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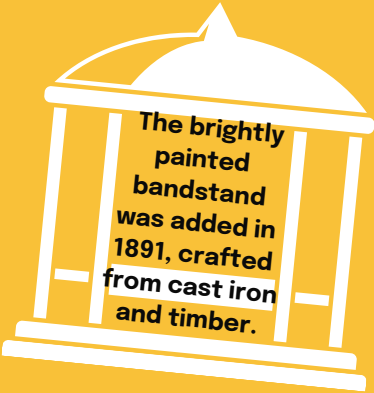
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# Facts & Fun!



A band called The Jam made a music video in the park in 1979. The song When You're Young reached no 17 in the charts. You can see the bandstand in their music video on YouTube. Back then it was painted white.

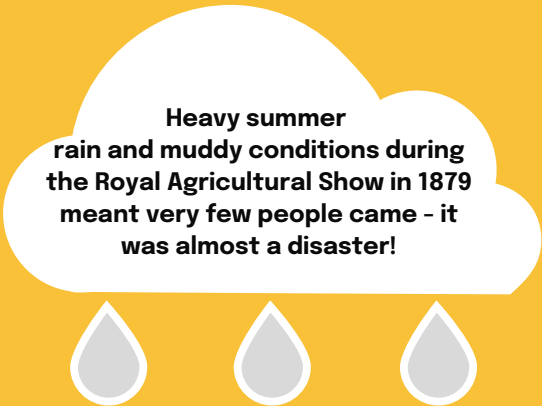


The brightly painted bandstand was added in 1891, crafted from cast iron and timber.

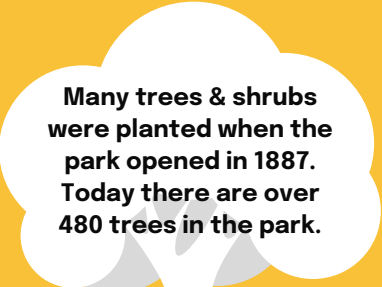


There were originally only toilets in the park for women.

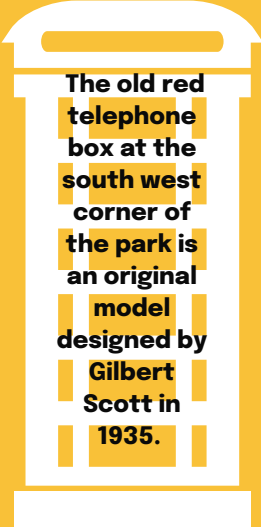
Now there are toilets for everyone.



Heavy summer rain and muddy conditions during the Royal Agricultural Show in 1879 meant very few people came - it was almost a disaster!



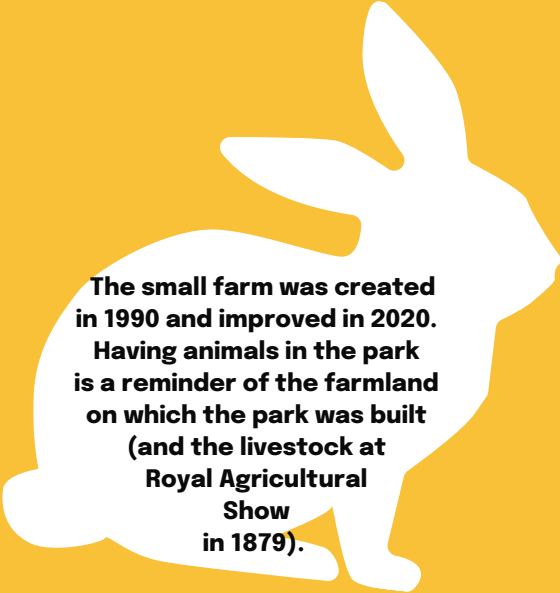
Many trees & shrubs were planted when the park opened in 1887. Today there are over 480 trees in the park.



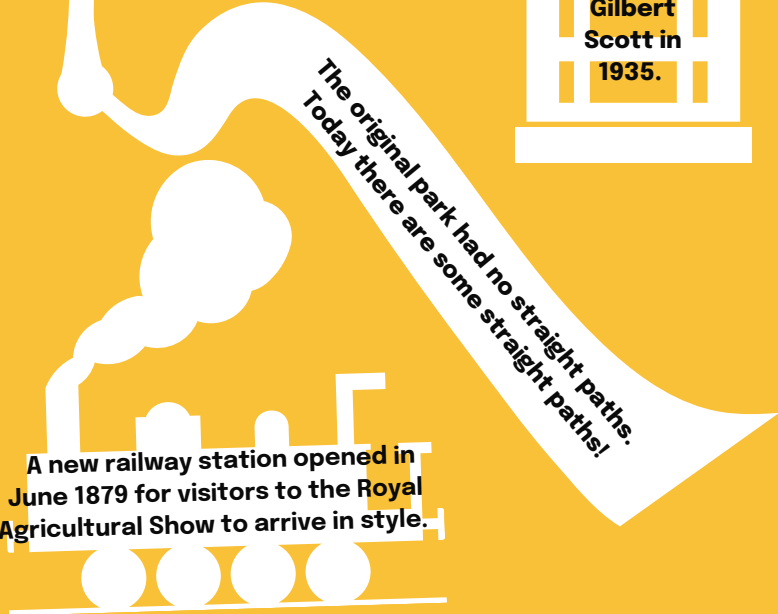
The old red telephone box at the south west corner of the park is an original model designed by Gilbert Scott in 1935.



The original playground would have included climbing ropes, inclined planks for sit ups.



The small farm was created in 1990 and improved in 2020. Having animals in the park is a reminder of the farmland on which the park was built (and the livestock at Royal Agricultural Show in 1879).



A new railway station opened in June 1879 for visitors to the Royal Agricultural Show to arrive in style.

The original park had no straight paths. Today there are some straight paths!

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OWL  
PLAYGROUND  
ROSE  
RAT  
LYCHGATE  
QUEEN  
CAFE  
PHONE  
TREE  
BANDSTAND

③ ON A MEMORIAL PLAQUE FIND THE LONG LATIN TITLE. REARRANGE THE LETTERS OF AN ANIMAL HIDING IN THIS WORD TO FILL THE GAPS. LOOK FOR MORE INFO & A TRANSLATION ON THE PANEL BY THE OLD TREE (BEHIND RAILINGS NEARBY).

Walk across the grass to the bandstand.

⑨ COUNT HOW MANY COLUMNS? COUNT HOW MANY STEPS?

SUBTRACT THE NUMBER OF STEPS FROM THE NUMBER OF COLUMNS AND YOU HAVE YOUR FINAL ANSWER!

You have completed the trail. Well done!

① START HERE: FIND THE PLAN OF THE PARK BY THE CAFE. WHAT NUMBER DOES THE PATH AROUND THE PARK MAKE? WRITE THIS AT ①.

With the cafe tables behind you, turn to face the open grass & walk along the path to your right.

② WRITE DOWN THE WORD ANSWER TO THE SUM  $2 \times 5$ . NEXT TO THIS WRITE THE ANSWER (IN NUMBERS) TO THE SUM  $3 \times 5$  TO SPELL OUT A POPULAR BALL GAME. FIND THE SMALLER VERSION OF THIS GAME NEARBY. LOOK FOR A TEN LETTER WORD & WRITE DOWN THE FIRST FOUR LETTERS AT ② OVERLEAF.

Continue along the path with your eyes peeled.

LOOK FOR SOMEONE (OR SOMETHING) THAT GIVES A HOOT ON "NOAH'S" SHOULDER. WRITE THIS DOWN AT ③ TO COMPLETE THE NEXT WORD.

Continue along the path, past the playground & toilets.

Stop here for a play or a pee!

④ AT THE GATE BEYOND THE SANDPIT LOOK FOR A HIDDEN RED TELEPHONE BOX.

BE BRAVE. STEP IN. ON THE TOUCHPAD FIND THE LAST 2 DIGITS (NUMBERS) OF THE YEAR OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

TWO LETTERS ON THE NUMBER BUTTON WILL COMPLETE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE WORD OVERLEAF AT ④!

Continue on the road following the railings. Re-enter the park at the next gate.

⑤ LOOK UP AT THE INFO BOARD. WHAT KIND OF FLOWER CAN YOU SPOT NEAR THE TOP?

Before continuing, check no-one in your group is breaking byelaw 5(3).

Turn right to enter the Quiet Garden and head towards the black & white 'Lych Gate'. Sorry no dogs allowed here!

⑥ LOOK UP AT THE Lych GATE. WHAT WILL DO----? THIS WORD COMPLETES THE FOLLOWING:  
GOLD----  
----CRAFT  
JAS----  
WRITE THE WHOLE MOTTO IN THE GAP.

⑦ FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SCULPTURE ON THE LEFT ON THE PLAQUE ON THE RAILINGS AS YOU EXIT THE GARDEN. AT ⑦ INSERT THE NUMBER ON THIS PLAQUE THAT ADDS UP TO 22.

Continue on the path towards the exit and before leaving the Quiet Garden.

Make up your own three word motto! Tell us what it is @brent-heritage

Look for a large sculpture on your left. What do you think it is?

MILMAN ROAD

KINGSWOOD AVENUE

Miniature Golf Course

Bandstand

Tennis court

Playground





# FILL IN THESE GAPS WITH THE HELP OF THE CLUES...



The park opened in 1\_\_87 [SEE CLUE ❶]. Did you know the original park cafe was a rustic refreshment hut? The lovely one here today was built in the 1960s.

The COAL \_\_\_\_\_ [SEE CLUE ❷] & FINANCE COMMITTEE at the Corporation of London passed the Highgate & Kilburn Open Spaces Act in 1886 so that funds left by a Mr William Ward could pay for creating two new parks "for the benefit of the poorer classes".

The park was created from farm and mead\_\_\_\_\_ands [SEE CLUE ❸] that were left from the Royal Agricultural Show of 1879. The show displayed the latest farm machinery, the best in livestock (an exciting attraction on the edge of London). Queen Victoria came to see it.

The park designer, Alexander McKenzie, had to work hard to turn the '\_\_\_\_amp' [SEE CLUE ❹] into a beautiful park. Mr McKenzie had designed the beautiful parks at Alexandra Palace, Southwark Park, Finsbury Park & Albert Embankment Gardens.

The Quiet Garden gives a clue to how the original formal flower gardens were laid out by Mr McKenzie.

\_\_\_\_\_ [SEE CLUE ❺] were a favourite in Victorian parks, as well as vibrant shrubs like spring-flowering camelias, forsythias, fuschias and magnolias.

The Lych Gate in the Quiet Garden was built in 1936 but bricked up and closed off as an entrance in the 1960s when a number of improvements were made to the park.

A Lych Gate is a style of gate often used in cemeteries. The Corporation of London's motto is \_\_\_\_\_ [SEE CLUE ❻] which means 'Lord Guide Us' in Latin.

When the Second World War broke out in \_\_\_\_\_ [SEE CLUE ❼] a barrage balloon was tethered in the middle of the park to stop low flying aircraft dropping bombs. Sadly the top of the park was still bombed in the Blitz.

During this time the grassy fields were used as allotments to grow veg to feed local people when food was scarce. The park railings (& the iron bandstand) were melted down to help the w\_\_\_\_effor\_ [SEE CLUE ❸]. There were bomb shelters in the park too.

The bandstand was restored in 1992 to glorious red, yellow and green technicolour.

In 2000 it was Grade \_\_\_\_ Listed [SEE CLUE ❾] which means it is of historical importance and must be protected for the future.

