**Two Parks, Fascinating Cemetery and Interesting Streets In Between, Thursday 17th August 2017**

11 walkers, 6.5 miles – leader Gail & John Elrick

Eleven walkers met at Holland Park station at 6.00 p.m. Entering Holland Park we went past the open-air theatre, the home of Opera Holland Park and crossing High Street Kensington continued southwards towards Earl's Court and Brompton Cemetery. The cemetery opened in 1840 and is now run by the Royal Parks. We stopped at the graves of two well-known civilians, the Suffragette leader, Emmeline Pankhurst and the opera singer, Richard Tauber. Further on we admired the monument for Sub Lieutenant Reginald Warneford, one of 13 Victoria Cross holders buried there. In 1915 in his monoplane and armed only with a pistol and five hand grenades he attacked and destroyed a 200-feet long and formidably armed German airship in mid-air. This David and Goliath struggle earned him the V.C.

From the cemetery we continued down to Lots Road, pausing for views of the river and a group photo in Cremorne Gardens. Passing the statue of the painter, James McNeill Whistler, we crossed Albert Bridge and walked to Chelsea Bridge where we crossed back over the river. From there it was a short walk through Pimlico to Victoria Station and the Wetherspoon pub.

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