**Great London Tree Walk, Sunday 31st July 2016**

19 walkers, 20 miles – leader Susanne Waldschmidt

The last rays of the summer sunshine bought 19 enthusiastic tree huggers, plane spotters (the arboreal variety) and even some walkers out to walk from Fulham Palace to York House Gardens in Twickenham. During the whole walk we seemed always within an acorn’s throw of a tree. We viewed 9 celebrity trees but there were plenty of others with a WOW factor, especially in Chiswick Gardens and Richmond Park. Entering the Park via Bog Gate was a first for almost everyone and we were soon treated to the sight of a very large herd of rutting deer. The final celebrity tree was on its last wooden legs and was looking rather sorry for itself but this was more than compensated for by an historical (and functioning) gents urinal and some naked nymphs. (This is for the benefit of those who bailed out early in Richmond). A relaxing and enjoyable walk and thanks to the tree experts, who augmented my own rather meagre knowledge.