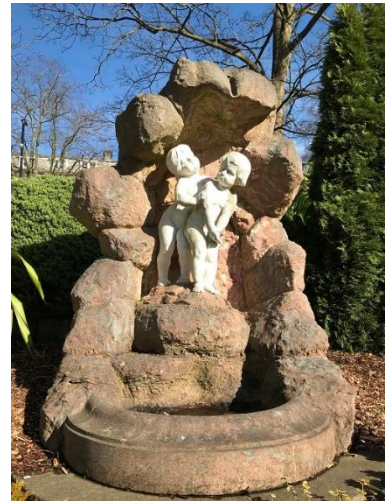


Mrs Mehroo Jehangir

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Plaque 71 was installed in 2013 in cooperation with the Friends of Harrogate and is to **Mrs Mehroo Jehangir**.



It is in the gardens between West Park and Montpellier Hill. The accompanying statue was donated by Mrs Frainy Ardeshir in loving memory of Mehroo, who was her sister-in-law. Sculpted by Charles Raphael Peyre the statue was exhibited at the Paris Salon in 1913 and is titled La Douche. It was purchased by Sir Dhunjibhoy Bomanji, a wealthy shipping magnate for his main home at Windsor. It remained there until the 1950s when Lady Bomanji moved to the Harrogate residence, Pineheath on Cornwall Road, which had been owned by the family from the mid-1920s. Lady Bomanji was a generous benefactor to Harrogate and was awarded the Freedom of the Borough in 1984. In all her work she was supported by her daughter Mehroo, who continued the family tradition of service and generosity to the town until her death in 2012. She was President of Women of the North, of the Friends of Harrogate and of the Harrogate branch of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

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