



Hampton Wick

The newsletter of The Hampton Wick Association (founded 1962)

June 2010

New local history project to be formed



The HWA is pleased to announce the formation of a new Local History group. The group will be led by Adam Spencer who, as well as being our Treasurer, is a qualified archivist.

The Local History group plans to organise local events including exhibitions and guided walks, as well as creating an archive of documents, photographs and other items of interest. For more information, please contact Adam. Email: adamfspencer@hotmail.com; mobile: 07854 061721

St John's - update

We have received an update from the PA to the Archdeacon of Middlesex:

"The Bishop of Kensington is working closely with the parish of St Mark's Teddington and St John's Hampton Wick to identify ways in which St John's can continue to be a resource for Christian ministry and presence in Hampton Wick.

It is hoped that there will be more to report in the coming months."



Welcome

Dear Wickians,

I write under a new hat as Chairman of HWA and I am very happy to continue community involvement in this way.

Carol Dukes stood down at the recent AGM after giving us a splendid and successful year.

You will remember with pleasure our Christmas Carols in our new "place" with our own tree; King Henry VIII and his entourage in the Summer; the refurbishment of the library area and garden at the back; the dignity of Remembrance Day with so many joining the service at the Memorial Garden and the on-going anti-speeding campaign along the High Street which finally holds future promise.

The Newsletter will keep you informed of our efforts against drunkenness and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) which is the scourge of the village. The station is scheduled for refurbishment and yet another request has been put for controlled entrances, to prevent free rides by the troublemakers.

One thing is for certain in that we will not be able to please everyone. That is the run of the mill, but we can try.

There is more to be done and with a very willing committee we can work with you and for you.

We were delighted to see so many of you for our **"picnic in the park" on Chestnut Sunday** and hope that it will prove to be the start of a long tradition.

Best wishes and regards to you all,
Pat Parsons

Notice board

Kingsfield Community Day

June 19th, 11am - 6pm

Food Entertainment and Family Fun

At the King's Field, Bushy Park

Entrance off Church Grove, Hampton Wick

All ages welcome. No entrance fee.

Jeevika Dragon Boat Challenge - Sunday 18th July

What do you get if you put 16 hairy men in saris and wigs on the River Thames? A fantastic day out and an even better way to raise money!

Jeevika are looking for 16 exceptional individuals to join Team Jeevika 2010 and take part in the 10th annual Kingston Rotary Club Dragon Boat Challenge.

Interested? Email Rosemary for full details, see below.

Join us on our annual Walk for Water around Bushy Park and along the Thames to help us raise money to support our water projects. Walkers walk the distance an average woman in India will walk to collect water everyday. Full details soon, email Rosemary to make sure you receive them direct to your inbox.

Jeevika Trust is Hampton Wick's own international charity, working to fight rural poverty in India.

www.jeevika.org.uk Telephone: 020 8973 3773
rosemary@jeevika.org.uk

All change: HWA Committee 2010

At the AGM held on 25th March 2010 the following were elected as officers and committee:

Chairman: Pat Parsons
Secretary: Fraser Wilson
Treasurer: Adam Spencer

Committee: Iain Burgess
Thomas Correia
Iain Cox
Chris Drayson
Ronnie Findlay
Christina Gore
Anne Hardy
Magdalen Miles

Help Wanted - Local business liaison

We need someone to help liaise with local businesses, including setting up a local business directory.

Contact details on back page..

Hampton Wick & South Teddington Good Fellowship Club

For men and women over sixty.
Friendly and supportive environment to play cards, Scrabble, board games, knit, read or just chat.
Refreshments are available

Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in Bullen Hall, Hampton Wick, next to the library.
Just come along or call 020 8977 5176

Luncheon parties, outings, talks and other entertainment are arranged from time to time

Registered charity No. 278059

Station trouble

Local users and residents near Hampton Wick Station are advised to report any Anti Social Behaviour to the British Transport Police "on each occasion" as soon as possible, to form a better picture of what is happening and when.

Telephone number:
0800 40 50 40

Lorry ban

Under a London-wide Lorry ban, Heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) over a weight of 18 tonnes are banned from driving through Hampton Wick Mon to Sat: 9pm - 7am and 1pm Saturday - 7am Monday

Please report any breaches of this ban to the London Lorry Ban Unit:

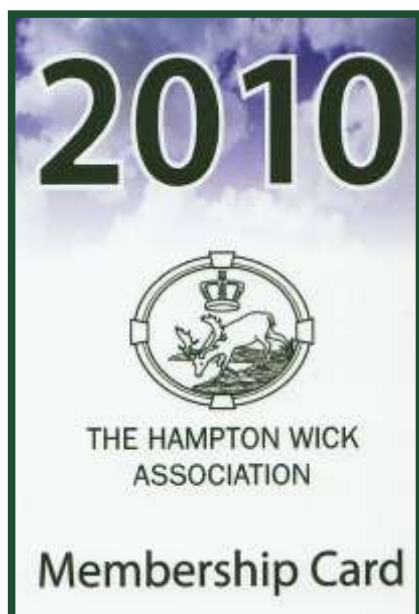
Telephone: 020 7747 4770

Library update

Regular visitors to Hampton Wick library will have noticed that our perseverance in pressing for improvements has started to pay off with significant improvements to the plantings and railings/steps.

We will continue to press for improvements to lighting, signage and reduced visual pollution in this conservation area.

2010 subscriptions are now due



Please help to keep Hampton Wick special by joining the HWA.

The HWA is run by local people on a completely voluntary basis. Subscriptions help cover administration costs, insurance and publicity for events and many other costs such as expenses for the brass band at Christmas.

Just as importantly the more members we have the stronger our voice, be it when we talk to Richmond Council or the Church of England, the Police or others on behalf of the Wick.

We are a small community - we need **everybody's support!**

Do please join or renew your membership.

If there's anything we do which you don't agree with then let us know.



HWA Membership Form

Unsure whether you've paid? If you've not got a 2010 membership card then you've probably not paid.

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, 7 Salamander Quay, Lwr Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4JB ♦ 020 8977 6058

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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and is run by volunteers

The Sherriff of Hampton Wick

Robert Cedric Sherriff was born at the family home (2 Seymour Road, then called "Rossendale") in 1896. Leaving Kingston Grammar School in 1914 he followed his father into an insurance office. In the Great War he served as a captain in the East Surrey Regiment – gaining a Military Cross, and severe wounds, at Ieper (Ypres).

A dozen years later, to raise funds for Kingston Rowing Club, he wrote a play based on his experience in the trenches. "Journey's End" opened at the Apollo Theatre, starring a very young Laurence Olivier, before transferring to the West End. It was to become acclaimed worldwide as one of the best testimonies to the horrors of the Western Front ever written.

Here and in Hollywood he wrote the scripts for films which remain classics, including "Goodbye, Mr Chips" and "The Dam Busters". He later moved to "Rosebriars" in Esher Park Avenue. He died at Norbiton in 1975.



Older residents will remember 2 Seymour Road (then called "Elm Lawn") as the dental surgery and home of Laurence Ide and his assistant Dora Mussett. Laurie Ide was a member of the Kingston Debating Society, which met at "Elm Lawn" during the early part of the last war.



1954 movie poster

Half a decade ago, when there was a question of demolition, Richard Pain wrote at length on the architectural and environmental merits of the house, and I circulated a memorandum on its cultural background. I was indebted to Derek Shail (honorary auditor of the HWA and lifelong resident next door at "Merton") for anecdotal evidence.

In January English Heritage was contacted by the Hampton Wick Association with a view to commemorating R. C. Sherriff with a blue plaque.

Iain Innes Burgess
27th April 2010



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