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Newsletter Spring 2020



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Two great opportunities for photographers!

Photo competition Trees of Richmond Park in Spring

**Free entry Open now
Closing date 31 May**

To celebrate Year of the Tree, the Friends of Richmond Park are running a series of four photography competitions throughout 2020, one for each season. The overall theme is images that show the character of the Park's trees. This is the second competition: "Spring".

Please see:
www.frp.org.uk/photo-comp-spring
for details of how to enter, the prizes and Terms and Conditions.

2020 Friends' calendar Calling for photos Closing date 17 April

We are now inviting photos of Richmond Park for the Friends' 2021 calendar. Please see our website, direct link: <http://bit.ly/Calendar2021> for details of how and where to send them.

We look forward to seeing your amazing images – a maximum number of 8 photos from each photographer, but not more than 4 from any one season: winter, spring, summer, autumn.

The 2020 calendar sold in record numbers and raised over £7000 for projects in the Park. We are very grateful to all who donated their photos.

Getting our messages out!

In recent years the Friends of Richmond Park has become increasingly active, campaigning on issues that affect the Park and making our views heard in the media. We've appeared a number of times on ITV News, had substantial articles published in the Times and Guardian (and smaller articles in other national newspapers), as well as local press, magazines and radio. Plus, we've increased our Facebook following to nearly 11,000.

Some of our recent campaign successes include:

- Persuading the Mayor of London to prevent any further infringements by high rise building developments on the view of St Paul's. (Timely, as around 400 buildings are under construction and in planning)
- Working with cycling race organisers to stop littering during major cycling events in the Park
- Bringing public attention to the impact on wildlife and people's mental health of the proposed new flight-paths over the Park, issues which we are following up in our current detailed discussions with Heathrow.

To help get our messages across we've produced three films – our charity award winning Richmond Park: National Nature Reserve, with Sir David Attenborough, encouraging visitors to 'tread lightly'; Richmond Park: Stop the Flight Paths as part of our Heathrow campaign; and our latest production: 2020 Year of the Tree. (All can be viewed on YouTube.)

Our much improved, relaunched website has more information than ever, is easier to navigate and has many fantastic photos. We have also embraced social media with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Enjoy and spread our messages!

Online sales a great success

Our new website has enabled us, for the first time, to offer people the opportunity to buy online, extending our reach and attracting more income for the benefit of the Park.

Over the winter, we sold the limited edition Royal Oak prints exclusively online. We also sold many Friends' 2020 Richmond Park Calendars, These sales were in addition to record sales at the Visitor Centre.

This year, we hope to extend the range of products available online. All proceeds go towards conservation projects in the Park.

Our brilliant Adopt an Area Volunteers

by Steve Sandham

Was litter a problem in the Park 100 years ago? Well, thanks to a book received as a Christmas present by Adopt an Area volunteer Sandra Hucks, we can confidently say YES it was!! In the book, 'Round the Year in Richmond Park' by H R Hall (1923), the author writes:

"The regulations of H.M. Office of Works strictly prohibit the disturbance of animals and birds, the gathering of flowers, damage to the turf or trees, etc.; and of late special notices have been issued against the vulgar and untidy practice of leaving paper bags, tins, bottles, or other picnic litter lying about on the grass. The park officials are as vigilant as they are courteous; but they cannot be everywhere, and it is incumbent on all who come to the park for pleasure to avoid, not only destruction, but also untidiness, which spoil so effectively the enjoyment of others."



Today's 'Park officials' are reassuringly backed up by our fabulous team of 100 volunteer litter pickers and the Adopt an Area programme. Without these volunteers the park would no doubt be awash with litter as there is only so much the full-time staff can handle.

The number of visitors to the Park in the 1920s was just a fraction of the five to six million who now enjoy it each year – and leave behind literally tons of litter. Some of it is left tidily in the 140 bins around the Park, but a large amount is simply discarded on the ground. Whether it's bottles, cans, plastic, or abandoned bags of dog poo (which unamusingly are left on Park benches or hung in trees), our volunteers collect it all. There was no mention of dog poo bags in Hall's book, but of course in those days they only had paper bags!

The Adopt an Area volunteers are a real asset and do a brilliant job helping to keep our National Nature Reserve looking just as it should.

Photo: Adopt an Area volunteer Anders Hansen in action! ©Steve Sandham

Year of the Tree conservation projects update

Over the winter months, The Royal Parks have already completed the following Year of the Tree projects funded by the Friends and the Visitor Centre. For information on their importance for biodiversity, please see the centre page article of the autumn 2019 newsletter.

- Veteran trees protected: protective fencing and other protection work for seven trees – a group of five veteran oaks east of Thatched House Lodge, and two oaks near Killcat Corner. Work on a further twelve in nine locations is due to be completed by the end of March, including a veteran ash and a sycamore near Prince Charles Spinney, a pair of oaks near Holly Lodge and two veteran beeches on Broomfield Hill.
- Hawthorns planted and protected in February in High Wood and near the Ballet School.
- Fruit trees planted: over forty trees in January and February including crab apple and wild pear in various locations in the Park.
- Sallow willow saplings. Only small saplings can be sourced, so these will be grown on for a year and planted in 2021 in locations including Martin's Pond and Dann's Valley.
- Gorse and blackthorn protected by fencing. The gorse is between Conduit Wood and Holly Lodge and the blackthorn is opposite Broomfield Hill car park.

Throughout the rest of 2020, YOTT is also funding further tree projects, including the creation of a new tree nursery and planting of future veterans. Over the coming winter, a further twenty veteran trees will be protected.

Beverley Brook phase 2 completed

We have reported the pending completion of this conservation project on three occasions in the past but each time it has been postponed. We are pleased to say this was finally completed in January and February. The total cost of £27,500 has been funded half by the Friends and half by the Visitor Centre.

The work is on a section of the Brook near Roehampton Gate where it meets the stream that carries the outflow from Pen Ponds. The concrete apron at the confluence has been removed and the stream deepened so that the level of its bed matches that of the Brook. This allows fish to swim from the Brook into a newly created backwater that will be a haven for fish fry and macrophytes. Further work on the stream itself has also improved the habitat it provides.

Bats in the Park

By Hugh Bradshaw

Although they remain unseen by many visitors to the Park, it will come as no surprise to learn that Richmond Park has a rich bat population, indeed at least nine of the UK's 18 bat species have been recorded there. Bats can be encountered anywhere in the Park but are particularly noticeable around the Park's water bodies, including Pen Ponds and Bishop's Pond. A visit at dusk on a summer's night to one of these Ponds should reward you with views of the bats as they hawk for insects.



Leisler's bat in the Park ©Philip Briggs

The Park's veteran trees, woods and open grassland are a fantastic habitat for them, with a myriad of moths, beetles and other insects found in the Park bringing bats from far and wide.

However, it is the Park's almost complete absence of light, traffic and noise, so unusual in London, and increasingly rare with the continuing urbanisation of the South East, which makes the Park so attractive to them. Several of the rarer London species found in the Park, like the Natterer's and Brown long-eared bat, depend on near darkness to feed and will avoid artificial light. So Richmond Park is for them a light free haven.

It is difficult to identify bats, especially on the wing, as most will only venture out in darkness or near darkness. However, their size and mode of hunting can give us clues:

The large Noctule and Leisler's bats fly fast and direct, often at tree top level or higher, and can be seen even during the day especially in winter. By contrast the Pipistrelle species (Common, Soprano and the rare Nathusius) are very small, active hawkers who twist and turn in dizzying displays of aerial manoeuvres.

The Daubenton's Bat is a water specialist which on occasion will take insects from the surface of the water, using its large tail as a scoop. Some species will take insects from foliage; the Serotine and brown long-eared bat will even take prey from the ground which can make them vulnerable to ambush from cats. Bats mostly eat on the wing but some species will return to a perch to finish their meal.

In the summer the female bats form maternity roosts where they raise their young. These maternity roosts, often in trees (oaks being especially favoured),

need to be warm. The females will leave the baby bats (called pups) in the roost while they go out and forage for insects. Males may roost alone or with small groups of other males.

In winter, when insects become very scarce, bats hibernate. Come late autumn they find crevices in trees or buildings (often underground) where the air temperature is cool and constant. Once they have found a safe place to hibernate, their body temperature lowers and they go into a torpor-like state. This allows them to use up less energy, relying on their reserves of fat. They will still wake often and if the air temperature is not too cold many will venture out to feed. Only if it is very cold will they fall into a deep sleep.

Bats have eyes, but to travel at night and locate their prey they use echolocation. A bat will emit sound waves from its mouth which bounce off objects and return to the bat's ears allowing it to calculate distance, shape and size. Although mostly inaudible to the human ear, a bat detector will convert these ultrasound signals to audible frequencies. Each species of bat emits a unique series of knocking sounds that enables them to be identified. Bat detectors are therefore an essential tool for experts to gather information on bats.

In England the law protects all bats, their breeding sites and roosts. It is an offence to capture, hurt or kill a bat. It is also an offence to intentionally disturb them from their roosts or obstruct access to a roost.

Japanese Cherry Trees

Last autumn, 43 Japanese cherry trees were planted in Richmond Park, part of an allocation of 125 to The Royal Parks from a total of 6,500 given to the UK by Japan to celebrate the relationship between the two countries. The Royal Parks' trees were planted first as the flagship location, with the other trees being distributed to 400 schools and 160 other sites across the UK to be mostly planted in autumn 2020.



The vast majority of the Sakura trees are of three varieties, 'Beni-yutaka', 'Taihaku', and 'Somei-yoshino', which have been chosen for their variation in colour, timing, and historical significance. For example, 'Taihaku' is a large, single white blossom variety, which became extinct in Japan but was reintroduced to its homeland by Britain's Collingwood 'Cherry' Ingram in 1932.

Richmond Park's 43 trees have been planted around the south lawn at Pembroke Lodge and across the whole of Isabella Plantation. They are likely to flower between the end of March and early May, so look out for their wonderful blossom!

Cherry blossom ©The Royal Parks

A capacity audience of 120 volunteers, trustees, Royal Parks staff and Friends' sponsors attended the launch of The Year of the Tree at Pembroke Lodge last November. Baroness Susan Kramer (a Patron of the Friends) opened the event and was followed by presentations from Simon Richards, Park Manager, Caroline Davis MBE of the Ancient Tree Forum, Friends' Chair Ron Crompton, and Tony Kirkham, Kew Gardens Head of Arboretum, Gardens & Horticulture Services.

These entertaining presentations all led up to the unveiling of Mark Frith's drawing of the Royal Oak. This wowed the audience who broke into loud applause. Mark was then interviewed by Richard Gray, and the event concluded with an opportunity to talk to Mark and to buy the limited edition prints.

Our sponsors for over five years, Russell-Cooke, congratulated us on the launch with its inspirational speakers and Mark's glorious artwork. A partner emailed, *"My firm is very proud of its continuing association with the Friends."*

Meet the Shape Shifters of High Wood

Is there life after death? If you are a tree there certainly is! On Sunday, March 29th, in celebration of FRP's Year of the Tree, **Discoverers families** will visit some of Richmond Park's most ancient and intriguing residents. Our walk will take up to 2 hours, starting and finishing at Broomfield Hill car park.

Many dead and decaying trees become natural sculptures with intriguing, beautiful shapes – often taking on animal or other forms, which seem to change as you observe and walk around them (see photo facing page). Volunteer Park Ranger Peter Sands has identified ancient trees like this in the medieval High Wood and we will be seeking them out on our Shape Shifters walk.

As well as being beautiful, these fascinating and mysterious tree creatures are also vital contributors to our Park's biodiversity. Details of this event and how to book, together with plans and ideas for follow-up activities, will be posted on the Discoverers website www.frp.org.uk/discoverers. A similar walk for adults is also planned for later in the year.

2020 is The Year of the Tree!

News, Events and Activities



The signed, limited edition fine art prints of Mark's portrait were all sold by mid-January.

Smaller, unsigned prints (35 cm x 28cm) of the Royal Oak are now selling well at the Visitor Centre for £30. In total, the large and small prints will generate net proceeds of nearly £25,000 towards tree conservation and planting for the Year of the Tree (see page 5 for an update).



Tree of the Month

An opportunity for the **whole family** to explore and learn about a different tree each month, through **free information sheets**. These are written by Christopher Hedley and edited and designed for **younger readers (7 to 12 years old)** by Ken Edwards.

Ask for them at the Visitor Centre or download them from the Friends website www.frp.org.uk/tree-of-the-month. Watch out for a different tree on the 1st of every month for the rest of the year. Our first one, which is available now, is about the water loving Alder and the next one, available from 1 April, will be about the Yew.

You can also pick up or download an **introductory colour leaflet** for all the Trees of the Month, again written for younger readers, which will have lots of interesting facts about trees in general, as well as how to Tread Lightly in the Park.

Year of the Tree activities for adults

♣ **Tree Photography Competition**
Spring – open now! This is the second in the series of four competitions (one for each season) throughout the Year of the Tree. See page 2 for details of how to enter. We will soon announce the winner of the winter competition on our website, social media and e-bulletin.

♣ **Richmond Park's trees, a talk** by Simon Richards, Richmond Park Manager, and Gillian Jonusas, Royal Parks Arboriculturist. Pembroke Lodge, 21st March: 10.15.

♣ **Monthly Guided Tree Walks.** Christopher Hedley, Janet Bostock and Peter Camber will lead individual walks, all starting at 10am and lasting around 2 hours. These are for members of the Friends only, and there is no need to book and no charge – just turn up. See page 15 for dates and starting points.

♣ **Walks with Remarkable Trees.** The second set of Friends' self-guided tree walks will be on sale at the Visitor Centre from 1 April for £5 each. Discover the diversity and majestic beauty of some of the Park's most interesting trees. The first set of four walks has been very popular, with over 250 sold in the first 2 months. We have received lots of excellent feedback: *'Brilliant, well written, superbly laid out, good levels of information'*.



Isabella Magicians

By Alison Glasier



There was definitely something there. Two bright eyes staring at Garry from the reed banks of Peg's Pond. He squinted, unable initially to make it out. It was certainly big. It looked like an enormous owl. Largely because it was an enormous owl. An Eagle Owl. Garry called John Bartram, the game keeper at the time, who managed to safely return it to the falconry whence it had escaped.

Garry Scarffe is Chargehand Gardener at the Isabella Plantation and I'm sitting in the gardeners' office as Garry and Dick Farr (Senior Gardener) regale me with stories like this. Between them they clock up more than 70 years working there and their passion and enthusiasm are unabated. For Dick it was more or less his first job; he started on 6 November 1975 and when later offered a day release horticultural course, he jumped at the chance developing not only a

love of plants and the environment but an impressive knowledge of Latin plant names which he can rattle off at top speed. After 40 years' service, the RHS gave him a medal.

Garry started in 1989 on the estate team. Previously he served ten years in the Royal Navy followed by various jobs such as postman, painter etc. but then was offered a job as a driver for the team. He was also given the opportunity to study horticulture and ended up as Chargehand Gardener which basically means he's in charge of the team of gardeners, apprentices and volunteers that make the Isabella such a special place.

The office walls are covered with notices and photos. There's one of the Queen's visit. "7th May, 1976", Dick tells me. Dick is very good on dates as well as Latin names. Of course, he was there then and can name all the people in the picture. In 2003 they started doing the Isabella walks and talks and these have grown in popularity; both have in-depth knowledge of every corner. Many years ago I went on one of Dick's walks and we stopped by a magnificent magnolia. I gazed up at the profusion of pendulous blooms on this tall tree. "I grew that," said Dick. "From seed."

The working day starts at 7.30 and finishes at 4pm, so in the winter Garry and Dick will see the sun rise and set in the plantation, but they have no complaints. The visitors are almost invariably friendly and appreciative, and children are generally well-behaved. There was a bit of a problem when the garden was being cleared of

Photo ©Alison Glasier: Garry left, Dick right, Tibetan cherry

Rhododendron ponticum – one woman was in tears and said she would never come back – but even she was appeased when they explained to her the reasons for the clearance and the advantages that would ensue. Sure enough, the garden is now a much brighter, airier and more accessible place.

Garry favours autumn in the Isabella when the crowds have died down a little after the azalea season; Dick is particularly fond of the recently extended bog garden.

Dick and Garry help choose the plants and they have a wish list of larger plants that they would like to see purchased. Recently they were able to buy a particular favourite – a beautiful birch called Bowling Green – this can be seen in Wilson's Glade near the upper gate. It is typified by the colour of the peeling bark, a mixture of pinks, oranges and red with a hint of cream that makes it shine out in the winter light. Another favourite in Wilson's glade is *prunus serrula* or Tibetan Cherry, which has a dark cherry-red colour bark that is also light-catching.

I ask about their spare time although I know they don't get much. Garry has an eight year old grandson who he enjoys spending time with and Dick is an enthusiastic football fan. "Don't say which team – I'll only get a load of stick!"

They escort me to the gate, Dick chatting away in Latin, and I leave the garden with his words ringing in my ears. "Doesn't matter if you're a millionaire or if you've got nothing, you can sit on the same bench in the Isabella looking at the same view". That is really the magic of this garden, thanks to these two dedicated men and their team.

Pen Ponds café



After 15 years of great service at the Pen Ponds car park coffee kiosk, Oscar, Peter, Lisa and Antonella left last autumn to return to Italy to spend more time with their extended family. Despite the kiosk's location – it has no mains water or electricity – and no matter how bad the weather, you could always depend on a coffee, a smile and the best bacon butties anywhere in London. They were at the heart of the community of bird watchers, dog walkers, nature lovers and cyclists that gather at the kiosk. It truly is the end of an era and they'll be sadly missed.

The Royal Parks has installed a new kiosk (see photo), which is similar to those installed in other Parks such as Green Park. It is now operated by Colicci (who also operate Roehampton Gate café), with a wider range of food on offer. Judging by the photograph it is already equally popular.

148 snakes saved!

By Jamie Gould



While removing excess soil from the bonfire in our main yard, Oak Lodge, my work friends and I came across a small group of snake eggs. This was no surprise as the Park is full of grass snakes. As we searched the soil we uncovered to our surprise 150 eggs, the largest quantity we've ever seen especially in the bonfire itself.

Normally when we find snake eggs we leave them where they are but the eggs were in danger of being burnt as the bonfire was lit at the time. We could not move them elsewhere as the depth and type of soil could affect the incubation phase and kill the eggs. So we took on the responsibility of incubating the eggs ourselves. I have incubated tortoises myself in my reptile incubator, and we used this to incubate the snakes.

It took a few weeks before the first eggs started to hatch; it was amazing to experience the snakes hatching knowing that we contributed to saving them. Over the course of a few weeks more snakes hatched and were released on site where we found them. We would check twice a day for hatched snakes and release them; once we had 42 snakes to release at once!

In the 4th week the last egg hatched. Out of the 150 eggs 148 eggs hatched and the other two were not fertilised. It was a great feeling to know that we contributed to saving the snakes. Snakes have a hard time surviving which is why they lay in large quantities, but having 148 surviving the egg development phase has given them an extra boost of survival in the Park, where we hope to see them when they are older.



Photos ©Jamie Gould

Jamie wins another award!

Congratulations to Jamie Gould who recently won the Royal Parks' Guild's 'George Cook award', open to final year Royal Park apprentices, which recognises outstanding achievement. In 2018 he also won the Guild's Apprentice of the Year award. Jamie's passion for biodiversity and conservation has been clear throughout his four-year apprenticeship in Richmond Park, which he began when he was just 16 years old. He has acquired an impressive number of qualifications and is now working full time for TRP in Richmond Park.

The Rangers: how's it going, and where next?

by Nick Coleman

Year one of a three-year trial to deploy volunteer community rangers in Richmond and Bushy Parks has just ended. There are now 53 rangers trained and active, with around equal numbers in both Parks. They go out in pairs, in their distinctive orange kit, for three-hour shifts, usually at weekends and in Richmond Park they are based at Holly Lodge. The aim is to change visitor behaviour through engagement and education; they have no enforcement powers.

The conclusion of the Royal Parks and of the Friends is that the first year has gone pretty well and has proved that the concept of volunteer rangers works – that it is possible to recruit, train and deploy a ranger team of this size and that they can influence visitor behaviour significantly.

Where next? The plan for year two is to answer two main questions: can numbers be substantially increased (say doubled or more) while maintaining standards, and can the rangers achieve more in the time they have available? So look out for more recruitment this year, and experiments such as using buggies to help the rangers cover more of the Park.

Car Park donation boxes



In the autumn, TRP installed voluntary donation boxes in each of the seven main car parks. They are similar to the car park 'pay and display' type machines that we are all familiar with, but the signs make it clear that payments are voluntary.

The machines take cash or credit cards of set amounts (initially three, five and ten pounds, which will be reviewed after a few months) and all the donations will go to Richmond Park. They use solar power and mobile phone technology and, so far, the sunlight and phone signal have been good enough for them to operate effectively even in the more remote and tree covered locations.

Ten years ago, TRP proposed compulsory parking charges, with the money going to improving the car parks, but public opposition stopped the plan. Donation boxes raise significant sums in other places such as National Trust nature reserves and the Park's own Isabella Gardens, so maybe voluntary donations can fund the required car park improvements.

Photo ©Ron Crompton

Friends' AGM

Saturday 18 April, 10.30

King's House School,

68 King's Rd, Richmond TW10 6ES

The speaker is still to be confirmed. As we announced in the autumn newsletter, we are no longer sending paper copies of the AGM papers (agenda, last year's minutes, Trustees report and accounts), to reduce both costs and paper usage. Instead they can be found on our website at www.frp.org.uk. A limited number of printed copies will be available at the AGM.

Friends' Talk

21 March, 10.15.

Pembroke Lodge

Simon Richards and Gillian Jonusas
The Trees of Richmond Park

For members of the Friends only and no need to book – just turn up. There is no charge and coffee and tea are provided. Please check on our website for dates of other talks throughout the year: www.frp.org.uk.

David retires as Treasurer

David McLaughlin has stepped down as Friends' Treasurer and Trustee after nine years. During that time he has professionalised our finances and overseen a big increase in our income and spending on conservation projects. We will miss him and his wise advice. His replacement Hugh Deighton qualified and worked as an accountant but then became a physicist. He lives in Putney and is also an Adopt-an-Area volunteer.

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 get a form: off the website using the same address, 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.

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Photo of Discoverers at Wood Wide Web event last autumn ©Brendan Blake

Friends' Year of the Tree

Guided Walks with Remarkable Trees

These 2 hour walks are based on our booklets (see page 15) and will be led by either Christopher Hedley, Janet Bostock or Peter Camber. All are welcome and the walks are free. They will start and end at the following car parks:

28 March	Kingston Gate
25 April	Broomfield Hill
16 May	Sheen Gate
20 June	Robin Hood Gate
18 July	Kingston Gate

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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. This year we have six fascinating events planned. Join our mailing list for early notification. For full details visit:

www.frp.org.uk/discoverers/ or

/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 the 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.

Date	Starting at 10am from
4 April	Sheen Gate car park
2 May	Broomfield Hill car park
6 June	Pen Ponds car park
4 July	Robin Hood Gate car park
1 August	Kingston Gate car park

Plus Informal Bird Walks

Every Friday at 9.30am from Pen Ponds coffee kiosk.



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