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Heathrow Campaign Update

Summer was a busy time for our Heathrow campaign! We achieved national publicity with articles in the Guardian in June about the impact of noise on mental health, featuring Dr Alison Greenwood who cites the Park's tranquillity in treating her patients, and in the Times in August about the impact of noise on wildlife, based on a review of scientific evidence conducted for us by two academics. In September, we released a three-minute film in which Park visitors talk about the impact aircraft noise would have on their experience. We've had many viewers on YouTube and also via our Facebook page. Google 'Richmond Park: Stop the flight paths' to see it.

In parallel, we responded to the latest Heathrow Expansion consultation, issued in June, particularly the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which we considered to be completely inadequate in its treatment of Richmond Park: the Park was not covered properly, many results were barely credible and the methodology was biased against large open spaces such as Richmond Park.

With this response and further coverage in the Guardian and also in ITV News, we called on Heathrow to do a full environmental impact assessment of the Park for the planning enquiry next year. If they don't do this we believe they are open to legal action.

We worked with TRP on the wildlife aspects of our submission. TRP also submitted their own response and so did at least 50 Friends members who copied their responses to us.

We will be meeting Heathrow for a second time to press our case and will respond in the New Year to their submission to the planning enquiry. It's a long campaign.

The media coverage, research on the impact of noise, film and our submission are on our website at www.frp.org.uk



The stunning and intricate drawing of **The Royal Oak on the front cover** is by Mark Frith, the artist of last year's exhibition 'A Legacy of Ancient Oaks' at Kew Gardens. This exhibition featured 20 ancient oaks drawn by Mark in amazing detail in pencil. Seeing these inspired the Friends to commission 'The Royal Oak' picture.

The Royal Oak is one of the most recognised veterans in the Park, designated an 'iconic tree' by the Ancient Tree Forum.

Mark Frith in his studio by ©Richard Gray

This picture will be the emblem

for our Year of the Tree, raising awareness of the importance of trees in Richmond Park's biodiversity, and surplus from sales of prints of this picture will go to funding tree conservation projects in the Park (see pages 8 and 9).

Mark Frith's The Royal Oak

by Richard Gray

For some years, Mark and his family lived in London and when we commissioned him, he recalled what a "great spiritual resource" Richmond Park was to him and his family.

Mark worked on the The Royal Oak portrait for nearly three months. He says: "Each ancient tree has its own personality and what I do is not botanical art; I try to create a portrait of each of the trees". Mark said he came to admire The Royal Oak as "a stoic; still standing after hundreds of years, whilst the many generations of foresters, who cut and pollarded the tree, are long dead and buried."

The Royal Oak Limited Edition of 100 signed giclée prints

on fine art etching textured 310gm paper 90 x 72 cm, £385 each

Only available through the Friends website www.frp.org.uk All applications received before midnight on 27 November will be entered into the draw for the number 1 print

> View a framed print in the tea room at Pembroke Lodge See www.frp.org.uk for terms and conditions

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AGM notice and papers

In common with many other charities, we will in future use our website, e-bulletin and email to announce the AGM and make the AGM papers available to members. A limited number of printed copies will be available at the AGM, but we will no longer post these to all members. This will significantly reduce the amount of paper that the Friends use, enable us to divert the costs saved for projects in the Park, and will also simplify the process of mailing which consumes much volunteer time.

In accordance with the constitution:

• We will place the notice of the AGM in the Friends' autumn newsletter, which is published in mid-November, and subsequently in our e-bulletin and in an email communication with members.

• The AGM papers, which include the minutes of the previous year's meeting as well as the accounts for the previous year, will be available on the FRP website no later than 31 January. There will also be a link to these documents in February's e-bulletin, as well as in an email to members.

• The financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2019 will be available in March 2020 on the FRP website for access by members, and a link provided to this in the March e-bulletin.

To ensure that you are able to receive these communications by email, please ensure that you have provided an email address to the Membership Secretary, Chris Mason (at membership@frp.org.uk). If you do not provide an email address, then you will still be able to obtain these documents by visiting the FRP website and reading, or downloading, them from there. These will be available at least 14 clear days before the date of the AGM itself.

If you have any concerns, please email info@frp.org.uk Please see page 15 for the notice of the next AGM.

Please take it with you

A polystyrene coffee cup sits among the grass and flowers, there's a purple plastic bottle won't rot in a million hours.

Why would you visit a National Park and leave all your rubbish behind? Why did you come in the first place, what were you hoping to find? Did you come for the peace and quiet, the birds, the trees, the view? How much less appealing the outlook would be if everyone acted like you.

This is the first 3 verses of a poem by John Grant. To read the whole poem, see www.frp.org.uk/take-it-with-you/

Christmas cards and presents at the Visitor Centre and online

Richmond Park National Nature Reserve 2020 Calendar



Let the Visitor Centre help you prepare for Christmas whilst you support projects in the Park.

This year we have a pack of 6 stunning **Christmas cards** in a new square format, £4, as well as single, snowy **winter greetings cards**.

Also just in are the Friends' Walks with Remarkable Trees, packaged without plastic, $\pounds 5$ – see page 11.

The Friends' 2020 calendar is more than just a calendar! It has 50 beautiful photos, showing the wonderful diversity of wildlife throughout the year in this National Nature Reserve, and many of them have made us smile! We are very grateful to the photographers who all generously donated their photos. £8 at the Visitor Centre.

ONLY AVAILABLE HERE

china tree baubles

with real gold-plated

tops and the Friends

logo, a perfect design

for Christmas! £15.

Bespoke **bone**

The calendar is now also available to buy online at www.frp.org.uk. We are dipping

our toes into online selling, starting with the calendar and the Mark Frith limited edition prints, see page 3.

The Friends' new **Christmas tea towel** makes a great gift especially if you are sending by post, £6.



Christmas cards Six beautiful images of Richmond Park in each pack £4





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Summer on the wing by Nigel Jackman



Another season has passed, but not without leaving special memories of a summer on the wing.

The summer was one of mixed fortunes for butterflies, but there was a memorable day in July when a magnificent male Purple Emperor was admired by enthusiasts as it sunned itself on the bracken, drying its wings. Elsewhere, Green Hairstreaks, albeit still few in number, were recorded more widely

than ever before. More easily spotted, Marble Whites are the butterfly world's success of the century, their resurgence extending to the Park in significant numbers. This has also been a 'Painted Lady year' with swarms crossing the English Channel and at least 50 arriving in the Park over two days in June. Several beautiful and distinctive Jersey Tiger Moths appeared in August.

Observing birds, their habitats and behaviour, adds an extra dimension to any walk in the Park, and summer is a special time for seasonal migrants and for seeing parent birds and their young. Built in 2011, the Sand Martin bank at Upper Pen Pond has only slowly been colonised. This year however, it has truly been accepted with as many as 90 fledglings ringed. Next year could see 'no vacancies' signs!

Other highlights included the second-ever sighting in the Park of a Black-tailed Godwit, breeding Buzzards, the first sightings of Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers for several years, the first-ever Cormorants to breed in the Park, and the scattered sightings one evening of 24 Little Owls.

A grand spectacle in July featured 500 Starlings sweeping across the centre of the Park in ever-changing, swirling formations known as a 'murmuration', usually more common later in the year. The Common Terns were out-muscled by Black-headed Gulls and unable to nest on the tern rafts on Upper Pen Pond. Conversely the gulls had a good breeding season after a single progeny was the first for the Park last year.

We were blessed with the return of a Great White Egret on Upper Pen Pond during July and August, after only three records in previous years. Another treat throughout August was a juvenile Cuckoo, fattening up on caterpillars before leaving to winter in the Congo rainforest, 4000 miles away. The most remarkable report, also in August, was of a female Blackbird feeding a fully-fledged Chaffinch over a period of several days. Finally, there was a rare sighting of an Osprey, en route to West Africa.

Bring on autumn...

Friends support a wide range of conservation projects

by Ron Crompton and Richard Gray

Since 2012 the Friends have provided funding for projects under the Ponds and Streams programme. This programme, with Sir David Attenborough as its patron, had twin objectives: to improve ponds and streams as wildlife habitats (re-wilding) and to combat climate change by retaining more water in the Park. newsletter is published. The works are on a section of the brook near Roehampton Gate on a confluence with the small Pen Ponds stream. A backwater has been created as a haven for fish fry and macrophytes, concrete banks removed and the rest of the area naturalised.



The creation of Jubilee Pond (near Sheen Cross} and Attenborough Pond (near Robin Hood Gate), have contributed to water retention in the Park and wildlife habitats have been improved by the restoration of the three Ham Ponds, the opening of the ditch from Martin's Pond and, of course, Beverley Brook phases 1 and 2. We have also funded fencing of parts of Pen Ponds to protect its wildlife.

The last project in the programme, phase 2 of the Beverley Brook works was postponed because of wet weather, problems with contractors and to avoid disturbing nesting skylarks, but it started in October and should be completed by the time this Looking to 2020 and beyond, we've turned our attention to trees and set up the Year of the Tree conservation programme. This follows on from the project we funded in 2018 to plant the Elm Tree Walk, and earlier this year we also funded new fencing for gorse enclosures. We are now working with Park management to fund further projects connected with the Year of the Tree, which you can read about on the centre pages.

All of the tree conservation projects will help preserve and improve the Park's tree-related wildlife and ecology, combating pressure from growing visitor numbers, compaction and path erosion, which undermine the health of trees and other sensitive areas.

In the last 8 years, over £350,000 has been raised for conservation projects and this will have increased to well over £420,000 by the end of next year. The funds come from Friends memberships, sponsorships, Visitor Information Centre sales and donations – we raised £16,000 from individual donations for the Beverley Brook project.

Attenborough Pond by ©Ann Healey

2020 is the Year of the Tree by Richard Gray

Events and activities for Year of the Tree

The Friends are delighted to announce the launch of the Year of the Tree in Richmond Park. This year-long conservation campaign, with Sir David Attenborough as its Patron, aims to protect and enhance the Park's trees whilst raising visitors' understanding and appreciation of our trees and their importance to the Park's ecology.

As Assistant Park Manager Adam Curtis says, the trees "...define the landscape's character, filtering out the presence of London...creating intrigue and intimacy, enticing us deep into contemplation."

Conservation projects for the Year of the Tree

✤ New chestnut fencing will protect up to 40 veteran oaks from the dangers of compacted soil and will also discourage climbing, which can damage both old trees and young people!

- ✤ Creating future veteran oaks and sweet chestnuts by planting and pollarding. Veteran trees are an important habitat for hundreds of species, some of which are rare.
- Planting hawthorn and protecting the young trees. Hawthorns are important to wildlife as a source of nectar, berries for birds and hosting many invertebrates; young hawthorns need protection from grazing deer.
- Planting sallow (grey willow). Their foliage is eaten by a number of caterpillars of moths, as well as the rare purple emperor butterfly; caterpillars are foraged by birds; catkins provide an important early source of pollen and nectar for bees and other insects.
- Planting fruit trees (e.g. crab apple, wild pear, damson). Their blossom provides nectar for bees and other pollinators; fruits are a food source for animals; and fruits and blossoms provide dazzling displays of colour for us!
- Creation of a tree nursery as there is currently no nursery in the Park.

These projects (and potentially others) will be introduced throughout 2020 and we're working closely with The Royal Parks and Richmond Park Manager Simon Richards and his team.

Trees are the largely unsung heroes of the Park's rich biodiversity, so what do they actually do?

- ♣ Each veteran tree provides habitats for hundreds of wildlife species see page 10
- Absorb CO2, ammonia, ozone, nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide emissions
- Produce oxygen
- Prevent soil erosion
- ♣ Help combat climate change by reducing ambient temperature

The fantastic Royal Oak drawing (see front cover and page 3) will not only be the emblem for the year, but surplus from the sale of prints of The Royal Oak, together with Visitor Information Centre sales, will help the Friends to contribute more than \pounds 70,000 to tree conservation projects.

Throughout the year, there will be many events and activities to engage people of all ages. This will include a series of *four online photographic competitions* (one for each season), *story-telling sessions* for children in the spring and summer and a programme of *talks and guided walks* in all seasons. Watch out for more information on our website www.frp.org.uk and in our monthly e-bulletins for members.

In preparation for the Year of the Tree, we have also produced a series of **self-guided tree walks** (see page 11) through which you will be able to discover the diversity and majestic beauty of some of the Park's most interesting trees. The first set of four walks **are on sale now** at the Visitor Centre, and a second set of 5 walks will be available in the spring.



Crack willow seen in Tree Walk 3 ©Eric Baldauf

We are incredibly enthusiastic about this campaign and believe that it will encourage our visitors to treasure and protect our beautiful trees. *Sir David Attenborough* summed it up when he said: *"I think the Year of the Tree is a really splendid idea. An exciting change of focus for the Friends that will, I am sure, be full of interest and a revelation for all concerned".*

Facts and figures: There are **over 130,000 trees in the Park** with 45% of these being different varieties of oak. Beech trees account for 20% with a further 20% made up of hawthorn, birch and hornbeam. Sweet and horse chestnut represent about 5% and the remaining 10% is composed of various indigenous and exotic species including willow, alder, cedar and sugar maple.

Many of these trees are classed as ancient or veteran (*see next page*) including around **1300 veteran oaks up to 750 years old.** Each veteran provides shelter and nesting sites for hundreds of species of fungi, lichen and insects, including the rare **stag beetle**, as well as birds, bats and hibernating great crested newts.

Veterans, Ancients and Champions! by Christopher Hedley

Richmond Park is a leading UK site for ancient trees with around 1200, many of which were already mature when the Park was created by enclosure. There are also hundreds of veteran trees, as well as some national and regional 'Champions'. But what do these terms actually mean? Sometimes the terms 'veteran' and 'ancient' are used interchangeably – but there are important differences.

We need to recognise and conserve all our ancient and veteran trees – not only because they are beautiful, but because they are an extremely important wildlife habitat that can take hundreds of years to replace.

An ancient tree is one that has survived longer than most other trees of the same species. So an English oak does not become ancient until it has lived for at least 400 years, but a silver birch is normally considered ancient after 150 years. Ancient trees develop wider, squatter trunks which hollow out and become home to a large number of species – an ancient oak is home to over 400 species, some of which are rare. They are especially noted for their fungi, invertebrates and lichen.

A veteran tree shows some of the characteristics of ancient trees but may not be as old. In veteran trees, the signs of ageing may also be due to a range of other factors such as a lightning strike, wind blow or pruning. It is easier to be certain that a tree is a veteran than that it is ancient.



Veteran hornbeam seen in Tree Walk 1 ©Eric Baldauf

Many of the Park's ancient trees are pollards – pruned to keep them shorter. This helps them live longer, since the trees are much more compact and cannot so easily lose limbs or be blown over.

A champion tree is one that is the tallest, or has the largest trunk girth, of its kind in a given region. The Tree Register of the British Isles holds the details of all the largest trees of each species.

The famous tree expert, Oliver Rackham, said that:

"An old tree, especially a pollard, is a world of different habitats each with its own special plants and animals: bats roosting in the hollow trunk; hole-nesting birds in smaller cavities; many special beetles and spiders in the red-rotted heartwood of the trunk; peculiar lichens on the ridges and beneath them overhangs of old bark. Any old tree should be treasured, for ten thousand young trees do not provide these habitats."

New! Friends' self-guided tree walks on sale now!

Richmond Park Walks with Remarkable Trees



Veteran oak, walk 1 by ©Eric Baldauf Pack Contents Walks 1 and 2 from Pembroke Lodge car park Walk 3 from Sheen Gate car park Walk 4 from Roehampton Gate car park Please read this leaflet before you start your wall this will help you find your way safely, while giving you valuable and interesting information about the trees as you walk. EXECUTION D PARE We are delighted to announce the arrival of the Friends' set of four new self-guided walks –'Richmond Park Walks with Remarkable Trees'. These are **on sale now for £5 at the Visitor Centre** by Pembroke Lodge car park.

Trees are one of the glories of the Park and one of the main reasons why it is a designated National Nature Reserve. The purpose of these walks is to allow you to find out more about the trees and also to have a good walk in areas you may not otherwise get to see.

All the walks are circular routes starting from a car park and between 2km and 5km long. They are set out in stages that have the directions to the next stage and information about the trees you will see along the way, as well as high-class photos to help you identify them.

The set of four walks comes in a sturdy string and washer envelope, which will keep them safe and also enable us to sell them without a plastic cover.

For those who can steer their way round the countryside using a smart phone or GPS device, each of the routes can be downloaded from the Friends' website at www.frp.org.uk/treewalks.

We are grateful to our members for this series of walks, including Christopher Hedley who conceived and developed the walks, Vivienne Press for art work and production, Eric Baldauf who took and donated all the photos in these four walks and the 15 volunteers who tested out the walks and gave valuable feedback. We are also grateful to The Royal Parks for sharing their knowledge of the trees.

Christopher Hedley is a tree enthusiast who has led walks in the Park for the past three years. He developed these self-guided walks, featuring the fantastic trees here, to open up the wonderful world of trees to the Park's visitors. He's also a keen walker, who enjoys taking friends round London and the surrounding countryside. Christopher will be leading special tree walks throughout 2020, including some which follow the self-guided walks – *see pages 14 and 15*.

We are now working on a **second set of walks**, which we will publish **in the spring.** These will start from the more southerly car parks in the Park and include a longer walk for people who want to see many of the Park's best trees in one go.

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The lvy and the Park

Our Chairman, Ron Crompton, recently interviewed **photographer Alex Saberi**, at an event at The Ivy restaurant in Richmond. Alex has been photographing Richmond Park for many years and has had photos of the Park published in National Geographic magazine. His photograph of three stags is also on the front cover of the Friends' Guide to Richmond Park. Alex talked enthusiastically about how he captured each of the images that were on display

around the elaborately decorated room. As a thank you, The Ivy generously donated £500 to Park conservation projects. You can see more of Alex's pictures at http:// www.alexsaberi.com Photo of Alex and Ron at the Ivy. Courtesy of the Ivy.

Electric bikes

Last year it was yellow 'OfO' and orange 'Mobike' dockless hire pedal bikes littering the Park, before both operators pulled out of the UK in December. This year, green 'Lime' and red 'Jump' dockless electric bikes have started to appear. So far they are a rare species, but we're likely to see more of them before too long. They're certainly as brightly coloured as the parakeets; could they be as big a pest?



Riverfly monitoring

Since April a small group of six FRP volunteers, led by Stephen Russell, have been working with the South East Rivers Trust (SERT) and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), to do a monthly survey of Riverfly on the Beverley Brook. Riverflies are a key part of the freshwater ecosystem and are a vital link in the aquatic food chain. Different species of Riverfly have different tolerances to changes in water quality and therefore can be used as a high-level indicator of pollution.

The survey is part of a national Riverfly scheme and similar surveys are being done at other sites along Beverley Brook including Barnes and Wimbledon Commons. So far the Richmond Park section seems to be the least polluted! For more information see https://southeastrivers.org

Celebrating 25 years of learning – the Holly Lodge way

The Holly Lodge Centre was founded by The Royal Parks in 1994 with the aim of creating a fully accessible centre for people to learn about Richmond Park's rich diversity of wildlife and its Victorian heritage. It became an independent charity in 1999, welcoming school and adult groups and specialising in activities for people with disabilities.



The Centre has always aimed to make learning a joyful, hands-on experience and so it seemed only natural to celebrate the charity's 25th anniversary on 10 September in the same way. It was a showcase event, allowing sponsors and supporters to sample some popular activities for themselves, and to learn more about the Centre, its history and its special nature.

On event day, jazz musicians 'Tyger Tyger' started everything going with a swing as guests enjoyed drinks and canapés in the picnic garden. After a presentation by Anna King, the Centre Manager, guests toured the facilities, which include the award-winning nature trail, kitchen garden and Victorian schoolroom and pharmacy. Along the way, they were invited to try pond-dipping, blowing bubble 'frogspawn', making paper pea planters or hand-rolling pills and beeswax candles in authentic Victorian style. Such activities were created to stimulate

the curiosity of children and vulnerable adults and to give maximum sensory feedback.

These activities are just part of a busy programme delivered throughout the year by a small management team and an army of over 80 volunteers. Centre Manager Anna King was full of praise for her unpaid workers, describing them as 'inspirational and vastly experienced'. Last year they worked over 6000 hours, welcoming over 8000 visitors from mainstream and specialist schools, community centres and care homes. She also thanked trustees, funders, the Royal Parks and other supporters who help keep the charity running.

By the end of the day, no one was left in any doubt about the important role The Holly Lodge Centre plays in educating young and old alike about Richmond Park, encouraging them to enjoy and protect a wonderful natural resource, possibly even to follow in the steps of Sir David Attenborough, who is a patron of the Centre.

For many the event was an object lesson in how a small charity can achieve big things – with the combined support of the community behind it.

Photo: Victorian pill rolling by © Marcus Clackson

FRIENDS' INFORMATION

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Friends' Talks with Walks

Talks with Walks begin at 10.15am and are typically a 1-hour talk at Pembroke Lodge followed by a 1.5 to 2-hour walk in the Park. These are all for members of the Friends only and do not need to be booked - just turn up. There is no charge and coffee and tea are provided. Please check on our website for more details of these and dates of other talks throughout the year: www.frp.org.uk.

18 January: The Hearsum Collection - a 'show and tell' by Daniel Hearsum (talk only)

15 February: Birds of Richmond Park by Peter Burrows-Smith (talk and walk).

21 March: Year of the Tree walk, led by Christopher Hedley (talk and walk).

25 April: Year of the Tree walk, led by Christopher Hedley (talk and walk).

Enquiries

Friends: see www.frp.org.uk. If your query is not answered here, please email secretary@frp.org.uk

Park management: contact Park Manager Simon Richards, 0300 061 2200 or email Richmond@royalparks.org.uk

Police non-emergency telephone number: 101



Membership and **Subscriptions**

It's easy to become a member: you can sign-up online at https://www.frp.org. uk/membership/ using your credit card. Alternatively you can obtain a form from the website. from the Visitor Centre at Pembroke Lodge or by emailing me at: membership@frp.org.uk.

Individual membership is £10 and household membership is £15. Membership renewals for those paying by cash will be due on 1 January 2020.

If you are a member and don't receive the monthly Friends' bulletin by email and wish to do so, please email bulletins@frp.org.uk with the subject 'Add to bulletin'. Please also include the first line of your address and post code. You can easily stop this at any time using the unsubscribe button.

If you change your email or home address then please let me know by emailing membership@frp.org.uk and including your previous address.

Chris Mason. Membership Secretary (Post applications to: 38 Chesham Rd, Kingston, Surrey KT1 3AQ)

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Photo of Discoverers © Brendan Blake

Year of the Tree Walks

Throughout the year there will be Tree Walks led by Christopher Hedley and friends. See our website for details: www.frp.org.uk

Notice of AGM

The next Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Richmond Park will be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 18 April 2020 at the King's House School, 68 King's Road, Richmond, TW10 6ES.

The meeting will:

- receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2019;
- elect nominated officers and trustees:
- appoint the Honorary Independent Examiner: and · conclude with questions to
- the trustees.

DISCOVERERS 💝

Discoverers is the Friends' activities programme for families with school-age children. It's a great way to get to know the Park, and the rich diversity of its wildlife and ecology. We run about six events throughout the year. Join our mailing list for early notification. For full details visit:

www.frp.org.uk/discoverers/ or

f/thefriendsofrichmondpark

Friends' Walks

All are welcome. Friends' Walks are free. last about two hours and start from a car park. All except Bird Walks are on Saturdays unless otherwise stated.

If you need more information or special support or help with a walk, please phone Ian McKenzie on 020 8943 0632 or email walks@frp.org.uk in advance, or 07824-784335 only on the walk day itself. Also see our website: www.frp.org.uk

Please keep dogs under control.

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7 December	Pen Ponds Car Park
26 December	Pembroke Lodge Car Park
4 January	Robin Hood Gate Car Park
1 February	Roehampton Gate Car Park
7 March	Kingston Gate Car Park
4 April	Sheen Gate Car Park
	(+ Walk the Wall)

Plus Informal Bird Walks

Every Friday at 9.30am from Pen Ponds coffee kiosk.



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Red deer under red oak in autumn by © Tim Clifton

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