

January 2010

Average temperature: 2 °C
Average rainfall: 25 - 50 mm

Freezing conditions and continuation of the recent snow causes snowmen to spring up around the park. The average snowfall for London this month was 8cm.

The Council carried out renovations and repair works to the North wall on Holland Park (Road). Submissions for a Green Flag Award, the national standard for parks and open spaces, have been made; Holland Park has held Green Flag status for 9 years.

February 2010

Average temperature: 3°C
Average rainfall: 75-100 mm

Five Council staff are trained as beekeepers to attend to the hives that are in the park.



March 2010

Average temperature: 9 °C
Average rainfall: 25 - 50 mm

Pigs arrived in Holland Park as part of a woodland management programme in the Arboretum enclosure.

A natural play area is opened next to the adventure playground as part of the Play Pathfinder initiative.

April 2010

Average temperature: 14 °C
Average rainfall: 0 - 25 mm

The Dutch Garden path is resurfaced with resin bound gravel.

The sports field is closed for repair and renovation. The field will be reseeded over the summer months.



May 2010

Average temperature: 17 °C
Average rainfall: 50 - 75 mm

Summer bedding has been planted. This year's Dutch Garden bedding was designed to reflect climate change.

Events this month:

28 May: Launch of the Royal Borough's entry into London in Bloom

June 2010

Average temperature: 23 °C
Average rainfall: 0 - 25 mm

Events this month:

1 June: Opera Holland Park opening night.
5 June: Environment Day and final day of the pig meadow improvement project.

The four British Saddleback pigs have now left the arboretum enclosure and returned to their farm in Kent.

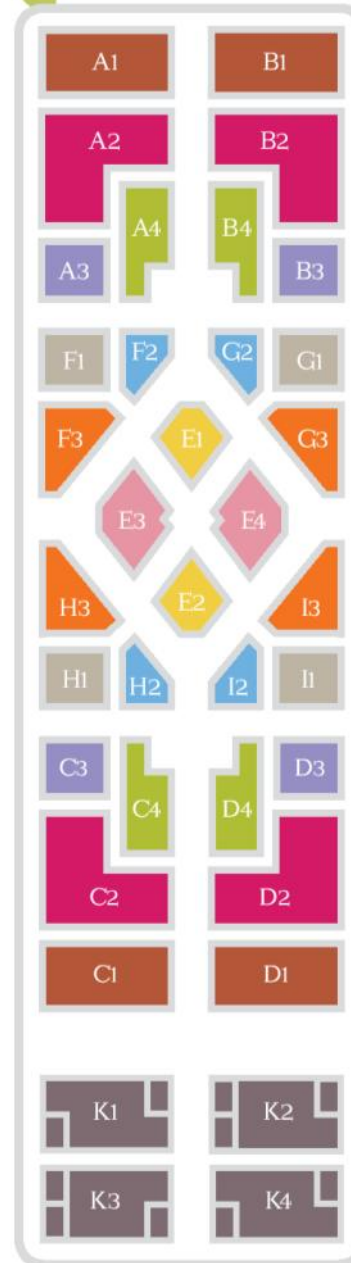
July 2010

Average temperature: 25 °C
Average rainfall: 25 - 50 mm

Holland Park retains its Green Flag Status for the tenth year.

Opera Holland Park production of *Fantastic Mr Fox* on the Yucca lawn is a huge success.

Holland Park Dutch Garden



The summer bedding this year has been chosen to reflect a vision of climate change using a palette of blazing colours drawn in part from William Blake's apocalyptic visions of the future and, William Turner's water colour sunsets.

The recurring, and very prominent, purple signifies the setting sun; the height of the Ensete (Red Bananas) volcanic explosions (Icelandic ash plumes), while the brightly coloured Coleus, oozes as a lava flow. The Bidens and red Geranium depict the world's greenery on fire as the elements consume the remaining greenery of the Coreopsis, Moluccella and Nicotiana (tobacco plants: no pun intended!).

Perhaps conversely, the lower four beds surrounding the sundial represent a celebration of life. This altogether different planting scheme mixes a rich abundance of colour with differing heights - all growing in very close proximity and harmony with one another.

Thomas Godwin
Head Gardener

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|  Beds A1 B1 C1 D1
Coleus Black Dragon
Moluccella laevis
Salvia farinacea Rhea |  Beds E3 E4
Bidens Golden Flame
Salvia farinacea Rhea
Rudbeckia Goldstrum |
|  Beds A2 B2 C2 D2
Nicotiana Saratoga Blue
Alternanthera Purple Knight |  Beds K1 K2 K3 K4
Bacopa Abunda White
Bidens Golden Flame
Centranthus rubber Deep Rose
Cerastium tomentosum
Cynaria scolymus
Dahlia Happy Single Flame
Delphinium Guardian Blue
Gaura Ballerina Blush
Digitalis purpurea Foxy
Erigeron profusion
Eryngium planum
Lobelia Queen Victoria
Pennisetum purple majesty
Perilla lacinata
Petunia Wonderwave Blue
Plectranthus Silver Shield
Salvia Blue Angel
Salvia farinacea Mauritius
Verbena bonariensis |
|  Beds A3 B3 C3 D3
Angelonia serena Lavender Pink
Begonia Nonstop Mocca White
Digitalis Purpurea Foxy | |
|  Beds A4 B4 C4 D4
Coreopsis verticillata Zagreb
Geranium Bullseye Scarlet | |
|  Beds F1 G1 H1 I1
Ensete maurelii
Coleus Black Dragon
Salvia farinacea Rhea | |
|  Beds F2 G2 H2 I2
Marigold African Vanilla
Salvia guaranitica
Iresine Blazing Rose | |
|  Beds F3 G3 H3 I3
Coreopsis verticillata Zagreb
Verbena lilac | |
|  Beds E1 E2
Coleus Black Dragon
Iresine Blazing Rose | |



August 2010

Average temperature: 22°C
Average rainfall: 25 - 50 mm

Opera Holland Park closes its 2010 seasons with glowing reviews.

A combined total of over 72kg (160lbs) of honey was extracted from the apiaries at Holland Park and Gunnersbury Cemetery.

September 2010

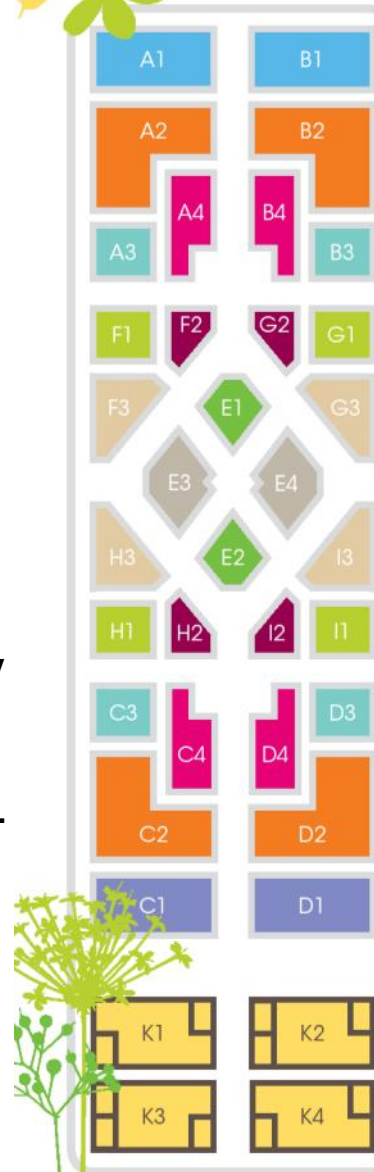
Average temperature: 18 °C
Average rainfall: 25 - 50 mm

Holland Park gains a Gold Award in the London in Bloom Parks Competition.

Winter bedding is planted. The design is influenced by changing seasons.

The Quadron Services Ltd apprenticeship scheme is re-launched with six new apprentices joining the team.

Holland Park Dutch Garden



Haiku:

*Winter solitude -
In a world of one colour
The sound of wind
(Basho)*

My first planting in the Holland Park Dutch Garden is devoted to marking the changing of the seasons.

The prevalence of blue and white echoes the lengthening shadows of the year and the cold of winter. Glistening red berries and twigs of Cornus and Skimmia, have been added to provide a hint of seasonal decoration and gaiety.

The return of longer days and warmth will be heralded early next spring by a riot of fiery red and orange 'Queen of the Night' tulips.

Ian Fleming: Head Gardener

K1, K2, K3, K4

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Blue Shades
Tulipa China Pink
Tulip Couleur Cardinal

Beds A1, B1

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo White
Tulip Spring Green

C1, D1

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo White
Tulip Spring Green

C2, D2

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Blue Shades
Tulipa China Pink

Beds A2, B2

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Blue Shades
Tulipa China Pink

Beds A3, B3, C3, D3

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Blue Shades
Tulipa China Pink

Beds A4, B4, C4, D4

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Wine
Tulipa Purple Prince

E1, E2 (small diamonds)

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo White
Tulipa Queen Of The Night

E3, E4 (big diamonds)

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo White
Tulipa Queen Of The Night

Beds F1, G1, H1, I1

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Blue Shades
Tulipa China Pink

Beds F2, G2, H2, I2

Primula F1 Crescendo Wine
Tulipa Beauty Of Apeldoorn

Beds F3, G3, H3, I3

Polyanthus F1 Crescendo Wine
Tulipa Beauty Of Apeldoorn

October 2010

Average temperature: 13 °C
Average rainfall: 50 - 75 mm

A giant outdoor chess board is installed in Holland Park. English chess grandmaster Raymond Keene; Cllr Nick Paget-Brown, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Cabinet Member for Leisure; and Cllr Joanna Gardner, Chairman of the Holland Park Advisory Group, were on hand to watch and encourage local children to ponder a move with a little assistance from a grandmaster or two.

The idea of bringing a giant chess board to Holland Park was suggested to the Council by local resident and chess enthusiast Jason Kouchak who was supported by the novelist Joanna Trollope.



November 2010

Average temperature: 9°C
Average rainfall: 50 - 75 mm

Park users have a new place to rest and relax after the Friends of Holland Park donated two new wooden benches. The custom-made seats, which incorporate designs from the balustrade of the wall immediately behind them at Holland House, were paid for by the Friends of Holland Park.

December 2010

Average temperature: -2°C
Average rainfall: 0– 25mm

Heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures meant that the park was covered in a blanket of snow for most of the month.

