**Bushy Park and its Role in WW2, Wednesday 8th August 2018**

11 walkers, 7.5 miles – leaders Gail & John Elrick

On a perfect evening Gail and John led nine other walkers into Bushy Park. In a shady grove Gail explained to the group and some assembled deer the history of the large WW2 military camp (mainly American) which became General Eisenhower's HQ in 1944 to plan the D-Day invasion.  The camp was later used to co-ordinate the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and was finally demolished in 1962.  Gail displayed a photo of the impressive sleeve insignia worn by the troops and we then visited the memorials and heritage plaques which mark the site of the camp.  In a reminder of the Cold War we crossed to the Hampton side of the Park to look at the information board on the work of the various research establishments. Leaving the Park at the Lion Gate we returned to Kingston along the Long Walk in Home Park.