

Youth Organisations Co-Ordinate in Hampton

Photograph by Mamta Khanna



Mair Hughes, principal of Hampton Academy, offered to facilitate the co-ordination of the various youth groups and chaired the event.



Angela Ramsay's contribution to youth work has been recognised with the Borough Community Award for which she has been nominated 19 times.

Predictably, it didn't take long for people to list their priorities for Hampton following last February's Village Meeting at the junior school. More than 150 people came, all with ideas for the future of our locality.

The first result we've seen has been the website created by the Hampton Youth Services workshop, the result of 11 local organisations meeting in July to describe their activities and how they could be co-ordinated.

Mair Hughes, principal of Hampton Academy, chaired the event. She probably sees more young people in her working day than all those organisations put together. "We found overlapping responsibilities between different agencies working with the same children" she explained. A troublesome pupil from a local school could also belong to the youth club MTV, for instance, that could be approached for assistance.

Someone whose youth work has already been recognised by Richmond Council is **Angela Ramsay**. She has just won a borough community award for her work with local community music provider **The Groove Academy**. Nominated no less than 19 times, she works with teenage musicians and organised the *Our Big Gig* festival in Hampton Square last July. Angela is due to co-ordinate the next workshop on 2 October when all 11 organisations are due to take part. They are: **Achieving for Children, Hampton Academy, Hampton Youth Project, Groove Academy, MTV Youth Club, Richmond CVS, The Hampton Society, Community Links for Richmond Council, 3rd Hampton Scouts, Hampton & Richmond Borough Football Club and Hampton Youth Football Club.**

The Youth Services Workshop is one result of Richmond Council's Village Plan to involve the local community in events like *Our Big Gig*, where organisations can literally set up their stalls. Another is a webpage linking all local organisations and hosted by Hampton Academy. Yet another to come into fruition is for a foodbank either at the Children's Centre in Hampton Square or at the White House Community Centre.

All of these ideas came up from some of the 160-odd responses to February's Village Meeting. Keep them coming! **Maura Waters** *

Rain Stops for Paddington

We know marmalade sandwiches did it for Paddington. Could they do it for his fans too – despite the weather? In the end 1,300 people, a quarter of them children, turned up on Hampton Green on a rainy September evening to eat marmalade sandwiches as they watched the adventures of the lost Peruvian bear. At just before 8.00pm and the start of the film, the rain stopped – and never started seriously again.



This was the fourth Hampton Village Traders Association annual summer film nights, all of them to date shown in fine weather. But the omens didn't look good all day, with periods of sunshine constantly ruined by heavy showers. Nevertheless the stalwart marmalade-makers of the HVTA knuckled down, producing boxes of sandwiches, a packet of Pringles and a drink for £2.50 a go.

The audience sensibly brought chairs, so no-one was forced to sit on the ground. "We asked people not to bring picnics but to buy food from us there" explained Steve Parker of the Traders. "We sold hundreds of sandwich boxes – and the whole place was clear by 11 o'clock". Contributions for the event were provided by expected sources like the



Cake Box, who sold Paddington Bear cupcakes, some of them made by children at a workshop earlier in the day. Meanwhile local Indian restaurants **Ruchi** and **Hampton Spice** bravely put up stalls under gazebos to sell their popular samosas and butter chicken.

To while away the time before the showing, among many traders offering their services to rain-soaked customers, two included **Willett House** vets raffling a Paddington Bear

toy and **Proud Massage** offering a relaxing massage. Looking at the weather before the show, that was probably what people felt they needed!

Donations help fund the film night and also Hampton's Christmas Parade. This year it's on Sunday, 29 November, not so far away now we're into September. *

Fundraising calendar celebrates 30 years of Hampton Pool and the life of Trust founder Marshall Lees

This year Hampton Pool celebrates 30 successful years of providing outdoor swimming for the community. To mark this special occasion a month-to-view calendar has been produced with stunning pictures showing life at the pool during the course of a year.



The calendar also celebrates the life of **Marshall Lees**, co-founder of Hampton Pool Trust. Proceeds from the calendar will go to the **Marshall Lees Hampton Pool Lift Fund**. You can also make a donation at www.justgiving.com/hampton-pool-lift-fund.

Calendars are available in person from Hampton Pool, online at www.hamptonpool.co.uk and also selected local shops – look out for posters in windows. They cost just £8.50. *

Second Home for Iconic Statue



Courtesy of Getty Images

This statue of Robin Hood has graced the Nottingham Castle lawn since 1951. It was sculpted by the late James Woodford OBE, RA, whose namesake son and Society member James, writes:

"A replica of the statue is being flown to Ningbo, China in celebration of ten years of twinning with Nottingham. I am sure my father would be delighted that one of his most iconic works is being further perpetuated."



Richard Arm, of Nottingham Trent University School of Art and Design, makes a cast of the Robin Hood statue for a replica to be sent to China. Courtesy of Nottingham Post.

Another notable example of the sculptor's work can be found in Kew Gardens. Replicas of the 10 majestic Queen's Beasts which originally stood before the annexe to Westminster Abbey at Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953 now stand guard outside the Palm House. *



Richmond in Bloom Awards

Hampton secured a small clutch of awards in the Richmond in Bloom competition, amongst them, two gold awards, one for the front garden of **12 Wensleydale Gardens** and the other for the **Jolly Coopers** Pub in the High Street. Many, well deserved congratulations to both, but we just wish there were a few more entries from Hampton to illustrate that we are a particularly green area of the Borough. *

Notes from the Chair



Have you ever caught yourself moaning about a situation, knowing that if you'd spoken up sooner you might have been able to make a difference? Don't sit back – add your voice to the council's Village Plan for Hampton*. Your opinions are important and the Hampton Society want to help make the process as straightforward as possible by facilitating a survey for the residents and businesses of the village that can be presented to the council to help them shape the plan.

Whether you were able to attend February's Village Meeting or not, we encourage you to register as soon as possible via our website www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk/register.php to receive a link to the survey which will be published in the next few weeks. *Let's show the council how much we care about the village we live in!*

Monitoring planning

We're delighted with the progress made by our Planning Work Group, formed earlier this year as a result of increased requests from local residents for our input in planning issues arising in the local area. These have included objecting to the proposed telephone mast in High Street and to the application for a three-storey building on the site of Alderson's Garage in Station Road, both of which were turned down.

Thank you to **Sylvia Bridge**, **Kevin Rice** and **Iacopo Sassi** for all their hard work and regular monitoring of lodged applications. Kevin, who has lived in Hampton since 1988, has been a Chartered Surveyor for nearly 30 years and both his professional work and roles in the voluntary sector have required him to deal with planning applications and development control. Iacopo is a RIBA Chartered Architect and founder of the firm Square One Architects in Hampton. He has a decade of experience working both nationally and internationally. Kevin and Iacopo are a welcome addition to the team and an invaluable support to Sylvia.

I was interested to learn, in the case of the Alderson Garage proposal, that developers can make applications for buildings they don't actually own – extraordinary! It's no wonder then that the Jockey Club, in spite of strong local opposition and knowing that Spelthorne Council have publicly refused to allow any building on Green Belt land, continue to persist with their plans, recently releasing a press release announcing: "Redrow Homes can confirm that its Southern Counties operation has been selected by Kempton Park Racecourse to evaluate potential development opportunities on land adjacent to the racecourse". All of which reinforces the importance of acting now to shape our Village Plan and secure the future of our local environment as best we can.

Get involved

I'd like to thank all those people who have volunteered their help this year – we couldn't have achieved everything we have without you! And to those of you who have thought about getting involved, please get in touch and let us know what you enjoy doing so that we can include you in our activities.

And finally, I'd like to extend our sympathies to longstanding committee member Alice Fordham, who recently lost her husband, Reg, a great support and regular helper at Hampton Society events who will be greatly missed.

Best wishes to you all,



Above is a plan from 2014 showing an initial concept for the development at Kempton Park from a brief to architects competing to design the new suburb that the Jockey Club wants to build on this stretch of Green Belt.

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The Hampton Society committee members

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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 61% of members have paid this year's subscription fee, 67% paying via standing order: "a steady increase, which makes my work easier" says **Trisha Shirt** our membership secretary. Welcome, too, to the new members who have joined this year.

*The Village Plan for Hampton will be presented early in the new year. This will inform the quality of life in Hampton in regard to planning and council budgetary spend for the village.

Change of date for Walk in Home Park

THERE WILL BE a walk in Home Park on Friday morning, 25 September, starting at 10.00am from the Lion Gate.

The walk will be led either by Nicholas Garbutt or his Wildlife Officer. We will follow a route through the Palace gardens, Ditton Avenue, Barge Walk and will end in the Kitchen Garden at approximately 11.30 to midday. These walks are hugely enjoyable and if you are interested, please phone **Maura Waters** on **8979 9654** as numbers will be limited to a maximum of 30. *



Lion Gate, Hampton Court, **Friday 25 September** at 10.00am

On Sale Now! River-themed Christmas Cards



ARE THE GEESE wondering what time the next ferry leaves as they look out across the river? We'll never know, of course!

Specially produced by The Hampton Society, our Christmas cards feature photographs of scenes unique to our village which have proved so popular year-on-year.

The view of Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare in the snow is a classic scene, here viewed from an angle that encompasses the Thames too.

We are retaining the price of the cards at only £4 for a pack of 10. They are available from **Trisha Shirt** on **8941 5162** or any of our committee members, Hampton Sailing Club, at any of our events and selected local shops including **Ohso** on Station Road. Our cards are usually sold out by the beginning of December so don't delay in getting yours! *

EVENTS PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2015

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.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

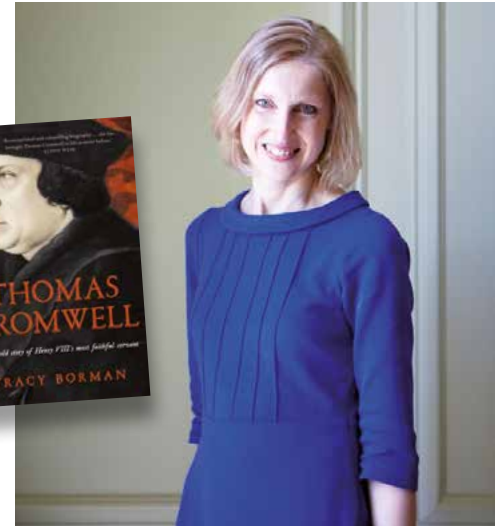
DAY & DATE NOW CONFIRMED

Walk in Home Park with Nicholas Garbutt

A fascinating walk with the Tree and Wildlife Conservation Officer of Historic Royal Palaces. Contact **Maura Waters** on **8979 9654**.

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 8.00PM

Tracy Borman on Thomas Cromwell



Photograph courtesy of Liby Pedder

Tracy Borman, who is Joint Chief Curator for Historic Royal Palaces, has received great accolades for her latest book on Thomas Cromwell. Tracy returns to us again at the Coward Room at Hampton Hill Playhouse. Space is somewhat limited so please aim to arrive in good time.

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 8.00PM

Siobhan Clarke tells us about the Royal Christmas

Another popular speaker from Hampton Court Palace, Siobhan Clarke, visits us at St Mary's Community Hall at 8.00pm.

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 4.00-7.00PM

Hampton Christmas Celebrations



Hampton Village Traders Association host the biggest Christmas event in the area.

See www.hamptonvillage.co.uk for more details closer to the event.