

hampton pool trust

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Poolside Chat

The newsletter from the charity securing the future of Hampton Pool

Save the date! 24 June – Celebrating Hampton Pool's Centenary in 2022

A Bigger Splash!

Chair's Welcome by Jane Savidge



This issue of Poolside Chat marks the start of a very significant year for Hampton Pool. A pivotal year which includes the Pool's 100th birthday on 24 June 2022 and the start of fundraising for our fabulous new building.

Hampton Pool's official opening took place on 24 June 1922 following many years of negotiation to find a suitable site for a swimming bath in Hampton, and a lengthy suspension of work due to the First World War. To mark our milestone birthday, we are planning a programme of events, activities and competitions throughout the year. Save the date and watch this space www.hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/100 and social media, as further details will be provided over the Christmas period.

Some of you may remember the successful *Sink or Swim* campaign which secured the reopening of Hampton Pool in 1985 following closure by the council, or you may have helped with the more recent *Splash for Cash* campaign which supported further upgrading in 2004. We need your help once again to make an even bigger splash this coming year. Our centenary provides the perfect opportunity to support the future of our lovely open air swimming pool by joining in the fundraising fun to support us in finding the funding to construct our new building.

We hear some lovely comments about the difference the Pool makes "It's a really unique experience and it's the other swimmers who make it so special." "This wonderful place has been my sanity! Just love it." Our *Bigger Splash* in 2022 will be all about showcasing the positive impact of the Pool on the lives of local people, even more important as we emerge from two long years of Covid. *Continued over...*

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:

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

Please visit hamptonpooltrust.org.uk for more information on improvements.

Do you have a story you'd like to share? To contact the Trust, please send your message to info@hamptonpooltrust.org.uk

A Bigger Splash! *continued*

Jane Savidge, Chair

We are already busy collecting evidence of our reach and impact – **Did you know**, for example, that Hampton Pool has 51,000 registered users of the Hampton Pool Booking App! or that 45,320 entries to the pool in 2019-20 were made by children attending swimming lessons (the last pre-Covid year).

Part of our work next year will be about making our positive impact more visible. We are collecting stories and memories past and present to show what a difference the Pool makes to people's lives and how our impact will be increased by our new building. This will provide access for all, much needed improvement to our changing spaces, increased space and flexibility in the gym and studio enabling a wider range of activities all year round, all made possible by the flexibility and imagination of the building design. 

Share your experience and memories of Hampton Pool

24 June 2022 is Hampton Pool's Centenary and as we celebrate this important year, we would love to hear from you.

How has Hampton Pool made a difference to your life? What highlights, memories and stories about Hampton Pool would you like to share? Do you have photos from former decade we could scan to add to our growing archive? 



<< Audrey Hacker (centre) and family in 1948. Re-opening party 1985 >>

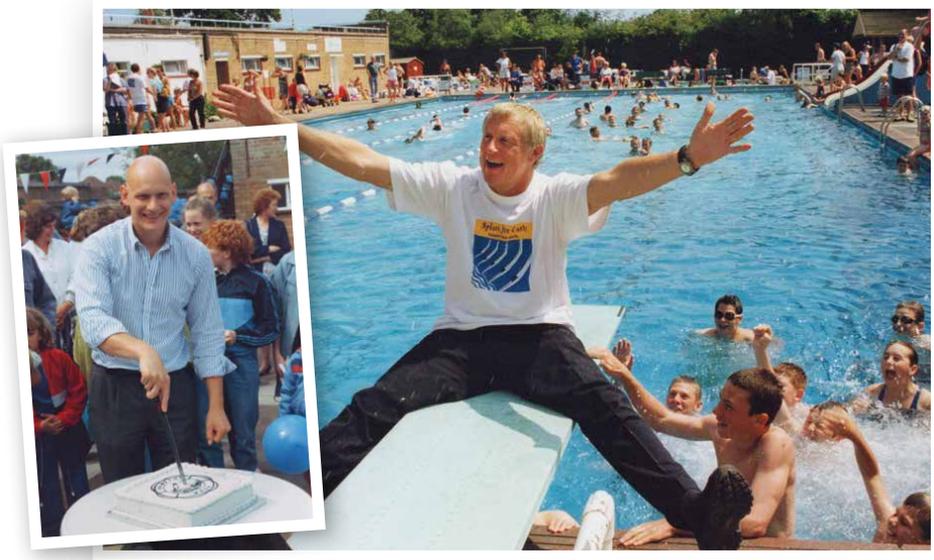


<< The BBC's Carol Kirkwood is a regular visitor to Hampton Pool, here in April 2015 presenting the weather for BBC Breakfast. >>



<< Sink or Swim campaign included fun runs in Bushy Park

Please send your memories, stories and experiences to:
100@hamptonpooltrust.org.uk



<< Guest of honour and Olympic Gold Medal winner Duncan Goodhew officially reopened the pool for us in 1985. Presenter Chris Tarrant helped us with our Splash for Cash fundraising campaign for essential maintenance to the pool and building.

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The ever popular Christmas Dayswims >>

Building for the future: the news we have all been waiting for

It has been a long time coming but we are hopeful that Greater London Authority Stage 2 approval will have been granted by the Mayor of London by the time we start distributing this issue of Poolside Chat. This will confirm the planning approval by London Borough of Richmond and Wandsworth Planning Committee which was reported almost a year ago.



This sign off is the green light to proceed with applications for grants and other fundraising.

Look out for dates for drop-ins to meet the Trustees and to chat about the plans which have now been developed to detailed design stage. Our new building will provide an attractive, accessible and sustainable building which maintains the character of the Pool and the outdoor

ethos for use by future generations. We can't wait to get started.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to help us realise this vision here www.hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/100.

Wimshurst Pelleriti design for the new Hampton Pool building wins the People's Choice Award

The shortlisting of the Wimshurst Pelleriti design for Hampton Pool in the New London Awards 2021 was welcome news.



Bringing people together to shape a better city

The New London Awards celebrate projects that create a sustainable, civilised and egalitarian city, improve the quality and standards of new design, respect London's rich mix of old and new, and support regeneration and usability of our streets and public spaces.

Even more fantastic news was to follow on 26 November when the new building design was declared the **winner of the People's Choice award**.

Thank you to all who supported Hampton Pool by voting for the project.



How you can help

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 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 Keep hold of to those Summer Picnic Concert tickets and join the party when the concerts go ahead next year!

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 Raise funds while you shop
Hampton Pool Trust is registered with the *Amazon Smile* initiative. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases back to Hampton Pool Trust. So when you go online to do your shopping, please log in to Amazon via smile.amazon.co.uk and search for **Hampton Pool Trust**. It costs you nothing, but will help us to raise vital funds for the Pool.

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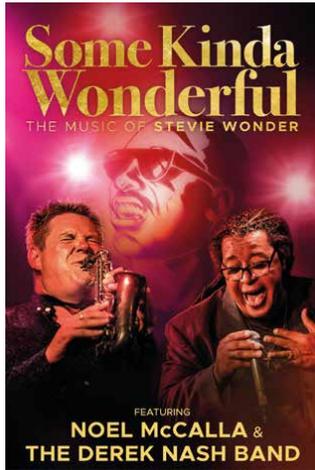
Hampton Pool Centenary Concerts at the Hammond Theatre

We are delighted to be able to talk about concerts again and to let you know that we have some extra events lined up for next year.

We want to get the Centenary party started early so we are organising some extra concerts at the Hammond Theatre at Hampton School from February 2022:

Save the dates and book now to join the fun.

HAMPTON POOL CONCERTS AT THE HAMMOND THEATRE

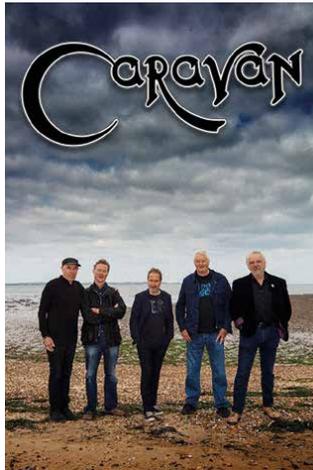


Saturday 19 February

Some Kinda Wonderful

A sensational tribute to the genius of Stevie Wonder.

Award-winning saxophonist **Derek Nash** partners with rock/soul vocalist **Noel McCalla** (former lead vocalist of Manfred Mann's Earth Band and Moon) to celebrate the music of Stevie Wonder in their Some Kinda Wonderful concert which sells out in some of the UK's hottest venues.



Saturday 26 March

Caravan

Legendary, genre shattering and technically brilliant.

Caravan are coming to the Hammond and bringing with them English whimsy, progressive jazz, melodic inventiveness, sprightly pop rock, gentle psychedelia and musical virtuosity. This is a unique and special band, so it's an opportunity not to miss. In anticipation, feast your ears on singles like *Golf Girl* and *If I Could Do It All Over Again I'd Do It All Over You*.



Saturday 14 May

Illegal Eagles

Special Acoustic Set plus an acoustic set by The Unravelling Wilburys

This is going to be a special acoustic set – so it'll be different to anything the **Illegal Eagles** have performed at our summer concerts.

The **Unravelling Wilbury's** showcase an acoustic set list of songs by the original Travelling Wilburys line-up and more.

Two shows:
6:00pm & 8:30pm

Tickets are now on sale at the Hammond Theatre website:

www.thehammondtheatre.co.uk/whats-on

Book early to get your pick of the seats available in this exceptional venue – see right ▶

We hope these events will provide the perfect taster for our summer concerts in July. P

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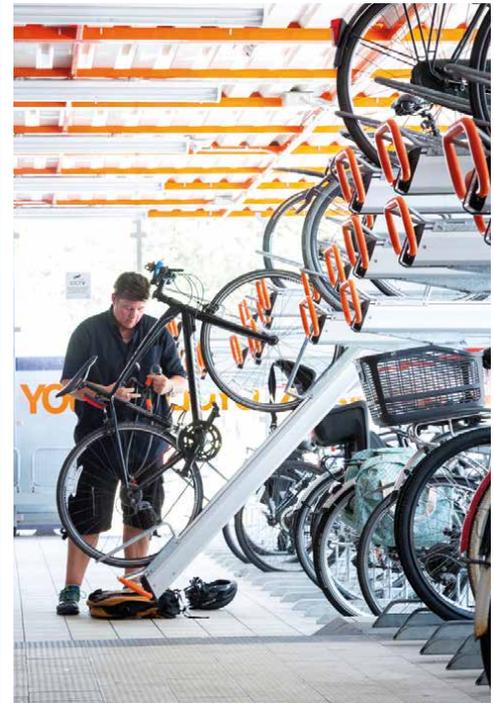
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YMCA

Coming soon – improved weather protection and additional cycle racks at Hampton Pool

Cyclepod racks with easy lift mechanisms are on order and we hope to have these in place very soon.

The plans take account of larger frame bikes and cargo bikes. With thanks to London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames for providing Community Fund support for this project. P



The Hammond Theatre is situated in the grounds of Hampton School, Hanworth Road, Hampton, TW12 3HD.

Access is via the main gate of Hampton School.

