

Edward Kemp Symposium (World Urban Parks European Congress, 2017)

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The Palace Room, the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton, Wednesday 18th October 2017

Programme

Session 1: 11.00 – 12.45

Elizabeth Davey (Kemp expert), 'Edward Kemp (1817-1891): the Man'

Jan Woudstra (University of Sheffield), 'The heyday of landscape gardening': Edward Kemp and the landscape design profession, 1840-1890'

Paul Elliott (University of Derby), 'Picturesque Naturalism, Place and Association: the Landscape Gardening Philosophy and practices of Edward Kemp'

Lunch

Session 2: 13.20 – 14.45

Katy Layton-Jones (University of Leicester), 'How to Lay Out a Very Large Garden indeed: Kemp's Liverpool parks, their history and legacy'

David Lambert (The Parks Agency), "'A beautiful balance": Edward Kemp and Grosvenor Park, Chester

Tea and coffee

Session 3: 15.00- 16.45

Chris Mayes (Historic England), "'Calculated to improve the morals and taste": Edward Kemp's cemetery designs – efficiency and aesthetics in public landscapes'

Elizabeth Davey (Kemp expert), 'Landscape designs for the rich? Edward Kemp and his private commissions'

Robert Lee (University of Liverpool), 'The Challenges of managing the first publicly funded park: Edward Kemp as the 'fixed' Superintendent of Birkenhead Park'

Tea and coffee

Session 4: 17.00-18.15 The role of Friends Groups in maintaining Kemp's parks and cemeteries -

with speakers from different Friends Groups, including John Moffat (Friends of Flaybrick Memorial Gardens; Graham Arnold (Friends of Birkenhead Park), Marlene Downey (Friends of St Helens Cemetery)

Session 5: 18.15-1830 final comments

