

## HAMPTON WICK HISTORY NEWS

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### Historical Hampton Wick Revisited

The Hampton Wick History group is holding a second exhibition, this time documenting the changes to Hampton Wick's High Street over the past 150 years.

The exhibition, to be held at St John's Church, Hampton Wick on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, will also feature a series of short talks on the history of the High Street, Local Floods and Freezes, Burgoyne's Boatyard, Normansfield Theatre and Chestnut Sunday.

Organiser Ray Elmitt says: "Our last exhibition was a huge success with over 350 people attending. This show, focusing on the history of the High Street, will be of great interest to everyone who lives here or passes through. Did you know that as well as two dairies, a butcher, a poulterer, two haberdashers and a coal merchant, Hampton Wick has also boasted not one but two taxidermists?"

The organisers are also encouraging people to bring along their own contributions to local history – old photos, memorabilia or just memories. Original material will be given back but copies will join the growing archive of Hampton Wick's history being collected by the group.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

St John's Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick

Exhibition open: 3pm – 7.30pm. Talks: 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Entry: £2 (concessions 50p, children under 12 free).

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**Image file attached: A Butcher of Hampton Wick**

**Further images available on request**