



Hampton Wick

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2012: THE YEAR THE OLYMPICS CAME TO HAMPTON WICK

On Friday 27 July, the Olympic Torch travelled through Bushy Park to Hampton Court Palace. It then boarded the royal barge, *Gloriana*, to be rowed on to the Olympic Park in Stratford. Most of Hampton Wick turned up to line the banks of the river to watch the spectacle.



On Saturday 28 July, the men's road cycling race came down from Hampton Court and across Kingston Bridge. Again there was a fantastic turn out. There were no medals for GB that day, of course, but that was remedied the following day when Lizzie Armistead passed through on her way to winning silver in the women's race. The wet weather didn't put many of us off from cheering her on.

For many, though, the highlight was on Wednesday 1 August when the men's and women's cycle time trials began at Hampton Court. Approaching from Kingston Bridge, the women turned left at the roundabout (of which more in a moment) but, most excitingly, the men, including Bradley Wiggins, turned right and travelled along Hampton Wick High Street and Upper Teddington Road. Thousands of people had a spectacular view – and all for free! Best of all, Wiggo took gold and Chris Froome took bronze.

The Roundabout Controversy

Bradley was effusive about the support that he received from spectators at the roundabout in "Kingston". It's just a shame that Kingston is now claiming that the roundabout in question was that which can only be described as an apology for traffic management in Portsmouth Road, rather than our own magnificent floral tribute to Olympian excellence.



Remember the summer of 2012

It has been a remarkable summer for all sorts of reasons – but the combination of the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics made Hampton Wick a very special place to be over the summer.

The Jubilee

All sorts of celebrations took place over the Jubilee weekend in early June. The Wick was bedecked with Union Jacks, obtained by the Hampton Wick Association and put up by the Committee's own fair hands (or at least those of our Chair's husband). There were street parties galore, parties on the riverside and even a special event at the Foresters. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time but there were great things still to come.



Room for Work: A new FREE job club for Hampton Wick

Room for Work is run by a team of local volunteers, businesses and expert speakers.

If you are, or know someone who is, looking for work at this moment, please do invite them to join this coming Monday morning.

Monday Sessions

10am – 12.30pm | St John's Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AL

- 12 Nov** Defining Your Strengths
- 19 Nov** What Employers Look For
- 26 Nov** Successful Interviews
- 3 Dec** Women in the Workplace
- 10 Dec** Setting Up as a Freelance
- 17 Dec** Start Your Own Business
- 7 Jan** Finding Hidden Jobs
- 14 Jan** Using Social Media
- 21 Jan** Recruitment Agencies

TO JOIN simply arrive at a morning session with pen and paper in hand.

Visit www.roomforwork.org for more info.

Community Law Clinic

Kingston University has launched a Community Legal Advice Centre which is also available to Hampton Wick charities and community groups

<http://law.kingston.ac.uk/about-us/ku-community-legal-advice-centre>

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Rob Sugden who is managing the Advice Centre would like to add that:

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I'd be happy to attend any meetings/presentations if that would be helpful. Please also make residents / charities etc, aware we are not only offering one to one/personal advice sessions, if they have ideas/projects they are looking to launch or a shared problem in the community and would benefit from legal assistance with these it's something we're keen to do and makes us a bit different to the other legal advice services out there!”

The High Street

The High Street is the hub of our community, so it was nice to see it looking so smart for the Olympics. The flags and hanging baskets brought colour and raised its appearance.

During the past few years the High Street has changed quite dramatically. Extending the pavements and providing new street furniture started the process and Sigma Sports move to their smart, new premises on Christmas Square revitalised the very centre of town, alongside the vibrant Foresters. It's nice to see new retail units opening up as well, to join existing established restaurants.

And the HWA have been busy, campaigning to stop Bermuda and Brentham Houses being turned into student accommodation, we're getting the old library listed to conserve its appearance and we even managed to get BT to repair the phone box!

But so much more still needs to be done. We need to make the High Street a place to visit, not just somewhere we pass through on the way to Kingston, and this is where you can help. We need ideas on how we can attract new business to the many empty units, and what sort of retailers you think we should target.

Please email your suggestions and views to membership@hamptonwick.org.uk

**Or by post to:
Hampton Wick Association,
2 Baygrove Mews,
Glamorgan Road,
Hampton Wick,
KT1 4HD**

We want to make the High Street a place we can all be proud of.

Business Update

We are pleased to report that there are still new businesses arriving in the High Street.

Your Local Plumbing Company at 12 High Street. Local, reliable plumbers, electricians, gas and heating engineers:
Hair Extension Dreams at 46 High Street, selling 100% clip in human hair, changing the way you look and feel in minutes: **50Cycles** at 63 High Street, a leading supplier of premium electric bikes. Find all their details plus over 100 local businesses, charities and services on the Hampton Wick business web site, **www.hamptonwickdirectory.org.uk** or pick up your directory at the library.

Business Networking Event

As part of the new incentives to promote Hampton Wick businesses, we held our first business networking evening on 18th October, 2012. A fairly informal evening was held at The Swan Pub with a number of local businesses attending providing a great opportunity for them meet with others, promote their business and discuss local issues. Due to the huge success we are now planning our next event in December which will be held at another local venue and there will be an opportunity for 1 or 2 businesses to give a small presentation on the services they offer. Snacks and some refreshments will be provided by the Hampton Wick Association. If you would like to attend, give a presentation or have any other ideas, please contact **business@hamptonwick.org.uk** or telephone Sharon Bastion 07950 305 370 for more details.

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".



Christmas Craft Fair

Following the first successful event last year, the "Made in Hampton Wick" Christmas Craft Fair will be held on 1st December 2012 at The White Hart from 2pm onwards. Come and sample the crafts of local people and pick up some unique Christmas gifts. Many of our High Street retailers will have special offers and Christmas goodies as part of our Christmas Festival so why not spend some time in the High Street browsing what everyone has to offer. For more information or to book a table at the craft fair, please contact **business@hamptonwick.org.uk** or telephone Sharon on 07950 305 370.

Hampton Wick Christmas Carols

Friday, 14th December 2012. 6:00 pm

Hampton Wick Christmas Carols evening in Christmas Square, outside The Foresters Arms. Traditional Christmas Carols around the tree, followed by a visit from Santa and his elves.



Library events

For further details contact library
Telephone: 020 8734 3358
Email: hamptonwick.library@richmond.gov.uk

Hampton Wick Treasure Hunt

Saturday, 10th November 2012. 9:30 am

Hampton Wick History Themed Story Time

Friday, 16th November 2012. 4:00 pm

Hampton Wick Brick by Brick

Saturday, 17th November 2012. 1:30 pm

Local History Walk

Saturday, 17th November 2012. 3:00 pm

Family & Local History Research Workshop

Saturday, 24th November 2012. 9:30 am

The Hampton Wick Railway Accident

Wednesday, 28th November 2012. 7:00 pm

Family History Taster Sessions

Friday, 30th November 2012. 10:30 am

Current Committee Members

Following the Association's 50th Annual General Meeting in the Bullen Hall on 22 March 2012, the membership of the Committee is now:

Catherine van den Broek	Chairman
(Vacant)	Vice-chairman
Fraser Wilson	Secretary
Adam Spencer	Treasurer
Anne Hardy	Website/Newsletter editor
Sharon Bastion	Business Support
Mark Merrington	Membership Secretary
Roger Hall	Planning
Chris Drayson	Richmond in Bloom & Social
Ronnie Findlay	Events Liaison
Magdalen Miles	

The HWA membership form

Pay now for 2013

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

Name/s:

Phone:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tick here to receive
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Individual (Full) £5 p.a. ☐

Concessions (Full) £3 p.a. ☐

Family/Business (Full) £10 p.a. ☐

Individual (Associate) £5 p.a. ☐

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 ☐

Please make your cheque payable to The Hampton Wick Association, and send with this form to
The Hampton Wick Association, 2 Baygrove Mews, Glamorgan Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4HD.