



That's the urgent message from Richmond Council seeking residents' views on a proposed 20mph speed limit on vehicles on almost all of our roads.

There are exceptions to the borough-wide speed limit. They include the A316 Chertsey Road (the responsibility of Transport for London), private roads and those on council estates which are not covered by the highway authorities.

All interested parties are urged to come to a 'Community Conversation' event at the White House in The Avenue, Hampton, on **Tuesday, 4 December** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Exhibitions will be on display from 6.30pm.

An important manifesto commitment from the Liberal Democrats following their success in last spring's local elections, the suggested speed limit is designed to improve road safety and cut air pollution.

In doing so we would bring our own borough into line with neighbours Wandsworth and Hounslow.

According to ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents), slower vehicle speeds reduce the severity of injuries and collision risks. It claims that if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph there is a 2.5 per cent chance of a fatal injury to the pedestrian. But for a vehicle travelling at 30mph the fatal injury risk goes up to a whopping 20 per cent.

Much more detailed information is contained in Richmond Borough's consultation document circulated to local households early last October, asking for responses by 21 December. To ensure you have all the right information before making your contribution, make a date for that Tuesday meeting. **THS**



Pictures taken earlier this year after our visit from the Beast from the East.

Inside...

Letter from the Chair page 2

News page 2 & 3

Committee members page 3

Event news page 4

Events calendar page 4

Notes from the Chair



I was honoured to represent the Society by laying a wreath on its behalf at the newly refurbished War Memorial on the corner of Oldfield Road.

The Remembrance Sunday service is usually well attended but this year there appeared to be many more in the crowd commemorating the centenary of the First World War Armistice. With respect and precision, representatives from local churches, organisations, councillors, schools and residents gave another example of how we do things well in Hampton.

During the ceremony we were reminded that the first soldier of the British Commonwealth to be killed by enemy action in 1914 was from the Middlesex Regiment. John Henry Parr was just 17 years of age. At 5'3", he had joined up in 1912 aged only 14, claiming to be 18 years and one month old, to meet the minimum age requirement.



Great stories – all on your doorstep

If you have not yet attended one of our many talks, I'd like to share a little secret with you. Neither had I until I joined the committee! What with a business to run and also young children, a talk on local history was not really a priority.

But what a treasure trove I had been missing. From the first talk that I attended in 2010 on the history of Taggs Island (which we repeated in 2017 to a full house) I have been hooked, rarely missing an opportunity to find out more about aspects of our wonderful area.

This year we have been treated to fascinating talks by professional speakers. Starting in April, we hosted a talk on Hampton in 25 Objects by our local historian, John Sheaf, which revealed some real surprises.

In warmer months our talks are both active and outdoors. Nicholas Garbutt hosted a Bat Walk around Home Park in May. We have also had special guided visits to Syon House and Turner's House in Twickenham.

Our autumn programme began with the 300-year history of one of our local schools, Lady Eleanor Holles, by Elizabeth Hossain. In October we held the final talk on the events of the last year of the Great War. Paula Kitching, a Commonwealth Graves Tour battlefields guide, has given four talks over the last five years that have been insightful and thought provoking. They have provided the context for each year's events that challenged often a one-dimensional viewpoint of the global conflict and highlighted the repercussions that would follow.

In November, another large audience was entertained by TV and Historic Royal Palaces historian Tracy Borman on Henry VIII and the men who made him – the subject of her latest book.

Our year of talks ends on 6 December at St Mary's community hall The King's Chocolate Kitchen at Hampton Court will be presented by Mark Meltonville. Do come along – you'll be hooked as well, I'm sure!

Have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to seeing you all at some point.

William Redfern, Chair

News Contribution by James Woodford

Eager Beavers Do Hampton Proud

Hampton & Richmond Borough Football Club (The Beavers), who currently run 22 teams with a wide community outreach, has risen to new heights since its elevation to the Vanarama National League South.

The team was agonizingly close to a further promotion last term, losing out to Braintree Town on penalties in the play-off final in front of a capacity crowd of over 3,000.



Spot-on Chris Dickson puts Beavers ahead

This season, the club reached the first round of the FA Cup for only the third time in its 90+ year history, being pitted against full-time professional Oldham Athletic, two divisions higher. Roared on by another sell-out crowd in a packed Beveree Stadium, Hampton led through a 15th minute penalty by ace marksman Chris Dickson and held out into the dying minutes when the full timers' superior fitness enabled them to snatch two late, late goals. Hampton were devastated but had done themselves and the league a great credit.



Gallant Hampton take Oldham to the wire

The evening was the occasion of two other momentous 'firsts' for the Beavers: the match was televised live by **BT Sport** and prior to kick-off, the draw for Round 2 was broadcast by **BBC2** live from Hampton's Hammond's Bar clubhouse. Hampton's success is also a tribute to the Supporters' Club and the myriad volunteers who are the heartbeat of the Beveree. The cup run has also put a cool – and very welcome – £150,000 into the club's coffers!

Now the team needs all the support they can get to help consolidate their league position which has fallen away somewhat over the past few weeks. Why not pop down to the Beveree (off Station Road) one Saturday afternoon? It's convenient, inexpensive, with a very friendly atmosphere – and you'll enjoy, as promised by Head Coach Gary McCann, some attractive and keenly contested football. **THS**

Parking on Hampton Court Green raised at Neighbours' meeting at Hampton Court Palace

Three Hampton Society committee members recently attended one of the regularly held 'Neighbours' meetings' to hear about Palace events and plans and to exchange views.

They were introduced to Nicola Andrews, the newly appointed Director for Historic Royal Palaces. Nicola comes to HRP with over 20 years' experience with the National Trust, a similar organisation in some ways to Historic Royal Palaces.

In a question and answer session, one of our committee raised the point to her how frequently Hampton Court Green

is used for car parking, particularly during the summer school holiday period. Increasing the number of cars parking on the Green creates long delays for traffic along the already-busy Hampton Court Road – especially with Kingston shoppers. It is also a problem for local residents living on, or close to, the Green. Furthermore, it has to damage the grass. Ms Andrews appreciated our concern and undertook to consider the problem. However, it is worth noting that HRP have submitted an 'Application for Certificate of Existing Lawful Use' to Richmond Planning Department in which it seeks to have authority to exceed the currently permitted 28 days use of the Green for parking and other activities. This is on the grounds that the permitted 28 days' use has been exceeded for more than 10 years and is therefore lawful.

Watch this space as we are concerned that Hampton Court Green is being vastly over-used. **THS**



Fundraising Christmas cards

Christmas Cards available now

If you haven't already bought any of our bright and snowy Christmas cards at one of our events, they are also available at local shops.

At £5 per pack of 10, they're now available at *Glorious, Hampton Cellar* or *Szygy Hairdressing*. We will also be at the Christmas Celebrations on Saturday 8 December from 4.00pm at the marquee on Hampton Green. You can also get them direct from **Trisha** by calling her on **020 8941 5162**. **THS**



This year's cards feature *St Mary's church from the garden of Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare by Lew Lloyd* and *the old Police Station on Station Road by William Redfern*.

About your committee

The committee is the governing body of The Hampton Society. It consists of elected officers and six ordinary committee members. We meet four times a year to discuss current issues that affect the community to see where we can make a contribution. We also organise talks, visits and events for our members.

Any member of the Society is eligible to join the committee and can stand for election at our Annual General Meeting in April. If you are interested in joining the committee and playing a part in the Society and Hampton's development, please contact the secretary below.

Committee members

Chair

William Redfern 020 8286 7071

Deputy chair

Iacopo Sassi 07761 670911

Secretary

Rosemary Hill 020 8973 3604

Treasurer

Brian Brignall 020 8979 9499

Membership

Trisha Shirt 020 8941 5162

Newsletter editor

Maura Waters 020 8979 9654

Other committee members

Alice Fordham 020 8979 3543

Sylvia Bridge Le Cluse 020 8941 4450

Christine Paganelli 020 8941 5927

Tricia Mole 020 8941 2126

Contact us at **enquiries**

@thehamptonsociety.org.uk

Update on Membership

A warm welcome to 12 new members

We look forward to meeting you at forthcoming events.

If you have not yet paid your 2018/19 subs (due on 1 May) and received this year's dark green membership card, please do so using the application form available at www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk. If you think you have paid but not had your card yet please phone Trisha on 020 8941 5162.

Newsletter production:

Edited by Maura Waters.

Designed and produced by William Redfern

www.williamredfern.co.uk 020 8286 7071

Our thanks go to all photographic contributions including Tim Goode of PA Wire/PA Images on page 2.

Events

See You at the Switch-On

Come to see us at The Hampton Society stall in the marquee on Hampton Green during the Christmas Celebrations.

You can buy our Christmas cards (a bargain at £5 for a pack of ten) consisting of two excellent snowy views of Hampton – five of each view – plus ten envelopes. A DVD called *Hampton Matters*, made by the BBC's Ron Smedley, will also be available – a very acceptable Christmas present for those who love living in Hampton and would like to see some fascinating stories of local interest.

Remember – this year our big Christmas celebration is on a Saturday instead of the usual Sunday date allowing for more shops to remain open as extra Sunday staff will not be required. A clash has also been avoided with Hampton & Richmond F.C.'s home fixture to avoid overcrowding.

The event is entirely organised by our own *Hampton Village Traders Association* to raise awareness of what our shops have to offer and to encourage us to shop locally. From 4.00-7.00pm – starting with Santa's train ride around the village to his grotto in the Sea Scout hall, the afternoon continues with entertainment from the Rock Choir and Phil Collins and Adele tribute acts.

Do come and enjoy the Christmas tree lights, the food – too varied to mention individually – the music from schools and choirs, plus all those shops and stalls. **THS**

SAT
8
DEC

Events

Book early for our next Quiz Night!

Our next quiz night is on Friday 8 February 2019 in St Mary's community hall. Last year's event was a sell-out (again) so don't leave it too long to book your places.

Tickets are £5 per person with up to six members in a team. Call **Trisha** in the New Year on **020 8941 5162** to buy your tickets.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

A bar will be available on the night but bring your own food and have a great night out.

The atmosphere was great last year so please don't miss out. **THS**



The Chair presents the 2018 winning team with their prize. If you know them, you'll appreciate that it wasn't the only thing they won last year!

Events calendar

Our talks are free to members but 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.

No email address?

If you want to be informed of the latest event information but don't have access to a computer, please contact Alice Fordham on 020 8979 3543 and she will try to call you directly.

2018

December

The King's Chocolate Kitchen

Thursday 6 December, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Marc Meltonville, Royal Palace Food Historian, will be giving a talk that should get us into the Christmas mood! At St Mary's community hall.

2019

January

Lunch at Merits restaurant

Friday 18 January, 11.45am

A popular annual event at a very reasonable price of just £10. Have a look at the menu (on right) and let **Rosemary Hill** on **020 8973 3604** know if you would like to attend and give her your choices.

February

Quiz Night

Friday 8 February, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Pit your wits and bring your own supper. A donation based bar will be available for refreshments. Call **Trisha Shirt** in the New Year on **020 8941 5162** to buy your tickets. At St Mary's community hall.

March

Talk by Siobhan Clarke on Edward VI

Thursday 14 March, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

A talk about the 'boy king'. At St Mary's community hall.

Do you have a story to share?

Please contact our editor Maura Waters with your news on 8979 9654.

Merits Menu

Starters

Winter Vegetable Broth

Pressed Game Terrine
with Melba Toast

Tian of Prawns
with Avocado

Mains

Roasted Haddock

with Caper and Lemon Beurre Noisette,
Wilted Spinach and Creamed Potatoes

Coq au Vin

Pressed Belly of Pork

with Apple Puree and Grain Mustard Mash

Leek, Garlic and Potato Tart
with Roasted Celeriac Puree

Desserts

Individual Lemon Pavlova

Bakewell Tart with Vanilla Ice cream

Bread and Butter Pudding with Creme Anglaise