



hampton pool trust

Poolside Chat

The newsletter from the charity securing the future of Hampton Pool

Summer Issue 2019

Hampton Pool Trust welcomes a new Chair

Following two successful years in office, Mark Doyle recently stepped down as Chair of the Trust and has been succeeded by Stephen Hooley.



Stephen Hooley is pictured in front of our new gazebo at this year's Hamptons' Carnival.

We are grateful to Mark for his work during a period when the need for redevelopment of Hampton Pool's buildings and infrastructure became ever more pressing. Mark has steered change in governance to develop the Board, but many of you may also know him as the face of our successful Summer Concert series.

Our new Chair, Stephen Hooley, joined the Board in June 2018 following more than ten years as a user of the pool. Stephen's background cuts across many areas relevant to the Trust. He has a professional background in civil engineering and public relations as well as experience in sports coaching.

Since joining the Board, Stephen has become a major contributor and the Board of Hampton Pool Trust looks forward to working alongside him as we continue to work to secure the future of the pool. ●

Get on board

Hampton Pool Trust (HPT) is a small, independent, not for profit company and educational charity.

It is run by volunteers from the local community with a vision to maintain Hampton Pool as a safe, welcoming, enjoyable, sustainable and inspirational heated, public open air swimming environment, all year round.

The Trust owns the building and the pool and exists to secure the long-term future of the pool for community use. Hampton Pool is managed on behalf of Hampton Pool Trust by YMCA St Paul's Group. Both are registered charities.

There are over 400 members of Hampton Pool Trust who care deeply about the facility and how it is run. Please contact the Trust at the address below if you too would like to become a member – or even a Trustee.

The HPT Board of Trustees are:

Ralph Arundell
Andy Cowper
Sandra Cummings
Mark Doyle
Alex Fell
Grahame Hadden
Steve Hooley – Chair
Will Hollis
Jean Hughes
Tim Lawes
Stuart Leamy
Sam Murphy
Jane Savidge
Daphne Wharton
Michael White

Please contact the Trust by email at info@hamptonpooltrust.org.uk

Please visit hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/development/ for more information on the proposed improvements

All the Fun of the Fairs

We were delighted to meet so many Hampton Pool supporters and swimmers at recent spring and summer fairs in Richmond upon Thames. The Hampton Pool Trust stall could be spotted at the *Chestnut Sunday Fair* in Bushy Park, *The Hands Charities Fair* on Twickenham Green and *Hamptons' Carnival Fair* on Nursery Green, Hampton.

These events are a great opportunity for us to explain the work of Hampton Pool Trust, the charity supporting Hampton Pool and securing its long-term future. If you missed joining in the fun, look out for the Hampton Pool Trust gazebo at future fairs!



Jane Savidge and Daphne Wharton from Hampton Pool Trust are pictured with the new Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Nancy Baldwin, at The Hands Charities Fair on Twickenham Green. Photo courtesy of London Borough of Richmond.

At the Hands Charities Fair on 27 May, our stall was highly commended as 'Best Amusement for Children', for our 'Put Yourself in the Picture' Hampton Pool collage and for our children's competition to design a swimming hat. The award was presented by the Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Nancy Baldwin.



We'd like to thank the Trust members, volunteers and lifeguards who helped us at these events and are always looking for enthusiastic supporters of Hampton Pool to help with Trust events and fundraising activities. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved. ●

Note from the Chair

Hello!

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome to the first issue of *Poolside Chat* during my tenure as Chair of Hampton Pool Trust. Outgoing Chair Mark Doyle has done a remarkable job over the last two and a half years and I am very aware that I have large shoes to fill.

I am delighted that we are finally able to bring you some positive news on the building development planning process. I am very aware that the proposed development has been the cause of considerable frustration and friction. I have talked (and listened) to many of you to try to understand your points of view and will continue to do so. I believe that we all have the successful, long term future of the pool at heart and hope we can work together to deliver that dream.

The articles in this issue on the Hampton Pool Summer Picnic Concerts and the charity fairs that the Trust attends cannot begin to reflect the huge amount of hard work put in behind the scenes by our loyal group of supporters. We have had 120 people volunteer so far this year, but we need more to maintain the momentum that has been developed. If you would like to find out about volunteering for the Hampton Pool Trust, please contact me via the email below.

I am very keen to engage with as many pool users as possible so if you have a query, a suggestion or would like to volunteer and help secure the future of Hampton Pool please do not hesitate to contact me:

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@hamptonpooltrust.org.uk

Stephen Hooley,
Chair of Hampton Pool Trust



The new chair is a triathlete who has represented Team GB!

Summer Picnic Concerts update

On the Hampton Pool Trust calendar, July always means the Hampton Pool Summer Picnic Concerts. Many of you will be familiar with these events, but did you know that they are the Trust's main source of fundraising and are therefore vital in safeguarding the future of the Pool?

If you've attended one of the concerts in the past (and if you haven't attended at least one, they're a really fun, family-orientated evening, so do try to come along at some point!), you will be familiar with the many volunteers working at the event, mainly as stewards or serving at the bar. However, what you see at the concerts is just the tip of the iceberg, both in terms of the volunteers involved and the time taken to plan and organise the events.

Although the Concerts team generally takes a break during August following the six events in July, planning for the following year starts in earnest every September. Every year, there are more and more music festivals popping up, so there is more and more competition to secure performers as well as for infrastructure items such as staging and portable toilets, all of which makes early planning vital. We need to be able to secure the performers we know our audience want to see and make sure they don't appear locally too close to our events!

By Christmas, we have the major pieces of infrastructure booked (stage, lights, sound etc) and most of the performers identified. It always takes until January to slot in the last few pieces of the performer jigsaw puzzle in terms of dates and availability and then we can start planning marketing activities and put tickets on sale.

The rest of the Spring is spent organising the volunteers for the events, planning the bar (we have new digital tills and credit card payment devices this year, for example) and the myriad of other activities needed to prepare for the actual events in July.



The ELO Experience, shown here in 2016, sold out in just 3 days

As you can see, this takes a tremendous amount of time from a dedicated team of volunteers, for which the Hampton Pool Trust Board are extremely grateful. So, when you next attend one of our concerts and have a great time in a friendly environment, just spare a thought for all the voluntary time & effort that has gone into creating the event! And if this has whet your appetite for getting involved in helping at our concerts in the future, we'd love to hear from you at

spc@hamptonpool.co.uk ●

Building Development Update

Making progress

We are pleased to report some positive movement with our planning application.

In January, members of the Hampton Pool Trust and our Architect met with our designated planning officer at Richmond Council to discuss our planning application and to seek a timeline for approval. We also received, for the first time, a draft copy of the long-awaited independent viability study, conducted by Aspinall Verdi at the request of Richmond Council to consider the financial viability of the development plans.

It was at this meeting we learnt that our planning application would be referred to the Greater London Authority (GLA) as the development, in part, would be situated on a small area of Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). Subsequently, the Trust met with the viability consultants to discuss their report and raised some concerns about some assumptions made in the draft, which is now being updated. We have now also met with the GLA to better understand the questions they had regarding the use of MOL. We are working closely with all three organisations to address any outstanding concerns and hope to see any issues resolved in the next few weeks, which would allow the planning process to proceed, we hope, before the end of this year. ●

Things you can do at the Pool:

36 metre pool /
Shallow learner pool /
Swimming lessons /
Gym & fitness classes /
Aqua aerobics /
Water polo / Sauna /
Sunbathing area /
Sun Deck Café /

home to

Thames Turbo Triathlon

User Group feature: Thames Turbo

Thames Turbo Triathlon is an incredibly friendly club based at Hampton Pool. With 200 adult and junior members, becoming part of the Turbo Team is a great opportunity to meet likeminded people who help each other reach their goals. As a club we welcome anyone from those just wanting to get started, all the way to those looking for endurance racing or trying to get some PBs!



Throughout the week Turbos get a chance to take part in six club sessions across all three disciplines, four of which are coached by fully trained and enthusiastic coaches.

Thames Turbo also offers a two-part sprint triathlon series for adults on the May and August bank holidays. These races are aimed at all abilities and take athletes from Hampton Pool, through the winding streets of Sunbury and finishing off in the iconic Bushy Park.

For the juniors there is a completely off-road Aquathon, giving them a perfect entry to the sport of triathlon.

Want to know more about Thames Turbo or interested to start a free two-week trial? Contact membership@thamesturbo.co.uk or visit our website thamesturbo.com

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Things you can do at the Pool:

There's an app for that

Yes, Hampton Pool now has a mobile app!

Regular customers, those with a membership card and number, can now easily book and pay for classes and sessions online using a mobile phone app. The app provides live, up-to-date information and is proving very popular with customers.

A space can be secured in advance for the ever-popular Aqua Aerobics classes, Studio Cycle classes, Yoga and Pilates classes, Moonlight Dips, Christmas Day swims, in fact any class or session that has a limitation in numbers is bookable via the app. Dates and times of classes, class sizes and numbers of remaining places are all included.

Before you download the app, you will need to create an account by calling Hampton Pool reception on **020 8255 1116** or in person next time you visit.

The app is available to download at the *App Store* for iPhones or *Google Play* for Android phones (search for **YMCA SPG**).



Please ask at reception for more details. ●

