**Tree Spotting in Richmond Park, Thursday 18th June 2015**

5 walkers, 8 miles – leader Paula Buckton

A smaller turnout than usual for this lovely summer evening walk in Richmond Park. We suspected some regulars were otherwise engaged in the Lakes and Scotland. But 5 members and one guest enjoyed the balmy summer evening trotting around the park, circumnavigating the deer, resisting running off with the clothes of three skinny dippers in the lake and gathering leaves for later identification in the tree spotting competition. Dave surrendered his prize early on and just about managed to identify a nettle leaf. Pillbox grasped his small collection so tightly, he struggled to identify any of the soggy mush he ended up with. David made a valiant effort but Peter stormed the winning position with a rucksack full of leaves he proceeded to identify. Paula had to acquiesce to his knowledge as her tree app, purchased at great expense for judging purposes, died with her phone battery. Peter took home first prize (a chocolate orange) David scoffed his second prize without offering them round and Pillbox saved his Maltesers until he could find a straw to eat them. Paula's friend Pam enjoyed the walk and joined everyone in the pub for a few beers. What a treat you all missed!!!