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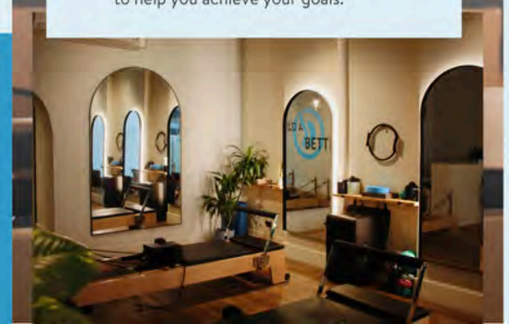

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Battersea Park is a joy at all times of the year, but perhaps especially in high summer. It is a pleasure to walk in the shade of the plane trees or to sit quietly under the trees in the Old English Garden. The Garden is peaceful and looking beautiful beyond words thanks to the skills of Thrive and its client gardeners. The delights of the Fountains Pool featured on the front page of The Times in the June heatwave showing a woman cooling herself under the spray when the fountains at the south end of the Pool dramatically leap into life. Those of us who can visit the Park regularly are fortunate indeed.

After the elections in May, the Conservative Party is back in control of Wandsworth Council. Friends might like to be aware that its manifesto commitments include:

- 'we will protect parks and commons by putting community use first, engaging closely with Friends groups and MACs and resisting large-scale events and commercialisation where the benefits to the community are outweighed by harms caused;
- we will invest in well-maintained parks, safer play spaces and properly protected sports pitches'.

Wildlife in the Park seems to have made its presence felt this year more than ever. The pesky, and now enormous, terrapins have been seen on open ground more often, the noisy parakeets are ubiquitous and the oak processionary moth caterpillars have infested the oak trees. The good news is that many of our native species seem to be flourishing too.

Clive and Brian's articles on trees are always interesting but this one (page 12) includes two statistics you won't want to miss: the tallest tree in the Park is the poplar by the Vista Steps and the second tallest is the plane tree at the southern end of West Carriage Drive.

The Friends' barbecue (page 6) and party in the Old English Garden (see next issue) are happy memories. Sara Milne organised both thoroughly enjoyable events. Special thanks go to Sara for the enormous amount of time and effort that she put into making them so successful.

Thanks also go to Michael Jubb of the Battersea Society for so successfully representing the Friends and others at the Glassmill Public Inquiry. It was announced on 14 May that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal against the Council's refusal to approve the proposed 29-storey tower.

The next Friends' events are our AGM on Tuesday 13 October and the Autumn Lunchtime Lecture on Monday 14 November. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the Park!

Cover Image: *This Matteo* at the Friends' BBQ, 9 June 2026

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Council Election Results

It's all change at Wandsworth Council following the elections on 7 May. Supported by Independent Councillor Martin Grimshaw, the new Conservative Council Leader is Aled Richard-Jones and the new Cabinet Member for Environment, which includes parks and open spaces, is Ethan Brooks.

Swans

It is a delight that our pair of swans has bred successfully this year. They were seen with eight cygnets on 12 May. Two cygnets subsequently disappeared, but if six reach adulthood, that will be a triumph.

The female swan's foot was damaged by fishing tackle but she seems to be recovering well.

Tawny Owls

Another success! Three owlets fledged this year.

Fallen lampposts

The lamppost by the Beechmore Gate that fell over in early March was at last removed for repair at the end of June after much chasing by the Friends. The other fallen lamppost between Chelsea Gate and Chelsea car park has also been removed

All-Weather Pitches

Work to resurface the pitches was finally completed by the end of June

'Summer in the Park'

Music at the Bandstand, street food and a stage on the Bowling Green, and Drake's Funfair nearby were clearly being enjoyed by a wide range of people on 20 and 21 June on two exceptionally hot days. The Dog Show was again cancelled because of the heat.

Celebrating 75 years of Battersea Park Children's Zoo

Jamie Baker, *Zoo Manager*





This year marks a remarkable milestone for one of London's most cherished family attractions. Battersea Park Children's Zoo celebrates its 75th anniversary, a legacy rooted in animal care, education, and the rich history of Battersea Park itself.

The zoo's origins trace back to the post-war spirit of renewal. In 1951, as part of the Festival of Britain, Battersea Park became a pleasure garden, and a small collection of animals was brought to the site by the Zoological Society of London in collaboration with *The News Chronicle*. Opening its gates at 1pm on 21st May 1951, the zoo quickly captured public imagination.

Over the decades, the zoo evolved alongside changing attitudes to animals and public entertainment. There were travelling exhibitions and a dolphinarium in the early 1970s, housing dolphins named Flipper, Skipper and Buddy. In 1985, there was the first captive breeding of an Inca tern, a significant conservation initiative.

In 2003, new animal welfare legislation and budget cuts meant Wandsworth Council could no longer fund the required upgrades. Local residents and the Friends of Battersea Park rallied to save the zoo. In 2004, the Council approached the Heap family, known for their conservation work at the Chestnut Centre and New Forest Wildlife Park. The Heaps rescued the zoo, reimagining it as a hub for conservation, education and community.

Battersea Park Children's Zoo reopened in 2005. Animal numbers were reduced, habitats improved, and education facilities introduced. The zoo joined international breeding programmes for species including Bolivian squirrel monkeys and emperor tamarins.

Today, the zoo cares for over 100 animals across more than 45 species and is a proud member of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA). Its conservation work spans both global and local projects including the Harvest Mouse Reintroduction Collaboration in partnership with Ealing Wildlife Group, through which more than 3,000 harvest mice have been bred and released into restored habitats.

Since 2019, the zoo's farm area has focused on rare native breeds, introducing Bagot goats, native chickens and Oxford Sandy and Black pigs. Our resident sow, Ruth, has recently had a litter of Oxford Sandy and Black piglets which have quickly become a favourite with visitors.

The Zoo is also celebrating the birth of three critically endangered Scottish wildcat kittens, born on 4 May as part of the European Endangered Species Programme. The zoo works closely with the Saving Wildcats conservation project, which is helping to reintroduce the species to its native habitat in the Scottish Highlands. As one of the rarest feline species in the world and the UK's last native wildcat, the arrival of the kittens represents an important step in efforts to secure the future of the species.

In 2022, the zoo launched a partnership with the London Beekeepers Association, creating a honeybee apiary and pollinator trail in the heart of the Park. This project provides hands-on education, engaging hundreds of children through free workshops in collaboration with School Food Matters. Over 5,500 school children take part in curriculum-based workshops each year, and since 2023, the zoo has fully funded visits for over 700 children from diverse backgrounds.

The COVID-19 pandemic tested the zoo's resilience. Thanks to staff commitment and public support, the zoo survived, emerging with renewed clarity of purpose.

75 years on, the zoo remains a place where curiosity is sparked, compassion nurtured, and every visit strengthens the bond between people and the amazing animals with whom we share our planet.

A Summer Evening to Remember in Battersea Park

Kate Bock

The Friends of Battersea Park Summer Barbecue has always been one of those evenings that captures the very best of our local community, and this year's event was no exception. On Tuesday 9 June, we gathered at Battersea Park Bowling Green for our 19th annual celebration: a warm, lively and wonderfully friendly evening in support of the Park we all love.

From the moment guests arrived, there was a real sense of occasion. Sacred Heart School's orchestra played at the entrance, offering a beautiful welcome and setting the tone for the evening. Later, the school choir performed too, bringing another very special moment to the celebration. It was a joy to see young people contributing so confidently and generously to a local event, and their performances were among the highlights of the night.

We were also delighted to welcome This Matteo, a young Battersea singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. Seeing local young talent perform with such energy and confidence was genuinely exciting, and added to the evening's strong family feel. Sharky & George were a huge hit with the children, keeping younger guests thoroughly entertained while parents and friends enjoyed the music, food and company.

Of course, no Friends' barbecue would be complete without Los Soneros, who have played at every one since 1994 of our annual celebrations. Their music has become part of the tradition of the evening, and once again they brought warmth, rhythm and a great sense of fun to the Bowling Green.

The food, provided as usual by Smart Group, was delicious, and we are very grateful to Greg Lawson, Kim Laley and their team for helping create such a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

We would also like to thank Savills Battersea for their team's wonderful support on the evening, including the beautiful flowers, which made the setting feel especially festive.

The silent auction was another great success, with an excellent range of prizes generously donated by local businesses, artists and supporters. It was a lovely reminder of the goodwill that surrounds Battersea Park and the Friends' work. Every donation, bid, ticket and act of support helps us continue to protect, enhance and celebrate this much-loved green space.

Thanks also go to the efficient team from Enable for their support behind the scenes, for setting up gazebos, tables and chairs, and for speedily packing everything up at the end of the evening.

As Chair, I cannot thank everyone enough for what they contributed: our performers, volunteers, donors, sponsors, committee members – especially Sara Milne who masterminded this year's barbecue - and, of course, everyone who came along. The evening had exactly the spirit we hoped for: local, joyful, generous and full of families, friends and neighbours coming together.

We are already looking forward to celebrating again next year. If you enjoyed the evening and would like to be more involved, particularly with the committee that plans future events, we would be delighted to hear from you. Battersea Park belongs to its community, and evenings like this show how much can be achieved when that community comes together.

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The London Peace Pagoda: A New Chapter

Sophia Behling

Many visitors to Battersea Park know the London Peace Pagoda as one of the Park's most distinctive landmarks. Standing beside the Thames, the Pagoda was built in 1985 by the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order and gifted to the people of London as a symbol of peace, friendship and reconciliation.

For the past forty years, it has been cared for by Reverend Nagase, who helped construct the Pagoda and who has lived in a small temple nearby ever since. Every morning at sunrise, he walks to the Pagoda, drumming and chanting prayers for peace, a daily practice maintained since 1985. Generations of Park visitors have encountered the Pagoda as a place of quiet reflection. For many, it has become an integral part of the identity of Battersea Park itself.

In recent years, concerns have emerged about the condition of the roof. Designed by the Ooka Minoru Architectural Institute in Japan, the Pagoda was constructed using traditional Japanese techniques, with roof tiles laid on a lime-and-sand bedding and secured with copper wire. Over time, weathering, water ingress and corrosion have led to deterioration of the roof structure. Following the discovery of displaced tiles and concerns about public safety, access to the Pagoda was closed in May 2025 while investigations took place.

The closure prompted residents, Park-users and others to form the Friends of the Peace Pagoda to support the Pagoda and Reverend Nagase. Their shared aim has been to help ensure that this important landmark is properly understood, carefully conserved and eventually accessible again to the public. Alongside this, the group has sought to raise awareness of the Pagoda's unique cultural history and its continuing role within the life of the Park.



16 June 2026

Representatives of the Friends of the Peace Pagoda have been in regular discussion with officers and elected members of Wandsworth Council, which owns the structure. These discussions continued through the local elections of May 2026 and have remained positive and constructive throughout. The Council has recognised the significance of the Pagoda and has worked closely with both the Friends group and the Nipponzan Myohoji Order to establish a way forward.

A significant milestone was reached in mid-June when a specialist Japanese inspection team travelled from Tokyo to London. Members included Kiyoshi Matsuura and Takashi Matsuura of the Ooka Minoru Architectural Institute, sons of the architect responsible for the original design, together with two roofing specialists experienced in traditional Japanese temple construction. Working alongside Council officers, engineers and conservation professionals, they carried out a detailed two-day inspection of the roof and supporting structure, in collaboration with local architects, engineers and representatives of the Friends of the Peace Pagoda.

The visit was important not only because of the technical expertise involved, but because it reconnected the Pagoda with the knowledge and craftsmanship from which it originally emerged. It also strengthened relationships between the original Japanese designers, the Buddhist Order, local supporters and Wandsworth Council. The inspection has provided valuable information about the causes of deterioration and the most appropriate methods of restoration.





The Peace Pagoda's 41st Anniversary Celebrations on 20 June 2026

The next stage will be the preparation of detailed recommendations and costed proposals for repair. While funding arrangements have yet to be finalised, a combination of Council investment, grant funding, charitable support and wider fundraising is likely to be explored. The Friends of the London Peace Pagoda hope to assist by raising awareness, building public support and helping to secure a long-term future for the structure.

This year marks the 41st anniversary of the Pagoda. Although it remains inaccessible while conservation plans are developed, the anniversary provided an opportunity to reflect on what the Pagoda has contributed to Battersea Park and to London over the past four decades: a place of peace, cultural exchange and public reflection, open to all regardless of background or belief.

The challenge ahead is not simply one of repairing a roof. It is about preserving a unique part of London's cultural landscape and ensuring that future generations can continue to encounter this remarkable place. With the commitment shown by the Nipponzan Myohoji Order, Wandsworth Council, local supporters and the Japanese specialists who travelled to London in June, there is every reason to be optimistic that the Pagoda's next chapter will be as remarkable as its first.

The following is an extract from *Review* issue 55 (Spring 2002) written by Friend Gillian Sutch

The idea of Battersea Park being home to one of Japan's foremost Buddhist sects may strike the casual visitor as incongruous – to say the least. But to early morning joggers and dog-walkers it will not be a surprise. A saffron-robe clad Buddhist monk, gently beating a drum as he does a daily perambulation at sunrise from his temple to the Peace Pagoda, is a familiar sight.

The Reverend Gyoro Nagase first arrived in England in 1978 from Aichi prefecture, near Nagoya, in Japan, to assist in the construction of the first Peace Pagoda in the UK in Milton Keynes. In 1984 he moved to London, as part of a team of 50 volunteers and Buddhist monks and nuns of the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order, to construct the Peace Pagoda in the Park, which was completed the following year. They were living in what is now the Children's Zoo but, as the site was expanded, the Buddhist order was offered a storeroom, in the trees near the Old English Garden, by Wandsworth Council, on the understanding they carried out all renovations and the conversion into a temple. Gratefully the offer was

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accepted, the work was carried out by volunteers and today, with just one remaining monk, that temple has developed into a successful centre for the sect, attracting Buddhist followers from not just London and Japan, but also people from China, Sri Lanka, India, Burma and Taiwan who are now living in the UK.

'It is so important for a large city, such as London, to have such a spiritual centre' explained Rev. Nagase. 'In the Park recently, I met a man who lives in London but who happened to be in New York on 11 September. He was stranded there for several days before he could fly home, during which time he thought of the Peace Pagoda and its significance in today's world. When he arrived back in London, he brought his young son, who had been very worried about his father, to find comfort here. It is a very spiritual place. It is peaceful, there is no confrontation. People don't even need to pray; they just find peace here. I believe it was a truly amazing decision on the part of the Greater London Council to accept a pagoda in the heart of a fundamentally Christian city'.

The Founder and Preceptor of Rev. Nagase's sect, The Most Venerable Nichidatsu Fujii (1885 – 1985), or Fujii Guruji as he was called by Mahatma Ghandi, was devoted to world pacifism and international disarmament. He worked with Gandhi in India in the early 1930's, fighting for Indian independence and protesting against Japanese militarism. Following WWII, with the bombings at both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he campaigned against nuclear weapons, for world peace and social and moral justice in the world. He sent monks and nuns across the world to construct Peace Pagodas.

But why one in Battersea Park? The answer lies in the unlikely town of Milton Keynes. In the seventies when the new town of Milton Keynes was being developed, one of the planning advisers visited Sri Lanka where he saw a Peace Pagoda at the sacred site of Sri Pada, or Adam's Peak. He liked the thought of one in the new town, proposed the idea to the Milton Keynes Development Corporation and the idea was warmly welcomed. Not only did the Milton Keynes Peace Pagoda become, and has remained, the main centre for the Nipponzan Myohoji Order in the United Kingdom, but the progress of the building of the Pagoda, officially opened on 21st September 1980, was captured on film by a local cameraman. Coincidentally, the cameraman's wife gave birth in the bed next to a woman whose husband worked for the GLC Arts and Recreation Committee.

The GLC was looking for ideas to mark its forthcoming Peace Year so the video was exchanged, the site alongside the river selected and, as they say, the rest is history.

The Rev. Nagase spends his day in Buddhist meditation, 'other works' and in maintaining the pagoda, a job not made easy by the fact that people climb up it and make a mess on the second floor, an area forbidden to the public. He relies on donations to live and is grateful to the bread he gets from a local Caribbean bakery and vegetables from a Chinese vegetable shop. Any help is welcome, not least with his heartfelt pleas for assistance in cleaning the pagoda.

The Peace Pagoda 41st Anniversary Celebrations

The celebrations took place on 20 June with the Deputy Mayor, Councillors and many members of London's Buddhist Community present. They included speeches, chants, prayers for world peace, songs and drumming as well as a procession around the Pagoda to venerate the Buddha. Tea was served at the end of the afternoon.



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Dial M for Martino's and Monterre

Jessica Bailey

What a joy when two fabulous Italian restaurants with sunshine-fuelled, dog-friendly terraces hit London just as London hits summer.

The first, sitting on the former Hugo Boss plot in Sloane Square, is the glamorous, infinitely exciting Milanesque art deco trattoria, **Martino's**, the brainchild of restaurateur, Martin Muczmarski of The Dover in Mayfair.

Rubbing shoulders with the well-heeled, being served by old school waiters wearing white tuxedos and dining on the most perfectly executed Italian fare from dawn till dusk, surprisingly doesn't require deep pockets either.

I took a seat on a scorchingly hot summer's day at the elegant horseshoe bar in all its mahogany splendour and was served the freshest carpaccio of sea bass with a precision-perfect chopped garnish of tomato, cucumber, jalapeño and lemon. The portion, albeit a starter, was substantial. Served alongside focaccia and thick unctuous olive oil, this was lunch in a heatwave at its finest and all for £21.00.

To follow, you are spoilt for choice, from the crowd-pleasing Margherita pizza at £18.00 to an 'on the bone' veal Milanese at £39.00. Desserts are also to be celebrated from the ubiquitous tiramisu (£14.00) to a scoop of the finest hazelnut gelato or strawberry sorbet (£4.00). The wine list is good too, with a glass of Martino's Carafe (house wine), whether white or red (£13.00).

I honestly could have eaten everything on the menu and cannot wait to go back.

***Martino's**, The Willett Building, 37 Sloane Square, London SW1W 8AN. Tel: 020 3908 7300. Open from 8am-12:30am Monday-Fri; 9am-12:30am on Saturday; and 9am-12am on Sunday. Last orders 10.30pm*

Hopping across the bridge on the 137 bus, another newly welcome Italian haunt is **Monterre**. Adjacent to both Battersea Park and Battersea Power Station, it is another culinary gem serving everything from Neapolitan pizzas to oysters and beyond.

The focus here is again one of affordable glamour, which in this day and age, is extremely palatable. Monterre's modern fare is superb and the interior is both sumptuous and elegant.

Dining here on yet another blazing hot summer's day, I watched the other diners down Aperol Spritz (£13.00) outside on the terrace whilst eating mouthwatering portions of spaghetti alle vongole (£26.90) and risotto ai gamberi (£24.90), whilst I devoured the perfectly executed salad of Apulian burrata, garden leaves, heirloom tomatoes & basil dressed with vintage balsamic & pomegranate dressing (£16.90) with a glass of sprightly prosecco (£7.00). Had I dined in cooler times, I would have had chargrilled Hereford bavetta steak (225g), served with peppercorn sauce or béarnaise (£28.00).

Noor, my very sweet waitress, pointed out quite rightly that as I had only eaten a salad, I must have dessert. I thought, "Who am I am to disobey?" and ordered a Sicilian cannoli with a filling of cinnamon ricotta (£6.90), washed down with a macchiato (£3.50) which only a very good Italian restaurant can do well.

***Monterre**, 12 Palmer Road, Nine Elms, London SW11 4FQ. Tel: 020 4597 9453. Closed on Monday, open Tuesday - Thursday 12-10.30pm, Friday 12-11pm, Saturday 9:30am-11pm and Sunday 9:30am-8.30pm. DJs, live performances and private dining all feature here.*





Walnuts and Wingnuts

Brian Livingstone and Clive Freedman

The Walnut family, *Juglandaceae*, is represented in Battersea Park by four species. Two species bear Walnuts, namely Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra*, and Common Walnut, *Juglans regia. Juglans*: from Jove or Jupiter nut; walnut is from Old English for "foreign nut". The Caucasian Wingnut, *Pterocarya fraxinifolia* ("ptera" meaning "wing") has long, dangling strings of winged seeds. The fourth species is a young Pecan, *Carya illinoiensis* which was planted in 2025.

Walnuts are familiar to us as hard-shelled nuts surrounded by a green husk. The husked walnuts sold in the shops are usually from the Common Walnut and have a fairly easily cracked shell. The nuts of the Black Walnut have a harder shell, and have a stronger taste which is more earthy or woody. These are used in biscuits and ice cream. The husks of both species stain hands and clothing, and can be used to make black or brown dye.

Black Walnut is native to N America and was introduced to Britain before 1656. Its attractive grain makes the wood very suitable for furniture, veneers and gunstocks. It is also a good firewood.

One of our mature Black Walnuts is the tallest of the species which has been recorded in England, measured as 32.4m in 2021, and it can be seen on the grass south-west of the Cricket Pavilion (**fig. 1**). A few years ago, it lost one of its largest limbs, but it remains an impressive tree. Other mature Black Walnuts can be seen north of the Cricket Pavilion and south of the Albert Gate works depot area. Several young trees were planted in 2023-24 including two that are doing well on the south side of the Subtropical Garden.

The only taller species in Battersea Park are the London Plane (seen in the avenues) and the Lombardy Poplar, the tallest of which is close to the Vista Steps.

Black Walnut has male catkins in April, when the leaves emerge, and tiny female flowers at the tips of the branches. The leaves of the Walnut family are compound leaves, and Black Walnut's leaves have between 10 and 23 narrow leaflets, with small teeth on the edges. The mature trees in Battersea Park all bear nuts in the summer and autumn (**fig. 2**).

Common Walnut probably originated in Pakistan, Afghanistan, NW India and S Tajikistan, and has spread or been introduced from there to Europe in the west and China in the east. It was brought to Britain by the Romans. It is used for nuts and to make oil, and the timber is also used for furniture, veneers and gunstocks. Trees are dug out rather than felled, as the best wood is at the base of the tree where the roots join the trunk.

There are usually 7 untoothed leaflets, though 5 to 13 are also possible. The terminal leaflet is larger, and the base leaflets are smaller. The male catkins and tiny female flowers appear slightly later than those of Black Walnut. One grows in the Herb Garden and another grows just south of Chelsea Gate (**figs.3** and **4**).

The **Caucasian Wingnut** is native to the Caucasus and N Iran, and was introduced to Europe in the late18th century (to France in 1782–1784 and Britain around 1800). Its common name refers to its two-winged seed pod - the metal 'wingnut' fastener is likely to have acquired its name more recently, possibly around 1850. It has up to 25 floppy, stalkless leaflets, and the female catkins which emerge in April develop in summer into strings of nuts with angled wings up to 50 cm long (**fig. 5**). The numerous suckers form thickets which need to be cut back every few years. There is one specimen on the grass west of the Pagoda (**fig. 6**) and there are others on the edge of the Lake south of the Pear Tree Cafe.

New to the Park in 2025 was a young **Pecan**, a species of Hickory. In the past this has been a rare tree in Britain as it prefers a warm climate, but the species is doing better in our warmer summers. The species is native to the southern USA and Mexico, where it is widely grown for nuts, and was introduced to Britain in about 1760. The elongated nuts, which will be familiar to many, seldom ripen in Britain. Typically, it has 11-15 smallish leaflets. Our tree lost most of its leaves in the dry summer of 2025, but the leaves grew back before autumn.

At https://www.treesofbatterseapark.org you can access an interactive map which shows the locations in Battersea Park of trees and shrubs of interest in particular months of the year. To discuss these trees or other trees and shrubs in Battersea Park, contact batterseaparktreewatchers@btinternet.com.













Fig. 1 The England Height Champion Black Walnut south of the Cricket Pavilion

Fig. 2 Black Walnut leaflets and nut, showing the green husks

Fig. 3 Male flowers on the Common Walnut at Chelsea Gate, before the leaves have fully opened

Fig. 4 Leaves, female flowers and developing fruits on the Common Walnut near Chelsea Gate; also showing galls on the leaves caused by the Walnut Leaf Gall Mite (Aceria erinea)

Fig. 5 Caucasian Wingnut seeds next to the lake, south of the Pear Tree Cafe

Fig. 6 The Caucasian Wingnut on the grass west of the Pagoda

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Amphibian Surveying in Battersea Park

Ling Moran, *Enable's Parks Officer*

Wildlife surveying and citizen science are taking place in Battersea Park as part of the Cascades Restoration Project. With support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Cascades Project will restore the Park's historic waterfall, to be powered sustainably by solar energy. Alongside the physical restoration of the waterfall, we are working with the local community, schools, residents, and Park users to understand what volunteering opportunities people would like to see. You can find out more about the project and how to get involved at enablelc.org/battersea-park-cascades.

Beginning in January this year, we completed a total of ten amphibian surveys around the Lake, with a heavy focus on the Ladies Pond. Amphibian surveys take place from January to the end of May, with two distinct survey periods: January to March when it's best to survey for frogs and toads, both adults and spawn, and April to May when it's best to survey for newts. Surveying takes place during these specific months because frogs, toads and newts are then most active and at their peak abundance.

The first period included a mix of daytime surveys looking for frog and toad spawn, as well as evening surveys looking for adults. Frog spawn is laid in clumps near the top of the water level, whereas toad spawn is laid in long strings tangled around submerged vegetation. In previous years, we've recorded frog spawn at the Ladies Pond but did not record any this year. The evening surveys were done with members of the public and a variety of volunteer groups including Brownies, Girl Guides and London Borough of Culture volunteers. During this season's surveys, we recorded 13 adult common toads and two adult common frogs.







Frog, March 24 2026; Young toad, about 2cm, found near Henry Moore sculpture 31 May 2026; Local Nature Reserve in royal blue

Last year, we surveyed the Ladies Pond on what must have been the evening of mass toad migration, where large numbers of adults travel to the pond to breed. That evening we counted over 50 toads and about four frogs. It is particularly encouraging to record any toad numbers, as toad populations have declined across Britain by around 40% since the mid-1980s. It is promising to see that Battersea Park is somewhat of a stronghold for the toad population in such an urban location.

The second period of amphibian surveying took place in April and May and focused on newts. These surveys take place along the edges of the pond and use strong torchlight to check for newt activity. Adult newts require oxygen and will rise to the surface of the water to breathe. In addition to torch lighting, we trialled artificial newt egg strips which mimic vegetation where newts will occasionally lay their eggs. These egg strips are made of bin bag liners cut into small strips and staked into the pond near the water's edge. Newts lay each egg individually, rather than in large clumps or strings like frogs and toads, and they carefully use their back legs to fold vegetation around each egg. This season we did not find any adult newts or any newt eggs on the egg strips. Even so, we will probably try these methods again next season. While it can be disappointing to conduct a survey and not find the target species, valuable data is still produced.

These wildlife surveys are an important part of the overall Cascades Restoration Project which will not only restore the Cascades but offer the public the opportunity to engage with the Park through volunteering. As the project progresses, we will continue to collect valuable biodiversity data and to engage the community with the wildlife with which they share the Park.

Editor's Note – How to tell the difference between a frog and a toad

Frogs have smooth wet-looking skin. Toads have rough, warty skin that's nearly always dry.

Frogs have long legs, longer than their heads and bodies combined, and they look athletic with a pointed nose. They prefer to move by jumping. Toads have shorter legs and look dumpy with a broader nose, preferring to crawl.

Wildflower Meadow

Brieannah Mollison-Read, *Enable's Community Science Coordinator*

Some Friends may not be aware that Battersea Park contains Wandsworth Borough's only Local Nature Reserve. This area is protected for its local importance for wildlife and nature. It includes the meadow glade south of the drive between Chelsea Gate and Chelsea car park; the wooded area along the east side of the Park, parallel to the fence along Queenstown Road; and Rosery Copse immediately west of Rosery Lodge. The Reserve includes 'wild' woodland and areas of tall herb meadow.

In line with the Council's new Biodiversity Action Plan, Enable has begun implementing improvements to the meadow area closest to Chelsea Gate. The glade was sown with native wildflower seeds in spring earlier this year. A series of meadow management sessions is planned for this summer and autumn which will include botanical surveying to inform future management decisions, hand-weeding dominant species and some post-summer cut maintenance.

The next session will be held on 10 July, in which selective weeding will be carried out on the more dominant species such as common nettle, spear thistle, creeping thistle, broad-leaved dock, curled dock and common ragwort. Keeping these plants in check during the growing season ensures no single species takes over the space. This allows for a more diverse, richer habitat, which then attracts a wider variety of insects and invertebrates. This in turn feeds a greater diversity of birds and other wildlife.

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Trustees' Report 2025/26

Kate Bock, *Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Battersea Park*

This report is subject to approval at the AGM on 13 October

The year ending 31 March 2026 marked a number of changes for the Friends of Battersea Park. Wandsworth Council significantly revised its parks and open spaces contract with Enable, Leisure and Culture: the new contract came into effect on 1 April 2025. Enable ceased to manage the ground maintenance and arboriculture contracts. A number of Enable staff were transferred to the Council to take on this work plus responsibility for Wandsworth's biodiversity and sports strategies. The Friends continued to work closely with Enable and the Council.

On 31 March 2026, the Friends had 653 individual, family and corporate members.

The Annual General Meeting, chaired by Kate Bock, took place on 14 October 2025 at All Saints Church. George Coe ACCA was reappointed as Independent Financial Examiner. Tim Donovan and Kayt Little were elected as trustees. Karen Buckle stood down as a trustee in August; Sally Orman retired at the AGM (after 17 years); and Russ Coffey stood down in December.

After formal business, Neil Blackley (Head of Parks, Enable) gave a slide presentation summarising Wandsworth Council's new contracts with Enable and Krinkels UK. He explained who was responsible for different issues in the Park. He and his colleague Catie Ferguson, and Inspector Steve Biggs (Parks & Events Police) then responded to questions and comments from some of the 45 Friends present. Niko Mardushaj, Operations Director of Krinkels UK was also present.

Kate Bock represented the Friends on the Wandsworth Green Spaces Forum which brought together representatives from Friends groups and Management Advisory Committees, Councillor Gasser, senior Council officers and Enable. The Forum ceased to meet when Councillor Gasser was replaced as Cabinet Member for Environment by Councillor Paul White in May.

The Friends continued to focus attention on the increased pressures placed on the Park by visitor numbers, particularly as Battersea Power Station continues to grow as a destination. This ongoing concern has informed conversations about wear and tear, litter management, the adequacy of lavatory facilities and the number of organised runs particularly at weekends.

The Friends contributed to a formal review of Parkrun, drawing attention to its impact particularly in relation to problems with the overcrowded start at the Bandstand, runners failing to keep to the tarmac or give way to other Park users and the inevitable consequences of the lack of sufficient lavatories.

Wandsworth was London's Borough of Culture in 2025/26. The Friends made two contributions: Martin Graham organised the long-overdue cleaning of the War Memorial and Henry Moore's Three Standing Figures (£5,200) Sara Milne organised a new joint Friends and Royal College of Art Biennial Sculpture Prize (£17,500) which was unveiled outside the Millennium Areana on 7 February.

In May, the Friends held their now annual informal party in the Old English Garden organised by Sara Milne on a wonderful sunny evening.

The Friends' 18th Summer BBQ was threatened by rain and, with thanks to Enable and Smart, moved the venue at a day's notice to the British Genius Site under the canopy in front of the Evolution Building. Against the odds, it was a great success. In addition to bringing the community together, the event raised over £10,000 to support Friends' charitable aims and projects. Thanks go to Peta May Law, Inge Darling and Urska Grasic for their exceptional organisational skills and to the many local residents and businesses who contributed silent auction and wishing tree prizes.

As usual, the Friends had a stall at 'Summer at the Bandstand' in June. The Dog Show was cancelled due to hot weather.

The Friends contributed to the Wandsworth Heritage Festival with a walk led by Frances Radcliffe. A tree walk led by Greg Packman took place in April

Inspired by her 7-year-old daughter, Friend Alexandra Costello organised a major litter collection on 20 September, World Clean Up Day. An enormous amount of litter was collected by her team of children, their parents and energetic Friends.

The Friends' bi-annual lecture series continued under the stewardship of Annabel Stein, with two well-attended events: a lecture on herbs and spices by Alex Laird and on sculptures in the Park by Joanna Barnes.

The Friends continued their long-standing support of the Winter Garden, funding new plants, designer Dan Pearson's annual visit, and rope and post fencing (£16,600). Thanks go to the small group of Friends who volunteer in the garden on Wednesday mornings.

The Friends continued to comment on planning applications affecting the Park. In March, the Battersea Society represented the Friends and other local groups at the Public Inquiry into the Council's refusal to permit a 29-storey tower to replace the Glassmill building

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Lecture by Mike Bates on the Lesser-Known Memorials in the Park

Ian Mursell



St Saviour's was a most appropriate venue for Mike Bates' Spring Lunchtime Lecture on 16 March. His parents were married in that church in 1948. He was educated at the Latchmere and Chesterton Schools and he has spent most of his life in the Borough. Mike joined the Friends soon after their foundation in 1988 and for many years not only edited *Review* but also managed the website.

Mike prefaced his talk with a limerick by comedian and sometime Battersea resident Harry Hill:

A couple met by the Pagoda

Said she 'that's a rather odd odour'

It may be the river

Or this fine piece of liver

That he took from his pocket and showed her.

His first slides were familiar: the 1924 war memorial by Eric Kennington and the 1963 bronze Single Form (Memorial) by Barbara Hepworth, dedicated to the Swedish Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld.

Less familiar were two other war memorials adjacent to the Kennington. The ANZAC memorial, unveiled in 2000, is a bronze relief map of the Gallipoli Peninsular on a large sandstone boulder taken from the golf course at Bondi Beach. This was donated by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, along with five other stones which he gave to what was then the Zoo's wallaby enclosure. Nearby there is a memorial to an Australian aircrew lost in action in the Second World War.

Many trees have been planted to mark occasions. By the river, just west of the Pagoda, there is a plaque in front of the Grace Darling oak tree. This was planted in 1938 by the Grace Darling League to commemorate the centenary of her bravery when, early on 7 September 1838, she rowed with her father William Darling in fearsome weather to the wreck of the steamer *Forfarshire* and rescued nine survivors.

The semicircle of Pride of India trees near West Carriage Drive was planted in 1997 to mark fifty years of Indian independence. Nearby is a hornbeam, with a plaque saying it was planted in 2008 by the Macedonian ambassador.

The Millennium Cross at the western end of Central Avenue was dedicated in June 2000 to mark two thousand years since the birth of Christ.

A cherry tree was planted east of the Fountains Pool in 2022 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Funfair Tragedy in 1972. Five children died when the Big Dipper crashed; survivors from that terrible accident were present at the ceremony.

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, a black poplar was planted near Albert Bridge. Similar trees were planted in every London borough. Few survived but this one is thriving.

In spring 2009, a new pergola was erected in the Old English Garden, a gift from a supporter of the Friends in memory of his wife. It is covered by an impressive wisteria.

On the side of the cricket pavilion there are two green plaques. The first was unveiled in 2014 on the 150th anniversary of the first official game played under Football Association rules in the Park in 1864. The other plaque was unveiled in 2025 and commemorates Bob Marley who played football in the Park.

Mike then set the scene for the Brown Dog Affair, remembering that he had been taken to Battersea General Hospital, aged ten, after cutting his head playing football. The hospital, which was on the corner of Albert Bridge Road and Prince of Wales Drive, had been built in 1896 as the Anti-Vivisection Hospital. The original Brown Dog Memorial, sponsored by anti-vivisectionists, was installed in 1906 in the Latchmere Recreation Ground. However, it was a focus of significant protests and in 1910, the Council ordered the statue to be removed; it is presumed to have been destroyed. A new statue was commissioned in 1985. This sculpture, by Nicola Hicks, was originally placed near the Pump House. When the Pump House was made an art gallery in 1994, it was moved to its current secluded position on the path to the east of the Old English Garden.

The next slide showed a sketch of Friends' trustees on the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Friends. The artist, Terry McKivragran, regularly produced water colours of Park scenes which featured on Christmas cards and postcards to raise money for the Friends. Amongst those depicted are Elaine Hodges, who asked Mike to produce Review and whose bequest to the Friends was the catalyst for the creation of the Winter Garden.

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She is named on the bronze plaque there, designed by then-trustee, Steve Bunn. Others featured are: Jasmine Mitchell - her memorial is a planter in the Old English Garden; PC John Johnson, who always ignored all the no-cycling rules and to whom a bench is dedicated on the mound southwest of Chelsea Gate; Brian Botting, Chairman from 1990-1999 who has a bench and an oak near North Carriage Drive; Brian Mist, the naturalist, who has a bench near the Henry Moore sculpture (the Local Nature Reserve near Chelsea Bridge which he tended assiduously is known as Mist's Patch); and Ruth Forrest who has a bench in the Promontory Garden which describes her as a 'fundraiser extraordinaire'.

Mike referred to two recently planted trees: an oak just outside the Winter Garden in memory of past chairman Philip Wright, who did so much to achieve the Winter Garden, and a Sycamore Gap sapling southeast of the Pear Tree Café, donated by the National Trust as a Tree of Hope to commemorate the son of a Friend.

The final slides were of benches located round the bandstand, all dedicated to dogs such as Gromit, Lassie, Toto and Greyfriars Bobby who had starred in films.

Mike mentioned a collection of memorabilia given to him by the secretary of the original Friends of Battersea Park in 1954, Irene Barton. He paid tribute to Tom Maxwell, who for many years wrote about trees in the Park for *Review*, and to Chris Rice, in the audience, a former trustee.

He finished with an appeal. Did anyone know the location of a tree planted in the early 1980s dedicated to Solidarity? The Polish Ambassador would be grateful to know where it might be.

Frances Radcliffe thanked Mike for his talk, to warm applause.

Mike's website is *batterseapark.org*

An Eclectic Lark In Battersea Park

Nigel Parker

Tempted by this enticing title, on 11 April, I joined a walk organised by Wild South London. This community group is 'dedicated to helping people experience and learn about nature in their local area. Through free walks, talks and workshops, we encourage curiosity, care and deeper engagement with local wildlife'.

We met at Battersea Power Station and were immediately rewarded by sightings of the resident peregrine falcon perched high up on the wall facing the river. It was no doubt contemplating its next meal of pigeon or maybe parakeet!

We were then led through the Park looking at many sites of interest including the Peace Pagoda and those with connections to the Festival of Britain. We watched and listened to nature, with some participants using the wonderful 'Merlin' app which identifies bird song with remarkable accuracy.

In the Old English Garden, we happened upon preparations for a children's party, the hedges charmingly festooned with sweets and toy eggs. We learned about the work of the gardening charity, Thrive, who look after this and three other gardens in



the Park so beautifully.

Wild South London events are free but you can support them by becoming a member for £10 a year. They advertise their events on Eventbrite or you can follow them on Instagram at *@wild_south_london*.

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on Battersea Bridge Road. The appeal was dismissed in May.

This year, the Friends have benefited from three exceptionally generous contributions: a legacy from David Pearson of £11,900, a bequest from Mary Strong of £1,000, and £10,000 from a corporate donor.

We thank our all members, especially those who deliver Review, whose continued support, enthusiasm, and participation in events and consultations ensure that the Friends remain a strong, independent voice advocating for the long-term health, heritage, and enjoyment of Battersea Park.

Events

JUL	**Monday 27 to Friday 31** 9.30am - 4.30pm Maple Field near Albert Car Park	**Big Play Out** For accompanied children ages 5 – 11 *ww.wandsworthsbigplayout.com/tickets* Info: *020 3959 0015*
AUG	**Saturday 1**	**Share Savvy Saturday**
	Wednesdays 5, 15, 19 and 26	**Wild Wednesdays**
	Friday 14 Children's Zoo	**Cotton Top Tamarin Day**
	Sunday 9 at sunset Peace Pagoda	**Nagasaki Day Peace Walk** from Westminster Cathedral at 7.45pm to the Park for Floating Lantern Ceremony
	Friday 28 Gates open 6. Show ends 10 **Saturday 29** Gates open 4.30. Show 7.15 to 9.30 **Sunday 30** Gates open 4.30. Show 7.15 to 9.30 **Monday 31** Gates open 1.30. Show ends 9 Rugby Pitch area	**Battersea Park in Concert** - Picnics plus Dancing **Jeremy Loops and Sounds of South Africa** **Pop Symphonic** - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra **Movies and Music** - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra **Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra** with Amy Winehouse Band Tickets & exact timings to be updated nearer the time at *batterseaparkinconcert.com*
SEP	**Saturday 12** View from Chelsea Bridge 80 minutes from start	**Great River Race** *greatriverrace.org.uk/observation-points*
	Sunday 20 Meet outside Putt in the Park at 10.30am. Finish at Pear Tree Café at 12 noon	**World Clean Up Day Litter Pick** Bring your own gloves and if possible litter pickers. Bags and additional litter pickers provided. Details via Mailchimp nearer the time. Queries to *info@friendsofbatterseapark.org*
	Tuesday 29 to Sunday 4 October 11am to 6pm Battersea Evolution	**Autumn Decorative Antiques and Textiles Fair**
OCT	**Tuesday 13** 6.30pm for 7pm All Saints Church	**Friends Annual General Meeting** 100 Prince of Wales Drive SW11 4BD
	Wednesday 14 to Sunday 18 11am to 8pm. Battersea Evolution	**Affordable Art Fair**
NOV	**Saturday 7 & Sunday 8**	**Fireworks in the Park** Ticketed events: *enablelc.org*
	Wednesday 11 War Memorial 10.45am	**Wandsworth Council's Act of Remembrance Service** Followed by refreshments and exhibition in the Pump House
	Monday 16 12.30 lunch; 1.15 lecture St Saviour's Church, SW11 4LH	**Friends Autumn Lunchtime Lecture** by Mike Bates on 'Postcards and Lost Memories' - see insert
REGULAR EVENTS	**Wednesdays 10am – 11**	**Free Walk** open to all. Meet at Albert Bridge Gate Info: *activelifestyles@enable.com*
	Wednesdays 10am – 12.30pm	**Friends Volunteer Gardening in the Winter Garden**. Contact *fhradcliffe@gmail.com* to check it's happening.
	Saturdays 9am	**Parkrun** Updates and cancellations on *www.parkrun.org.uk/battersea*
	Sundays 9am	**Junior Park Run** from hut at All Weather Pitches

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