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It's the march of spring as guards come to blossoming park



Students from Francis Holland pictured in the park with the cherry trees. Below: Grenadier Guards march in Regent's Park



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GENEROUS donors who guaranteed that blossoming cherry trees would once again line a street in Regent's Park watched on as Grenadier Guards marched by.

Among the 100 newly-planted trees is one dedicated to Olympic and Tour de France champion Sir Bradley Wiggins – paid for by members of the Regent's Park Cyclists group who raised £3,800 for the Cherry Tree Fund by riding 500km around the park's 4.4km Outer Circle. Around 200 donors gathered in Chester Road for the official dedication ceremony last Thursday, complete with afternoon tea.

The previous trees had reached the end of their natural lifespan and had been replaced in January – and now the new trees are in full blossom for the first time.

Ben Fogle, Royal Parks Foundation trustee, said: "I have travelled all around the world and there is nowhere more romantic than the Royal Parks in springtime."



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