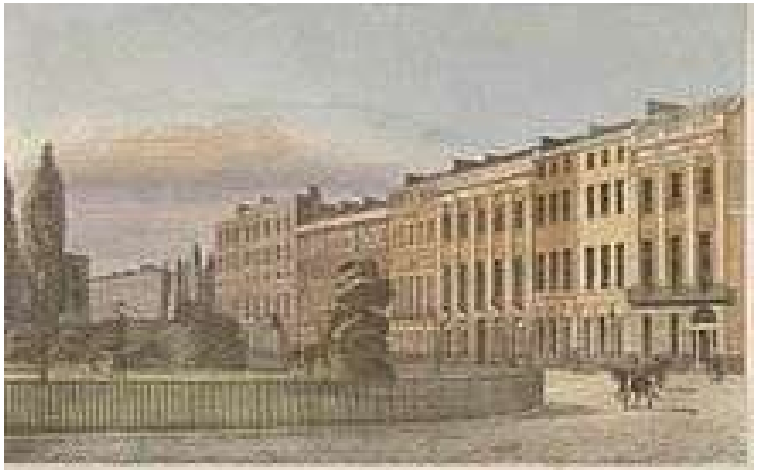
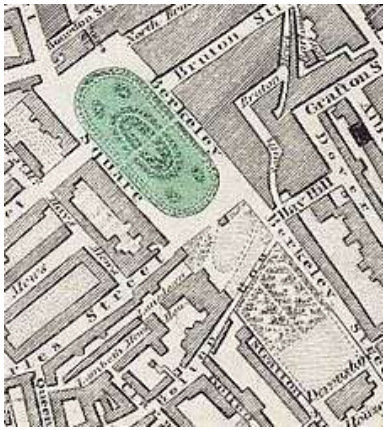
SOME LONDON GARDEN SQUARES



Portman Square in 1813

Christopher Columbus in Belgrave Square

Chester Square



Berkeley Square in 1830

Eaton Square

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THURSDAY 15TH MARCH
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'THE LONDON SQUARE'
'Gardens in the Midst of Town'

Speaker

TODD LONGSTAFFE-GOWAN

President of London Parks & Gardens Trust

Currently re-presenting the Gardens of Kensington Palace to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen

Hanover Square 1787

Modern-day London abounds with a multitude of gardens, enclosed by railings and surrounded by houses. These green enclaves, known as squares, are among the most distinctive and admired features of the metropolis and are England's greatest contribution to the development of European town planning and urban form.

Traditionally, inhabitants who overlooked these gated communal gardens paid for their maintenance and had special access to them. As such, they have long been synonymous with privilege, elegance, and prosperous metropolitan living. They epitomize the clasical notion of *rus in urbe,* the integration of nature within the urban plan – a concept that continues to shape cities to this day.

Todd delves into the history, evolution, and social implications of squares, which have been an important element in the planning and expansion of London since the early 17th century.

He is a landscape architect with an international practice based in London. He is also gardens adviser to Hampton Court Palace.

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