

## Historic Milne Tree replanted in Shide



*The original plaque commemorating "Earthquake" Milne accompanied by the newly cast plaque.*

A commemorative plaque has been reset and a dead tree planted to celebrate Professor John Milne (1850-1913) has been replaced. As we read in last month's Beacon, Milne, the earthquake specialist, lived at Shide Hill House from 1895 to 1913 and turned it into the world centre of seismology.

Prior to moving to Shide Professor Milne worked in Japan for twenty years. In 1974 three Japanese Cherry

trees were brought from Japan and planted by the Ambassador. One of the trees was planted on the bank of the River Medina near to Shide Hill House.

This winter, as part of the Histree (historic tree) project, the dead Japanese Cherry tree, was removed and the stone plinth housing the memorial plaque was carefully dismantled.

A hornbeam, a fairly uncommon native tree has been chosen as the replacement. A new plaque has also been commissioned. This, along with the original plaque has been installed on the rebuilt plinth next to the hornbeam in a more accessible location on the Shide cycle path. An interpretation panel features more details about Professor Milne on the Mill Trail near the Barley Mow Inn.

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