

hampton pool trust

Winter Issue 2022

Poolside Chat

The newsletter from the charity securing the future of Hampton Pool

Winter Centenary Issue 2022

Stay warm at Hampton Pool this winter!

Chair's Welcome by Jane Savidge



This issue of Poolside Chat falls in the Centenary year of Hampton Pool and what a year it's been so far! Hampton Pool's Bigger Splash Birthday Party took place on 24 June 2022 and many of you came along. I am delighted to include photos of the celebrations in this issue.

Thank you to the pool team and to the extraordinary number of volunteers who made our 100th Birthday weekend a success! This was just the start of the celebrations; look out for Hampton Pool Trust at local Christmas fairs and join us at Hampton Pool for a Christmas swim. It has been a roller-coaster year. We were delighted to see the return of the Summer Picnic Concerts in July after a two year absence due to Covid! And to receive final approval for the redevelopment of the buildings at Hampton Pool. These positive moments were happening alongside increasingly alarming news about rising energy costs and It soon became clear that this would have a significant impact on Hampton Pool despite the offset provided by the Government Energy Bill Relief Scheme for businesses. To date it remains unclear what will happen once government support ends.

As a charity-run public pool without local authority subsidy we are doing everything we can to mitigate rising costs and to keep the pool financially viable. In this context we are taking a different approach to the redevelopment of the pool building to keep things on track.

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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:

Jane Savidge – Chair
Mark Doyle – Interim Finance Director
Mark Sherwin – Company Secretary
Marguerite Cameron
Andy Cowper
Alex Fell
Grahame Hadden
Stuart Leamy
Jill Livesey
Katie Sullivan
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see inside £15



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

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Stay warm at Hampton Pool this winter! *continued*

We need your support this winter. Do keep coming to the pool to swim and exercise. Swimming in warm water under the Christmas lights is truly magical and with a hot shower and a hot drink to finish it's a great way to stave off the winter chill. Read on to find out more about the fabulous Hampton Pool team and what they do to keep the pool running during the winter months.

Why not join one of our Centenary fundraising challenges launching in the New Year, support our fundraising, or get in touch if you have ideas about organisations and businesses that may be willing to support us. ≈

Celebrating the Centenary in June...



The Centenary weekend began with a reception on Friday 25 June, the date the pool opened in 1922. Guests received a commemorative 100 badge and a booklet of pool users' memories from over the decades.

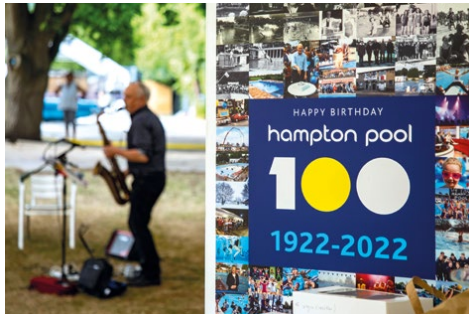


What's occurring! Winter at Hampton Pool

an introduction to the work of the team, by Alex Standen

Our big focus this winter is on working together as a team to identify what we can all do to reduce energy consumption.

Everyone has responded so well to this challenge, taking responsibility and sharing ideas, for example we have introduced a traffic light system to communicate which electrical devices consume the most energy, and can safely be turned off overnight as we all monitor use.



Hampton Pool is an amazing place to work, the opportunity to be part of a strong supportive team, working outdoors with access to sport being a big attraction. Working at HP is a great start to your career, learning about sport and leisure provision but also so many important life skills, such as communication, business skills and cleaning procedures.

Recruitment has been challenging this year, but we are really pleased with the quality of candidates applying and those who have joined us recently. We are still recruiting so if you know someone who you think will love working at HP please get in touch.

We are very busy with the run-up to the festive holidays, the Christmas tree is a real highlight for customers and our staff, putting up 5000 of tree lights (energy efficient) is a challenge, but it's worth it when we see the joy this brings. Christmas swim times need to be planned and big news for this year is the arrival of Santa's grotto at the pool, so get writing your list. ≈



HPT Chair Jane Savidge welcomed dignitaries including the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham MP Munira Wilson and local councillors. There was a display of historical artefacts and events in the Fitness Studio.



Building for the future: keeping the development on track

After the welcome news about planning permission, the Centenary year has seen continuing work to secure the funds to enable redevelopment of the building.



In the light of the energy crisis, instability in the financial market, rising construction costs, and reduction in grant funding opportunities, delivery of the whole project is expected to take longer.

Our vision that the redevelopment will create a fully accessible, highly sustainable and future proofed facility

remains unchanged; however, we are prioritising certain elements of the scheme based on understanding what is affordable using Trust reserves, a soft loan and what we can secure from our fundraising and more limited grant opportunities. We are currently discussing this revised approach with YMCA St Paul's Group, our pool operator and re-visiting the target budget. We hope to release more positive news soon. ≈

Coming Soon – Join the #100Challenge

To continue our 100th birthday celebrations we are setting Hampton Pool users and the community a challenge.

hampton pool **#100 WIDTHS** put the fun into fundraising
 #100 challenge #100 lengths of the pool
 #100 Push Ups #100 STAR JUMPS #100 mins
 #100 Visits #100 hours

Can you swim 100 laps of Hampton Pool, do 100 press-ups in a day, or even take part in 100 minutes of aqua aerobics? choose whichever 100-themed challenge suits your skills. You can set a challenge with friends, or classmates, the main thing is to get active and have fun. We hope everyone who sets a challenge, signs up to the Hampton Pool Trust **Just Giving** page to get lots of sponsorship and fundraise for our lovely Hampton Pool.

Once you have decided on your 100 challenge, it's as simple as:

Participate decide on your **#100challenge**

Donate raise vital funds by getting sponsored for taking part

Nominate friends to get involved

We have created a sponsor page and ideas pack at hamptonpooltrust.org.uk/100 with details on how you can join our **Just Giving** page justgiving.com/campaign/supporthamptonpool Thank you and good luck! ≈

There's a bag for that!

Look out for our fabulous centenary merchandise at Hampton Pool shop at reception and out and about in Hampton.

They include the gorgeous print of Hampton Pool and tote bag designed by **Lisa Tolley**! We also have centenary branded towels and swim hats available from Hampton Pool shop. All surplus from sales help secure the future of Hampton Pool. ≈



Centenary branded 140cm x 70cm luxury poly-cotton/cotton towel **£15**.



Lisa Tolley tote bag ideal for swim gear or shopping **£15**.



Swim hats (3 styles – one with 2 sides) **£7.50**.



Lisa Tolley print (unframed) **£10**.



Thank you to Anna Trapmore for creating a wonderful tribute to Hampton Pool for our Centenary.

You can listen to Anna's radio feature which captures the essence of Hampton Pool. The feature includes swimmers talking about their love of Hampton Pool and its history. You can listen to it on the Hampton Pool Trust website home page. ≈

Hampton Pool Summer Picnic Concerts

Hampton Pool's most important annual fundraising activities are the Summer Picnic Concerts which have been running since 2002.



We were delighted to welcome them back this year after an enforced absence. Six successful events were held, with performers ranging from top UK country act *The Shires* to the ever popular *Illegal Eagles*. Enthusiastic audiences and fine weather helped enormously, and we are already busy planning the 2023 season. ≈



World class artists in Hampton this summer. Left to right row 1: Heaven 17; row 2: The Shires, The Christians and The Feeling; row 3: Toploader and Dodgy.



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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 - details inside.

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.

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4 Raise funds while you shop
Hampton Pool Trust is registered with the *Amazon Smile* initiative. Amazon will

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Or buy some merch like this towel! *see inside*

