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Wednesday, 13 July 2022, 6-8pm in the marquee east of the Dutch Garden

At last, The Friends can hold their summer party in the park, after two years of enforced absence. We're back, with refreshing Pimm's fruit cup, tasty canapés and good company, all with the lovely view of the Dutch Garden summer planting. We are most grateful to James Clutton, CEO of Opera Holland Park, for allowing us once again to borrow the marquee on the raised terrace to the



Marquee in the Dutch Garden

east of the Dutch Garden. Come rain or shine, we will be protected from anything the weather will throw at us.

This is the one event of our year that is only open to Friends and their immediate guests, but not the general public. Do come and celebrate with

us! Tickets, at £20 each, can be booked on the enclosed order form or via our website.

Fukushima Garden 10th Anniversary



The Mayor. Mr Mitsuyama is on the right

On Wednesday, the 18th of May, a lovely early summer day, the Fukushima Prefectural Association UK held a Japanese Hanami, or picnic, in the Fukushima Garden to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Garden and to express their gratitude for the support of the people of Kensington and Chelsea in the creation of the Garden. The garden had been given by the people of Fukushima as a thank you to all the people of the United Kingdom for their support after the disaster. RBKC was happy to cooperate with the organisation of this important occasion.

On this occasion, there were speeches from Mr Yoshio Mitsuyama, the Chairman of the Association,

and the Worshipful the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Gerard Hargreaves. Both highlighted the bonds of friendship between the Borough and the city of Motomiya in Fukushima Prefecture, which is home to the English Garden in Prince William's Park. The highlight of the picnic was the formal tea ceremony in which Japanese tea was carefully prepared by experts in kimonos for the Mayor to taste. All the guests were treated to a delicious Japanese lunchbox and a taste of sake. It was a truly memorable occasion!



The Mayor at the tea ceremony

Nigel Brockmann

Postponed talk by Tim Marlow, Director of The Design Museum

Tim Marlow had planned to tell us about the Design Museum this February, but this was postponed, due to Members' concern about Covid risk with events held inside. We are hoping he will be prepared to offer us a new date, but he has an extremely busy schedule, and we wait to hear when that might be possible. We would certainly like to hear what Tim has to say.

The AGM was well attended and significantly exceeded the 30 members needed to be quorate. All votes were carried.

- Minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved
- Accounts for 2021 were approved and have since been filed with the Charity Commission
- All trustees standing were re-elected: Jennie Kettlewell (Chairman), Silvi Spassov (Treasurer), Rhoddy Wood (Secretary), Nigel Brockmann (governance), Graham Franklin (member database), Sandra French (art exhibition), Nicholas Hopkins (website), Joy Puritz (editor), Andy Walker (park observer)
- Roger Foreman was re-elected as independent examiner

Andy Walker reported on achievements in 2021: completion of stage 1 of Holland House conservation, improvements to the Dry Garden started, trees planted along the north edge of the sports field and new signage for the Kyoto Garden. Rhoddy Wood reported there were 940 paid-



New sign for the Kyoto Garden

up members at the end of 2021, fewer than pre-Covid numbers, but now starting to increase as live events recommence. Margaret Rhodes explained the newsletter delivery system, thanked those who deliver the newsletters and asked for more volunteers. Two members offered to help.

Chairman, Jennie Kettlewell, explained that, although we all appreciate the park as a wonderful safe green space to enjoy in many different ways, there are significant challenges. Since the start of



Erosion around Walking Man statue

the pandemic, visitor numbers have increased. It is wonderful that the park is of benefit to so many, but the consequence is compaction of soil and erosion of grass. Solutions previously used only work for a season and then need redoing, so radical solutions are needed. Radical solutions are also needed to cope with frequent drought, with occasional torrential rain which can cause significant water run-off and flooding where it has no right to be. We would like to see rain absorbed as close to where it falls as possible. Tree felling had been more drastic than anticipated and, though tree planting has started, more needs to be done.

Thanks were given to the French family for another successful art exhibition, to the trustees for their tireless work in running the charity, to Sir Angus Stirling for his wise advice, and to the members for their loyalty and support, without which The Friends could not operate.



Trumpet Lawn, aerated and grass re-sown

Holland Park Café



Holland Park Café Terrace

Sensible plans were made some years ago for re-aligning the counter area, to enable faster service and shorter queues. The work was never done. Given the lapse in time, the Council needed to get a re-quote, which is now in, and the improvements are due to take place in the autumn. There is too little room behind the counter, and the till and food delivery points should be separate, as in most other cafés. It is tough for the café staff to achieve the service levels they would like to, with these difficult conditions, especially on days when it is busy. The café could be better, if it were allowed to be.

Toilets

The Holland Park toilets have long needed a complete overhaul. By the time you read this, tenders will have been evaluated, with the upgrade expected in September/October. The toilets will be re-sited to the east wing of the Stable Yard, with a step-free entrance opposite the drinking fountain. All fixtures and fittings will be new, with showers and quiet eco-



Site of entrance to new toilets

friendly hand dryers. A new Changing Places facility will be very welcome. Portaloos will be hired for park visitors during the works. The site where the toilets used to be, will become the sports changing facility.

Dry Garden

You will have noticed that the old Dry Garden, just inside the lower Abbotsbury Road entrance, has been re-landscaped and replanted, with splendid new benches. This has always been an area for visitors who want a quiet space in the park, and much thought has been given to making it suitable for those who are challenged by the busier parts of the park. Please respect the needs of those who use this garden for quiet appreciation of the colours, scents, sounds and textures of the new planting. The garden has been fully funded by generous private donors.

Opera shortens build time

We appreciate the efforts of Opera Holland Park to shave more time off the complex build process. Operations Manager, Alex Gooding, has managed to have some aspects of the build done concurrently, as opposed to sequentially, as in previous years. He reckoned that would save a week, always supposing they did not have to pause for inclement weather.

The Belvedere restaurant

The restaurant is unlikely to open before late July. This is due to diligent work to ensure the interior is fitting for the building's history. The pillars have been stripped back to the old brick, the walls covered with terracotta-coloured plaster, and the floor artistically tiled. We hope a small group of the Friends may be able to get a preview before the opening.

Jennie Kettlewell



Bird News

On 21 May, walk leader Bill Haines found 19 species. A great spotted woodpecker nest, with chicks heard begging, and good views of the adult coming to feed them. A wren singing from the top of a lamp post. A nest box occupied by blue tits (the young were heard), being inspected by a ring-necked parakeet while the adult blue tits made alarm calls. Song thrushes feeding on the ground near the Ecology Centre.





What a wonderful Art Exhibition! After a two-year absence there were some concerns as we were all out of practice. No need to worry, the team effort kicked in from the outset with *idverde* and the initial set up including the introduction of the plant and floral display. Artist check-in went smoothly, the hanging team did a superb job and by Friday evening we were set to go.

On Saturday morning Mother Nature also stepped in to provide us with the beautiful weekend. We had excellent footfall throughout the entire exhibition; artists and visitors were genuinely delighted to be back in the Orangery. Throughout the exhibition many artists arranged to meet their buyers, family and friends to show their work as well as enjoy the entire exhibition. This was very successful, particularly as visitors always enjoy meeting the artists in person.

Overall sales were over £14,000 and our previous record in 2017 had been £11,600. 71 works from the main exhibition were sold, up from 61 in 2019. In all, of 39 artists, 58% sold something compared with

50% at the 2019 exhibition. A huge thank you to you the artists, the standard was incredibly high and it was reflected in the sales over the nine days. The spirit of the exhibition was captured by our Feature Artist Annie Leach's beautiful contemporary botanical works from catalogue cover, posters, through to her hung work display.

The Orangery is booked for April 2023, and we are looking forward to doing it all again. Huge thanks must go to our sponsor, Ilchester Estates, who continued to support the Friends. Volunteers were many and their contribution invaluable, ensuring the smooth running of the exhibition, from those who helped with stewarding, artist check delivery and collection, Mini Market, artist sale reconciliation, payments and much more, so thank you! In particular, I would like to thank my wife Sandra and daughter Alex who organise the exhibition.

Pictures really do say a thousand words and this photomontage gives a flavour of the exhibition.

Gordon French

Continued tree felling is causing understandable concern among our members. We have been assured that all trees are felled because they have decay in the trunk or disease in the root. These trees could last for years or fail at any time, which is too great a risk if the tree is near a public path.

With technology now available, one can detect poor health in a tree before there is visual evidence of sickness. An inexpensive meter measures the rate of photosynthesis and presence of chlorophyll in the leaves of a tree. If the tree is found to be performing below the norm for the species, treatment can often be given that might prolong the tree's life. Those of you who received the May News Mail will know that tests have been done on the car park chestnut trees, which proved that treated trees were performing better than those that had not been treated.

Replacement trees are badly needed in the park but it is



*Secretary, Rhoddy Wood,
inspecting felled tree*



Bartlett's planting trees on sports field



Stuartia sinensis flower

important to plant the right tree in the right place and take climate change into account. Following the planting of Kentucky Coffee and Southern Nettle trees on the sports field, and a Henry's lime near the Tots' Playground, some additional interesting species have been ordered. They are Chinese Stuartia, Red Buckeye, Cyprus Strawberry tree, Hybrid Strawberry tree, *Cornus* 'Milky Way', *Crataegus pedicillata*, and a Dawn Redwood to replace the one that died behind Lord Holland's Pond.

Large trees are scarce on the market, so most will be bought at 1m high and grown on in the glass house. Trees planted in the woodland enclosures will be mainly fruit and nut trees to attract wildlife. The big question is: where are our future large trees in the woodlands going to come from if we don't plant them now?

Jennie Kettlewell



The cover photo of The Ice House was taken by your editor, Joy Puritz.

Parks Police

The Parks Police work hard to keep us all safe. Sometimes we need to help them. Notice boards at park entrances show the current time the park gates are locked for the night. If you are in the park late in the day, please check the hour of closing and be sure to leave the park in time. Occasionally people get locked in the park, because it has not occurred to them to check, and then the police get called to let them out. That is not a good use of police time.

Holland Park is generally a safe place, but we should never be complacent. If you see any antisocial behaviour, such as vandalism, please contact the Parks Police on:

0300 3655 101

Remember three key points:

- Keep yourself out of danger
- Take a description of the person, location and exactly what they are doing
- Contact the Parks Police and report **the facts**.

The new RBKC Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) has been approved by the Council and is due to be published in June. Covering the next 5 years (2022-2027), the BAP is part of the Council's Green Plan and sets out how we will ensure the borough has an accessible natural environment rich in wildlife that everyone can feel connected to and will benefit from.

Designated a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), Holland Park contains valuable habitats and species, and we will be working to protect, restore and enhance biodiversity across the park. A borough-wide UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) survey will be starting in June, which will update the current state of habitats in the park and help inform our ongoing management plans. Key in this will be the development of a sustainable Woodland Management Plan, due to be completed later this year. Working with experts, contractors and other key stakeholders, the Woodland Management Plan will refine the recommendations of the 2021 woodland survey to build long term resilience and improved ecological value into the woodlands. It will address the lack of diverse age and height of trees



Riot of cow parsley

with new plantings where appropriate, ensuring a good mix of native species is retained in both trees and hedging. The native species will be chosen for biodiversity, and there will be non-natives that are more likely to withstand climate change.

The management plan will also include guidance on the maintenance of glades and scalloping¹, which open the woodland up to sunlight, allowing ground flora and lower scrub to flourish. Bramble and nettle will also be managed to best support the woodland's wildlife, with some areas cut back on rotation to provide young food plants for the many caterpillar species they support.



Stinging nettles are an excellent food plant for butterflies

There is an absence of species records for the park, which might reflect reporting effort rather than actual absence. In addition to maintaining a schedule of bird and bat surveys, we plan to work with Butterfly Conservation to start a butterfly monitoring transect² in the park. Transects are maintained by volunteers, and data collected will help steer our management approach, as well as feeding into the national biodiversity database. We hope that some of the Friends will be interested in being trained to help with this undertaking!

*By Dr Alice Laughton,
RBKC Ecology Service Manager*



Fox in the woodlands

¹ Leaving small areas beside paths free of trees and shrubs to allow butterfly habitats to develop.

² A transect is a measured section of ground in which species can be counted and logged. Each transect is the same size, to allow comparison.

Hi there **kids!**

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This page is for you, with fabulous things to discover about Holland Park and fun activities to do.



FLOWER POWER TO COLOUR IN

This fantastical flower is made up with petals from forget-me-not, tulip, daisy and buttercup.

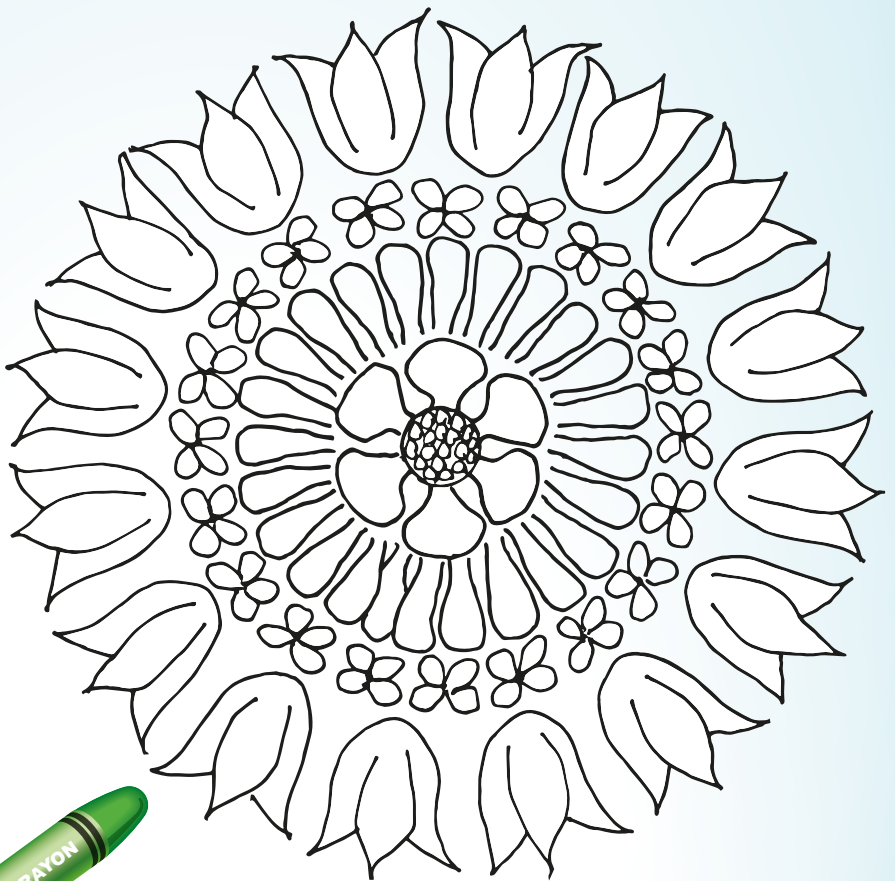
Colour it in carefully to make an **AMAZING** picture.



Belinda Bee says:
“Did you know?”

When an adult bird brings caterpillars and insects to feed its chicks in the nest, the young birds fight to be first to get the food.

To help them get noticed, they have wide gaping mouths, with bright yellow skin at the base of the beak. This is the signal to their parents to ‘feed me!’



Hot stuff in Kyoto!

In the Kyoto Garden, there is a bench with a red crack beneath it. This red crack is to remind us that, if you cracked the Earth open, you would find rock that is so hot that it becomes liquid. This red hot matter is what comes out of volcanoes when they erupt.

But in the Kyoto Garden you will just have to imagine it!



First up, the **squirrel**. They are undoubtedly cute, which leads park visitors to feed them. But they are no friend to the park's trees. They tear off pieces of bark to get at the sugars that run underneath. This is especially prevalent in maples. Sometimes squirrels strip the bark in a full circle round the trunk or a branch, known as girdling. If a branch is girdled, that branch may fall off. If the main trunk is girdled, the



Red-tailed squirrel

tree will probably die. One arboretum director, in a talk about tree pests and diseases, said 'the biggest tree pest of all is the squirrel'. Having said that, we still love them, and watch their antics. One that has a following in Holland Park is a grey squirrel (an American import), but has a red tail. It is not a hybrid with the native red squirrel which is smaller and has tufted ears. Grey squirrels have varying coloration in their coats, and red is not uncommon, though often with white tips to the hairs.

Butterflies are very much on Holland Park's agenda, with planned habitat improvement to encourage appropriate food plants for different species. 14 species have been recorded in the park within the past five years, including White-letter Hairstreak, a UK and



Comma butterfly

London Priority Species. Butterflies can respond quickly to changes in habitat management practices. Enhancements that favour butterflies will also benefit moths and other invertebrates. The caterpillars of many butterflies feed on only one or two species of plant. The best species-rich meadow habitats occur on low nutrient soils, managed by cut and collect 'mowing' or grazing, that helps manage soil nutrients. Some areas of Arboretum 1 and Arboretum 2 (either side of the Acer Walk) have been designated as meadow habitat, without trees, to ensure light and sun gets to the important food plants. As a start point, Dr Mark Spencer carried out an assessment of both Arboreta, to establish an inventory of wild plants already there. Only once the existing flora have been mapped can a plan for introducing beneficial wild flowers be drawn up and implemented. **The Ecology Service is holding a butterfly walk at 10am on 25 June, sponsored by The Friends, with bookings through Eventbrite.**



Goldcrest

A survey of **birds** was carried out by professional ornithologist Bill Haines in 2021, and the native fruit and nut trees to be planted in the woodland enclosures will help encourage even more birds. In his dawn chorus and family bird walks on 7 May 2022, 25 different species of bird were either seen or heard. One special moment was the sight of a blackcap singing melodiously from the top of a tall tree, shortly after dawn. Bill will be doing a bird-ringing demonstration on 1 Oct. in the Wildlife Enclosure. Drop in and watch any time from 7am to 11am. **On Sat 29 Oct. Bill will lead a bird identification walk in Holland Park. Check The Friends website and park notice boards for details.**

A couple of months ago, The Friends arranged for Leila, my fellow-guide, and me to meet Anna Joynt of Allies and Morrison, the architect leading the recently-completed conservation project at Holland House, who explained the works that had been done.

Fleur-de-lys Balustrade



Phil Pring, Borrás

Conserved frontage, showing new fleur-de-lys balustrade

One of the most striking features of the south front is the balustrade on top of the loggia which incorporates fleurs-de-lys from the coat of arms of Sir Walter Cope. The old stone fleurs-de-lys had been taken down for safety reasons, and the question facing Anna and her team was whether they should be repaired and reinstated, or replaced by new-carved stones. The old stones are not all from the original 17th century construction – there are many 19th-century repairs and 1950s cement insertions. Furthermore, the old stones are weak and can fracture easily, so re-assembling them on top of the loggia would need visually intrusive metal armatures to support them.

After extensive discussions with Historic England, they decided to keep the old balustrade on the West end of the loggia (the arch facing you on the left as you look at the house), which is least damaged, and painted it with a preserving “shelter coat”. The rest of the balustrade has been replaced with newly carved stone, giving modern craftsmen (at a firm in Chippenham, Wiltshire) the opportunity of using their traditional craft skills. The new stone is Ketton Stone, a type of oolitic limestone from a quarry in Rutland. It is very yellow when first quarried, but whitens as it dries and weathers. It has a particularly even grain and hardly any stratification, which means that it will weather very evenly.

Loggia arcade

The loggia was extensively repaired in the 18th and 19th centuries, using stone indents and “Roman cement”, an artificial stone invented in the 1790s, made by burning rocks containing clay and lime. The crisper details are mainly repairs from the 1950s, using stone indents and cement. There are no cracks around the old stone indents, which indicates that the building is stable, but some weathered stone has been replaced by Ketton Stone indents.

East Wing

The “stone” portal on the south face of the east wing is a copy, reconstructed in the 1950s. It has been coated with a special conservation paint. The windows in the east wing have all been repaired and rotten wood replaced.



Jennie Kettlewell

Window prior to conservation



Phil Pring, Borrás

Window after conservation

The tower has been re-roofed using slate from the Delabole quarry in Cornwall (England’s largest and oldest slate quarry), selected because it matches the colour of the previous roof most closely.

North Front

The surviving wall and basement windows have been consolidated rather than repaired, making sure that they will not be damaged by people sitting on the wall.



Repaired rear basement wall

East front (facing the Youth Hostel):

All the brickwork has been cleaned and repointed. Compared to modern bricks, the bricks are thin and uneven, requiring thicker mortar. A brick historian advised that the original builders would have used double strike (bird's beak) pointing (looking like >), because the shadow on the lower half of the pointing makes it look thinner, and the point of the beak helps to shed water.



Bird's beak pointing

The gables, rebuilt in the 1950s, are still structurally sound and were left untouched.

One of the final steps in the conservation is the writing of a detailed report, describing all the works

and the materials used, a copy of which will be lodged in the Kensington borough archives.

Apart from the East front, the work had to be carried out to a strict timetable between September 2021 and February 2022, between the removal and re-erection of the canopy and other structures for the Holland Park Opera; and it is a tribute to the skills of Anna Joynt and the team of architects and builders that this very tight schedule was successfully achieved.

By Rowan Freeland

Rowan is one of the Blue Badge Guides who leads tours covering the history of Holland House and the Decorative Arts in the gardens around the house. Regular tours will run throughout 2022. Tour dates are listed at the back of this newsletter, under Dates for your Diary, together with booking instructions.



Fun activities for children in the summer holidays



This 36-page guide is packed with fabulous activities to keep little people occupied through the holidays so you do not have to think up ideas to occupy them. It will last for many visits.

If you have children, small relatives or friends with kids, do not deny them the chance to try out the word searches, spotting challenges, nature drawing, spot the difference and dot-to-dot pictures.



Discover



Learn

Buy a copy for £5 from the park office in the Stable Yard, from www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org (postage £1.70), or from Margaret Rhodes on 020 7792 1265 or thorpemorieux@gmail.com



Local Events Run by Neighbouring Organisations

Summer 2022

Kensington Gardeners' Club

The club provides a programme of in person and Zoom talks, as well as garden visits.

To book, e-mail susan.vannoorden@ntlworld.com.

Tues 21 June **Garden visit:** RHS Wisley Gardens, Sussex. Coach departs from Notting Hill Gate at 10am. Cost £38 for KGC members and £45 for guests.

Tues 23 August
5.30-7.30pm **Summer party.** £10 per person. Details to follow.

Sun 3 & 17 July
2.00-5.30pm **National Garden Scheme members' garden opening.** Combined ticket to 57 St Quintin Ave, W10 6NZ and 24½ St Charles Square, W10 6EE.

Wed 22 June **Competition judging.** To enter, ring Nicola on 07949 441 662 or email kensingtongardeners@gmail.com

Opera Holland Park

Further information from www.operahollandpark.com

Tickets available from 0300 999 1000

31 May, 3,9,11,13,15,17,21,23,25 June at 7.30pm
Discovery Matinee 19 June at 2pm
Young Artists performances 13 & 23 June at 7.30pm **Eugene Onegin** by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

2,4,6,8,10,14,18,22 & 24 June at 7.30pm
Discovery Matinee 12 June at 2pm **Carmen** by Georges Bizet

21,23,27 & 29 July and 2,4 & 6 August at 7.30pm
Discovery Matinee 31 July at 2pm **Margot la Rouge** by Frederick Delius/
Le Villi by Giacomo Puccini *double bill*

22,28, & 30 July and 3,5 August at 7.30pm
Discovery Matinee 24 July at 2pm **Little Women** by Mark Adamo

9,10,11,12 & 13 August at 7.30pm
Discovery Matinee 13 August at 2pm **HMS Pinafore** by Gilbert and Sullivan

The Kensington Society

The Kensington Society will hold its AGM for members in Kensington Town Hall's Great Hall on Monday 13 June. The guest speaker will be Sir Peter Bazalgette, "the most influential man in British broadcasting".

Keep up-to-date with Kensington Society events on www.kensingtonsociety.org/events.

RBKC Active for Life

Full details on www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/sports-and-leisure, or ring 020 7938 8182

A varied programme of physical activities in Kensington, from gentle walks to sport.

Thursdays 10.30-11.30 am. Meet at the Holland Park Café, then share a leisurely walk in the park.

Thursdays 3.00-4.00 pm. Nordic Walking, with guidance for those who have not tried this before. Walking poles provided. Meet by Friends' notice board outside the Stable Yard.

RBKC offer other physical activities such as yoga and tai chi.

Dates for your Diary: Events in Holland Park



The events listed below are either organized by The Friends (F), or organized by the Ecology Service (ES), most of which are sponsored by The Friends.


Thurs 2 June	Friends' stall in the Café Yard selling plants and merchandise. Children's activity. Free to take part.	F	10am-4pm
Wed 8 June	Herbal Medicine Walk.	ES	6.00-8.00pm
Thurs 16 June	Summer Tree walk – the basics.	ES	6.30-8.00pm
Sun 19 June	Blue Badge guided tour. History of Holland House and the families that lived there. Must book.	F	2.30-4.00pm
Sat 25 June	Butterfly and moth walk. Must book	ES	10.00-11.30am
Tues 12 July	Blue Badge guided tour: History, sculptures, statues and art in the north of Holland Park.	F	2.30-4.00pm
Wed 13 July	Members' summer party. Booking strongly advised.	F	6.00-8.00pm
Thurs 14 July	Wild Plants of Holland Park walk. Must book.	ES	6.30-8.00pm
Sat 23 July	Friends' stall at the Holland Park Activity Festival on the sports field.	F	10.30am-4.00pm
Tues 6 Sept	Blue Badge guided tour. History, sculptures, statues and art in Holland Park.	F	10.30-noon
Thurs 8 Sept	Autumn Bat Walk. Must book.	ES	7.15-9.15pm
Thurs 15 Sept	Tree walk Dr Alan Harrington. No need to book.	F	11.00am-1.00pm
Tues 27 Sept	Friends' stall in the Café yard selling plants and merchandise. Children's activity. Free to take part.	F	10.00am-4.00pm
Sat 1 Oct	Bird ringing demonstration. Wildlife Enclosure. No need to book.	ES	7.00-11.00am
Thurs 20 Oct	Blue Badge guided tour. History of Holland House and the families that lived there. Must book.	F	10.30am-12 noon
Sat 29 Oct	Bird walk, led by bill Haines. Free to attend. No need to book.	F	9.00-11.00am

All Ecology Service (ES) events can be booked by emailing ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk, or calling 020 7938 8186. Unless otherwise instructed when you book, meet at the Ecology Centre, near the Adventure Playground.

The Friends' (F) Blue Badge tours can be booked on our website www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org, or by contacting Jennie Kettlewell on 020 7243 0804/jennie.kettlewell@thefriendsofhollandpark.org. Unless otherwise instructed when you book, meet by The Friends' notice board in the Café Yard.

Tickets for the Members' summer party can also be booked on www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org, or by contacting Margaret Rhodes on 020 7792 1265/thorpemorieux@gmail.com.

Holland Park Conservation Volunteers (adults) meet on the third Saturday of each month from 10.30am to 3.30 pm. Tasks focus on practical conservation that helps deliver the Ecology Service management plan and might include dead-hedging, scything, pond clearing and maintaining the paths in the Wildlife Enclosure. If you want to join, or find out more, please email Gerry Kelsey, idverde's Training and Community Manager, at Gerald.Kelsey@idverde.co.uk.



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