

# The Hampton Society

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Market photographs by Denzil Isaacs

## Monthly markets for Hampton

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**G**ood weather favours the righteous, they say. So it was for the second monthly food and craft market at Nursery Green in mid-May. Around a dozen stalls arranged themselves in a circle among the daisies, attracting a lot of local customers determined to enjoy the sun while it lasted.

Temporarily transferred from Hampton Square while the original White House and its foundations are demolished, some stalls were offering food as varied as sausages, crepes, honey and olives and there were crafts like pottery depicting old photographs of local views and moneybox moulds coming in cupcake or animal-shapes for children to paint.

Market organiser Sarah Burley is optimistic for the market's future. Already she has attracted stallholders from Worcestershire and Wiltshire, as well as Richmond and Hampton. Indeed, some local ladies have even formed a craft co-operative. Future markets will feature hand-made chocolates, fresh vegetables and delicious chocolate brownies, she promises.

Because of the Uplift programme of refurbishing Hampton Square, it's likely to be September or even October before the market returns there. By that time there should be plenty of space available for a variety of stalls – and choice for the customers. \*

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### ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Hampton Society is primarily concerned with the protection and development of the local environment, both built and natural, and to ensure that the provision of amenities enhances the quality of life for the residents of Hampton.

Contact us at **enquiries**  
**@thehamptonsociety.org.uk**



# Cable backs night closures for park



Photograph of Vince Cable MP and local councillors with Hampton residents courtesy of Newsquest

**N**eighbours and users of Carlisle Park enlisted the support of our MP Dr. Vince Cable in their successful bid to prevent Richmond Council leaving the park gates open 24 hours a day.

Neighbours had complained of mopeds being driven into the park close to midnight and broken glass littering the ground. However, following a protest meeting in the park in April, the local authority reversed its decision, and now both vehicle and pedestrian gates are locked at night. Because the park is surrounded on all sides by the back gardens of private houses it is in complete darkness at night with no public lighting to reveal wrongdoers' actions.

Dr. Cable told the meeting no-one wanted a repetition of instances like the burnt-out building suffered by nearby Hatherop Park a couple of years ago when its gates were left unlocked as part of the council's policy.

As for Carlisle Park in the present instance, residents claimed they were given no warning that the services of its groundsman were to be withdrawn. Even before the ruling took effect the park's pavilion was broken into three times and broken glass left by allegedly under-age drinkers. \*

## Doug Lewis

In April we were saddened to hear of the death of Doug Lewis. He was born in Hampton in 1928 and apart from short periods when the family were evacuated and later when he lived in North America with his wife Pat, he was a Hampton



resident all his life attending the local infant and junior schools.

He was involved in many local organisations beginning with

the Cubs and later the Scouts and going on to play cricket in Carlisle Park and to attend Hampton Youth Club. Doug and Pat were keen supporters of the Richmond branch of the National Trust and of the Hampton Society.

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Doug's willingness to share details of his life and experiences here in Hampton helps us to appreciate local history. His interview for the Hampton Society's "Hampton Tales" provided many glimpses of life before and after the war years. He gave generously of his time, his memories and of material which he had collected over many years. Typically his photographs of the Scouts' celebrations for the King and Queen's Jubilee in 1935 evoke the spirit of a former time.

We are indebted to him for sharing his knowledge of our neighbourhood and its residents and for the active part he played in local affairs. Those of us who knew him will remember him with respect and affection and with gratitude for the part he played in preserving our history. \*

## Richmond in Bloom garden competition

**H**ow many members have remembered that Richmond achieved a gold award in last year's London in Bloom competition?



The award entitles the Borough to be a finalist in the Britain in Bloom competition this year. Two years ago we achieved a silver gilt award in this prestigious competition. This year we are aiming for gold and your contribution could help!

After Hampton's successes in Station Road and Station Approach last year, achieving gold awards for their shopping parades, what about some of Hampton's many lovely gardens entering the competition run by Richmond in Bloom? Your front garden, balcony, frontage, the outside of your pub, community grounds or shop front could all help Richmond win that gold award as the judges from London in Bloom and from Britain in Bloom will visit some of the entries which achieve a high standard of excellence in the Borough awards.

2013 is also the inaugural year of

### Richmond's Gardens Festival,

commemorating the history of landscape gardening in the Borough. There are all sorts of events being organised all over the Borough, including exhibitions, performances, walks, talks, devoted to the theme of gardens past, present and future. A very helpful brochure is available from **Orleans House Gallery** on **8831 6000**.

If you would like more information or an entry form for the Richmond in Bloom competition, please phone either **Rosemary Hill** on **8973 3604** or **Alice Fordham** on **8979 3543**.

The last day for entries is Friday, 21 June and judging will take place between 29 June and 6 July. \*

Go on, get in touch at [enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk)

# Notes from the Chair



**T**hank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18 April, which finished with a fascinating illustrated talk by architect Allan Garland on the restoration of Garrick's Villa. The speaker was introduced by one of our members, Lewis Lloyd, who delighted us all by bursting into song! For those members who couldn't be there, here is a summary of the key matters reported:

## Membership

I'm pleased to say that the steady increase in new members has continued and that we now represent nearly 500 households. Our focus continues to be on finding ways to raise awareness about the Society and encouraging new local residents to join.

Over 90% of members are up-to-date with their subs, which is a fantastic achievement, as four years ago this figure was a rather sad 30%. Following the motion passed at last year's AGM to move towards payment by Standing Order, over 30% of members have taken this up so far, which has already helped us enormously. More please!

John and Sheila Farndon's hard work and commitment over the past 20 years, looking after refreshments at our events, has been appreciated by everyone. We presented them with a case of wine, selected by Hampton Cellar, which was very well received! I'm pleased to report that committee member Julie-nne Monahan and her husband Jim have very kindly offered to take on the role of organising refreshments at future events and they are looking for volunteers to be part of a flexible rota. Please contact Julie-nne if you can offer help with refreshments at one or more talks or events during the year.

## Projects

Following the success of our hanging baskets last year, which were match funded by the council, the good news is that this year, it looks as though the council will be funding them entirely. This will allow us to start the ball rolling with our next proposed project to enhance the area, the revitalisation of the disused pub sign on The Triangle, High Street. The council have already agreed in principle to the idea and we will be applying for extra funding once the sign design is ready for submission.

## Local issues

One issue which has dragged its feet is the unauthorised mooring on the bank of the river beyond Garrick's Temple. It has taken a year to carry out the required statutory consultation on a proposed new bye-law giving the council the necessary powers to act and is now with the Secretary of State for provisional approval. Officers are hopeful of a reply soon but the necessary bye-law is unlikely to be in place by this summer.

In contrast, things have moved very quickly for St Mary's Church following their successful bid for a new Church of England primary school at The Oldfield Centre. They've already appointed a headmistress and the first pupils will be admitted this September, which will help alleviate the current shortage of primary school places in this area. Do take a look at their website to find out more [www.st-marys-hampton-primary.org](http://www.st-marys-hampton-primary.org)

The proposed regeneration of Hampton Square (Tangley) is well underway and, along with the new monthly Sunday Hampton Market, should help to develop further interest in this area, not just from local residents, but from the community as a whole.

## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of volunteer newsletter deliverers who commit four times a year – in all weathers – to making sure the newsletter arrives safely. Their help is very much appreciated and is an example of how important it is in organisations such as ours to have a lot of people doing a little bit.

And finally, a big thank you to those people (you know who you are!) for putting yourselves forward to help at the Hampton Fun Day. It was heartening to receive so many offers.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer – let's hope it's a sunny one! \*

**Sam Redfern** Chair

## UPDATES

### The Hampton Society committee members

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### PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

Do you have a story to tell or anything you'd like featured in the members' newsletter? Contact us at [enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk)

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

We now have email addresses for over half of our membership. If you haven't done so already, or have changed your email address, please send them to [enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk). Your information will not be passed on to anyone other than the membership secretary.

## Save money and support your local shops

Support both the traders and the Hampton Society with the new Hampton Card and get special offers at shops and services in the village, for just £5 per year – a bargain, as most offers cover the cost of the card immediately.

Further details and a full list of offers can be viewed by visiting the HVTA website

[www.hamptonvillage.org.uk](http://www.hamptonvillage.org.uk) or by scanning the code above with your smartphone (using the recommended i-nigma app).

They can be bought from our treasurer, William Redfern, and half the proceeds will go to the society

Please include a note requesting a card and a SAE. \*



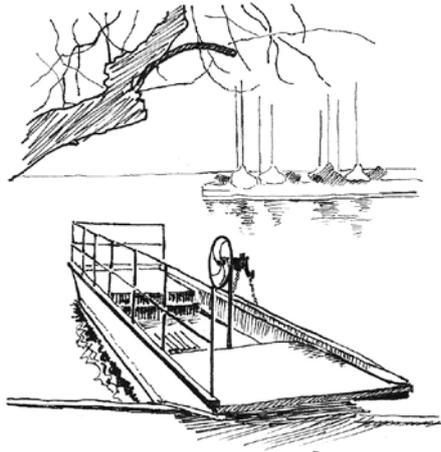
## EVENTS

# Summer party on the river

BOOK YOUR TICKET now for our summer party. Last year's jolly at Hampton Sailing Club was such a success we're repeating it in 2013, on June 22 to be precise.

At least part of the fun is going to and from the club on their chain-link ferry, illustrated for us here by Marguerite Devenish, one of our members. It's actually only a few yards from the Hampton 'shore' at the end of Butts Alley to the club's home on the Thames, but they are watery ones. Once 'landed', enjoy the splendid vistas of Garrick's Temple, the Astoria houseboat and Taggs Island while toying with a free first glass of wine and delicious finger buffet.

Tickets are £8 a head, available from **Bill Weisblatt** on **8979 3089**. Cheques should be made payable to The Hampton Society. Numbers are limited, so be quick, The fun starts at 7.30pm. \*



## Christmas card competition 2013

WE MAY HAVE only just said good-bye to one of the worst winters many of us can remember but now is already the time to start thinking about the Christmas card competition for 2013!

Our Christmas cards are becoming increasingly popular as members – and others – seem to like views of Hampton to send to friends and family, often far afield.

This year, we would welcome any views of St Mary's Parish Church in particular, together with village views, as well as wintry scenery in Bushy or Home Park or on the river. Once again we shall aim to have two different cards in a pack of 10. \*

Contributions to **Rosemary Hill** on **8973 3604** by the end of July

## Live music at Hampton Pool

HAMPTON POOL TRUST is proud to present the 11th in its series of fundraising summer concerts for July 2013. Now a well-established part of the south-west London summer season, Hampton Pool's beautiful open-air location is the perfect setting to enjoy a musical programme that mixes classic acts, brilliant performers and timeless music in an easy-going atmosphere.

The world-class acts playing this year are **Midge Ure** of Ultravox (and band), **ABC**, **Show of Hands** and the **Zombies**. Great entertainment from the tribute acts **'The Carpenters Story'**, **Nearly Dan** and **The Illegal Eagles** top and tail the season.

Any surplus made from the concert season goes toward safeguarding the future of Hampton Pool and developing the treasured facility. \*



Tickets are available now at [www.hamptonpool.co.uk](http://www.hamptonpool.co.uk)

## EVENTS PROGRAMME, SUMMER/AUTUMN 2013

### Please bring your membership cards

Due to the popularity of our talks and events and the size of our venues, we may have to turn people away if we run out of room. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.

All the events listed below are open to the members of both the Hampton Society (HS) and the Hampton Hill Association (HHA).

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE, 2.15PM**

#### Royal Paddocks walk

Nicholas Garbutt, who took us on a tree identification walk in 2011, has agreed to take us on another walk into the hidden world of the Royal Paddocks. This will be different from our previous one and in an area which usually has no public access. It will be a good opportunity to see the conservation work that Historic Royal Palaces has been undertaking over the past year. There will be uneven ground and a set of steep steps but it won't be a difficult walk nor an exhausting one.

It will start and finish at the Kingston Gate into Home Park. Numbers will be limited to 30.

If you are interested, please contact **Rosemary Hill** on **8973 3604**.

**SATURDAY 22 JUNE, 7.30PM**

#### Hampton Society Summer Party



See article on left.

**THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 8.00PM**

#### Racing on the Hurst talk

Talk on the history of racing on the Hurst by Stewart Nash from the Molesey Local History Society, to be held at St Mary's Parish hall at 8.00pm.

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER, 8.00PM**

#### Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway talk

Talk on the Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway, plus film, by Robert Leadbetter at Hampton Hill Playhouse at 8.00pm.

**Special note:** There will be the Grand Opening of the Hampton and Kempton Waterworks Railway on Saturday, 15 June. For more information, contact **Robert Leadbetter** on **8979 5003**.

**WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 8.00PM**

#### "Dress, Dazzle and Display"

Talk by Siobhan Clarke on dressing for the 16th Century Tudor Court, at St Mary's Parish Hall at 8.00pm.