

LADIES' VISIT TO KEW GARDENS

On 15 May the Master's Lady entertained a group of Water Conservators' wives and guests to an afternoon visit in Kew Gardens. The visit began with an afternoon tour of the Gardens in the Kew Explorer people mover, accompanied by a lively commentary on the history of the Gardens. This enabled us to see all the sights, including the Palm and Temperate Houses and the Pagoda, while travelling comfortably under cover out of the rather dubious weather.

There followed a private tour of Kew Palace and its royal mementoes. We were fortunate to have a first rate guide who brought the Palace alive, recounting the stories of King George III and his family from their early happy days to his sad decline and madness (due to misdiagnosis and the appallingly cruel 'medical' treatment of the day.)

Following the Palace tour a number of ladies adjourned to the Orangery, where tea and enormous cakes were enjoyed.



All in all, a happy and successful afternoon, enjoyed by all despite the unseasonable cold.