

hampton pool trust

Summer Issue 2023

Poolside Chat

The newsletter from the charity securing the future of Hampton Pool

It's starting to feel a lot like summer!

Chair's Welcome by Jane Savidge



Just some of the staff at Hampton Pool, ready to welcome and look after you this summer.

With Hampton Pool's Summer Picnic Concerts on the horizon and lots of new activities planned, I am delighted to introduce the summer issue of Poolside Chat to new readers. You may have seen printed copies at the pool in the past. We are sending this issue to the wider pool community for the first time.

For those who don't know, Hampton Pool Trust is the community charity responsible for Hampton Pool. Local volunteers formed the Trust to save the pool from closure in the mid 1980s and ran the pool before contracting YMCA St Paul's Group as pool operator in 2007. We operate under licence from The Royal Parks as the pool is on the edge of beautiful Bushy Park. Hampton Pool Board Directors are all volunteers who care about Hampton Pool. We continue the work to secure the pool's long-term future and to support community health, assisted by members of the Trust who help with fundraising, events and other work. In this issue I am pleased to introduce our four newest Board members.

As a pool run by a charity, we have minimal public funding. We cover the costs of keeping the pool open through entry charges and fundraising. As many will know, Hampton Pool Trust secured planning permission in 2022 to commence much-needed development of the pool buildings and we continue to fundraise to allow this work to start. *Continued over...*

Get on board

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

Our vision is to secure the future of Hampton Pool as a safe, sustainable, open-air environment for warm-water swimming and related activities to be enjoyed year-round by the community and to support health and wellbeing.

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:

Jane Savidge – Chair

Mark Doyle – Interim Finance Director

Mark Sherwin – Company Secretary

Nigel Brown

Marguerite Cameron

Mark Corris

Grahame Hadden

Roxanne Glaud

Rick Kershaw

Stuart Leamy

Jill Livesey

Katie Sullivan

Daphne Wharton

Michael White

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It's starting to feel a lot like summer at Hampton Pool! *continued*

The current fundraising environment is difficult and the double whammy of Covid followed by the energy and cost of living crisis hasn't helped. We remain determined to improve the building and make it fully accessible for the first time.

Thanks to our loyal community the pool continues to thrive. We continue to support national lobbying to get recognition of the importance of swimming for health which resulted in some additional national government funding. We will be applying for this funding once applications open, but there's no guarantee of success so we will be continuing with our other fundraising activities.

We hope that by reading this you will want to support the pool. Read on to find out how to get involved.

Welcome new board members

I am pleased to introduce **Nigel Brown, Mark Corris, Roxanne Glaud** and **Rick Kershaw** who have recently joined us. I hope to introduce them to you at one of our events in future. 🌊



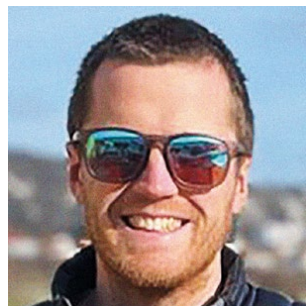
Nigel is a lawyer with experience in construction, relevant to our current building project. He enjoys outdoor sports and swimming.



Mark's experience is in the sports and leisure industry. He has been a swimmer at Hampton Pool since childhood.



Roxanne works for a European Transport provider. Her experience includes HR transformation, change and work with customers and stakeholders.



Rick lives in Hampton and is also a regular pool user. He is a qualified accountant joining the Trust Finance Committee.

What's occurring! Summer at Hampton Pool

An interview with Ellie Sheldrake

The team are gearing up for our busiest time of the year which needs lots of resource planning.

We can't wait for our two new Level Two fitness instructors to join us in June. We are also interviewing for lifeguards.

We are recruiting for a new duty manager due to Tamsin leaving us. We wish her the very best of luck with her new career with the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The team have been busy training and learning to cover different areas of responsibility which means during peak times we can cover reception and the Sun Deck Café. This drives strong team collaboration and understanding of each other's roles.



Currently there is an important focus on our younger age group users. For example, we are actively encouraging 11-13-year-olds to use the gym; we have end-of-year school swimming galas; and are looking forward to using our new inflatable for TNT, our dynamic summer holiday kids' club sessions (Tuesdays 'N' Thursday mornings).

We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer. 🌊



FUN FOR YOU & FUNDRAISING FOR THE POOL

TICKETS:
[HAMPTONPOOLTRUST.ORG.UK/CONCERTS](https://hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/concerts)



Donate your unused toiletries at Hampton Pool

Hampton Pool is proud to be a supporter of other local charities, including most recently the Hygiene Bank.

Hygiene Bank focuses on collecting and distributing new and unused toiletries to those living in hygiene poverty in the community. Local resident Sarah Allen coordinates the Hampton project along with her team of volunteers. Donated products are distributed to over 10 local charities and community partners, including schools, foodbanks and homeless shelters. Look out for the Hygiene Bank collecting box at the pool.

What to donate:

For women, men, children and babies: shower gel; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; shaving gel; toothpaste and toothbrushes; period products; nappies and wipes

All donations gratefully received. ≈



Building for the future: Hampton Pool Redevelopment Project

This past year has been focused on securing funding for the redevelopment of the building and discussing the future business plan for the pool with YMCA St Paul's Group.

Preliminary discussions have been held with Sport England and approaches made to other bodies providing grant funding. The difficult funding environment and escalating cost of construction remain challenging. We are working with the original designers and a cost planner to confirm what is affordable based on understanding the costs and extent of Trust reserves.



Initial prioritising focused on increasing the internal space by adding a roof to part of the sun deck and making it accessible by lift; improving the changing rooms and studio space; and delaying other parts of the scheme. As costs continue to rise, there are difficult decisions ahead about this more limited first phase and we are exploring these. Our aim is to ensure that the refurbished building is accessible, sustainable and future proofed to allow for further works in future and to commence the build within the planning permission window which ends in February 2025.

The interim licence agreed with The Royal Parks through to March 2026 gives time to see us through the construction period and to put in place the long-term occupancy licence once we have the refurbished building in place. ≈

Join the #100Challenge it's not over yet!

A huge thank you to those who have taken on the #100 Challenge to fundraise for Hampton Pool.

These include our very own **Grahame Hadden** who has completed 100 miles in less than 100 days! Grahame reached his milestone target early on his 86th day! Thanks also to **Clare Neville** who completed 100 reps of 100 different gym exercises and **Steve** and **Marie** (100 lengths in 100 minutes!).

Go to JustGiving our just giving page [justgiving.com/campaign/supporthamptonpool](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/supporthamptonpool) to make a donation or start a fundraiser! ≈

Coming soon:



Grahame Hadden completing the last length of his #100 mile challenge. Scan the QR code to support him.

Schools #100challenge!

hampton pool **#100** WIDTHS put the fun into fundraising

#100 lengths of the pool

#100 Push Ups **#100 STAR JUMPS** **#100 mins**

#100 Visits **#100 hours**



FUN FOR YOU & FUNDRAISING FOR THE POOL GREAT MUSIC BY THE POOL

TICKETS: [HAMPTONPOOLTRUST.ORG.UK/CONCERTS](https://hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/concerts)



Get out the picnic blankets. It's Concerts Season!

21 years ago, Paul Campbell, former marketing director for Hampton Pool Trust recognised the potential of our pool being the perfect venue for outdoor concerts to fundraise.

Today the Summer Picnic Concerts are still very much alive and a permanent fixture in the community calendar of southwest London. More importantly they are the most successful annual fundraising activity for HPT.



At the time of going to press, three are sold out, but there are still three shows with some availability. We are very excited at the prospect of a performance from one of Australia's most loved pop artists *Natalie Imbruglia*. The former member of the cast of *Neighbours* will be supported by three Swedish sisters, the uncrowned queens of banjo punk *Baskery*. There is a double bill of best of British ancient and modern folk rock from the legendary *Fairport Convention* and *Seth Lakeman*. Plus there is a whole evening of the Whitney Houston song book performed by the cast of *Whitney, Queen of the Night*.

People tell us that Hampton Pool is the perfect venue for a night's entertainment. They love the relaxed vibe, complimentary swim, opportunity to picnic, have a drink with friends and dance the night away to some great music. So, why not take advantage of this being on your doorstep – bring your friends and join us at one of these family friendly and fun concerts!

Why not get involved?

The success of the concerts is the result of the efforts by a fantastic team of volunteers from the community of the pool and in particular from the Poolside Swim & BBQ Club, who contribute massively to the success of the concerts. Perhaps you would like to be involved in stewarding, becoming member of the crew running the bar or perhaps have skills in marketing and social media? If this is of interest, please contact concerts@hamptonpooltrust.org.uk ≈



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How you can support Hampton Pool Trust and the Pool

We are grateful for your continuing support through these difficult times. Here are some of the ways you can continue to support Hampton Pool Trust and the pool.

1 Pre-book or drop in for a swim or a class and come and join us
We're over the peak in demand experienced just after reopening and waiting lists have disappeared or shrunk to small numbers so do join us to swim or to exercise. The pool is magical all year round but really special in the summer. Our ever-popular Moonlight Swims are back too!

2 Take on a centenary #100challenge to help us raise funds or donate – details inside.

Or buy some Hampton Pool centenary branded merch like these large towels and swim hats!
Available from reception



Swim hats (3 styles – one with 2 sides)

3 Make a donation via JustGiving
Head to *JustGiving* and search for



'Hampton Pool Trust' to make a donation, we're grateful for your support, large or small. We will ensure the money raised will be used to help secure the future of Hampton Pool.



4 Support our fundraising by coming along to our fundraising events, the **Summer Picnic Concerts** or further events this autumn and winter – look out for further details. ≈