#### THE PONDS OF BUSHY PARK

# **Boating Pool**

Created after WW1 to provide employment. Small rowing boats and pedalos for hire before and after WW2. Stopped in 1970s because 'uneconomic'

# **Heron Pond and Leg of Mutton Pond**

Dug in the Commonwealth Period when Oliver Cromwell was occupying Hampton Court Palace, to provide for the new pastime of fishing. Initially fed by springs, and later augmented by take-off from the Longford River. Bushy Park was sold into private ownership in 1654, but was bought back 2 years later on the instigation of Oliver Cromwell.

#### **Diana Fountain**

Diana (or Arethusa) statue commissioned by Charles I, and located first at Somerset House; then moved to Hampton Court Palace in 1656; and finally to Bushy Park in 1712, on a new pedestal in the basin pond thus completing Christopher Wren's design for The Great Avenue, now known as Chestnut Avenue.

Shrouded in camouflage netting during WW2. Restored in the last phase of the Lottery Heritage-funded Restoration Project, completed on 2009 and awarded grade 1 status.

### **Triss's Pond**

Created by Joseph Fisher, park superintendent late 1940s to late 60s; named after daughter Triss

### Fisher's Pond

Created by Joseph Fisher just before his retirement; known as Fishers Pond

#### **Waterhouse Pond**

Initially dug in 1536 fed by nearby springs; in 1630s Charles I ordered construction of the Longford River fed from the Colne to augment the supply in the Waterhouse pond - effectively a reservoir to feed fountains in Hampton Court Palace

# River Lodge Pond Dug early 90s

## **Water Gardens and Canal Plantation**

Were created by Charles Montagu, Earl of Halifax to complement his house, now called Upper Lodge, It consisted of an upper pond fed from the Longford; in turn feeding a second pond over a cascade, outlet then fed back to the Longford. A third pond is in front of Upper Lodge. A fourth pond (now a marshy area), and a fifth, the Canal Plantation. All five are on an axis.

The restoration of the Water Gardens was completed in 2009. The Friends of Bushy and Home Parks have, thanks to some generous donations, added further features – metal finials, metal reeds and 2 trompe l'oeil panels inside the arches either side of the cascade.

## **Hampton Hill Pond**

Fed by a spring

### **Barton's Pond**

Barton's Cottage was a Grace and Favour residence. It was originally surrounded by farm buildings (hence the origin of the pond), which were demolished in 1851. The pond is fed by a spring in the Brewhouse Fields which flows under the Longford River. It used to continue to fill Teddington pond where the railway bridge now is.