

Hampton Wick

The newsletter of the Hampton Wick Association
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A true friend to Hampton Wick



It was just as we were going to press with the May newsletter that we heard the sad news that Pat Parsons passed away on 22nd May following an operation. She will be sadly missed by the many, many local people she helped while serving as a long-standing councillor for Hampton Wick. Pat also served the Hampton Wick Association as Chair in 2010/2011.

Tony Arbour, local councillor and London Assembly Member, writes: "In all of the sixty years of the borough's existence, there has only ever been one Mayor from Hampton Wick; and that was Pat Parsons, who died last week. Pat was proud of this and the 'Wick' was proud of her".

Pat, who had had a distinguished career as a nurse, came to the borough in 1985 and after involving herself in local affairs, was elected to the Council in 1998, becoming Deputy Mayor in 2002 and Mayor two years later.

With three children and six beloved grand children she took a great interest in children, serving as Guide Commissioner and Sunday School teacher. She is particularly remembered for being a dinner lady whilst serving as a governor of Hampton Wick Infants' School.

After retiring from the Council in 2010 she continued her involvement in village affairs becoming Chairman of the Hampton Wick Association in the same year.

Chris Drayson, ex-Chair and now Honorary President of the Hampton Wick Association, writes: "I first came across Pat when I purchased a flat in Salamander Quay in Lower Teddington Road where Pat lived upstairs. We needed a Committee to help run the building. Typically she was the first to volunteer to help, and we worked together for many years. She also helped with Richmond Aid (a charity that helps the disabled in the Borough) eventually becoming a Patron. Pat did a huge amount for our village as councillor, as Mayor of the Borough and finally as the Chair of the Hampton Wick Association. Her work and public service are gratefully appreciated, and her wonderful sense of humour and her kindness will be missed by all of us in the village."

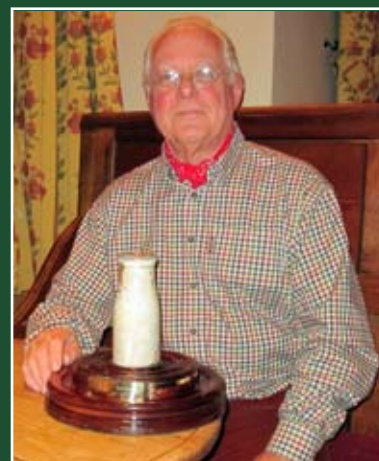
Don't miss...

...this year's HWA Fish & Chip Quiz Night. We've moved to a new location at the Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club. This means there will be a proper bar service and we'll have more room to spread out. Hosted as ever by our very own David Rees, Quizmaster extraordinaire. We'll be having our famous Fish & Chip raffle with some great prizes.

Order your tickets now as there are only so many and when they're gone, they're gone. You can collect yours from Priya's/Londis (opening times: 5.30am until 9pm Monday to Saturday and from 7am to 3pm on Sundays) or the Library (open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday).

The Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club can be accessed by its entrance adjacent to Timothy Bennet Gate to Bushy Park, close to the Timothy Bennet Memorial.

Doors open at 7pm for order taking with a prompt 7:30pm start for the quiz.



Gerry Michelmores alongside the famous Hampton Wick Milk Bottle Trophy. Gerry hand made the trophy and is the current champion and trophy holder

A short word from the Chair



It has been a busy few months for the Association, culminating in the magnificent Hampton Wick Festival on 4 August. It's difficult to believe that the whole thing was pulled together in just a few months and impossible to thank here all the people who made the day happen. However, particular thanks are due to the huge and tireless efforts of Carol Dukes and Mark Buckley. And we're going to try to do the whole thing again next year on 10 August 2014!

On a more serious note, we are keeping a number of planning issues under observation, particularly in the High Street, such as the plans for the Urban District Council Building and the future of Brentham and Bermuda Houses. Many of you will also have noticed that 6-10 High Street (including where Manuels the baker used to be) also look set for redevelopment, although there are no details as yet.

Our next social event is the Fish and Chips Quiz Night, being held in the Cricket Club on Thursday 3 October. It should be a very entertaining night and I hope to see many of you there. After that, it will be onwards towards Christmas. You can find details of the now traditional Craft Fair as well as our Christmas Carols evening on the back page of this newsletter.

Finally, we're also happy to hear people's views on anything to do with the Wick or from people who want to get involved in any way: if we have more active members, we will become more influential as an Association.

All good wishes, Mark

Mark Merrington, Chair, Hampton Wick Association

What does the Hampton Wick Association do?

This is a question often asked. Here is an incomplete answer:

Events – the Hampton Wick Association organised the fantastic Festival on 4 August 2013. Our next event will be The Fish & Chips Quiz Night (where teams compete for the Hampton Wick Milk Bottle) on 3 October 2013 at the Cricket Club – see the front page. We liaise with pubs and the church so we can publicise details of Remembrance Sunday. We lay a wreath on behalf of the community. We are organising our third Christmas Craft Fair on 30 November and the traditional Christmas Carols evening will be on 13 December 2013. The Fulham Brass Band has agreed to play so we're looking forward to a traditional evening and we hope to see you all there!

News – the Hampton Wick Association has an outstanding website a www.hamptonwick.org.uk. Our free email news service enables us to provide frequent updates on Hampton Wick news and stories. We produce several newsletters like this one each year. We also maintain two village noticeboards (at the station and the Post Office).

Campaigns – the Hampton Wick Association recently campaigned against the development of Bermuda House and Brentham House as student accommodation on the High Street. It also supported the successful campaign to get the UDC Building on the High Street listed. We leant on South West Trains to solve the pigeon problem at the station and has ensured that the Council continues to lock the War Memorial Garden at nights. We also monitor things more generally: you will read elsewhere about 6, 8 and 10 High Street but do you know about Kingston's plan for a cycle bridge or the proposed hydro electric generators at Teddington Lock?

Business – the Hampton Wick Association values the many businesses and services that operate in the High Street and in workshops, offices and homes throughout the village. To encourage us all to "shop local" wherever possible, it has compiled the Hampton Wick Directory. You can find out more at www.hamptonwickdirectory.org.uk.

In short, the Hampton Wick Association tries to look after the interests of Hampton Wick for everyone who lives in, works in or visits the village. We don't do this for money: we are a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers and funded by members' subscriptions and donations. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join!

We are always on the look out for more volunteers. You don't have come onto the Committee: if you'd like to help with some aspect of the running of the Association, or just have an idea or snippet of interesting news, please get in touch.



THE HAMPTON WICK
ASSOCIATION

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 10th November 2013.
10:00am



Join the Remembrance Day Parade and service in Hampton Wick to honour those who have died serving our country.

Meet outside The Foresters from 10am. Coffee will be available. We then march down the High Street to the Memorial Garden for a short service followed by the two minute silence and the sounding of the Last Post.

The White Hart provides sandwiches and coffee to follow and all the other pubs will be open for those who want to stay and chat with friends and neighbours, particularly remembering those we have lost.

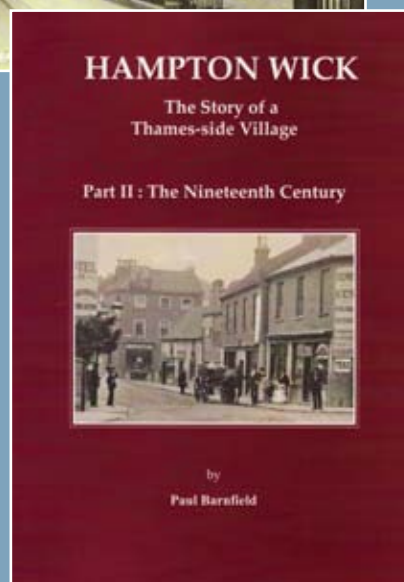


The Sea Cadets' Band at Remembrance Day 2010

Two new books about Hampton Wick

Many of us enjoyed the exhibition in the library celebrating the 150th anniversary of the railway in the Wick. Now, David Turner, our librarian, and Ray Elmitt, of Hampton Wick History, have produced a souvenir brochure reproducing some of the material in the exhibition. The brochure is 16 pages in full colour, costs £3.00 and is available at The White Hart and Hussar's Espresso House or from www.hamptonwickhistory.org.uk. Publication has been limited to 150 copies – so get your copy now!

The railway also features in Hampton Wick: The Story of a Thames-side Village Part II: Nineteenth Century by Paul Barnfield. Volume I, covering up to 1800, was published in 2004. Volume 2 proves to be well worth the wait: the nineteenth century saw huge changes in the village, including a spurt of building, a new bridge across the Thames, the building of a parish church and schools and the setting up of the Hampton Wick Local Board (as well as the arrival of the railway). Paul's book is 60 pages with some colour pictures, costs £5.50 and is available from the Post Office or the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society at www.botlhs.co.uk. Volume 1 is still available as well.





Sunday August 4th 2013. The Hampton Wick Festival was a roaring success, bringing hundreds of people out for an all day party in the Wick.

There were BBQs at The Foresters, The Swan and the White Hart. Tom's mum ran the cake stall at the Foresters where there was also a lively street fair, and the HWA Craft Fair was busy in The Swan car park.

The highlight of the day was The Grand Parade, heralded by the pealing of church bell and some very loud fireworks! Then the Parade set off from Old Bridge Street, proceeding up the High Street to the station where it turned around for the return journey.



A Grand Day in Hampton Wick. Photo by Andrea Bagnall

The Parade was led by a circus clown followed by Henry VIII in a stunning 1924 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost. The rest of the Tudors followed, waving to the crowds who were six deep in places. Then came more vintage cars, stilt-walkers, a penny farthing, local organisations and charities marching along, lots and lots of people from the local churches, our councillors, military vehicles, a sailing boat and of course those gorillas!



Leading the Grand Parade. Photo by Seth Rogoff



'Mr & Mrs' - Winner of the Photo Competition. Photo by Andrea Bagnall

WICK FESTIVAL

Later, the Hampton Wick Band rocked the afternoon away at the White Hart before new band Dharma Sunset struck up at The Swan in the evening.

Local film-maker Alan Benns has made a fantastic video of the day which you can find on our website. You'll also be able to see lots of photos from the day, including the entries into the Photo Competition which was won by Andrea Bagnall.

We're pleased to announce that the first prize in the Raffle – a trip out through Richmond Park in the open top Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost – was won by our very own postmaster, Mr Patel.

The Hampton Wick Association thanks everyone who helped make this such an amazing and memorable day for the Wick.

Save the date for next year: 10th August 2014



The HWA stall was busy all day. Photo by Jeroen Van de Broek



Henry VIII enjoying the Hampton Wick Band at the White Hart. Photo by Peter Holland

Special thanks to Sion Tudor Owen as Henry VIII (he's now touring in West Side Story), Alan Benns (film-maker), David Rees (festival artwork) and to London Borough of Richmond Thames for their support

“At the corner of Old Bridge Street lived a man bearing the extraordinary name of Mr. Orange Lemon ... At the opposite corner lived a man named Pigrum, the parish beadle [who was] seen at his best when, fully dressed, he marched at the head of some parish procession. There were at that time all sorts of offices going on in the village, and at the close of the poll it was a common occurrence for a procession to be organised in honour of the successful candidate, at the head of which would march the beadle, with Dukey Bolton, the fiddler, playing ‘See the Conquering Hero Comes’.” From ‘Old Kingston, Recollections of an Octogenarian’ by George W Ayliffe, published in 1914.

Not-for-profit in Hampton Wick

There are a number of charities who either operate from Hampton Wick or who serve an area including Hampton Wick. They are always on the lookout for volunteers - why not get involved?

Hampton Wick & South Teddington Good Fellowship Club

For men and women over sixty years. Friendly and supportive environment to play cards, Scrabble, board games, knit, read or just chat. Refreshments are available. We also hold occasional luncheon parties, outings, talks and other entertainment.

Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in Bullen Hall, Hampton Wick (next to library) - just come along.

Find out more: [020 8977 5176](tel:02089775176)

Jeevika Trust

"The starting point of all our considerations is poverty, or rather, a degree of poverty which means misery, and degrades and stultifies the human person." E.F. Schumacher, Small is Beautiful

People who are poor, powerless and without hope – wherever they are – are a concern of global significance. Rural India remains the world's biggest poverty trap, with over a quarter of a billion people living on less than a dollar, or 50p, per day. They are the other face of India. Governments have failed them, the media with rare exceptions ignores them.

Find out more: www.jeevika.org.uk

Teddington & Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group

are a group of friendly volunteers who assist the elderly, the disabled and others in our local area who need a helping hand.

The group is a registered charity and was established in 1975. It is managed by an elected committee of volunteers and employs part time co-ordinators to run the small office in the local Methodist church which is open to the public from 9.30 - 11.30am Mon to Fri.

They help with shopping trips, collecting prescriptions, lifts to local hospitals, GPs, dentists clinics and the like. They also help by visiting isolated people in need of a little company or who need help with household paper work.

Find out more: www.tedcare.org.uk

Friends of Bushy & Home Parks

The Friends, a registered charity, provides a focus for those who value the Parks to make their voice heard. They organize activities and projects to enhance and protect the Parks and improve the public's enjoyment and understanding of them. Friends enjoy a regular programme of Walks & Talks, occasional working parties, a newsletter and an information-packed website.

Join today! More members mean that the FBHP's voice is stronger when they campaign to protect the Parks. And with more subscription income they can do more to provide information and education about the Parks, their wildlife and their history. Visit www.fbhp.org.uk for details or contact Jean Smith, 55 Elmfield Avenue, Teddington TW11 8BX or Annie Murray on [020 8287 2748](tel:02082872748).

Find out more: www.fbhp.org.uk

Richmond Aid

Richmond AID is a charity run by and for disabled people in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. They support disabled people, families, carers and professionals with an Advice Service, a Benefits Service, a gardening service and support with employment and training.

There are lots of volunteering opportunities – visit www.richmondaid.org.uk or call [020 8831 6080](tel:02088316080).

Do you know of other charities or not-for-profits based in or serving Hampton Wick? If so, please let us have the details and we can feature them in forthcoming editions of this newsletter: info@hamptonwick.org.uk

News on the High Street

We are pleased to welcome the London Electric Bike Company at 25 – 27 High Street. The shop was opened on the day of the Hampton Wick Festival and showcases a wide range of electric bikes to the cycling (and non cycling) market to suit all tastes and budgets.

The proprietor, Tom Saunders said they have had a very good start and in an e.mail to the Hampton Wick Association wanted to thank the residents and local traders for the warm welcome they have received stating "I love working in this wonderful town and I am very proud to be part of such a warm and friendly place". Thanks Tom.

After a long period of being empty and a recent refurbishment, the previous Sigma Sport premises, 15 High Street is now on the market for letting. The agent marketing the premises states that the property is suitable for a variety of businesses to include retail and restaurant, so lets hope a new lease is agreed within the near future so that another shop is occupied on the High Street.

Hair Exel at 44 High Street has not been trading for a while but we are pleased to see that the premises have now been taken over by a new hairdresser, Tanya. At the time of going to print the premises were being refurbished so should be open for business shortly.

The Hampton Wick Association are hoping to re-print the very successful business directory in the coming months so if you have a business in The Wick, please check your entry, as listed on the business web site, www.hamptonwickdirectory.org.uk and if any amendments are required, please let us know. Also, if you would like to be included, contact us for details business@hamptonwick.org.uk.



Possible new cycle bridge

Kingston Council recently announced exciting plans for a new cycle network around Kingston, including a railway Superskyway connecting Kingston Station with Hampton Wick via a new bridge over the river adjacent to the railway bridge. The rail bridge is also about to undergo an 8 month refurbishment and repainting programme, although this is not connected with the Superskyway.

The plan, which is just an expression of interest at the moment, features 18 projects, including Superhubs at Kingston and Surbiton stations, a floating pontoon along the riverside and the Superskyway, at a total cost of £100 million. Cycling has seen a surge in popularity in the UK in recent years, not least because of our success in the Olympics. And with the London/Surrey race passing through the village and our three specialist cycle shops Hampton Wick is becoming a popular destination for cyclists.

For further details go to www.kingston.gov.uk "cycling in Kingston" or let us have your views.

Room for work.

is Hampton Wick's free employability course for skilled workers, managers and professionals. The 12 week programme fills the gap between Jobcentre Plus and expensive career coaching. Participants learn current job search techniques, with an emphasis on networking, developing social media skills, improving CVs, and practising competency-based interviews.



Tuesday meetings from 10am – 12.30 pm at the Warehouse, St John's Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick KT1 4AL. The course runs from 17 Sept to 10 Dec. It's easy to catch up if you join after the start date.

For more information and to register, visit the website www.roomforwork.org

Planning news. The Hampton Wick Association will be keeping a close eye on the fate of nos. 6, 8 and 10 High Street. We have established that the site has recently been sold to developers and their agent has informed us that their client intends to redevelop the whole site for residential use, which will mean the loss of more retail shops on the High Street. At the date of this newsletter, no planning application had been submitted but we will be monitoring the situation and news will be available on our web site.



Christmas Carols evening

Friday, 13th December 2013. 5:30 pm

Hampton Wick's much-loved annual tradition of Christmas Carols in Christmas Square, followed by the arrival of Father Christmas in his magic car with presents for all the children.

Meet at the Library at 5.30pm for a candlelit procession to Christmas Square and carols at 6pm.



Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, 30th November 2013. 10:00 am

Come and buy locally made crafts – gifts, cards, food – in time for Christmas.

10am to 2pm at The White Hart.

Organised by the Hampton Wick Association.

If you are interested in taking a stall, please contact Sharon Bastion on business@hamptonwick.org.uk



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
Chris Drayson	Honorary President
Fraser Wilson	Secretary
Carol Dukes	Treasurer
Anne Hardy	Newsletter editor
Sharon Bastion	Business Support
Mark Merrington	Membership Secretary
Roger Hall	Planning
Catherine van den Broek	Richmond in Bloom & Social
Ronnie Finlay	Events Liaison
Mark Buckley	Website/email news
Michael Bower	Networking/Marketing

The HWA membership form

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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 ☐

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.

Or why not pay online at www.hamptonwick.org.uk