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Friends of Wimbledon Park Community Newsletter February 2026

Friends of Wimbledon Park have planned walks and talks in the park over the next few months. The first is on **8 March, a bird walk, at 8.30 am**, starting at Home Park Road entrance and led by Dave Dawson. We hope to see you there!

We will also organise morning walks to watch and listen to birds on the following dates: 12 April, 3 May and 14 June. All starting at 8.30 at Home Park Road Entrance.

On **Saturday 18th April**, groups and communities across the UK will be taking part in a UK-wide Day of Action for Nature, Parks and Green Spaces. The purpose is simple: to demonstrate, visibly and collectively, that people everywhere care deeply about the natural world and want to see it protected and restored. FOWP are taking part by putting on an afternoon talk and tour, 'Capability Brown and Wimbledon Park: A History Lesson.' Details will be advertised shortly.

We've planned **bat walks on 26 April at 8.15 pm and 26 September at 18.50**. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how modern electronic kit can detect bat calls, and to see Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, as well as (we hope) other species.

A wonderful opportunity to see the great variety of **trees in the Park with Dave Dawson** will be on Sunday 26 April at 14:00, meeting again at Home Park Road Entrance. This is a special time of year when trees have fresh leaves and flowers.

On a more sombre note, there have been reports this month of **possible cases of bird flu** both in Wimbledon Park Lake and in other parts of London. As a precaution, L B Merton are putting up notices to alert the public on how to reduce the risk of catching avian flu influenza. (It hasn't been confirmed that this is an outbreak of avian flu.)

Our website, <https://www.friendsofwimbledonpark.org> is regularly updated with details of event timings and meeting places. Please watch out for further details. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

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