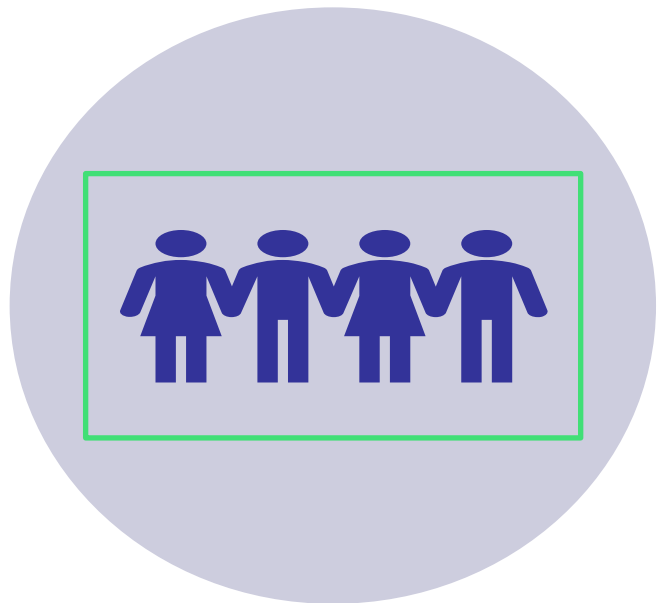


Heritage Wimbledon Park

Capability Brown Tercentenary Celebration
Saturday 13 August 2016



**FRIENDS OF
WIMBLEDON PARK**



**RUN BY
VOLUNTEERS**

Capability Brown Blue Plaque unveiling August 2016

- A. 2016 was the tercentenary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. It was marked by a year-long, National Lottery-funded Festival celebrating his life and work, which shaped what we now regard as the quintessential English landscape.
- B. *To commemorate the Tercentenary The Friends of Wimbledon Park organised an event where the Southfields Grid, Wimbledon House and Wimbledon Park Residents' Associations, The Wimbledon Club and the Wimbledon Park Golf Club all contributed towards the five Blue Plaques. The All England Tennis Club donated £1000.*
- 1) *The first plaque was unveiled by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Richard Field at Wimbledon Park Road entrance at 14:00.*
 - 2) *The second plaque was unveiled by Ian Tattum Chair Southfields Grid Residents' Association and Iain Simpson Chair Wimbledon Park Residents' Association at the Revelstoke Road entrance.*
 - 3) *The third plaque was unveiled by Mayor of Merton, Councillor Brenda Fraser at the Home Park Road eastern entrance.*
 - 4) *The fourth plaque was unveiled by Vince O'Brien, a Director of Wimbledon Park Golf Club at the entrance in Home Park Road.*
 - 5) *The fifth plaque was unveiled by the Chair of The Wimbledon Club, David Johnson at the Church Road entrance.*

Tercentenary of Capability Brown's birth



Wimbledon Park Road entrance Public Park



Revelstoke Road entrance Public Park



Home Park Road entrance Public Park



Home Park Road entrance Wimbledon Park Golf Club



Church Road entrance The Wimbledon Club



The walk in historical Grade II* Wimbledon Park



- 1) Starting at Wimbledon Park Road entrance at 1400 the route was just under three kilometres and had three deadlines to meet.
 - a) These were to be at Wimbledon Park Café at 14:50, the Home Park Road entrance at 15:15 and at The Wimbledon Club for Steffie Shields's presentation at 17:00.
 - b) Ending with a Georgian tea.
- 2) Capability Brown's Wimbledon Park (Only 61ha of the original 374ha remain) now in three ownerships.
 - a) The Golf course is owned by the All England Lawn Tennis Club (30ha)
 - b) The Public park is owned by the LB Merton (27ha including 9ha lake)
 - c) The Wimbledon Club own the area marked TWC (4ha)
- 3) 1 to 5 show the entrances where the blue plaques were unveiled.
- 4) Many volunteers worked hard to ensure the smooth running of this community event. In particular thanks go to Janet Mullane then the Membership Secretary of the Friends.

Prior to the walk the two mayors meet



Nick Steiner (Friends Chair) opens proceedings



Ecologist, Dave Dawson briefs the walkers with a nice vista in the background



Dave walked and talked the walkers through historic Horse Close Wood.



Gathering at Revelstoke Road entrance



Dave led the walkers to the promenade (dam) to look at the views & other features.



An iconic Vista seen from the promenade!



Mario and Maria generously provided light refreshments at the café



- whilst Dave talks and introduces historical maps.



At the Golf Club



Tony Borkowski (Chair WP Angling Club) talks



Martin Sumpton (Friends Vice chair) talks



Dean Wingrove (Golf Professional) talks



A panoramic vista to the NW



A peep vista through the trees



Gathering at TWC entrance with a composed vista behind



David Johnston talks with AELTC premises behind.



Steffi Shields presentation underway



Georgian refreshments prepared by chef Anthony Dunball were appreciated



Relaxing



Unveiling the blue plaques at five gates August 2016

