

# The Friends of Richmond Park



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Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a new leaflet all about The Friends of Richmond Park. Do show it to a friend or two and encourage them to join. At last count we have 1528 members, which is a healthy figure, but the more we have the better we can help protect the Park and expand our programme of educational and social events. Over the next few months we are planning a regular (every two months) series of mainly wildlife-focused talks and discussions, with knowledgeable and interesting speakers. Recently joined committee member Peter Burrows-Smith is masterminding these activities.

Sometimes I wish I could just enjoy my walks in the Park without feeling the urge to "police" other people's behaviour! In recent weeks I have seen cars exceeding the speed limit, people failing to pick up after their dogs and groups of people gathering plants. I think the latter were after new bracken shoots and, since bracken is an invasive weed,



Alison Donaldson tempting walks leader Barry Marsh to write an article for a future newsletter (to appear soon!)

picking it didn't seem too harmful, even though people are not supposed to remove any plants from the Park. I even witnessed a family lighting a barbecue. As you probably know, fires and barbecues are not allowed in the Park and pose a threat to the Park's flora and fauna, especially during warm, dry weather.

**If you see a barbecue, please report it by telephoning 020 8332 2225.**

I shall be very sad to miss the opportunity on 17 September to experience a car-free day in the Park: the day of the first ever London Duathlon (see under Events on page 15). Do go along – I heard from people who were in the Park on the day of the Nike Run last year what a pleasure it was to enjoy a car-free Park for one day.

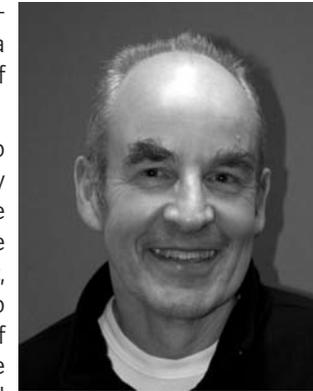
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Photo on front cover by Piers Eley:  
Small Copper - see Nature Notes on pages 8-9 for more about this butterfly.

## Voicing our concerns about the Park

I'd like to say just three things – a welcome, a thank you and a plea for help from members of the Friends.



*First, the welcome.* This is to Mark Camley who has recently been appointed Chief Executive of the Royal Parks Agency. He has his hands full at present, but we look forward to welcoming him to a meeting of the Friends very soon. In the meantime I hope he will recognise that each Park is different and getting the right balance between local management of the individual Parks and central direction from HQ is vital.

*Second, the thank you.* This is to Dr Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham, who asked a question in Parliament on 13 June about the huge maintenance backlog of about £110 million across all the Royal Parks. The new Minister (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, to give him his full title), David Lammy MP, said he was to visit the Park the following Thursday and would report back. I have not yet heard what the Minister has to report in full though I understand he is saying that the backlog may be rather less than £110 million. We shall see – the figure Vince Cable used in his question was an earlier RPA estimate that was referred to in an authoritative report from the National Audit Office. Whatever the number is, if it is of this order of magnitude there is a real problem which needs to be addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Vince Cable did us all a service by drawing it to the Minister's attention. I hope all the other MPs whose constituencies are close to the Royal Parks will join him and the other Friends' groups in highlighting this important issue.

*And finally, the plea.* This is to all of you, members of the Friends of Richmond Park. Please keep me informed of the things that concern you – or praise things that you love about the Park. We need to know what you think so we can, where appropriate, represent them to the Minister and the Chief Executive. I receive a few letters and phone calls – but not many and would welcome more. My preference is an e-mail (see address below).

Recently, for example, I have heard about

- The occasional conflict between cyclists and pedestrians on the Tamsin Trail – from both sides. I'm afraid this is an issue that will run and run.
- The renewed threat to the 300-year old view of St Paul's Cathedral from King Henry's Mound brought about by changes to planning guidance from the Mayor of London. I shall be writing to Ken Livingstone on this one.
- The "improvements" around Sheen Gate – are they really necessary and don't they fly in the face of the recommendation in the 1996 review by Dame Jennifer Jenkins that such schemes should "reinforce the sense of entry into a different world"?

Please keep your thoughts coming. We may not be able to help with all of them but we need to know what concerns you so we can remain true to our founders, who formed the Friends "to protect Richmond Park as a place of natural beauty and public pleasure".

**John Collier**

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## New plan to conserve rare species in Richmond

Keith Martin



Song Thrush

A new Local Biodiversity Action Plan was unveiled on 17 June by Sir David Attenborough at the London Wetland Centre. The plan aims to protect, conserve and enhance habitats and species that are characteristic of the borough and are rare or in decline, such as the Stag Beetle, the Water Vole and the Song Thrush (pictured here). The habitats it seeks to protect include acid grassland, veteran trees and ancient parkland, all of which are characteristic of Richmond Park. Nigel Reeve, Community Ecologist for the Royal Parks was present at the launch, as was Friends' committee member Peter Burrows-Smith.

Nigel Reeve



Acid Grassland

The plan is the result of many years' work by the Richmond Biodiversity Group, a partnership including Richmond upon Thames Council and a host of other organisations, including the Royal Parks, The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, the London Wetland Centre, the London Wildlife Trust, as well as many charities, professional bodies, communities and individual local residents. If you would like to get involved and find out more about conserving wildlife in Richmond please contact Charlotte Williams, Chair of Richmond Biodiversity Group) on 020 8831 6125 or e-mail [c.williams2@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:c.williams2@richmond.gov.uk)

## Keeping down crime in the Park

At a "Parkwatch" meeting in May, the police informed us that during the past 12 months there had been 29 thefts and 9 burglaries in the Park, reports committee member Douglas Reynolds. There was also one murder – a sad but exceptional case widely reported in the press. Generally speaking, the Park continues to have low levels of crime and disorder.

The policing of Richmond Park, now under the Metropolitan Police, is directed from the Police Office at Holly Lodge in the Park. The objectives for 2005/6 include providing "high visibility policing where it is most needed", in order to keep the Park safe and free from the fear of crime and to keep its roads and pathways safe. The police are also targeting those responsible for anti-social behaviour. A further objective is to safeguard the unique environment and ecology of the Park. The uniformed contingent is two Sergeants, eight Constables and six Police Community Support Officers. This adds up to a total of about 16 (who are of course never all on duty together). We hope the police's current proposals will be sufficient to keep crime down to the present level and even lower.

## When the Olympics came to Richmond Park

by Michael Davison

When London was chosen by the International Olympic Committee on 6 July 2005 to host the 2012 Olympic Games, a strong factor in its favour must have been the capital's excellent "track record" in staging the hugely successful Olympiad in 1948, only three years after emerging from the shadows of the Second World War. Now is a good time to remember that this was a triumph in which Richmond Park played a significant role, by providing the site for an Olympic Village to house some 1500 of the 4000 visitors who flocked to London from 59 countries.

The stars of the 1948 Olympic Games were

Fanny Blankers-Koen, the Dutch housewife who won four gold medals, and Emil Zatopek, the Czech runner notching up the first of his many Olympic successes. Battling alongside the medal winners were striving athletes of lesser reputation but equal zeal, many of them living in Richmond Park and often to be seen exploring the streets and markets of Richmond and Kingston on their free days.

From Kingston Gate car park, cross the road and walk up the new steps to the top of the rise. From here a stretch of flat ground,

largely open but with a sprinkling of relatively young trees, extends towards Ladderstile Gate. This was the site of the 15-acre Olympic Village of 1948. If its uncompromising lines of plain wooden huts resembled a military cantonment it is not surprising, since the huts were built in 1938 to house recruits to the East Surrey Regiment. During the Second World War the camp was used as a military convalescent depot with room for 2500 soldiers, and then as barracks for women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS).

Surprisingly, one of the Olympic Village huts has survived intact –

though not in the Park. It was saved from demolition in 1965 by Malden Rifle and Pistol Club, who dismantled it and re-erected it at their range in New Malden, where it still serves as the clubhouse. Frank Dobson, the club's captain and a member of England's Olympics pistol shooting team in the 1960 Rome Olympics, recently gave me a "conducted tour" of the historic premises.

To convert Kingston Gate Camp to receive its new guests in 1948, the huts were given a lick of creosote and their doors painted green. However, the accommodation



Once this grassy sward was covered in huts for 1500 Olympic athletes.

remained spartan even for those days, and a far cry from what Olympic competitors today would expect. According to the *Surrey Comet*, two men shared a single wardrobe 2ft 6in wide for their belongings, and there was “not enough room for two men to get out of bed at the same time”. Fittingly, a retired RAF officer, Group Captain A H Owen, was put in charge of the village, with the title of camp commandant.

Most of those quartered in Richmond Park were male athletes from South America, Scandinavia and Italy. It is reported that one group of Scandinavians took an appalled look at the huts and promptly booked into a local hotel. Most of them, however, made the best of it, hoisted their national flags and set about training and relaxing in their temporary quarters.



*Olympic hut still in use as clubhouse of Malden Rifle and Air Pistol Club*

The athletes fed in the old army cookhouse, were looked after by staff recruited from the National Union of Students, and were ferried to Wembley Stadium and other venues by London bus. Local people seem to have made their guests welcome. “We enjoy it very much”, a Mexican team member told the *Comet*. “Everybody here is so kind, so nice”.

When the Olympic Games ended and the athletes left for home, the camp reverted to military use. It housed units of the Royal Corps of Signals and later a unit of the



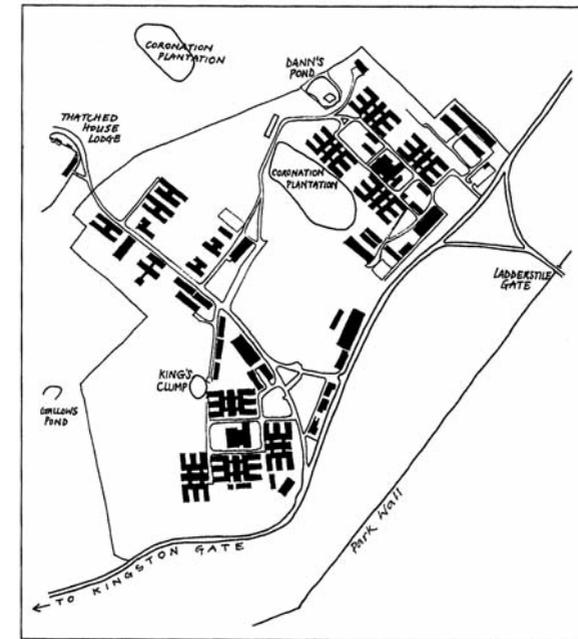
*Interior of the Malden Pistol Clubhouse today, once a dormitory for up to 24 Olympic athletes*

Women’s Royal Army Corps, successor to the ATS. During the Suez Crisis of 1956 the ageing huts found yet another role as a reception centre for service wives and children evacuated from the Canal Zone. The camp was dismantled in 1965 and reintegrated into the Park the following year.

Today there remain few traces of the site’s three decades of occupation. Leaders of the Friends of Richmond Park Saturday morning walks often point out a flight of eight concrete steps near Dann’s Pond which the bulldozer missed, and the embankment



*Steps to nowhere: a Richmond Park “mystery” solved?*



*Layout of Kingston Gate Camp*

curving round from these steps and marked by a line of silver birches may well have edged the parade ground or separated two areas of huts.

In addition I have a photograph of a corner plate of what seems to have been a tennis court, marked with the maker’s name, H J Ayres. Although this was pointed out to me some time ago by Park Superintendent Simon Richards, during numerous subsequent walks I have failed to re-discover it: perhaps it has become overgrown, and when I next lead a group there we can fan out and conduct a finger-tip search!

It is unlikely that we shall be called on again to surrender part of Richmond Park to quarters for military units or Olympic

athletes. The years of occupation of Kingston Gate Camp have become part of the Park’s history, together with its long-gone farms, ladder stiles and grazing sheep. The grassy sward between King’s Clump and Dann’s Pond will retain its tranquillity, a place to awaken memories of athletes of the past, while around it today’s joggers, cyclists, horse riders and walkers find their own ways to keep alive the Olympic spirit.

Michael Davison leads walks for the Friends

Photos: Michael Davison

Sources: articles by Frank Dobson in the *Richmond Park Magazine* and by June Sampson in the *Surrey Comet*; David McDowell’s *Richmond Park: The Walker’s Historical Guide* (map of Kingston Gate Camp by Angela Kidner reproduced by permission of the publisher).

**Note from the Editor: If you have any interesting memories or stories about Kingston Gate Camp (at any period of its history) which we could include in our next newsletter, Douglas Reynolds would love to hear from you on 020 8399 1548. Or you can email him at: [d-reynolds@amserve.com](mailto:d-reynolds@amserve.com) (no attachments please)**

## Nature notes – August 2005

This spring saw a number of rare migrating birds in the Park – no less than three Golden Orioles and a Woodchat Shrike were recorded. Skylarks have also been on the increase, particularly in Lawn Field, the dog-excluded area east of Lower Pen Pond, and in the area between Beverley Brook and the Polo Field. A Kingfisher has also returned to breed in the banks of Beverley Brook for the first time for several years. This may have nothing at all to do with the reduction of traffic and people on the east side of the Park, following the closure of Robin Hood Gate, but it is an interesting and encouraging coincidence.

In spite of these encouraging signs, I am afraid that the extraordinary variations of weather so far this spring and summer will not have been good for many of the other flora and fauna in the Park. Much of the acid grassland has been looking scorched, with only the withered remains of last year's seedlings decorating the tops of the anthills.

The anthills, incidentally, play an important role in the ecology of the Park. Each one of these is, in effect, a mound of fine sand, often, as at present, rather free of vegetation. These mounds are the natural resting place for large proportions of the wind-blown seeds of many different types of plant that spread through the Park at different times of the year. Sand is an ideal ground for the propagation of seedlings, if blessed with gentle rain at the appropriate time.

Earlier this year larger than normal quantities of Slender Parsley Piert (*Aphanes australis*), a small grey-green plant with delicately serrated leaves, appeared on anthills across the Park. However, with the scorched earth conditions at the end of June, I suspect that we shall only find small quantities of this rather charming small plant in the Park next year. As forecast in the last newsletter,



*Slender Parsley Piert*

Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*) has indeed been unusually widespread this year, but is now beginning to suffer in the same way as the Parsley Piert.

I am very much afraid that some of our butterflies may also be suffering. Following the extraordinarily large numbers of Small Heaths that were seen in the latter part of last year, as noted in the autumn newsletter, I am delighted to say that we have had equally large numbers this spring. However, I am concerned that the caterpillars that will be needed to produce a good second brood this year may find themselves on short commons with the grass in its present state!

We also had good numbers of Large Skippers this spring (see photo). However, the numbers of Small and Essex Skippers, another of the Park's specialities, which I have noticed are particularly susceptible to weather changes, seem to be rather low this year, as do Purple Hairstreaks.



*Large Skipper*

The butterfly I would particularly like to draw to your attention this August and September is one of our most spectacular: the Small Copper. The gleaming copper of the upper wings is perfectly set off by the deep velvet black of the lower wing, with its shiny copper edging and small tails. The picture is completed by the black and white striped livery of the antennae, rather like a footman's stockings. If you peer into the shadow of the lower wings, you may be able to make out up to three bright blue "lunules", arranged like sapphire studs, just inside the copper border. The butterfly illustrated on this page has four of these lunules, while that on the front cover only has one.

These delicious small butterflies are at their most frequent in the Park during late August and September and are particularly attracted to Ragwort. So, when walking in the Park this summer, why not make a bee line for any nearby stand of Ragwort and see if you cannot spot one or more of these little beauties. Common Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) fulfils a very important role in the Park as a source of nectar for butterflies and other insects, particularly in the late

summer, when the other main source of nectar, the various species of Thistle, have mostly gone to seed.

**So, please don't go around pulling up the Ragwort.**

Ragwort is highly poisonous to horses and cattle, and very dangerous when it finds its way into hay. However, standing alone, as it does in the Park, it is very unlikely to be eaten by any horse. In its living state it has a smell that is particularly unpleasant to horses and has earned it the name of "Mare's Fart" in parts of the country. However, once pulled up and allowed to dry out on the ground, it loses this scent and is much more likely to be eaten by them.

In response partly to pleas made by us on behalf of the Park's butterflies, DEFRA has amended its instruction to the Parks to the effect that, in recognition of Ragwort's important role in the wider ecology, it no longer has to be pulled from areas that are not mown and not generally grazed by horses. It is still being pulled from the edges of the horse rides and will be controlled as needed by the Park staff.



*Small Copper*

There is therefore no reason for anyone else to attack this plant and to do so may not only damage the insect life of the Park but may actually increase the risk of an accident with horses.

Finally, keep an eye out for the many different types of Dragonfly that are now around in the Park. They are all beautiful and well worth a closer look. Have fun!

Piers Eley, August 2005  
Chairman, Richmond Park Wildlife Group

Photos: Piers Eley

## Fish life in Beverley Brook

Beverley Brook, which runs through Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common before entering the Thames at Putney, was at one time polluted by poorly treated effluent from the old Worcester Park Sewage Works. About six or seven years ago, the sewage works were replaced, leading to a big improvement in water quality. According to the Royal Parks' website, periodic sampling by the Environment Agency has found an increasing range of aquatic plants and invertebrates. Three-spined sticklebacks were some of the first fish to move back.

Tony Drakeford, Vice chairman of the Wimbledon and Putney Common Conservators and member of the Richmond Park Wildlife Group, reports that, over the

## Spring birdsong walk

By Sheila Hamilton

We attracted a number of odd looks from the Saturday morning joggers and dog walkers. We were just a group of well-wrapped walkers assembling at Pembroke Lodge car park. But we numbered around 70 and it was before eight o'clock in the morning. This was the turnout for the Friends' first Spring Birdsong

**Piers Eley will lead a  
butterfly walk on  
Saturday 17 September  
See page 15  
for time and place**

past couple of years, the following species have been noted in the Brook:

Roach  
Chub  
Three-spined stickleback  
Dace  
Young Flounder (at mouth of Brook to Thames)  
Pike (seen on occasions)  
Golden Orfe and Goldfish (obviously tipped in!).

This makes a total of eight species - further proof that water quality is improving. Most sightings occur along the Killcat Bridge stretch of the Brook near the golf course in Richmond Park.

Walk, the inspiration of committee member Peter Burrows-Smith.

Peter had gathered a number of experts from the Richmond Park Bird Group including Tim Howard, Barry Marsh and Mike Lewis (who works and lives in the Park), so the party was able to split into smaller groups. We heard or

saw most of the resident birds known to frequent the Park. For one group, the daytime sighting of a Little Owl was the highlight of the morning. Reed Warblers and Passage Wheatear were among the less well-known species recorded. The star of the day was the Ring Ouzel - a summer passage visitor on its way to breed further north.

The day finished with an optional breakfast at Pembroke Lodge with at least a third of the party sitting outside on the terrace.

This first birdsong walk has generated ideas for future walks with a bird theme and a possible introductory bird identification course, which we are investigating. Look out for details about other themed walks - in the newsletter, on the Park notice boards or on our website [www.frp.org.uk](http://www.frp.org.uk). Our next birdsong walk will be on 8 October - see page 15.

Sheila Hamilton is our  
Hon. Membership Secretary

Photos: Michael Davison



*Peter Burrows-Smith  
addressing the early  
morning walkers*



*The birdwatchers, with  
Mike Lewis on the far left  
and Barry Marsh on the  
far right*

## Cyclists and walkers share views

By Brian Baker

"Cars are the problem: they push cyclists off the roads."

"Not all cyclists are at fault – a minority are uncaring."

"The Tamsin Trail should be for recreational cycling only."

"Shared paths can work, Wimbledon Common is a good example."

These are a few of the varied comments made by the audience at the debate organised by The Friends in late April: "Can Shared Paths (such as the Tamsin Trail) work?".

Among the speakers, Mike Fitt, Superintendent of Richmond Park at the time the Trail was built in 1992, argued that it was planned as a leisure circuit, to be enjoyed by all, off the road. At the time, the Royal Parks worked with The Ramblers, the London Cycling Campaign and the three local Borough Councils. There was no practical way of creating segregated paths.

Richard Evans, London Cycling Campaign, pointed out that money had been bequeathed on the understanding it would be a cycle track. On Wimbledon Common, the sharing is marked by unobtrusive signs. The principal problem in Richard's view is the 4000 car drivers who daily use the Park as a by-pass. Remove traffic, and cyclists will voluntarily move onto the roads.



So what did the audience think? Some were hostile to the concept of shared paths (sections of the Trail were built on existing footpaths), others to those who cycled on them without care for other users. The characteristics of cycling and walking are entirely different, and conflict was at times inevitable. Some cyclists used the Trail as a "race track" oblivious of walkers, children and dogs. "Sooner or later there will be an accident or death – small children are unpredictable in their movements." Someone suggested that cyclists approaching walkers from behind should give audible warning: why don't cyclists have bells anymore? Is it a "macho" thing?

Other members thought the supposed problems were exaggerated, and that where common sense prevailed – as mostly it did – then shared use worked well. The consensus in the end was that, given the volume of motor traffic on the roads, shared paths were here to stay. The Royal Parks should do more to supervise the Trail, install discreet signs identifying it and pointing out that it is shared and has a speed limit. (Simon Richards, Richmond Park Superintendent, acknowledged that the Trail needed repairs in some places.) Off-trail cycling might then be more easily discouraged.

Brian Baker is the Friends' Hon. Secretary

## Friends from Fontainebleau

By Mary Thorpe

In May, The Friends of Richmond Park were hosts to the "Association des Amis de la Forêt de Fontainebleau" as part of twinning ceremonies involving Richmond, Fontainebleau and Konstanz. This was a delightful opportunity to forge a friendship between our two organisations, which have so much in common. The Forest is, in fact, ten times the size of Richmond Park and boasts a population of wild boar as well as of deer.

The Amis brought with them an exhibition of magnificent photographs of the Forest, taken by Mr Gerard Vallée, which were displayed for two weeks at the Old Sorting Office in Barnes. The exhibition was launched at a reception attended by the Mayors of Konstanz, Fontainebleau and Richmond and other dignitaries. Brian Baker mounted a display for the Friends and our Chairman, John Collier, gave a welcoming address on our behalf. Mr Vallée has generously given his photos to the Friends and the Royal Parks

Agency jointly and we plan to display them at a later date so that more people may enjoy them.

To commemorate the occasion, a tree was planted in the grounds of Pembroke Lodge, and the Amis de la Forêt were taken to Isabella Plantation where all the colours were at their height.

The Association des Amis de la Forêt are keen to maintain the relationship, as are we, and have invited The Friends to visit them. A Spring 2006 visit is being considered. Undoubtedly, we would be made very welcome and such an occasion need not be expensive.

**Any members interested in joining in please telephone Mary Thorpe on 020 8878 2789 so that we know the likely response.**

Mary Thorpe is a member of the Friends' committee



Mary Thorpe of The Friends with Gerard Vallée of Les Amis de la Forêt de Fontainebleau

## New subscription rates

Our Membership Secretary writes: Subscriptions for all categories of membership were increased at our Annual General Meeting in April. The new rates are: Individual £6, Households and Organisations £10. Those who pay by cheque will receive with our winter mailing reminders incorporating the new rates, from 1 January, the start of our financial year.

Included with this newsletter is a Banker's Order form to assist those who pay by this method with moving to the new rate. Some banks will require a fresh mandate to be completed, while other banks may be content with a simple letter. The enclosed form indicates the details you will need to give. When using this form, please send it direct to your bank. I hope that the changeover will run smoothly, but if there are any problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sheila Hamilton, Hon. Membership Secretary  
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## "Lost" members

Please, please, please do let us know if you change your address! We have a number of people paying by Bankers Order for whom we have no contact details, so of course they are not receiving any of our newsletters or other communications. If you know of a Friend who says they haven't heard from us recently, do ask them to make contact with Sheila.

## Remembering John Clifford

It's sad to report the death of John Clifford, who was a member of the Friends and gave generously to help reduce traffic in the Park. John Repsch, former Chairman of the Friends, recalls: "John was 76 and had been an avid cyclist to the Park for over 40 years. A man of old-fashioned values, he also campaigned for more bus travel. He would often compare our Park with his other favourite Royal Park, Windsor Great, which has no public car access whatever, and has managed very nicely since the 1930s with the White's Windsor-to-Ascot bus service running through its length and breadth. He loved reminding us that until World War Two, the single-decker route 207 ran from Barnes Station into Richmond Park at Roehampton Gate, and as far as the golf course. He has left us with a treasury of letters, articles and photographs. He will be much missed."

## Committee members

**Patron:** Lord Rix, CBE

**Chairman:** John Collier

**Vice Presidents:** Richard Carter, Douglas Reynolds, David Thorpe

**Other committee members:** Brian Baker (Hon. Secretary); Alison Donaldson (Newsletter Editor); Sheila Hamilton (Hon. Membership Secretary); John Waller (Hon. Treasurer); Ann Brown; Peter Burrows-Smith; Ron Crompton; John Repsch; Mary Thorpe

## Events

### 8 Sep 7.30pm

Vestry Hall  
21 Paradise Road  
Richmond

Dr Nigel Reeve, Community Ecologist for The Royal Parks, will give a talk on "The Ecology of Richmond Park".

### 17 Sep 2005

Richmond Park

London Duathlon in the Park to coincide with European Car Free Day. The Park will be closed to vehicle traffic. Spectators welcome. Start and finish near Roehampton Gate. From around 10am onwards. For further information go to [www.thelondonduathlon.com](http://www.thelondonduathlon.com) or phone 020 7559 2919.

### 23 Nov 12.30 for 1pm

Belvedere Room  
Pembroke Lodge  
Richmond Park

Friends' lunch with speaker. For bookings and information, contact Brian Baker on 020 8546 3109.

## Walks 2005

All are welcome to join these free guided walks. They begin at 10am and finish around midday at the car park or gate shown. Please keep dogs under control. For further information, contact Peter Burrows-Smith on 020 8878 4022.

Date	Starting and finishing at
6 August, 10am	Roehampton Gate car park
3 September, 10am	Richmond Gate
1 October, 10am	Kingston Gate car park (possibly with fungi option)
8 October, 10am	Pembroke Lodge car park: <u>autumn birdwatching walk</u>
5 November, 10am	Robin Hood Gate car park (possibly with fungi option)

## Additional walks (organised by other groups)

### Sat 17 Sep

The final walk this year of the Richmond Park Butterfly Group will start at 11am from Pembroke Lodge car park.

### Sun 18 Sep (am)

National Walking Day / Worth the Walk Day. Guided walk to Pembroke Lodge (light refreshments provided). This walk is being held as part of Good Going Week 2005, celebrating and promoting sustainable transport in Kingston. For more information, contact Chandra Littlewood, Good Going Week Co-ordinator, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Tel. 020 8547 5865.

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