



The Oak Tree

Did you know that when Smeaton designed his Eddystone lighthouse back in 1759, he modelled its shape on that of an oak tree trunk? It was so successful that his design was copied around the world.

So next time you pass that lovely English oak tree near the Woodlands entrance, have good look and imagine its a lighthouse.

And there's more, in the old days (pre NHS) carrying an acorn protected one from illness and disease and promoted long life, while planting an acorn on the night of a new moon meant wealth would come your way.

Also, placing an acorn at your window prevents your (uninsured) thatched cottage being struck by lightning, hence the acorn shape of your blind pull to this day.

Oh, and drinking an infusion made from oak bark helps 'cure' diarrhoea.....allegedly. Are you reading this Dr Wrigley?

And that's just the oak tree; consider what delights all the other plants and trees in the park could have to offer?

