

ABNEY PARK

“It shall be lawful for the commanders and other officers of Her Majesty’s Ships of War to detain and search in any seas Vessels or Boats belonging to Careybah Caulker, Chief of Bombay or to any of [his] subjects, which shall upon reasonable grounds be suspected of being engaged in the slave trade, and to send or carry away any such vessel or boat, together with its master, sailors, passengers, slaves and cargo.”

Careybah Caulker, 1855

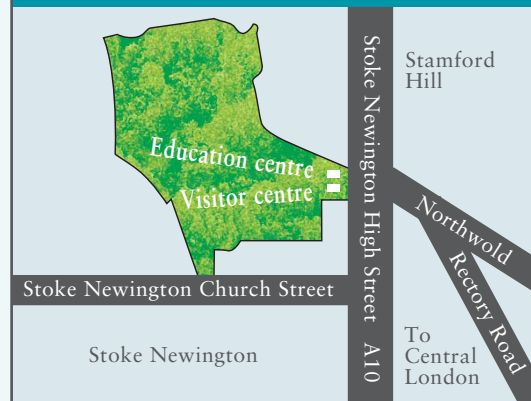
“That we feel it is to be a solemn duty to employ our influence with our congregations and the public, to promote petitions to both Houses of Parliament for the abolition of Colonial Slavery.”

**The Board of Congregational Ministers –
Dr John Pye-Smith in the chair.**

Go to our website for more details on the abolitionists buried at this site, or Wikipedia for general information.

The Grand Union and Ammanipattin Meeting, Essex Hall, 1860s

ABNEY PARK CEMETERY



Abney Park is open everyday during daylight hours. The Visitor’s Centre is normally open Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and some weekends.

Bus routes 67, 73, 76, 106, 149, 243, 276, 393 and 476 stop outside the park. Stoke Newington British Rail train station is 200 metres from the entrance.

For children’s events meet at the Environmental Classroom, for adult events meet at the Visitors Centre.

For more information

If you would like to subscribe to the ‘Friends of the Trust’, or to find out the prices of grave maintenance or for grave research information please call:

020 7275 7557

or contact us at Abney Park Cemetery Trust,
Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington High Street,
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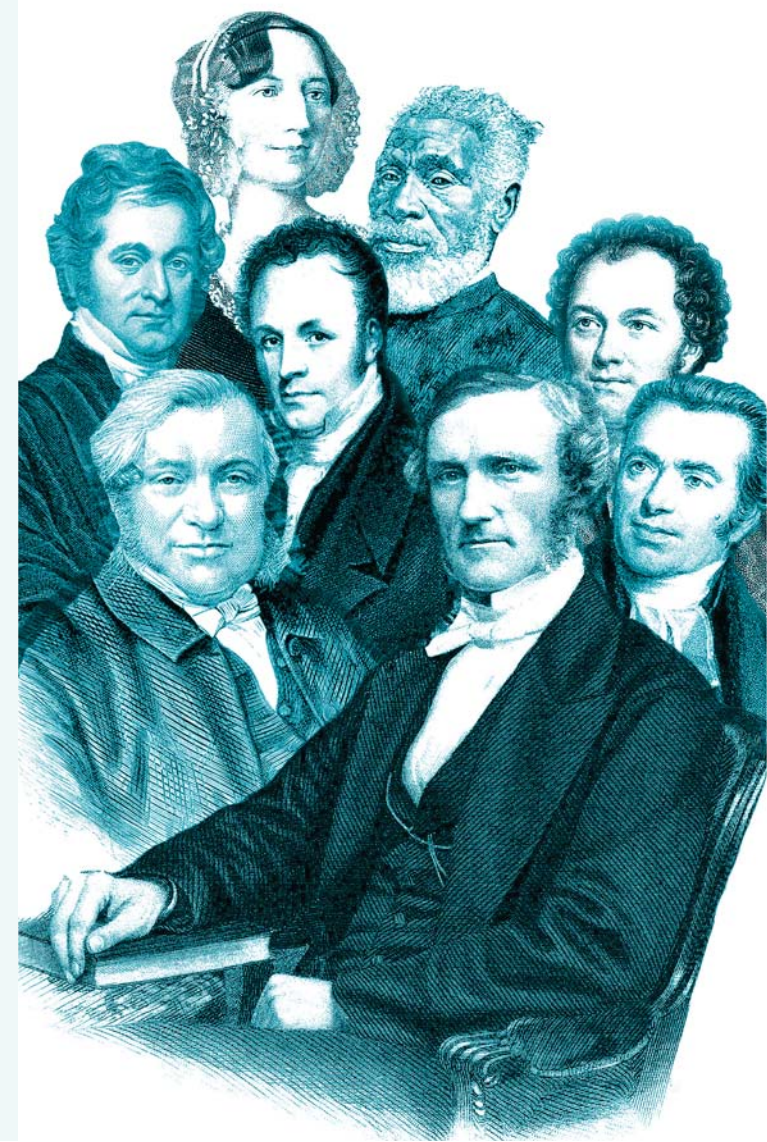
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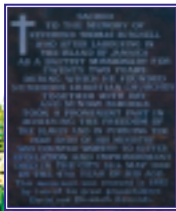
Voices from Abney Park



ABNEY PARK TRUST

heritage, wildlife and community

Rev. Thomas Burchell associated with Samuel Sharpe, the 'Baptist War', and free villages in Jamaica



Thomas Canry Caulker the Sherbro-born son of the King of Bompey whose father forged an agreement with Britain to suppress the slave trade



Joanna Vassa daughter of the West African prince and writer Olaudah Equiano who wrote a passionate and influential account of the wrongs of the Transatlantic slave trade from his own experience and campaigned tirelessly



Rev. Newman Hall & Rev. James Sherman closely associated with abolition in the U.S.A. (worked with Josiah Henson and Harriet Beecher Stowe)

Significant others include:

- ① Josiah Conder & Mrs Conder
- ② Rev. Thomas Binney & Mrs Binney
- ③ Rev. Samuel Oughton
- ④ Rev. Dr. Robert Morison &
- ⑤ Rev. Dr. John Campbell
- ⑥ Samuel Morley
- ⑦ Rev. Dr. John Pye-Smith
- ⑧ Rev. Dr. John Hoppus

(associated with the grounds, William Allen (Quaker); others interred, Rev. Joseph Ketley, Rev. George Smith, Rev. Dr. William Brock, Rev. Dr. Robert Halley)

Rev. Dr. Alexander Fletcher associated with Moses Roper & Frederick Douglass



Rev. Aaron Buzacott associated with abolition in the Ottoman Empire; was Secretary to the predecessor of Anti-Slavery International

Nonconformists and others touched by the 'Religious Revival' or 'Great Awakening', played a significant role in maintaining popular movements against the slave trade and slavery in the C18th and C19th. Hackney has many close associations with these radical and evangelical movements.

Locally, there are many historical links between African-Caribbean and African-American campaigners for abolition, and popular movements in England to achieve the same ends.

At Abney Park we have a magnificent wooded park laid out by Lady Mary Abney in the early 1700s. It is imbued with many Nonconformist and Nondenominational associations; and since 1840 there have been over 200,000 people interred here, many from diverse backgrounds and of noted literary, religious and political importance.

As a contribution to the 2007 Bicentenary of the Act for the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, and looking towards the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial and similar events connected to abolition throughout the world, 'Voices from Abney Park' is intended to help you explore Abney Park to find out more about some of the many people who opposed abduction and enslavement, and sought to establish various visions of a better world, during the the C18th and C19th.

The Trust is working with local people to locate and restore monuments and memorials that help re-connect us to these past events, and to encourage guided walks about the park's monuments and historical associations. If you would like to contribute such a walk, or any historical research or links, please contact us.