

Hampton Village Survey: Likes and Dislikes

The Hampton Society AGM 14 April 2016

Agenda

To be held at St Mary's community hall,
Church Street, Hampton at 8.00pm.

1. Minutes of AGM held on 16 April 2015
(available to download from our website).
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Presentation and approval
of accounts for 2015/16
4. Appointment of Independent Examiner
for 2016/17
5. Chair's report
6. Elections of officers and committee
in accordance with the rules
a) Chair; b) Treasurer;
c) Vice Chair; d) Eight committee members
7. Any other business.



Followed by a talk about the history and
work of Teddington's National Physical
Laboratory (NPL) by Fiona Auty, Director
of Communications.

Last November, The Hampton Society surveyed local residents online asking their views on our neighbourhoods to help with Richmond Council's Village Plan process.

250 people responded and the results will be used to assess future planning applications so residents can influence local decisions and offer opinions on improvements. Respondents were asked to name three things they liked about living here and three they disliked. "Likes" unsurprisingly included our parks, our greens and open spaces, the Thames, being a safe neighbourhood and a strong sense of community.

We're wary of planning, be it "garden-grabbing" type infilling, inadequate parking facilities and "change of use" on commercial premises, leading to less local employment. And we all complain of traffic congestion despite the fact we contribute to it.

Among Hampton's highlights are Bushy Park's 1,100 acres, our open-air pool and local pubs. Hampton Village Traders Association has made a very positive impact organising our Christmas celebrations, summer outdoor Screen-on-the-Green film shows and a Classic Car show.

Prominent among the drawbacks are our crowded and infrequent trains, inadequate parking on our shopping streets and broken pavements. Many of the latter are caused by tree-roots breaking surface, but the trees go a long way to making the character of our streets.

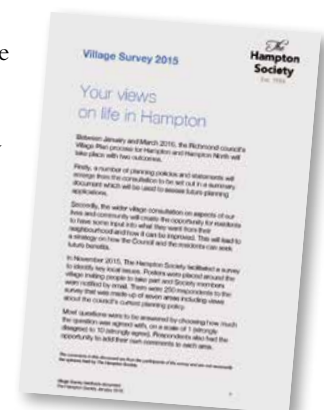
Among other topics, traffic speeds aren't considered to be monitored adequately and clearing the derelict boats on the river near Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare took a long time.

Furthermore, the prospect of a large development of up to 2,000 houses at Kempton Park drew universal dismay. If approved, its residents could access the already overcrowded A308 Upper Sunbury Road which joins urban Hampton to the west.

Aircraft noise was an expected minus, as was the lack of affordable housing in Hampton.

For more information go to the *Current Issues* page of our website thehamptonsociety.org.uk.

Maura Waters ✨



Solution for 111 Bus Re-Routes?



Just a week after meeting local councillors to discuss unofficial re-routing of the 111 bus, residents of Acacia and Nightingale roads noted double yellow lines appearing at the mini-roundabout junction of the two thoroughfares.

People living in the triangle formed by Acacia, Nightingale and Hanworth roads have endured two years of the popular

double-decker bus diverting down the length of Acacia Road, prevented from making its designated left turn into Nightingale Road by cars parked too close to the junction and its mini-roundabout during school hours. Once at the Hanworth Road end of Acacia, the bulky bus has been forced to make a sharp jack-knife turn into Hanworth Road, travelling a route affording its top-deck passengers views into the back gardens and windows of some Acacia Road properties.

Around 120 residents of the three roads attended the meeting, organised by Hampton North's three local councillors, Geoffrey Samuel, Martin Seymour (currently Richmond's mayor) and Kate Howard. Supporting them were representatives of Transport for London, London United Buses, the Police and the heads of Hampton Academy, Hampton and Lady Eleanor Holles schools.

The meeting also discussed the congestion in Hanworth Road caused by school coaches and parental drop-offs, and the headmistress of Lady Eleanor Holles School offered to help to alleviate the situation by making parking space available within the school's grounds.

Hampton North councillors have since written to all the schools, TfL, the Police and Council officers asking them to state what action they propose to take in the light of the points made at the meeting and the replies will be collated and reported back in April or May. *

More Hanging Baskets for Hampton Square

Summer is on its way and with it the hanging baskets of flowers which do so much to brighten up our local streets.

Last year Richmond Council provided and maintained 26 baskets along Station Road, Ashley Road, Milton Road and Tudor Road and The Hampton Society sponsored a further six. We would have liked some of the latter to be sited in Hampton Square but were told there was no access there for contractors vehicles.

This year, after help from our local councillors, access has been arranged and we are going to sponsor eight baskets in the square and the village.

When we sponsor the baskets in new positions we have to pay the cost of having the posts examined to ensure they are safe and sturdy with double brackets. This comes to a total of £67 for each lamp-post – or more than the cost of a basket – and meant we could only afford four baskets.

However, following representations from the Richmond in Bloom committee, the council has agreed as a goodwill gesture to waive the inspection charges and the cost of the brackets. We are also talking to local businesses in the area, encouraging them to sponsor more baskets. For the Society's part, the profits from our Quiz Night on 4 March will be used to fund our own baskets. **Alice Fordham** *



PLANNING UPDATE

Here are some of the current planning issues that are being looked at by our newly formed Planning Work Group.

KEMPTON PARK

It's two years since our Newsletter of March 2014 which we headed 'Green Belt land and life in Hampton under threat' in relation to a proposed development of around 2,000 new houses to be built on the Kempton Park estate.

The update is that no planning application has yet been received but a PR company has been appointed to liaise with Spelthorne Borough's interest, with whom The Hampton Society have now met to represent the views of Hampton residents.

This is the largest possible change for 'life in Hampton as we know it,' and a significant effect on our traffic, roads, general infrastructure (schools, health, other local amenities and general quality of life) is expected should an application be approved.

HAMPTON POLICE STATION



Compared with the Kempton Park possibility, many other much smaller housing developments are now underway, such as the development of Hampton Police Station (currently 38 residences with 43 parking allocations) now under neighbourhood consultation with some objections already on the London Borough of Richmond's planning website. The application number for this consultation is 16/0606/FUL should you wish to add any comments. The decision date is 16 May but objections should be lodged as soon as possible.

KINGSBURY MOTORS

This site at 45 Station Road is also up for development, with a proposal for eight homes. Some objections have been lodged and a decision is overdue at present (application no. 15/4581/FUL).

There are several other smaller local developments in the pipeline which we are monitoring (some of these we have received via direct approaches from residents asking for us to support their objections). Not all proposed developments are finalised with a full planning application, but one in the offing is the intended development of the Yates Mercedes Benz garage in Tudor Road.

Notes from the Chair



After five fun-packed years as Chair of The Hampton Society, my tenure is now coming to an end and this will be my final report for the newsletter. It doesn't seem that long ago that I apprehensively agreed to take over the role from long-standing committee member, Bill Weisblatt, and it has proved to be a fruitful experience. I've learnt a great deal about the local area, its history and its community and I've made lots of new friends and acquaintances – many of you reading this are among them.

Committee changes

The committee is delighted to announce that our treasurer, William, has put himself forward to fill the post of Chair and will be standing for election at our AGM on 14 April and I'd like to thank him for all his hard work managing the society's finances over the past six years. William's role as treasurer will be taken up by new committee member, Brian Brignall. Brian was financial director at Hampton Hill Theatre for 15 years. He is the current treasurer for the Hampton Hill Association and we hope that his presence on our committee will provide closer links between the two Residents' Associations. We're also pleased to have secured the services of society member Anselm Frost as our independent examiner of accounts and that Alice Fordham, after a one-year break, has offered to stand again as deputy Chair.

A big thank you to our helpers

Members will be familiar with our call for volunteers to help out at talks and events and I'm pleased to say we've had more people come forward in the past year than ever before. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those on the list, even if you haven't had the opportunity to help yet. It makes an enormous difference having lots of people doing a little, rather than the same few people struggling to juggle lots of balls. It was particularly heartening to have several members answer a last minute cry for help this month when we needed bar staff for our annual Quiz Night.

All that now remains is for me to wish William and Brian every success in their new roles and to thank you all for your ongoing support of the Society.

Sam Redfern Chair

Sell-out Quiz Night success

HERE ARE THE lucky winners of our hugely successful Quiz Night in early March. Photographed here with the Chair, Sam and MC, Francis, left to right: Matthew Payne, Di Hendry, Sharon Lyford, Anthony Stevens, Louis Payne and Ian Hendry.

With twelve teams of (mainly) six players each, the fun went on until nearly midnight and raised funds for some of the hanging baskets the Society hopes to place in Hampton Square this summer.

Our treasurer, William Redfern, took a year off from quiz-question reading to take part in a team himself and join in the fun. His son Francis (centre), a student at Hampton Academy, did an excellent job in his place. Bring him back next year! Over £500 has been raised that will go towards adding more colour to the public spaces in Hampton. *



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UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP?

Have you paid your subs for 2015/16? They were due on 1 May and you should have received your green 2015/16 programme/membership card. If you haven't paid yet please do so using the application form available at

www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk.

Membership Update

More than 75% of members have paid this year's subscription fee.

Welcome, too, to the 30 new members who have joined this year.

Get in touch at enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk

The Hampton Society Diamond Anniversary Party!



Celebrating our 60th anniversary, this year's summer party at Hampton Sailing Club promises to be an extra special event. First known as the Hampton Residents' Association we have had several major successes over the past six decades. Renamed The Hampton Society in 1998, we're best known for resisting building on what became Hampton Green; objecting to tower blocks on the Nurserylands; and fighting for the inclusion of shops (in what's now known as Hampton Square) within the much improved final Nurserylands scheme. Our major coup was helping delay the development of the new Sainsbury's on the St Clares site in the boom years of the 1990s. As a result, the value of the site increased from £3 million to £21.6 million! Profits to Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity from this fairer price went to local projects and we haven't looked back since.

Come and celebrate with us, tickets will include an introductory glass of fizz and refreshments. Contact **Rosemary Hill** on **8933 3604**. More details will be available in our Summer Newsletter, by enews and on our website in May. *

Hampton Sailing Club **Friday 10 June** at 7.30pm

Middlesex Yeomanry Band concert 24 April



One of the Bass Drums belonging to Middlesex Yeomanry Hussars

THE MIDDLESEX YEOMANRY Concert Band is the band associated with the 47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron of the British Territorial Army. Surviving several disbandments and reorganisations, the band's military roots can be traced back for over 150 years.

In 1969, with the Ministry of Defence's permission, retired Lt Colonel Bill Williams (formerly Major) reformed the band as a voluntary organisation. He provided much financial support to it until his death in 1999. In 2001, WOII Ron Keevil relocated the band to the White House Community Centre where it is thriving with an active membership.

Their *Voices of Spring* concert takes place on Sunday 24 April 2016 at the White House. *

The White House Community Centre **Sunday 24 April** at 2.30pm

EVENTS PROGRAMME SPRING/SUMMER 2016

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.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 8.00PM

WWI on the Western Front



After her fascinating talk she gave a year ago on the causes and opening months of WWI, Paula Kitching returns to Hampton Hill Theatre to tell us about the events that happened on the Western Front 100 years ago.

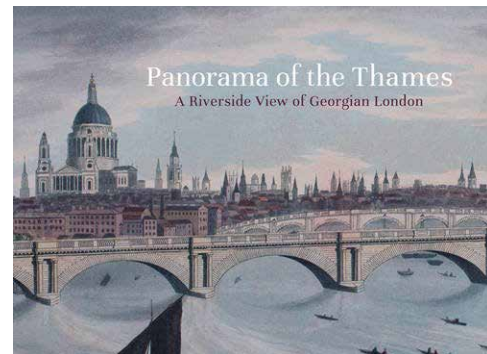
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THURSDAY 12 MAY TBC

The Thames Panorama



A talk by John Inglis about the extensive project that he and Jill Sanders have been involved in for the last few years. This should prove to be a fascinating evening at St Mary's community hall.

FRIDAY 10 JUNE 7.30PM

The Hampton Society 60th Anniversary Celebration

At Hampton Sailing Club. See top story on the left.

SATURDAY 9 JULY 10.30AM

Tree Identification Walk

In Bushy Park guided by manager Ray Brodie.