



Hampton Transport Gala enjoyed by thousands



Activities all over the village including the Hampton Society stall with Christine attracting new members in Linden Hall



What did the first railway trains coming to Hampton in 1864 look like? If you went to the Transport Gala celebrating the station's 150th birthday on Sunday 7 September, you'd have seen a steam loco and coach in correct period style, resplendent on a specially erected platform. This was the main exhibit, representing London and South Western Railway's continuation of the new line from Fulwell to Shepperton.

But it wasn't just trains celebrating a birthday. The Gala marked a century since London's buses were enrolled to serve on WWI's battlefields. It had an exhibition of photographs from the era displayed at the Scout HQ in Percy Road and Hampton historian John Sheaf supplied many local photographs for the Gala. One was taken in 1907 and showed no less than nine railwaymen employed at Hampton station! Photographs were also loaned by Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society and the London Transport Museum.

A collection of vintage buses – the oldest from 1939 – was on show, with free bus tours to and from Kingston. They retraced the old 725 Green Line route to Twickenham as well as the 667 Trolleybus route.



As the centre of activities Station Road was closed to other vehicles all day so, on the other side of the tracks, Hampton Junior School provided parking in its playground as well as a transport collectors' fair in the school hall. Linden Hall had a Twickenham Ales beer tent, fairground rides for children and a variety of activities, as well as our own Hampton Society stall where we attracted lots of new members.

Meanwhile Station Approach's wide pavement became a train-track for a model steam railway offering short trips to young children in front of the shops.

Proceeds from the Gala, which was supported by many local traders, are going to Linden Hall Community Centre, the 3rd Hampton Scout Group and Teddington Memorial Hospital.

Maura Waters ✨

Little Bloomers

In July, members of the Richmond in Bloom committee judged the 10 horticultural categories for merit awards in the Borough. Amongst the categories were awards for front gardens, residential frontages, park and bloom, blocks of flats, hotel or pub exteriors and the Serco award for the best environmental garden or project.



Katie Bell and Hampton Junior School children

Entered in this latter category was Hampton Junior School which, though new, excelled, attaining a gold award and the coveted 'Best in category' title.

Katie Bell, the science coordinator at the school, says "The first year of the allotment has been a huge success. All year groups, from 3 to 6, have got their hands dirty and the rewards have been fruitful. The children have nurtured everything from beetroot to curly kale, some of which has even landed on the plates of the school dining

room". She adds "This could not have been possible without the help of the school's fantastic gardener, Mike Hollis."

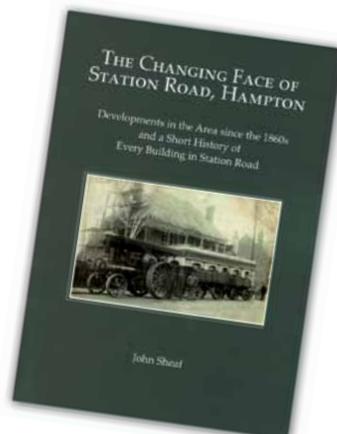


Reconstructed in 2013, the school's pond area alongside the allotment has developed, greatly enhancing the children's learning. Much of the wildlife has flourished, creating an enriched environment for outdoor learning. Complying with the new curriculum, the children are now able to identify many pond species, including newts, toads, birds and wild flowers.

Many congratulations to Hampton Juniors from the Hampton Society! The award will be presented at a Merit Awards Celebration Event on 30 September. **Rosemary Hill** *

NEW BOOK – The Changing Face of Station Road

JOHN SHEAF'S NEW book covers in detail the developments in the area since the 1860s and features a "Short History of Every Building in Station Road". You can order a copy, recently published by the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, by sending a cheque for £6.50 (which includes postage and packing), payable to "BOTLHS" to BOTLHS c/o 4 Thames Street, Hampton Middlesex, TW12 2EA. To order online go to www.botlhs.co.uk and go to Publications and click on the image of the cover of the book.



Wind and rain challenge charity cycle ride

It takes courage to cycle up and down foreign hills in driving wind and rain when you feel healthy. Doing it when you've a stomach-bug to contend with needs real determination. Of course it helps to stiffen your resolve if you're doing it for charity.

Our Summer Newsletter featured THS committee-member Julie-nne Monahan and her daughter Mia cycling 200 miles over three days in Normandy for the Who Cares? Trust which caters for young people both in public care and those leaving it. Our duo each achieved their goal of £600 in sponsorship.



Mia and Julie-nne in the sunshine before they set off.

Before their departure in late June mother and daughter posed for a photocall wearing sunglasses against the rays of a glaring English sun. In Normandy the wind and rain lashed down on them for all three days of their ride. "I'm quite sympathetic to all those WWI soldiers who got Trench Foot" explained Julie-nne. "I seemed never to get my feet dry".

But the 56-strong party of cyclists knew they must push on, through Abbeville, Dieppe and Rouen to Honfleur, where the sun finally appeared. They surely deserved it after three solid days of cycling 60 miles a day in 15-mile laps, their escort van providing fruit and drinks at every stop.

At 16, Mia was the youngest rider. "Most of the others were a few years older, up to their late sixties" says Julie-nne. "It was good to see how well Mia got on with them". Mia has just learned she has done very well in her GCSEs and celebrated by taking a holiday with her family in Turkey after the Normandy ordeal.

But our two have both signed up to do the ride next year. Surely Nature can't be so cruel two years running? Besides, there's always the prospect of dinner, shower and bed in a decent hotel at the end of every day. Can you really ask for more?

You can still sponsor Julie-nne and Mia at www.justgiving.com/julie-nneandmiamonahan. Or find out more at www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk. **MW** *

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Notes from the Chair



A fortnight ago, I returned refreshed from a holiday expecting drizzle and an autumnal nip in the air, but how fortunate Hampton has been that the warm summer weather stayed long enough for local residents to enjoy some very memorable outdoor events.

Screen on Hampton Green

As if Hampton's Transport Gala didn't provide enough excitement, a day later Hampton played host to an open air showing of the film 'War Horse', a free event kindly organised by the Hampton Village Traders' Association (thanks to a generous cash grant from London Borough of Richmond's Civic Pride Fund). It was a beautiful evening and the audience was treated to the sight of a Harvest 'Supermoon' rising in the sky. Members of local churches gathered to take part in a service to commemorate Hampton's war heroes and pupils from Hampton Academy volunteered to rattle buckets for donations to support the event. This popular occasion can only go ahead each year if funding and/or sponsorship is secured. Please contact Caroline Badgery, secretary and treasurer of HVTA, on **020 8941 9775** if you'd like to make a donation or help sponsor the event in future.



Compere Councillor Gareth Roberts with helpers from Hampton Academy on the Green in front of the Hampton Village Traders Association stand, the organisers of the event.

Unauthorised moorings

At last there's some encouraging news to report with regard to the unauthorised moorings in Hampton. After eight years of lobbying by local councillors the Minister for Local Government, Kris Hopkins, has given provisional approval to a bylaw which will hopefully result in the removal of the boats, although we're still waiting for some indication of how long this will take to be actioned.

Kempton Park

The Jockey Club have decided to delay putting in an application for their proposed housing development until after the next election. A spokesperson for Keep Kempton Green said: "As one councillor – stating the obvious – put it to us, it would be electoral suicide. By delaying the application, a cynic might say, the Jockey Club will be doing so just when the Council feels it can safely ignore the electorate for another few years." More importantly, there is talk of revising the Local Plan which would cover Spelthorne's housing targets and land availability, amongst other things. With Hampton bordering the affected borough, we must be wary of any knock-on effects changes in policy might have on our immediate environment and we'd like to reassure you that the Society's monitoring of the situation is ongoing.

The Triangle sign

I'm pleased to say that initial designs for the new sign have been presented to the Society's committee and revisions are currently being worked on before being submitted to the council for approval and a request for help with funding.

Best wishes to you all.

Sam Redfern Chair

The Hampton Society committee members

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Committee invitation

We currently have a vacancy on our committee, due to Patrick Hooton recently resigning (our grateful thanks to Patrick for all his work keeping a keen eye on local planning issues over the last two years).

It would be great to have some more men join us as William is now the only one and the Society would benefit from a more balanced representation on its committee.

The role involves attending four meetings a year – responsibilities beyond that can be negotiated to suit.

If you think you're the man or woman for the job or you know someone who is, please contact **Sam** or **William** on **020 8286 7071**.

UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP?

Have you paid your subs for 2014/15? They were due on 1 May and you should by now have received your blue membership card. If you haven't paid yet, please do so using the application form available at www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk

Visit to the Royal Paddocks in Bushy Park



THE ROYAL PADDOCKS off Hampton Court Road on the way to Kingston is where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh keep some of their horses and ponies. It is not usually open to the public and we are very fortunate to be able to make a second visit to the stables after some 11+ years. It is a magical place to see and our visit is at 11.00 am on Saturday, 20 September. We are

limited to 30 places so if you are interested in joining the group, please let Rosemary Hill on 8973 3604 know as soon as possible. **RH ***

Royal Paddocks, Hampton Court Road, **Saturday 20 September** at 11.00am

Witches – Sorcery and Seduction

TRACY BORMAN HAS delighted us in the past with talks on her historical books and is returning again to speak to us at a topical time of year on a recently published book – *Witches – Sorcery and Seduction*, which traces the dramatic events unfolding at one of England's oldest and most spectacular fortresses – Belvoir Castle – four hundred years ago. The talk will be held at St. Mary's Community Hall at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 23 October. Tracy Borman is now joint chief curator (with Lucy Worsley) for Historic Royal Palaces as well as chief executive of the Heritage Education Trust. There is no need to book but if you have any questions, please phone Rosemary Hill on 8973 3604. **RH ***

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Talk at St Mary's Community Hall, **Thursday 23 October** at 8.00pm



Making history with our Christmas Cards

THIS YEAR, OUR Christmas card is made up of a collage of four views of Hampton in past years, showing skating in Bushy Park in 1907, Hampton Ferry and Bell Hill in 1909, the frozen Thames in 1963 and old cottages in Station Road in about 1930. The scenes come from John Sheaf's collection of old photos of Hampton. There will be just the one design which will be sold in packets of 10 for a very competitive price of £4.00.

Available from **Rosemary Hill** on **8973 3604** or any of our committee members, at any of our events and selected local shops including **Ohso** on Station Road.



EVENTS PROGRAMME, AUTUMN 2014

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.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 11.00AM

Guided tour of Royal Paddocks

Hampton Court Road (details on left).

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 8.00PM

Witches – Sorcery and Seduction

A talk by **Tracy Borman** about her new book at St Mary's Community Hall, Hampton.

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WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 8.00PM

They won't be home for Christmas: the build-up and first six months of the First World War

A talk by **Paula Kitching** at Hampton Hill Playhouse.

As men around the UK and Empire rushed to recruitment centres to volunteer for a conflict that would be over by Christmas, the opening stages in the summer of 1914 ensured it would be anything but a brief European war. This talk will explore the start of the First World War and the first six months of the conflict on the Western Front, examining how it began, what the state of play for the different sides was and how a shot in Sarajevo kicked off a series of events that by December 1914 had the world plunged into a conflict that had no easy end in sight.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 4.00PM

Hampton Christmas Celebrations



Hampton Village Traders Association again host the biggest Christmas event in the area. Station Road and the village will have roads closed to cars. There will be carols, festive food and live music as well as your opportunity to shop locally for Christmas gifts. See www.hamptonvillage.co.uk for more details closer to the event.

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 8.00PM

The HamSoc Christmas Supper

at St Mary's Community Hall, Hampton. Buffet supper with friends and members.

Tickets at £10 available in mid-November from **Bill Weisblatt** on **8979 3089**.