this is very much work in progress, look out for a talk in Hampton Wick Library, planned for 24 September 2014, where Alison will share some of the fascinating things that she has discovered!

Events

Police Liaison Group

Wednesday, 11th Jun 6:15pm

Teddington Pram Race – Hampton

Wick Tudors on Tour

Sunday, 29th June 2014. 12:00pm

Hampton Wick Festival

Sunday, 10th Aug 12:00am

HAMPTON WICK LIBRARY

Contact: 020 8734 3358

Hampton Wick Library Reading Group

First Saturday of every month
11.00am – 12 noon. Free Wi-Fi has been introduced in all Richmond Council Libraries including Hampton Wick Library.

NORMANSFIELD

Contact: lesley-alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk
or tel: 0333 1212 300

Shakes-Kids! at Normansfield

Saturday, 21st Jun 12:00pm

Chris Harris' Kemp's Jig

Saturday, 21st Jun 3:00pm

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/Membership Secretary
Vacant	Vice-chairman
Fraser Wilson	Secretary
Carol Dukes	Treasurer
Sharon Bastion	
Jenny Bourne	
Catherine van den Broek	
Mark Buckley	Website
Ronnie Finlay	Events Liaison
Roger Hall	Planning
Anne Hardy	Website/Newsletter
Chris Drayson	Honorary President/ Richmond in Bloom

The HWA membership form

Pay now for 2014

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Family/Business (Full) £10 p.a. ☐

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Concessions (Associate) £3 p.a. ☐

Family/Business (Associate) £10 p.a. ☐

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

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