

The Hampton Society

The residents' association of Hampton, est. 1956 Autumn 2019

Will 20mph Mean Healthy Streets for Hampton?

▲ 20mph painted on the surface of Nightingale Road.

By the time you read this, 20mph speed warnings to motorists – and cyclists – are likely to be revealed on our local roads. A few closes and cul-de-sacs are excepted, along with the A308 and A316, both Highways Agency responsibilities.

Readers of our Winter 2018 newsletter will recollect the *Community Conversation* at the White House last December when the speed limit idea first aired. The *Healthy Streets* campaign aims to improve road safety and diminish air pollution for Richmond Borough residents, along with those of neighbouring Wandsworth and Hounslow.

Meanwhile, before August was out, two 20mph signs had been painted on the surface of Nightingale Road, one at the Acacia Road end, the other nearer its junction with Broad Lane. Nightingales School, (formerly Jack & Jill), lies between the two. Many more smaller lamppost sited 20mph signs have been installed. They are currently covered up but will be unwrapped once the ward has all its signage in place. At that point, the 20mph limit will be in place. Hampton's close density of twelve schools has clearly played a major part in the campaign. Ours are the first two council wards to implement it. Hanworth Road is an obvious candidate for road markings, with its three secondary schools,



One of the lamppost sited 20mph roundels that will be unveiled when all signs are installed.

Hampton High, Hampton School and Lady Eleanor Holles. So is Oldfield Road, site of St Mary's C of E Primary School, where there are several commercial sites close by.

Did you know, Hampton has less public transport than any other area of the borough? But we own – and drive – more cars. Small wonder we're the focus of our local council's *Healthy Streets* initiative, which seeks how we travel locally, and how many walks, cycle and motor trips we would take "if the right infrastructure was in place".

During August, a borough-wide cycling campaign with local schools noted issues like road crossings and disconnected routes to Bushy Park needing attention. These and other subjects suggested by residents will be aired at a *Hampton Community Conversation* on Wednesday, 18 September at the White House, The Avenue, Hampton, at 6.30pm. Representatives from the council and Transport for London will be present to hear views and give advice.

Richmond Council has earmarked funding for this financial year and next to act on some of the initiative's findings. Hopefully these should include new pedestrian and cycle crossings, better lighting, benches, new plants near shops and safer routes to schools. **THS**

Notes from the Chair



It would be easy to wonder why our council have declared a 'Climate Emergency'. We conducted a survey of residents a few years ago and the overwhelming reasons people said they liked living in Hampton were the leafy streets, river and green spaces.

We live in a London borough that has more trees than any other but this should not make us complacent. We all have a responsibility to help reduce the negative impact all our communities have on our environment. Let's face it, we've had it pretty good so far, haven't we? The temptation is to always look at the overall problem and see it as either being too large to solve; somebody else's job to sort out; or somebody else's fault. But it is the small steps that we take collectively, as individuals, that can have real impact. Richmond council's decision to act now on an issue that faces us all, including our children and their children in years to come, will surely result in a better future and all the benefits that brings. Cleaner air and improved health – not a bad goal really, is it?

There is a Climate Change Summit on Saturday 19 October in Twickenham where you can see how we can all contribute. There is a climate change area of the council's website where you can read more on this subject: tiny.cc/a9eecz

Thou shalt not contaminate! How to make recycling count

Not sure what to do with your unwanted plastic? As a result of my own confusion over recycling household waste, I have recently done some research and thought it would be useful to share some key findings to help clarify how we can make the most of our doorstep collection and help fight the 'war on plastic'.

We should not demonise this flexible, durable and protective material, but we need to be responsible for its reuse and disposal. The biggest problem is **contamination** – either due to being put in the wrong box or still being covered in residual food waste.

Much more plastic can be recycled effectively if we **follow these simple steps:**

- Only put plastic, glass, cans, tins and completely empty aerosols in the **black box**.
- Empty and lightly rinse anything with food or drink residue.
- Put lids and caps back on all drink containers.
- Remove any film lids and absorbent pads from trays and put these in the general rubbish.
- Triggers can be left on cleaning product bottles but soap bottle pumps need to be removed and disposed of in the rubbish bin.
- Do not completely crush cans as it prevents them being sorted properly.
- **Drink cartons** (such as Tetrapaks) should be put in the **blue box** (paper) with their lids on.
- Any food waste should be wiped off cardboard and anything too soaked in grease should be composted or put in the general rubbish. If the bottom of your takeaway pizza box looks greasy but the top is clean, recycle the top half and dispose of the bottom.
- Do not put soft plastics such as bags, film lids or any "scrunchable" plastic in the doorstep collection boxes as they get caught in the sorting belts.

Get involved, you might enjoy it...

Ultimately, we all benefit from being part of the community, whether or not we are able to contribute actively to it or get involved in local activities. If you are one of the many who could get involved but has not made the leap, I would encourage you to do so. Not only will you add value to your community, it's rewarding to feel that you're making a difference. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people. **THS**

William Redfern, Chair

News

Beavers Bank on Youth

by James Woodford

A sequence of testing early-season fixtures has very quickly acquainted the youthful squad of Hampton & Richmond Borough FC, aka the 'Beavers', with the harsh realities of life in the ultra-competitive Vanarama National League South.



With a number of fundraising initiatives as yet to bear fruit, Hampton manager Gary McCann has been operating on a shoestring player recruitment budget with a clear remit to building 'a young, affordable hungry side', while club chairman Jacques Le Bars adds his appeal to the fans for 'their understanding and continuing support for this long-established and community-minded football club.



At the time of writing, the recent weeks have seen some encouraging signs of better form, much-needed tightening and steel in defence, and an injection of added zip and enterprise up front. But the immediate imperative for the Hampton youngsters, with just a smattering of more seasoned campaigners, is to distance themselves from the lower reaches of the table and show that they can hold their own at this level.

Meanwhile, the stadium's infrastructure is being given an essential upgrade. With the help of the hard working Supporters Trust, the club has secured a 70 per cent grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund. This is being used to restore the terrace and the main stand to comply with the standards laid down by the Sports Ground Safety Authority and Richmond Council. This will enable a return to a ground capacity of more than 3,000 as required by the League. The pitch, as ever, is immaculate and does the ground staff great credit.

Hopefully, readers will be inspired to spend a Saturday afternoon in the pleasant surroundings of the Jezzards Beveree Stadium, off Station Road, Hampton. Access is easy, entry inexpensive, and the atmosphere welcoming (bring the children). And, of course, there is always the prospect of enjoying an entertaining, keenly contested game. All good reasons for backing the Beavers this season. **THS**



Richmond Borough Bloom Awards

Richmond Borough in Bloom is an independent community group 'committed to enhancing the borough's natural environment for the benefit of all who live, work or visit here'.

Every year, Merit Awards are given in the borough for attractive front gardens and residential frontages; for the way community buildings display flowers to good effect; for pubs which decorate their exteriors with hanging plants and flower beds, for shop frontages and commercial centres who do their best to provide floral displays which passers-by will pause to admire.

This year the highest award, Gold, was given to two people and one organisation in Hampton. Jean Wood from Douai Grove (bottom left), who was a new entrant this year, and Sheila Lloyd from Wensleydale Gardens (above), earned Gold Awards for their delightful front gardens. Dorothy Grant from Johnson's Drive (bottom right), also a new entrant this year, secured a Silver-Gilt Award. Hampton Pool (bottom centre) was awarded Gold in the community buildings section.

A lot of hard work goes into making a garden look really attractive, or in the case of Hampton Pool, creating small beds of colour and greenery, hanging baskets and climbing plants, all of which enhance the building and organisation.

Many congratulations to our award winners, who are all invited to the Awards Evening at York House in Twickenham on Tuesday 1 October.

If you have a splendid front garden, estate, pub, community building or business premises, **why not take part next year?** We might achieve even more awards in Hampton! Look out for more information about the Merit Awards next spring at the *Richmond Borough in Bloom* website. *by Rosemary Hill* **THS**



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 or be co-opted during the year. If you are interested in joining the committee and playing a part in the Society and Hampton's development, please contact the secretary below.

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★ **This month we welcome Lesley Cesenek of Park Close to the committee. Lesley's background is in IT and she is going to help us develop our member database.**

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Our thanks go to Daphne Hamilton-Palmer and Mary Adams from Richmond Borough in Bloom for the winning gardens pictures.

New Name for Charity

Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity is changing its name to Hampton Fund.



The launch at York House was attended by Richard Montgomery, Chair, and David White, Director, of Hampton Fund. Cllr Nancy Baldwin, Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Clare Lawrence, Director of OK Music Trust and Mandy Tottman, a volunteer & Trustee at Home-Start.

Set up in 1811 as the result of the Enclosures Act, the charity has been supporting the local community through careful stewardship of its funds, providing over £2M each year to tackle need and improve quality of life for residents in the borough.

The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames attended the launch of Hampton Fund at York House, Twickenham on 31 July.

"Our new name will avoid confusion around the words 'fuel' and 'allotment'. After all, we don't give grants for petrol and we don't have an allotment! In short, we are very keen to reach out to more people who may not be familiar with the help we give" says Hampton Fund's press release.

To find out more about the charity, visit hamptonfund.co.uk

Christmas Cards Notice

We are not producing new Christmas cards this year. However, existing stock of our cards from previous years will be available to buy at the talks listed below, while stocks last.

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.

October

Talk on Big Ben

Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Retired guide Tim Redmond, will talk about the renovations of Big Ben. At St Mary's community hall.

November

Talk on the forgotten market gardens of south west London

Thursday 14 November, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

David Lawrie will tell us how Hampton used to be full of market gardens. To complement his talk, David will bring with him his touring exhibition, including a detailed model of a typical Hampton nursery of around the 1950s. At St Mary's community hall.

December

Talk on the renovation of the royal kitchens at Kew Palace

Thursday 5 December, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Marc Meltonville, who spoke to members last year on the King's chocolate kitchen, will this year regale us with the history of the renovation of the royal kitchens at Kew Palace. At St Mary's community hall.

Below: The royal kitchens at Kew Palace. ▼



First Nail Bar for Hampton

Hampton Nails & Beauty has just opened in Station Road on the site of the former Cheese & Wine Shop. Manicures, pedicures, waxing, tinting and massages are all catered for. They'll be open Monday-Saturday, 9.30am to 6.30pm.



Christmas Celebrations

Don't forget Hampton's Christmas Celebrations. The event will be held on a Sunday, 1 December from 4.00 to 7.00pm. The Hampton Society will have a stall as usual.

Because our publication dates rarely coincide with Hampton Traders' (HVTa) activities, we haven't featured their Classic Cars On The Green and Screen On The Green this year. Both events on Hampton Green were successes again.