**London’s Parks, Thursday 2nd September 2010**

22 walkers, 7 miles – leader Rob Myers

This additional summer evening walk was hastily arranged at the last moment in response to requests to extend the season. The email circulated just before the walk seemed to encourage some members to try a summer evening walk for the first time. On a perfect late summer night 22 walkers gathered at Holland Park. We did a circuit through this attractive park before proceeding to Kensington Gardens. Here we looked at the annual floral tributes left on the main gate of Kensington Palace on the anniversary of Princess Diana's death. The route through Kensington Gardens went passed the Diana Adventure Playground, the Flower Gardens and Speke's Monument before reaching the top of the Serpentine. Walking down the side of the Serpentine we crossed into Hyde Park and from there to Green Park and St James's Park. Leaving the parks we symbolically finished the last summer evening walk in Trafalgar Square. Due to the early sunset and early park closures it was decided to start the walk at 6 and finish at 8.15. This left plenty of time for socialising at the Old Shades pub which served excellent beer and probably the best sausage and mash that I have ever tasted.