



St. Mary's: New faith school

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Hampton's first faith school, St. Mary's Hampton CE Primary School, has just opened its doors in Oldfield Road. Designed to provide "an excellent education with a Christian ethos", it is a free, state-funded, all-ability school created for local families.

Starting with 30 four-year olds in Reception class, six further classes of children aged up to 11 are planned. The maximum number of pupils is due to be 210.

Much of the inspiration behind the educational venture has come from St. Mary's parishioners themselves and their vicar, the Reverend Derek Winterburn. His prospectus explains the school will have a Christian vision of life "but is open to all regardless of religion or church attendance". He stresses the choice of a small school with a family atmosphere where children can walk to school along with their friends living in the same street.

It was back in March 2012 that the Oldfield Centre site, formerly a special needs school, became available. Hampton South certainly needed an infants' school. Along came the Maharishi movement, proposing half of its pupil intake from Hampton, the remainder selected by lottery. However, St. Mary's counter proposal won out.

With its ratio of one teacher plus assistant in each year-group, the new school and its staffing will be supported by the London Diocesan Board for similar establishments like St. Mary's and St. Peter's in Teddington. The Department of Education will monitor it regularly, as will Richmond Council. *Continued overleaf*

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](http://thehamptonsociety.org.uk)

CAN YOU HELP?

Have you got a talent that you think would benefit the Society and its members? Do you have a fascinating story you'd like to tell us about living in Hampton? We not only welcome contributions for the newsletter and website, but also seek speakers and performers for the events we hold for the people of Hampton.

SOMETHING TO SAY?

You can contact The Hampton Society by email at:
enquiries@thehamptonsociety.org.uk
We also have a website:
www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk
which is regularly updated with current events and issues.
We look forward to hearing from you.
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St Mary's Hampton School



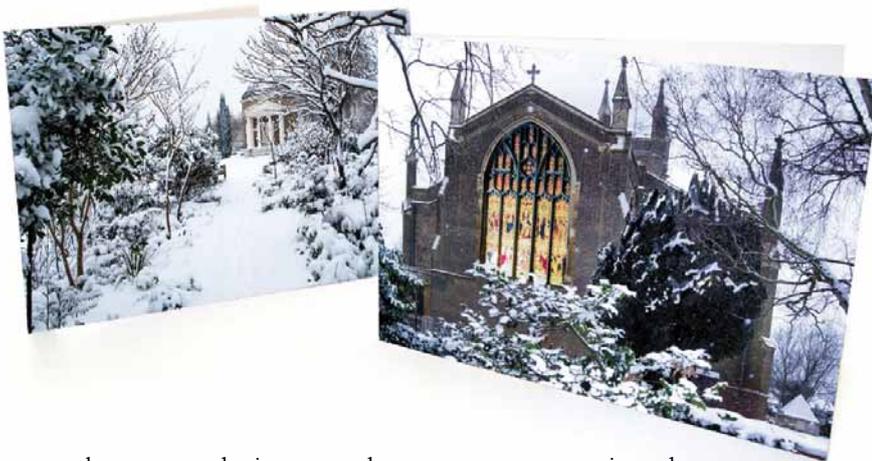
Continued from front page – St. Mary's prospectus explains further: "The school's small size ensures that every child is known and appreciated as an individual. Staff will build strong relationships with children and their families, so that each child is valued and cared for."

Practically, the school's Christian approach starts with storytelling and a prayer for the Reception class. Children will learn about Christian belief and cultural heritage, alongside other world faiths, in their religious education lessons. No more time will be devoted to the subject than is the case in any other state primary school. But parents may withdraw their children from collective worship if they wish.

As to sport, St. Mary's has plenty of green space, a new playground and an enclosed all-weather pitch for football, netball and tennis. Older year groups will have indoor gymnastics, dance and athletics, while Hampton Pool will be used for swimming instruction.

Let the last word come from headteacher Miss Catherine Davis, who has held headships for half of her 30-year career, much of it in church schools. "I want to create a school family," she explains. "We have an inclusive policy and follow the Church of England. We ask parents if they are willing to follow that." She stresses, "By the time the children leave us they will learn mutual understanding and respect for other religions." **MW** ✱

Support the Society with this year's Christmas Cards!



This year we have two real winners so please get your requests in early. The packs of 10 cards (two views in each pack) are again available for £4.00 a pack. One card is a magical view of Garrick's Temple in the snow by our talented Chair, Sam Redfern. The other is of the east window of St Mary's Parish Church, surrounded by snowy branches and, once again, is by Lewis Lloyd. **RH** ✱

Available from **Rosemary Hill**, any of our committee members, at any of our events and selected local shops.

Colin Hunter

Hampton has lost one of its most remarkable residents with the death in August of Colin Hunter at the age of 87. For the last 30 years or so he had lived in



Colin with Charlie at Garrick's Temple. Garrick's House with its attractive garden on the river at Hampton. He had played a major role in the refurbishment of Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare and helped to set up the trust which cares for this beautiful small Grade I listed building. He had been similarly involved in the running of the Hampton Riverside Trust, which had supported the renovation of the Temple, as well as concerning itself with the protection and improvement of Hampton's riverside environment.

After education at Charterhouse and Exeter College, Oxford, he entered into a successful career in advertising and marketing, becoming Chairman of the London Press Exchange. He was also involved both as a connoisseur and professionally in the world of fine art and was a renowned expert in and collector of 18th century watercolours. His lifelong passions were music, particularly opera, sailing and bird watching, and he travelled widely in pursuit of these interests. He was greatly affected by the death of his wife ten years ago but threw himself wholeheartedly into the local issues which he espoused – the Temple, the riverside and controlling traffic on Hampton Court Road. He inspired affection and respect, and will be greatly missed. **BW** ✱

Richmond in Bloom

I have always thought that Hampton has some lovely gardens, but alas, there were no entries from Hampton in the Front Gardens or Residential frontages categories at all in the Richmond in Bloom annual competition. However, we did achieve a gold award and Overall Category winner for the Community Building category. This was achieved by **Hampton Care** on the Upper Sunbury Road and it was the first time they had entered the competition. **Hampton Pool** also achieved a gold award in this category, improving on their silver gilt award last year.

In the SERCO Award for the best Environmental Garden or Project, **Hampton Junior School** achieved a silver gilt award. Well done to all three. The awards will be presented by the Mayor at York House on Tuesday, 1 October. **RH** ✱

Notes from the Chair



Well, it really feels like we had a proper summer this year and it was heartening to see so many local events taking place in good weather. Most recently, the "Screen on Hampton Green" cinema night managed to stay dry and saw a strong turnout to see *Toy Story 3*. Congratulations must go to the Hampton Village Traders Association for organising this special event and securing the funding to enable it to go ahead.

Of course events like this are only possible if we have a thriving trading body within Hampton, and that depends on us all making good use of local shops and services.

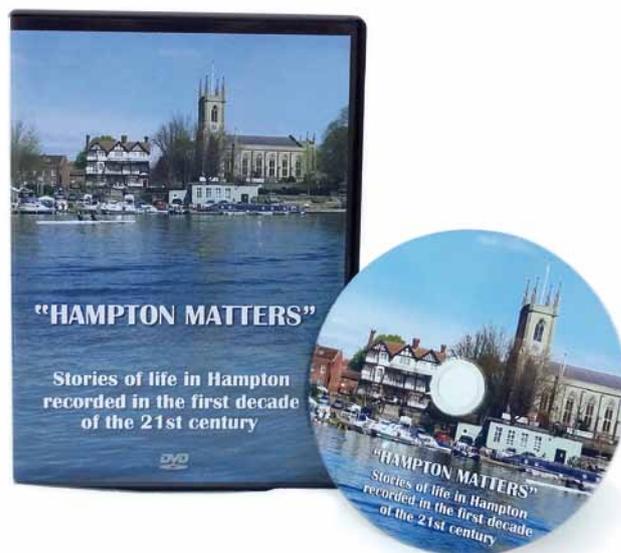
An enhanced environment

The flower baskets in Station Road looked fabulous again this year and the pink and blue flags displayed by the traders in the lead up to the birth of the royal baby certainly lent a festive feel to the village over the summer. In addition to this, Hampton received official recognition as a beautiful place to live when Hampton Common and Hampton Cemetery both earned Green Flag awards as two of the best green spaces in the UK.

Enhancements to the local environment continue. In last year's autumn newsletter we reported on the proposed Hampton Square developments and the successful bid by St Mary's Church Hampton to open a new free school in Oldfield Road and it's wonderful to see both ideas come to fruition so quickly. I was able to visit the school on the day it opened and was blown away by the dramatic transformation to the interior of the building which looks brand new.

New DVD of Hampton stories

I'm pleased to report that we have already sold most of our first batch of 50 *Hampton Matters* DVDs, which we advertised a few weeks ago in an e-newsletter. We've just taken delivery of another 25, so if you would like a copy (cost only £5), please call either me or **William** on **020 8286 7071** to arrange to pick one up from us at 66 High Street. For those of you not on our email list, the DVD has been produced by The Hampton Riverside Trust and shows stories of life in Hampton recorded in the first decade of this century. The film quality is very good and intercut with many historical images supplied by local historian, John Sheaf. There are ten stories featured which include *The Hampton Ferry*, *The Last Shop in Thames Street* and Hampton School's *Founder's Day*.



A full programme

Finally, we have a superb lineup of talks and events for 2013/14, all of which are listed in your membership cards, so do pencil them into your diaries and don't miss out! We understand that some of you are not able to attend our events; however, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Your membership is very important to us and enables us to continue protecting and improving Hampton. ✱

Sam Redfern Chair

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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

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. Your information will not be passed on to anyone other than the membership secretary.

UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP?

Have you paid your subs for 2013/14? They were due on 1 May and you should by now have received your violet membership card. If you haven't paid yet, please do so using the application form available at www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk

Membership update

Over 250 members, some 61% of the active membership, are currently up to date with their subs and 61% of these are paying by standing order, a big improvement on last year when only 30% had paid this way. If you have yet to pay please set up a standing order (or contact Trisha for a form) or else send your cheque to the treasurer. **TS** ✱



Trisha Shirt
Membership Secretary

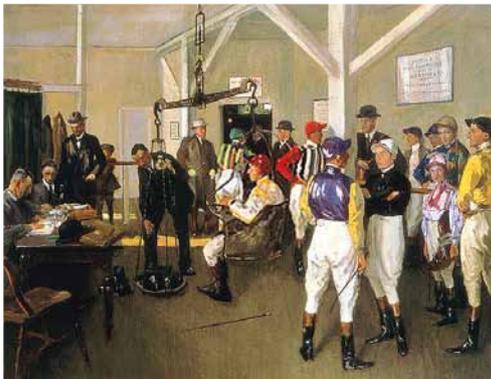
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Racing on the Hurst

ON THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, Stewart Nash of the Molesey Local History Society will speak to us at 8.00pm at St Mary's Parish Hall about racing at the Hurst Park race course as it was, just across the river from Hampton. Stewart has said that he will provide more information on the Hampton Races which preceded the Hurst Park Course. He has a wealth of information on this subject and it promises to be a very interesting evening.

There is no need to book for this event but if you have any questions about the evening, please contact **Alice Fordham** on **8979 3543**. *



Sir John Lavery – The Weighing-In Room, Hurst Park. 1924



Image courtesy of www.britainfromabove.org.uk

St Mary's Parish Hall **Thursday, 19 September at 8.00pm**

Novel film fare at the Green



WHERE WOULD YOU expect to find cheese-on-toast, pizzas and samosas at the cinema? At Hampton Green last month – 27 August to be precise. Along with traditional film fancies like popcorn, sweets and ice cream, the occasion was the open-air free showing of Disney Pixar's *Toy Story 3*.

Encouraged by the success of last year's venture, the silent film *The Artist*, Hampton Village Traders Association selected the same venue for 2013, this time targeting a younger audience still on school holidays. In the cool of the evening, traders sold scrumptious supplements to people's picnics from their gazebos.

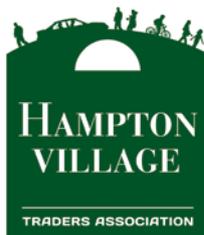
Under the Cheese & Wine Shop's gazebo, for instance, was the cheese-on-toast. Linden Hall's gazebo served teas and coffees, Sweet Café had confectionery and ice cream and Hampton Spice their samosas. Add to this Marini's fish and chips, pizzas from Plenty and the Village Grill, and just about all tastes were served.

So it was no surprise that the fish and chips and the samosas both sold out.

Of course the main impetus behind the event was to raise awareness of the Hampton traders, encouraging people to shop locally. Indeed hundreds of families and other groups turned up for the show, says HVTA's Michael Badgery. "There were so many we couldn't possibly count them."

Proof of the evening's success came from the Sweet Café's experience. "Our trade doubled the following day," said manager Sherif. "Customers told us they were surprised to find our shop so close by."

Incidentally, we were told by 9am next day Hampton's answer to the Wombles had cleared the Green of litter so successfully it would have been hard to imagine the food-filled film scene of the night before. *



EVENTS PROGRAMME, AUTUMN/WINTER 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).

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. For more information, contact **Alice Fordham** on **8979 3543**.

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER, 8.00PM

Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway talk



Image courtesy of H&KWR website

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

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Christmas Party

at St Mary's Parish Hall on Friday 6 December at 7.30pm. Further details to be confirmed.

