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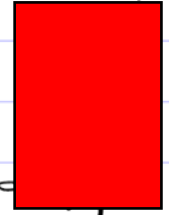
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Diary Day 2 - Fulham Palace

Last month I did a Diary Day article using fairly simple language. Here we are again, going out for the day and coming back safe and sound, having a break from the computer, getting fresh air and exercise, and a camera full of pictures. The weather forecast was a mixture of sunny periods and showers. The sun kept going in and out. When it came out I looked on the online map for somewhere to go. When it went in I started to change my mind, as the weather has gone back to being colder than of late. We decided to go to Fulham Palace gardens, which is located by the river Thames to the west of the city. I knew that I would get some good park pictures in the sunny intervals, and I reminded myself that I did actually possess a good warm coat against the chilly breezes blowing up the river, so there was no excuse for being put off by a cloud or two.

We arrived by train, crossed the very busy main road and eventually found the entrance to the walled garden. It is a work in progress, with grass areas reseeded, and various new shrub areas planted up, looking somewhat sparse but they will soon establish themselves and thicken up. Inside the walled garden itself there are many newly planted apple trees laid out in lines on a large grassy area, in addition to some well-established fruit trees. A small section was roped off and had four beehives on it, although today was not a good bee day, with no activity to be seen around them. Further on, several gardeners were working in the vegetable sections, tidying and planting. Some beds had been filled with potatoes and broad beans, others were cleared awaiting the new seedlings.

Then we entered the flower garden part, which is separated by a long bed of quite old wisteria against an open fence on one side and the high brick wall on the other, against which there is a very long glasshouse where the plants are raised. The area in the centre is a parterre of low box hedging, which looked really good when the sun came out, showing up the brilliant green tops against the side parts in shadow. The wisteria flowers, hanging in long pale purple clusters, have a very fragrant scent.

Then we went through a low brick arch, over some lawns and walked round the outside of the palace building. It seems to be the fashion nowadays to carve felled trees, either the fallen pieces or the remaining standing trunk, into fantastic shapes and figures. We saw two four foot pine cones lying on the ground, which make ideal warm seats for visitors. Further along to the side, the dead trunk of what had been a huge tree had a figure carved into it, and one of the pieces on the ground was carved into a figure of Bishop Compton holding a Bible and a chalice, and by his head are his gardening items of a potted plant, a trowel and some fruits or bulbs, as he was a keen plant collector.

The clear blue sky started to cloud over and one of the large dark grey clouds started dropping tiny bits of hail on us. We hurried to take shelter under some nearby trees but the shower soon passed over. We left the walled garden and sat in a rose garden by the river, to eat our food. As we left, we walked for a while along the riverside. It was nearly high tide and the water was flowing in at quite a rate. Being now out of the shelter of gardens and surrounding trees, we decided not to stay in the river breeze any longer. We crossed the bridge, went into a few shops and then returned home on the trains.

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During our train journeys home the showery intervals continued and we could see plumes of grey coming down from the storm clouds, with bright blue sky elsewhere. When we got to our final station it was sunny and there was steam coming off the roads and some of the roofs, which had become hot in the sunny periods. We did some shopping and then there was another stormy downpour, but being inside we did not get a soaking. When we arrived home there were little hailstones all over the garden, making a rather strange contrast with the brilliant sunlight and blue sky. This has been one of those days when the weather cannot decide whether to be cold winter or mild spring. As a day out involves a lot of waiting around on train platforms, it is a good idea to dress for one but be prepared for the other, until the more stable summer weather arrives. (805 words)