**Regents Park Area, Thursday 25th August 2011**

15 walkers, 7 miles – leader Rob Myers

My attempt to do this walk last year was abandoned late in the walk due to very heavy rain. I decided to do the walk in the reverse direction and 15 of us gathered at Baker St tube. We started with the delights of Queen Mary Gardens where late August is a good time to see the magnificent rose gardens. We then did a circuit of the lakes and then walked through the fountains of Avenue Gardens. Approaching the zoo we stopped off at the Indian Fountain in Broad Walk which hadn't produced drinking water for years and we were amazed to find that if you put your hands directly under the pipe then water came gushing out. This was part of the multimillion-pound investment the Royal Parks Foundation are making in upgrading ornamental and drinking fountains. We next climbed up Primrose Hill to admire the view and then walked along Regents Canal to Little Venice. Turning left we went via Paddington Basin to Paddington Station where the walk ended. I decided to use the Mad Bishop and Bear pub at the station which served a wide range of Fuller's Beers and was recommended in my CAMRA guide. It worked well.