

# Hampton Wick

The newsletter of The Hampton Wick Association (founded 1962)

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## Hampton Wick Church to re-open

### Excitement as Bishop of London sends the Reverend Graham Singh to re-open St John's

The Church of England has a programme called "church planting" through which it sends clergy and supporters to re-open churches that have had to close. After continued lobbying from the community led by the HWA, the Bishop has chosen St John's to benefit from this approach. The Church is being made ready and the doors will be open very soon.

Rev. Graham Singh hails originally from Canada. He will be settling with his wife Celine and their little boy in Hampton Wick. He will be joined by Jerry Field, our new curate who has moved to Hampton Wick.

As we go to press, a public information meeting is being organised at the Church for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm. I'm sure there will be even more to report in our next edition but in the meantime we can all rejoice that the Church bells will continue to ring out over Hampton Wick!

For more information please visit: [www.stjohnshamptonwick.org](http://www.stjohnshamptonwick.org).



## We're getting our High Street back!



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### It's our High Street and we want it back!

Hampton Wick High Street has a serious traffic problem. Everyone who lives on the High Street or who works, shops or visits there knows this.

Outside the rush hour, cars, vans and motor bikes take advantage of short stretches of clear road to accelerate to dangerous and disturbing speeds. At other times there are lorries thundering under the railway bridge and into the High Street. At night these vehicles are often driving well in excess of the speed limit.

We are fed up with this. The High Street is the number one amenity for Hampton Wick. It is the very heart of our community.

The HWA is launching a major initiative to significantly

Summer Fair Special:  
see inside



### After years of HWA campaigning, High Street improvements to reduce speeding finally confirmed by LBRuT

As we reported in our December 2009 edition, the HWA last year persuaded the Council's traffic planning department to introduce some design features into our High Street to reduce speeding, particularly at night. The planning and consultation process was quite lengthy and ran into delays caused by the election in May. However, we are delighted to tell you that Councillor Clare Head (cabinet member for Transport) has now given formal approval to the plans. Work is expected to be complete by the end of October.

The main features include:

A pedestrian refuge in the middle of the High Street near the end of Lower Teddington Road. This will help pedestrians cross to the bus stop as well as reducing speeding.

A traffic island in the High Street near the bottom of Park Road.

Some repositioning of parking spaces to create "bends" in the road, making it harder to speed.

At last we are seeing some positive steps towards making the heart of our village a safer and more pleasant place.



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### High Speed High Street

Despite the arrival of one warning sign outside the Post Office, speeding continues to be a menace in Hampton Wick. That warning sign is:

**IN THE WRONG PLACE** Traffic from the Teddington direction often accelerates in its approach to the railway bridge as it enters the village and goes too fast as it passes the crossing, station and bus stop.

#### Quality of life

The High Street **IS** our village. This is not some stretch of motorway or dual carriageway whose only purpose is to transport motorists quickly and safely. The High Street is the very fabric of our community.

Previous HWA newsletters headlining our campaign for measures to reduce speeding in our High Street

## Welcome

Dear Wickians,

Currently the media makes for gloomy reading so let me give cheer and good news for all of us in Hampton Wick.

**Good news** of the traffic calming in the High Street – see front page story.

**Good news** of the Hampton Wick History group, compiling our local archives and holding its first event - see below.

**Good news** of St John's re-opening – see front page story.

**Good news** of our new Local Business Liaison Officer, Sharon Bastion who is compiling a local Hampton Wick business directory – see page opposite.

**Good news** of a new Membership Secretary, Fred Ashmore taking over from Anne Hardy whom we thank for all her work over the past two years.

**Good news** that the government has scrapped plans to introduce parking charges in Bushy Park - see opposite.

And finally, **good views** of our lovely floral hanging baskets which will be replanted for the autumn. A generous contribution from the Sir Donald Gosling Trust Fund made this possible and we are grateful.

It is good to have our fellow neighbours willingly offering their help, as well as all of you who support and attend our functions.

Best wishes & regards

Pat Parsons  
HWA Chairman

## Notice board

### **Local History Show: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3 – 8pm**

Exhibition and series of short talks organised by the new Hampton Wick Local History group - see below for full details.

### **Remembrance Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am**

Meet outside The Foresters to join the piper-led march down the High Street to the Memorial Gardens for a short service and the Last Post in memory of the fallen.

### **Christmas Carols: Wed 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.30 – 7.30pm**

Join us for carol singing round the Christmas tree in the village. Children meet at the library for a torch-lit procession. Father Christmas, hot chestnuts and more!

## St John's events

### **Eternal Light Concert - Wed 15<sup>th</sup> December - 7:30pm**

St. John's Church will host the Kingston University Chamber Choir in what will be the first performance in many years in our beautiful church. The Chamber Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Dr David Osbon, will perform Howard Goodall's 'Eternal Light' in a special Christmas concert. Also featuring works by Elgar and Rutter. Tickets £10, £5 (concessions), £2 (NUS) in advance or on the door. Email l.voss@kingston.ac.uk or 020 8417 5430.

### **Carols by Candle-Light - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> December - 7:30pm**

Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service sung by the Kingston University Chamber Choir and hosted by St John's Church. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

A full listing of Christmas services to follow soon.

## Hampton Wick History Exhibition with Talks

In our last edition we reported that a new Local History group has been set up. We are delighted to announce that Colin Pain has agreed to be our Honorary President.

We hope everyone will join us at:

### **The Hampton Wick History Show An exhibition with talks**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3pm to 8pm**  
**Talks will run between 5pm and 7.30pm**  
**St John's Church, Church Grove**

There will be a series of 10 minute talks on subjects including The Pubs of Hampton Wick; The Long Barrow in Bushy Park; Hampton Wick's WW1 Recruitment Board; Kingston Bridge; The Forgotten End of Hampton Wick; The 1888 Railway Disaster and Edward Lapidge, architect.

For more information contact: Adam Spencer, mobile: 07854 061 721; email: adamspencer@hotmail.com

Entry: £1.00 (50p for HWA members or concessions)

Refreshments will be available

# NEW Hampton Wick Business Directory

I am the new HWA Local Business Liaison Officer. Together with Mark Buckley, Carol Dukes and Adam Spencer I am working on several initiatives that I hope will help support everyone who runs a business or service in the village.

Our first project is to compile the Hampton Wick Business Directory – a list of all the pubs, restaurants, shops, tradespeople, service companies, artists and professionals who operate here. We're creating a searchable website ([www.hwbusiness.org.uk](http://www.hwbusiness.org.uk)) and also hope to publish a printed version soon which we'll distribute around the homes and businesses of Hampton Wick. We hope this will encourage local people to use local shops and traders.

If you run any type of business, including a business run from home, then please send me your details so that we can include you. I need your name, the name of your business, contact details including address if relevant, email / website if you have one and a brief description of what your business does.

Please email me at: [business@hamptonwick.org.uk](mailto:business@hamptonwick.org.uk) or drop me a line c/o 38 Park Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AS.

Please pass this message on to other local businesses.

**Sharon Bastion, HWA Local Business Liaison Officer**

## We won - parking charges scrapped!!

The HWA was an enthusiastic partner in the Keep Bushy Park Free campaign which fought against the proposed introduction of parking charges in our local park. The protest kicked off with a Day of Action in Bushy Park in April 2009 followed by a sustained campaign of petitioning, letter-writing, lobbying press and politicians.

In July of this year, Tourism and Heritage Minister John Penrose announced: "Plans to introduce car parking charges in these parks were the subject of fierce public opposition from the moment they were first proposed, some 18 months ago, and the local MPs have been lobbying me hard so, after discussing it with them and with the Mayor's office, I've decided to scrap the idea."

We recognise the need to raise money to maintain the Park and we'll be supporting the Friends of Bushy & Home Parks in helping identify ways of doing this that are fair to all Park users, the Park and its wildlife.



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## HWA Membership Form

**Pay now for 2011**

**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 newsletter ☐

Individuals: £5 pa .....

Concessions £3 pa .....

Family/Business £10 pa .....

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, 4 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4HQ** ♦ [membership@hamptonwick.org.uk](mailto:membership@hamptonwick.org.uk)



## 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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## RC Sherriff Blue Plaque - update

English Heritage have replied positively to our request that they consider the birthplace of R.C.Sherriff (Rossendale, 2 Seymour Road) for a blue plaque (see letter below). It is a long process, but our proposal has passed the first hurdle and been shortlisted for full historical research.

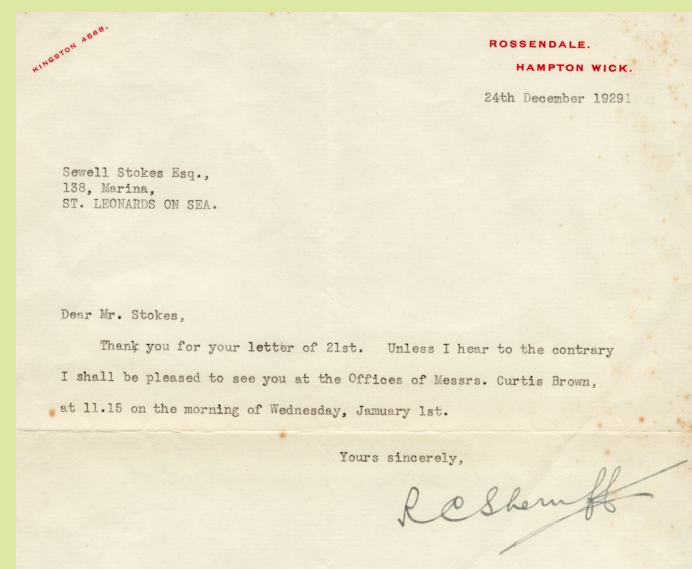
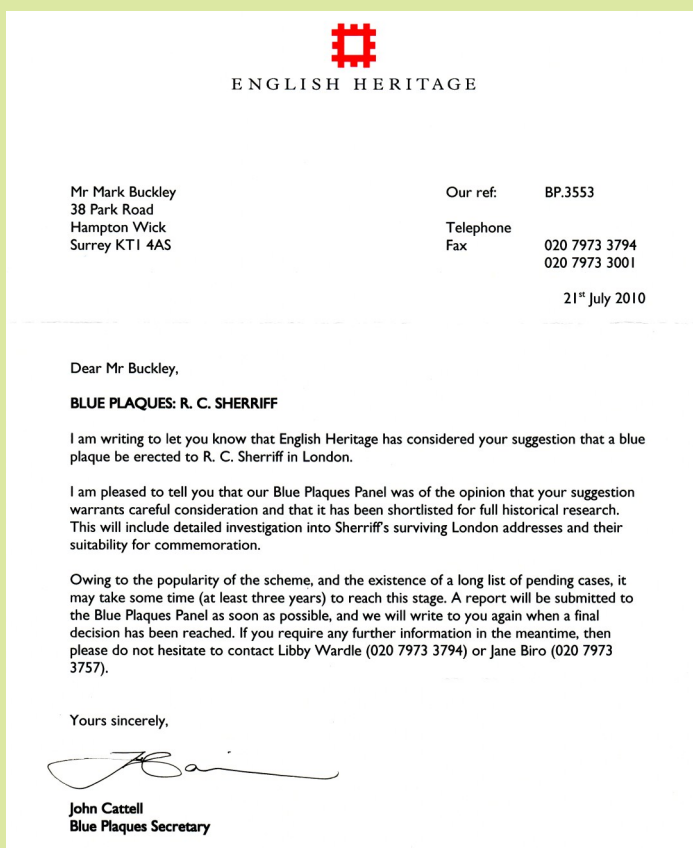
Following our article in the last newsletter, HWA member Mike Adams alerted us to an original R.C.Sherriff letter being auctioned on eBay.com. We have now acquired this letter. It is dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 1929 (the year after Journey's End was published) and was sent from Rossendale to Sewell Stokes Esq. See below for full text of letter.

Curtis Brown were Sherriff's literary agents and the firm continues to this day. Sewell Stokes was a successful novelist,

biographer and playwright. He was 6 years younger than Sherriff - too young to have served in World War I.

"Dear Mr Stokes, Thank you for your letter of 21<sup>st</sup>. Unless I hear to the contrary I shall be pleased to see you at the Offices of Messrs. Curtis Brown, at 11.15 on the morning of Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Yours sincerely (signed R.C.Sherriff)"



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