



Hampton Wick

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Chestnut Sunday Bigger and Better than last year – and a good time was had by all

In addition to the usual parade members we had Roundheads and Loyalists – of the Sealed Knot English Civil War Enactment Group – who did battle at the event site and also demonstrated musket proficiency and drill. Later on there was a WWII Howitzer demonstration.

The City of London Police horses led the Parade along with the Horse Rangers Band, Scouts, Veteran Cyclists, many in Victorian dress, plus companion cyclists. Harley Davidsons were followed by classic military vehicles, classic cars, double decker buses, vintage London taxis, and a “Jazz Band in a Trailer” bringing up the rear. There were also enactors from the American Civil War and British soldiers from Gallipoli.

Teddington School Big Band entertained with swing music. We had exhibitions from the Royal Parks, the Bee Keeper, the Horse Rangers, Friends of Bushy Parks, the previously mentioned veteran cycles, classic cars and WWII vehicles.

The Hampton Wick Association had an exhibition of historical photographs and maps of Hampton Wick. These attracted a lot of attention from people who had lived in the village in the past or who had family connections with it.

There were pony rides available. Apart from the pony rides, fairground rides, and food outlets, everything else was FREE including car parking. Many people, taking advantage of the good weather, brought along picnics.

This is an historic event. When Queen Victoria opened Bushy Park to the public it quickly became an attraction for London visitors, particularly on the Sunday nearest 11th May – when chestnut blooms were usually at their best. The celebration died out after WWII but was resurrected by the Hampton Wick Association to celebrate the Queen’s Silver Jubilee. Chestnut Sunday continues to this day.



Photo: Trish Gant www.trishgant.com

Christmas in The Wick Tuesday, 13th December 2011. 5:00pm

The Hampton Wick Association is pleased to invite everyone in Hampton Wick to our annual evening of Christmas Carols and a visit from Father Christmas. Save the date – 13th December!

Programme of events:

5pm Meet for drinks at the Library

6pm Procession from the library to the Christmas tree in St John’s Square, Carol singing

6.30pm Father Christmas arrives with presents for all the children.

Request for donations: We do get a small grant from the Council but this is never enough to meet the costs of the lights, presents etc, and the grant is being reduced this year so we will be relying on the generosity of businesses and individuals in the Wick more than ever. Please get in touch if you can help.

We all look forward to seeing everyone on the 13th December for this magical Hampton Wick event!

Happy Christmas
The Hampton Wick Association.

Young brothers raise money for Indian water projects



YOUNGSTERS RAISE MONEY FOR JEEVIKA

6 year old Cameron and his little brother Ryan, 4, who attend Orleans Infant School and are from St Margarets, took part in the charity's annual sponsored Walk for Water through Bushy Park and along the Thames towpath on Sunday 25th September along with other friends and supporters of the charity. Ryan was picked up by his dad half way round the 6 mile route after doing a sterling job, but Cameron had so much energy at the end, he ran home! Liz, the charitable boys' mum said 'The boys and I had a great time doing it together. Ryan did a super job to get as far as Ham House, and Cameron felt so wonderful at the end, that after our bus ride to Twickenham, he ran the last half mile home. I am so proud of them – the sponsorship is still coming in and it looks like they have managed to raise well over £100.

Jeevika Trust is based in Hampton Wick and supports a number of projects in rural India. To find out more about the charity's work in rural India and how you can help support them, visit their website www.jeevika.org.uk

A NEW CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

In April, the Association's Extraordinary General Meeting changed our Constitution to recognise that most of our Members live or work in Hampton Wick. It created a new class of Membership for those living away from Hampton Wick who want to keep in touch with our community. Offered for the first time in 2012, Associate Membership is for those living outside the boundaries of Hampton Wick – as shown on the map on the back page – but does not confer the right to vote at General Meetings of the Hampton Wick Association. If you are unsure of the boundaries please visit http://www.richmond.gov.uk/my_richmond and enter your address to find the ward you're in.



School House Lane Orchard wins prestigious Award

Teddington Orchard gains prestigious Community Award

Local community green space is one of the best in the country

A neighbourhood orchard maintained by volunteers in south Teddington has gained recognition as one of the best community-run green spaces in the country. By receiving the Green Flag Community Award, School House Lane Orchard has been recognised as a high-quality, well- managed and welcoming place, central to the local community.

Local business Award

One of our Hampton Wick retailers, Lanson Running was Highly Commended for overall Best Business Award at the Richmond Business Awards last Thursday evening. They were presented with the award by Vince Cable and Zac Goldsmith at a Gala Dinner at the Lensbury Club. The event highlighted that there is a wealth of entrepreneurial spirit in the Borough and I think we should be very proud that one of our local retailers was recognised. As a specialist running shop, they are in a position to stock a full range of discounted running shoes, clothes and running gadgets so get a jog on and call in to congratulate them and get kitted out.

If you have any questions about local business, please contact business@hamptonwick.org.uk



Planning Application for 71 Student Flats on Hampton Wick High Street

Hampton Wick under threat once more?

All who live in Hampton Wick need to be aware of a proposed planning application to the London Borough of Richmond for the conversion of Brentham House and Bermuda House on the High Street. These are the two modern office buildings opposite the Post Office. The proposed scheme will create some office units in Bermuda House but the remainder of the buildings will be used to create 71 student flats. The proposal includes filling in the underground car park (presumably to maximise development potential).

Many residents are already concerned that the proposal will not benefit the local community but may be to its detriment. Issues such as inadequate car parking, traffic concerns (particularly when the 71 residents move in and out) and the overall effect on the character of the village have all been raised. There may be impacts on the type of businesses opening in the High Street and an increase of the sort of anti social behaviour which is already evident to those who live close to the existing student accommodation at Kingston Bridge House.

Hampton Wick is already home to a good number of students. The company behind this proposal, SRIL Hampton Wick Ltd, appears to be a Jersey based company. To the best of anyone's knowledge, this is a purely private commercial venture which is not being driven by local educational institutions or the local authority. And the proposal comes at a time when student numbers are expected to fall!

One of our local councillors, Gareth Evans, has already confirmed opposition to the proposal as "completely unsuitable for Hampton Wick". The Association will continue to monitor the situation but everyone needs to be ready to voice their opinion in the event that the proposed planning application goes ahead! In the meantime, if you have any immediate views/concerns, you should contact our councillors:

Cllr.TArbour@richmond.gov.uk

Cllr.GEvans@richmond.gov.uk

Cllr.TMathias@richmond.gov.uk

EVENTS

Normansfield

The Humour of Noel Coward

Saturday, 19th November 2011. 7:30 pm

This is a super show based on the comedy songs from the Master, who was incidentally born in Teddington. Besides the usual favourites, Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Stately Homes, there will also be other numbers such as Could you please oblige us with a Bren Gun, That is the end of the News and many more.

St John's Church

Concert: The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins

Friday, 9th December 2011. 7:30 pm

The choral concert given by the Kingston University Chamber Choir in the magnificent setting of St John's Church was a sell-out success last year. Tickets priced £5 (£2 NUS) will be available on the door, or please email l.voss@kingston.ac.uk to reserve tickets in advance.

Christingle Service

Sunday, 11th December 2011. 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Saturday, 24th December 2011. 11:00 pm

Help save Teddington Memorial

EXCERPT FROM A TEDDINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS EMAIL



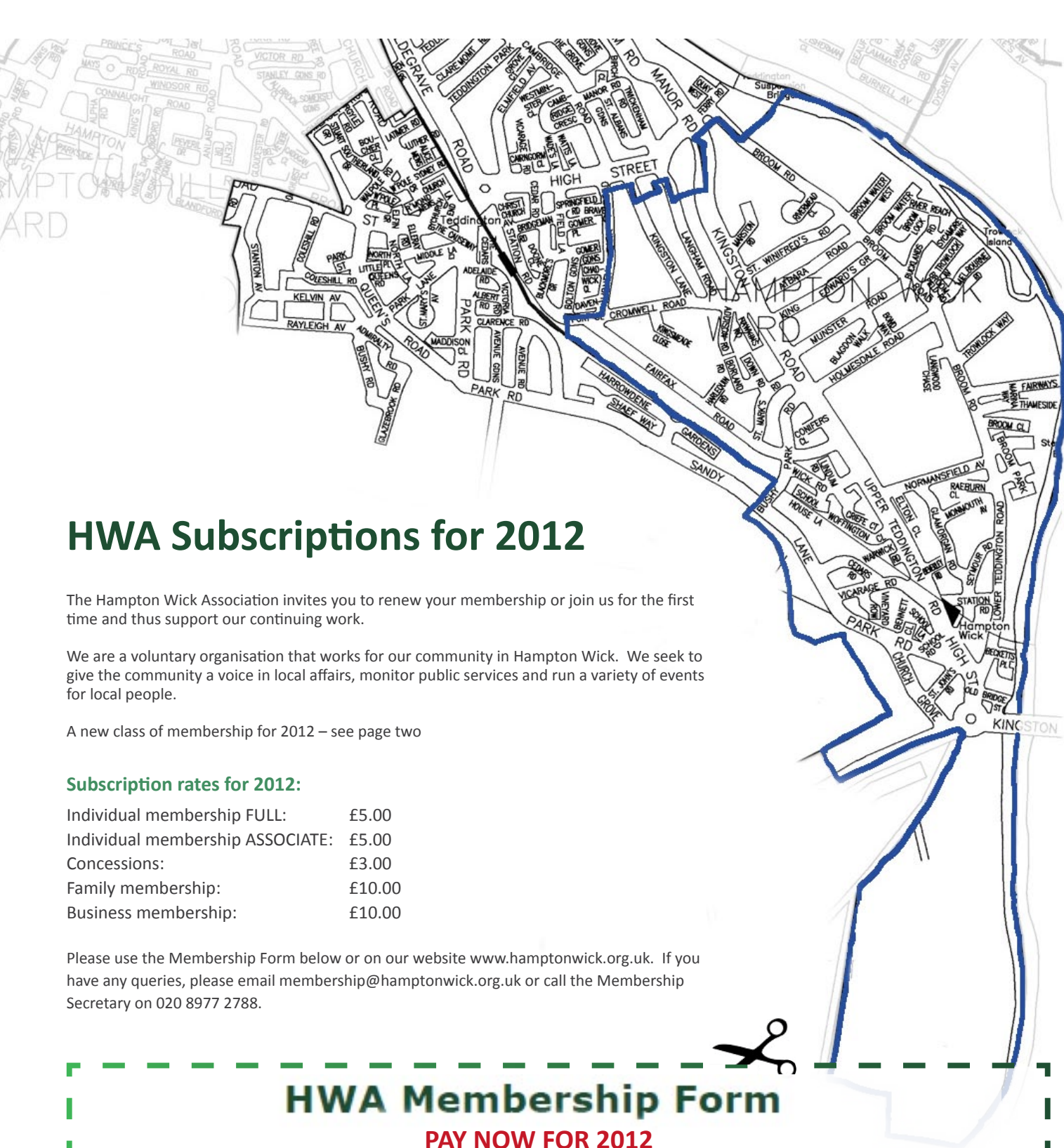
Hounslow & Richmond Community Health NHS Trust (HRCHT) are proceeding in their application to obtain Foundation Trust Status which includes the ownership of Teddington Memorial Hospital (TMH) (the building and land).

From previous bulletins you will know that the League of Friends supported fully by the General Practitioners (Doctors) in the area have opposed the handing over of estate title at TMH on the grounds that its financial value, which is shown on the books of HRCHT as £12.4 million, could be used as collateral for borrowing money if Foundation Trust Status is granted, which basically is stripping the asset. TMH is the largest asset that HRCHT hold. This must not be allowed to happen. The hospital is embedded in the community.

The real cause for concern is the possibility of the future loss of local control of TMH particularly in this climate of cuts and mergers in the public sector, we could see the ownership of TMH being swallowed up into a larger NHS body.

We are seeking your support to look at alternative models of community ownership of TMH that involve charitable status (such as that of the League of Friends), through various local meetings, times and venues to be published on the League of Friends website www.league-tmh.org.uk

If you would like to be involved or require further information, please contact: via email to info@league-tmh.org.uk, letters to The League of Friends, FREEPOST, Teddington Memorial Hospital, Hampton Road, Teddington, TW11 8BR or Telephone 020 8943 5430



HWA Subscriptions for 2012

The Hampton Wick Association invites you to renew your membership or join us for the first time and thus support our continuing work.

We are a voluntary organisation that works for our community in Hampton Wick. We seek to give the community a voice in local affairs, monitor public services and run a variety of events for local people.

A new class of membership for 2012 – see page two

Subscription rates for 2012:

Individual membership FULL:	£5.00
Individual membership ASSOCIATE:	£5.00
Concessions:	£3.00
Family membership:	£10.00
Business membership:	£10.00

Please use the Membership Form below or on our website www.hamptonwick.org.uk. If you have any queries, please email membership@hamptonwick.org.uk or call the Membership Secretary on 020 8977 2788.

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