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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter: Copy Dates*

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 28 March 2008 (for the May 2008 issue). Please send any items for inclusion to Meriel Jeater at Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN, or you can email me at [mjeater@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:mjeater@museumoflondon.org.uk)

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### **LAMAS Lecture Programme 2008**

All meetings take place at the Museum of London on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the Terrace Room – refreshments from 6pm. Meetings are open to all; members may bring guests, and non-members are welcome.

#### **10 January 2008**

##### **Recent Archaeological Work at St Paul's Cathedral**

Dr John Schofield, Senior Curator, Architecture, Museum of London

Since 1994 there have been a number of small excavations in and around St Paul's, associated with improvements for visitors and disabled access. These have uncovered important aspects of the 1400-year history of the cathedral, and now all the discoveries made since the time of Wren are being brought together in a single report. The largest building in medieval Britain is beginning to emerge, and the cathedral's importance within London over many centuries can be assessed.

#### **20 February 2008 (Wednesday)**

##### **AGM and Presidential Address: Is London's Past Finished? And Does Anyone Care?**

Dr Simon Thurley

**13 March 2008**

**Channel Tunnel Rail Link Investigations Within the Lea Valley**

Andy Crockett, Senior Project Manager, Wessex Archaeology

**10 April 2008**

**The Rise and Fall of England's Medieval Jews**

Dr Richard Huscroft, Westminster School

**8 May 2008**

**The History and Architecture of Clerkenwell: A Summary of the Survey of London's Findings**

Colin Thom, Senior Historian, Survey of London, English Heritage

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**LAMAS 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting & Presidential Address  
Wednesday 20 February 2008**

Notice is hereby given of the LAMAS 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address to be held on Wednesday 20 February at 6.15pm at the Museum of London, London Wall. Light refreshments will be available from 5.30pm. The AGM will be followed by the Presidential Address by Dr Simon Thurley. Minutes of the 151<sup>st</sup> AGM, held on 8 February 2007, will be available.

The 152<sup>nd</sup> AGM Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 151<sup>st</sup> AGM, 2007
3. Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers and Members of Council
5. Appointment of Auditor(s)
6. Any other business

Council would welcome nominations of anyone interested in becoming a member of Council. These should be addressed to the Chairman at the address given on the back page of the *Newsletter*, to arrive no later than Wednesday 23 January 2008.

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**Apologies for mailing error!**

I would like to apologise to the many LAMAS members who received a slip erroneously asking them for unpaid subscriptions or threatening them with being struck off the membership. This was due to a mix-up with the *Newsletter* mailing, which was entirely my fault and nothing to do with Pat Clarke who does an excellent job as membership secretary and had sent me all the correct slips (I just sent many of them to the wrong people!). I will aim to make sure this mistake is not replicated in future

mailings – I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to members and to Pat Clarke.

*Meriel Jeater, LAMAS Newsletter editor*

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### **LAMAS Archaeology Conference – NEW VENUE!!**

Due to the re-development of the Museum of London's Lecture Theatre at London Wall during 2008, it has been necessary to re-locate the 2008 Archaeology Conference (5 April) to the Wilberforce Lecture Theatre in the Museum in Docklands at West India Quay (this is the same venue as last year). This has also made it necessary to increase the ticket prices to cover costs. We hope that our regular audience will bear with us.

Furthermore, because the Wilberforce Theatre has a capacity of only 146, it will be necessary to restrict ticket applications to LAMAS Members only for the first three weeks following publication of this notice. We very much hope that non-members will understand, and that they will consider joining LAMAS as a result!

However, this enforced change of venue provides a perfect opportunity for those not familiar with the Museum in Docklands to sample its wares. In particular, it offers a chance to visit the new permanent gallery: London, Sugar & Slavery. See the centre pages of this *Newsletter* for conference programme details.

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### **New LAMAS Website**

As of January 2008, LAMAS is launching its new website, which will be bigger, brighter, easier to use than the old site and contain up-to-date information on all the society's activities. LAMAS Council has contracted an external web design company to produce the website and keep it updated with current news, the lecture programme and the two annual conferences. We will also be trialling PayPal as a way of selling conference tickets for the March 2008 archaeology conference online (the traditional method for booking tickets will also be available – see centre pages for more details). If the trial is successful, we will also introduce PayPal as a system for buying or renewing LAMAS memberships (again, the traditional method of sending cheques will still be valid). The website address is still the same. To see the new website from January, go to:  
[www.lamas.org.uk](http://www.lamas.org.uk)

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## **CBA London – Progress Report**

As we've reported previously, the Council for British Archaeology intend to establish a London Regional Group. A letter has been sent on behalf of the county archaeological societies (LAMAS and the Surrey Archaeological Society) to Mike Heyworth, the CBA's Director, reiterating the societies' concerns at the possibility of

1. The loss of our individual members and affiliated societies
2. The future of our publications
3. The duplication of our conferences and meetings
4. The loss of our long-established identities

and asking for assurances that

1. CBA London will not erode established publications by producing reports that would normally appear in journals that have been at the centre of our various activities since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.
2. CBA London will not arrange conferences that compete with the annual archaeological and historical meetings where our members and others learn about the findings of current projects and research conducted within the London region and its environs.

Concerns have also been raised by the neighbouring CBA Regional Groups (Mid-Anglia and South-East England) at the loss of members and of funding to the new group.

After long debate, the Executive Committee of SCOLA (Standing Conference on London Archaeology) decided in May that, while in general it supported the establishment of the CBA London Group, it would not (as proposed by the CBA) agree to changes in SCOLA's own constitution to convert it directly into a CBA Group. Instead it recommended that the CBA Group be established separately – SCOLA would be wound up once the new body demonstrated that it could meet the aims for which SCOLA was originally established.

Mike Heyworth reported on his plans at a meeting of the London Archaeological Forum in November. The Group's proposed constitution is now drafted, and a number of potential trustees for the new Group have been identified. The county societies will also be invited to nominate representatives to the trustee body. There have been discussions with the *London Archaeologist* magazine about possible joint membership/subscription arrangements.

We await more information on CBA's strategy for London. Meanwhile LAMAS can look forward to working with the new body once it is established.

*John Clark*

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**Lecture report: ‘Decolonising Conservation, Decolonising Hinemihi, the Maori Meeting House (Wharenui), Clandon Park, Surrey, UK’**

On Thursday 8 November 2007, Dean Sully (National Trust and Institute of Archaeology) gave a fascinating lecture looking both at the history of Hinemihi and how it came to Clandon Park, but also at the bigger picture of how objects from other cultures are treated by western museums, conservators and curators.

Hinemihi’s story starts in 1881 when she was built by Ngati Hinemihi (the Hinemihi tribe). She survived a devastating volcanic eruption in 1886, sheltering the few members of the tribe who survived. In 1892, Lord Onslow brought her to his estate at Clandon Park as a souvenir of his time as Governor of New Zealand and she has remained there ever since.

She was and is, however, much more than just a meeting house – she was a part of the community, named after a female ancestor and viewed as a physical being – the door is the mouth, the ridge of the roof the backbone, the window the eye, and so on. Such beliefs were lost when she travelled to England, where she became little more than a summer house. However, work over the last few years has seen her return to a more active role in Maori life and she has now become a focus for Maori culture in England.

We were particularly pleased to welcome members of staff from Te Papa Tongarewa, the Museum of New Zealand, who were visiting England and heard about the talk through the NZ High Commission (thanks to Mark Service’s sterling work on publicity). They gave an oration and sang in Maori and reiterated what Dean had said: the house represents the vitality of the people; it doesn’t represent an ancestor, it is the ancestor and therefore the people are part of the house. This was a really interesting, challenging talk and it is only unfortunate that, due to the inclement weather, only 22 attended.

*Jackie Keily*

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## ARTICLES

### **Archaeological Discovery at Drapers’ Gardens**

During 2007, excavations were carried out by archaeologists from Pre-Construct Archaeology on land that once formed the gardens to the Hall of the Drapers’ Company. As such, the land had remained largely undeveloped until an office block had been constructed on the site in the 1960s.

In one area of the site, archaeologists uncovered a length of gravel road, flanked on either side by revetted channels of the Walbrook stream, and a series of roadside buildings, linked to the road by small wooden bridges, two of which still survived. Two phases of timber-frame buildings were recorded facing onto the road. The earlier structures were small and almost square, separated by small alleys or access yards. One building was laid with a floor of large oak planks. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, the buildings were enlarged, each with an external yard. A number of large industrial ovens or furnaces lay out in the yards and a series of wooden drains, water-pipes and wells served this industrial area of Roman London.

During the last week of the first phase of excavation, one particular well was excavated, the corner of which had been cut by a modern concrete pile. The well, constructed in about AD330, went out of use some 50 years later at a time when significant areas of Roman London were no longer inhabited.

Nineteen metal vessels, mainly of copper alloy, were excavated from the wet silt of the well. The most spectacular were two deep containers with handles that were perhaps used for mixing wine with water or making spiced wine. Other vessels included the remains of a very large hanging bowl which would have had three animal-headed loops (probably damaged by the modern concrete pile), a set of three nested bead-rim dishes and two other similar dishes. There were several large bowls: one with the internal surface tinned to prevent the contents from taking the taste of the metal; while another had a hemispherical base and would have needed an iron trivet as a stand, which also survived. In addition to the copper-alloy vessels, there was a lead-alloy cauldron, two dishes, a flagon and an iron ladle.

Although they appear to be household vessels, they may have had different functions. Some handled dishes were used for bathing, other bowls, dishes and jugs were sets for washing hands after eating or for use during religious ceremonies. The contents of the well may have marked its symbolic closure, a practice already recorded elsewhere in London but usually with ceramic flagons, figurines and even animal or human skulls. It may also indicate the final abandonment of the area or any building associated with the well.

The collection is of national and even international importance. Although hoards of gold and silver are well known in late Roman Britain, groups of copper-alloy vessels are rare and the condition of the metalwork is, in the

main, superb due to the waterlogged nature of the deposit. The hoard will be on temporary display in the Museum of London until 27 January 2008.

*Jenny Hall*

*With thanks to Pre-Construct Archaeology, the Drapers' Company and developers Exemplar Developments LLP and Canary Wharf Developments*

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## REVIEW

### LAMAS 42<sup>nd</sup> Local History Conference Review

Saturday 17 November 2007

#### **They Came to London: 1,000 years of Migration.**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Local History Conference took place in new surroundings - the main hall of the City of London School for Girls. The move, occasioned by the temporary closure of the Museum of London lecture theatre, was generally successful. The new venue provided less in the way of refreshment facilities, but more in the way of a single space which could accommodate both book-stalls and lectures - a welcome development.

The conference included the LAMAS Local History Publication Award. First Prize of £75 was awarded to Camden History Society for *Wartime St Pancras: A London borough defends itself*, by Charles Allen Newbery. Wandsworth Historical Society received a commendation and prize of £25 for *Dunsford Manor, 1851-1898: A Late-Victorian Manor in Wandsworth*, by Rita Ensing. The prizes were presented in the absence of LAMAS president, Dr Simon Thurley, who was unable to get to the conference due to terrible problems on the rail network.

The conference opened with a talk by Joe Hillaby of the University of Bristol entitled '**Some Images of the Medieval London Jewish Community c.1070-1290**'. He began with a survey of properties showing where the Jewish community lived in the medieval City. The main streets included Gresham Street, Wood Street, Milk Street and Ironmonger Lane. Mr Hillaby stressed that these areas were not ghettos, and that Jews and Christians often lived side by side. Until 1177, the sole Jewish cemetery was just outside the walls in Cripplegate. A Synagogue occupied the site where the Grocers' Hall now stands. It disappeared when King Henry III gave the building to an order of Friars. More recent excavations have found the remains of ritual baths (Mikva'ot) in Gresham and Milk Streets. A list of Jewish property at the time of the expulsion of the Jews in 1290 by Edward I gave clear evidence of the community's size.

The conference then heard a joint paper by Museum of London Archaeology Service staff, Lyn Blackmore and Bruce Watson, on **‘Holbein and the Hansa: a Mercantile Enclave in the Heart of Medieval London’**. London was a principle *kontore* or counting house of the Hanseatic League of mercantile cities around the North and Baltic Seas. The London Hansa was a waterfront complex of wharves, warehouses and a 12<sup>th</sup>-century Guildhall. The site, which became known as the Steelyard, is now Cannon Street station. Partly excavated in 1987-1988, the dig revealed a large two-aisled building. Bruce took us through the details of the buildings and Lyn discussed the finds: a rich assemblage of medieval and earlier artefacts, full investigation of which is only now beginning. The documentation associated with this site is equally rich. Residents included Arnold, son of Thedmar, born in London 1201, Wenzel (after 1230) whose name later led to Windgoose Lane, and Georg Gisze from Danzig, whose portrait was painted by Holbein in 1532.

Leaping over the 18<sup>th</sup> century (due to the illness of one of the advertised speakers), the conference then moved into the 19<sup>th</sup> century to look at one of London’s expanding European communities. Dr David Green of King’s College London delivered a vivid and engaging insight into **‘Little Italy in 19<sup>th</sup>-century London: Class or Community?’**. ‘Little Italy’ was the area around south Clerkenwell and Holborn. Dr Green not only described the process of settlement, with migrant workers from north Italy arriving via networks of friends and family, but also reflected on ways one might analyse this supposed ‘community’: were class and occupational distinctions more important than a shared national background? This talk combined some telling statistical overviews – such as the proportions of workers in certain occupations marrying into English families, with evocative details and some splendid illustrations of evil-looking, barrel-organ-toting, street musicians – the 19<sup>th</sup>-century equivalent of anti-social menaces.

Staying with European migration, Professor Panikos Panayi of De Montfort University talked about **‘The Rise and Fall of the German Community of London, c.1815-1918’**. This was one of London’s largest communities of foreign-nationals but, uniquely, it was ‘cut off in its prime’. Germans had been settling in London for centuries: as merchants and professionals, as political or religious refugees, and also as transmigrants intending to continue to America. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century Germans were established across the capital and held occupations at all levels of society: from bakers to bankers. There was a strong community spirit, and by 1900 London was home to at least half of the total German population in Britain. London was also the crucible of anti-German feeling which was stirred up (mainly by the Press) in reaction to the Boer

war and the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. Now deemed to be dangerous ‘aliens’, Germans were interned (over 32,000 by 1918) and their property confiscated. Anti-German riots started in 1914, reaching a violent climax in May 1915 when German shops in London were attacked and 2000 houses destroyed or damaged. By 1918, what had been a vibrant, diverse London community had virtually disappeared.

The final talk of the day was from Anne Kershen, Director of the Centre for the Study of Migration at Queen Mary College. A confident and lively speaker, she rose to the impossible challenge of summarising migration into London during the 20<sup>th</sup> century in her talk ‘**Old Patterns, Fresh Faces: Recent Migrants to London**’ – a time when global mobility became a reality for the many rather than the few. She began with a big-picture overview of the three main phases of 20<sup>th</sup>-century migration into Britain. Before 1948 the main flow of inward migration came from European countries; the focus then switched to the New Commonwealth; and in 1989 (and particularly from 2004 with the accession of ‘A8’ countries into the EU) the focus switched back to Europe – albeit this time Eastern Europe. She emphasised that the picture was infinitely more complex than this outline allowed and took us through the vocabulary of words used to describe categories of migrants today - from sojourners to trans-nationals. The questions ‘why London?’, ‘where are they living?’ and ‘what are they doing?’ produced equally complex answers, underlining today’s reality, where migrants are woven into London’s fabric in every possible place and way. A lively question session followed.

*Accounts of the 42<sup>nd</sup> conference by LAMAS Local History Committee members Ann Hignell, Graham Javes, Cathy Ross and Diane Tough*

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## **BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

**West London Nursery Gardens: the nursery gardens of Chelsea, Fulham, Hammersmith, Kensington and a part of Westminster, founded before 1900**, by E. J. Wilson, The Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, London 2006 (reprint), 164pp, 10 figs. ISBN 0-901643-03-3. Price £10.50 (including postage). Copies available from Sonia Crutchlow, 29 Ellerby Street, London SW6 6EX. Cheques should be made payable to Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society.

In the 25 years since this book was published, the United Kingdom’s horticultural retail market has undergone something of a renaissance. There are currently more nurseries and garden centres than ever before, and the business is now valued at £4.9 billion. All seems ‘lovely in the

garden’ and, yet, a recent downturn in the trade has shown how susceptible the industry is to changes in climate and consumer lifestyle, the level of media coverage of gardening topics and the overall strength and stability of the economy.

The reprint of Miss Wilson’s book serves as a timely reminder that many of the factors which have an impact on contemporary horticultural practice have their echoes in the early history of the trade. The development of nursery gardening in London, as Miss Wilson points out, was stimulated by fashion and a taste for the exotic and new, and it is no accident that the greatest concentration of nurseries supplying the London and UK market were clustered around the King’s Road, Chelsea and the adjoining boroughs of Fulham and Hammersmith.

Although the origins of London’s nursery trade are obscure, the author suggests that the commercial practice of supplying plants and trees for ornamental use really began in the early 1600s and by the mid 1700s west London was well established as the fashionable hub of the nursery trade where the nurserymen ‘spare no expense in collecting the choicest sort, and greatest variety [of] ornamental shrubs and flowers, from every quarter of the globe.’ Lavish retail premises and winter gardens were built to entice custom and many nurserymen acquired cheaper land in the Home Counties to grow production stock.

For almost 300 years, the nursery gardens of west London flourished and expanded, but by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century only the leading nurseries were still in business and these too had vanished by the end of the First World War, leaving little trace of what had once been a thriving and internationally important trade. This small book considers the rise and fall of the major nurseries and assesses the scale of the business and the personalities of the proprietors. It begins with a general chapter on nursery gardening in the capital and the following five chapters focus on the histories of most successful nurseries in the west London area: The Brompton Park Nursery (1681), The Fulham Nursery (late 1600s), The Kensington Nursery (early 1700s); The Vineyard Nursery, Hammersmith (1745) and the internationally famous Exotic Nursery in Chelsea (1808). The remaining chapters provide contextual information on other nurseries in west London and there is a comprehensive index and bibliography.

The book should appeal to all interested in the early history of gardening in the capital and the local history of west London.

*Hazel Forsyth*

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***New book: Justice in Middlesex: a Brief History of the Uxbridge Magistrate's Court***, by Eileen M. Bowlt. 96pp, 38 illustrations, ISBN 978 1 904380 399, £5, available from 7 Croft Gardens, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8EY

This new book by LAMAS Council Chair Eileen Bowlt, herself a justice of the peace, covers 100 years of history at the Uxbridge Courthouse, justice ancient and modern, imprisonment, bridewells, 'houses of correction' and intriguing cases from the archive, as well as the lives of the justices of the peace who gave up their time to public service.

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## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

### Essex County Council Traditional Building Skills Courses Cressing Temple

#### Hands-on courses:

**24 – 25 January 2008**

**Lime Plaster, Run Mouldings and Pargetting, £190**

**21 – 22 February 2008**

**Repair and Conservation of Historic Windows, £190**

**13 March 2008**

**A Tour of a Traditional Brick Works and a Guided Walk Through Bury St Edmunds, £95**

**14 March 2008**

**Brick Arches, Repair and Construction, £95**

#### Lectures:

**30 January 2008**

**Timber Frame – Repair and Conservation, £50 (9.45am – 12.30pm )**

**13 February 2008**

**Flint and Stone in Essex, £50 (9.45am – 12.30pm )**

**5 March 2008**

**Surveying a Listed Building, £50 (9.45am – 12.30pm )**

**19 March 2008**

**Meeting Part L of the Building Regulations, £50 (9.45am – 12.30pm)**

To book, contact Katie Seabright, Historic Buildings & Conservation, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH ( 01245 437672)

Email: [Traditional.BuildingSkills@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:Traditional.BuildingSkills@essexcc.gov.uk)

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**Kent Archaeological Field School  
Courses and trips 2008**

**8 – 9 March 2008**

**Field-walking and Regressive Map Analysis**

This weekend course explains how to recognise and record artefacts found within the plough soil. The course will cover: strategies and procedures, standard and non-standard line-walking, grid-walking, pottery distribution, identifying pottery, Roman and Medieval building ceramics.

**21 – 30 March 2008**

**Investigation of the Roman cemetery**

Our second season of field work and excavation at Syndale Park concentrates on both the extent of the Roman cemetery in Lion Field and its relationship with the adjacent Anglo-Saxon cemetery at King's Field.

**11 – 14 April 2008**

**Pompeii and the Bay of Naples**

This trip includes almost two full days of guided tours of Pompeii, a half day tour of Herculaneum and visits to Cumae, Baiae, Pozzuoli, Oplontis, Boscoreale, the villas at Stabiae, and the Naples Archaeological Museum. The tour costs £199 which includes a local guide, entrance fees and transport.

**19 – 20 April 2008**

**How to Identify Flints**

This covers the technology used to produce prehistoric tools, field walking for lithic material and flint knapping with John Lord, one of the country's leading practitioners.

Fees: £70 for 2-day courses (KAFS members get a 10% discount, except on field trips). To book, send a cheque, payable to KAFS, to Kent Archaeological Field School, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP. Tel: 01795 532548, email: [info@kafs.co.uk](mailto:info@kafs.co.uk), or visit their website: [www.kafs.co.uk](http://www.kafs.co.uk)

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**Archaeology 2008 Conference**

**9 – 10 February 2008**

**British Museum**

Archaeology 2008 will bring you all the latest news from the archaeological world in a two-day conference at the British Museum. Speakers include:

Tim Taylor and Mick Aston – on the secrets of the Time Team

Martin Carver – excavator of Sutton Hoo and editor of *Antiquity* journal

Jonathan Foyle – Presenter of TV's 'Hidden House History'

Neil Holbrook – Cotswold Archaeology's top archaeologist

Mark Horton – of BBC TV's 'Coast' and reader in archaeology at Bristol University

Nick Hodgson – Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum

Andrew Selkirk and Neil Faulkner – *Current Archaeology* magazine

Alasdair Whittle – on the radiocarbon dating revolution

The ticket includes a weekend of lectures, as well as refreshments and an evening drinks reception on Saturday night. Price: £125. To book call 08456 44 77 07 or visit the website: [www.archaeology.co.uk](http://www.archaeology.co.uk)

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## LECTURES AND EVENTS

### Ruskin Public History Group 2008 Programme

**26 January 2008**

**Living in Victorian London: a Material History of Everyday Life**

This presentation will outline an on-going AHRC-funded project which is seeking to gain a deeper understanding of the social complexity and geographical diversity of metropolitan lives in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century through a study of the material culture of everyday domestic life. Using an 'ethnographies of place' approach, the project combines analysis of archaeological materials with intensive investigation of documentary sources, in an attempt to build up an understanding of the experience of everyday urban domestic life from the 'inside out'.

Speakers: Alastair Owens and Karen Wehner from Queen Mary, University of London, Nigel Jeffries and Rupert Featherby from Museum of London Archaeology Service

**15 March 2008**

**Remembering the Women's Freedom League: Suffragette Memories and Public History**

In the militant women's suffrage campaign, the Pankhursts and their Women's Social and Political Union are well known, but fewer people have heard of the role of the Women's Freedom League. Could the ways in which League members remembered and celebrated the campaign help explain why they have been 'hidden from history'?

Speaker: Mandy Richards

All welcome. Sessions, which take place in Elvin room, Ruskin College, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HE, begin promptly at 11am - preceded by coffee from 10.30am and finish by lunchtime. To be added to the mailing list, please send email to: [eedeley@ruskin.ac.uk](mailto:eedeley@ruskin.ac.uk)

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### British Archaeological Association Lecture Series 2007

**2 January 2008**

**Castles as Past Culture: Living with Castles in the Post-medieval World**, Dr Sarah Speight

**6 February 2008**

**The 'Muiredach Master' and the Sculpture of the Irish High Crosses**, Professor Roger Stalley

**5 March 2008**

**The Archaeology of Leicester Abbey**, Richard Buckley

**2 April 2008**

**Hanoverians and Archaeology?**, Dr Thomas Cocke

The lectures take place on the first Wednesday of each month from October to May. Meetings are normally held in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS. Tea will be served at the Society of Antiquaries half an hour before each meeting. Members may introduce guests. Non-members not being so introduced are welcome to attend occasional individual lectures, but are asked to introduce themselves to the Director or one or other of the officers on arrival.

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**Institute of Archaeology, British Museum  
Medieval Seminars Autumn 2007  
Institute of Archaeology, 5.30pm**

**22 January 2008**

**A New Approach to the Continental Background of England in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century,**  
Nick Stoodley

**12 February 2008**

**Coinage in England in the Age of Sutton Hoo: Distribution, Attribution and Interpretation,** Gareth Williams

**4 March 2008**

**Aspects of Saxon London,** Bob Cowie

Lectures are held in Room 412 at the Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY.

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## **GALLERIES AND EXHIBITIONS**

**Museum of London  
Weather Permitting: London's Changing Climate  
15 February 2008 – 20 April 2008**

Gripped by globally-warmed hysteria? Concerned about carbon footprints? Then come and chill out with the Museum's historical perspective on climate change. Find out about the capital's weather - the storms, the floods, the freezes, the heat waves and the fogs - and how Londoners have coped with the best (and worst) that the elements have thrown at them since earliest times. *Weather permitting: London's Changing Climate* answers the most unusual of questions, while examining the extremes of weather that have affected the city's land and the lives of its people. It shows how these individual weather events fit into the longer cycle of climate change. And what is the difference between climate and weather? Visitors will learn how climate is the underlying factor that determines our day-to-day weather, or as Mark Twain wrote, '*climate is what we expect, weather is what we get.*' London's climate and weather have constantly changed and will continue to do so long after the Museum of London's quirky and informative display has ended.

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## **LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS**

**Acton History Group**

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, Acton Town Centre (opposite Safeway) at 7.30pm. Visitors are

welcome at all meetings – admissions £1. Free parking in Churchfield Road car park or Crown Street. For further information please contact David Knights (Secretary) 30 Highlands Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698) or email: info@actonhistory.co.uk

**9 January 2008**

**Centenary (2007) of Acton Hill Methodist Church, Brian Cocking**

**13 February 2008**

**Napier's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Alan Vessey**

**12 March 2008**

**Victorian Pharmacy at Holly Lodge Centre, Pat Ealey**

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### **Barking and District Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road (off Movers Lane), Barking. Buses 287, 368, 369 and 887 stop nearby. Free to members, £1.50 to non-members. Email barkinghistorical@hotmail.com or telephone 020 8597 7210.

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### **Barnes and Mortlake History Society**

Meetings are held at Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, SW14 at 8pm on the third Thursday of the month from September to April (with a break in December). The meetings are free to members and £2 for non-members. For further details please contact the Hon. Secretary on 020 8878 4071 or visit us at [www.barnes-history.org.uk](http://www.barnes-history.org.uk)

**17 January 2008**

**The Swing Riots of 1830, Judy Hill**

**21 February 2008**

**English Place Names, John Freeman**

**13 March 2008**

**The Sporting Bankers of Roehampton, Murray Hedgcock**

**17 April 2008**

**John Dee of Mortlake, Nicholas Dakin**

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### **Barnet and District Local History Society**

All meetings are held in Church House, Wood Street, Barnet at 3pm on Mondays (opposite the Museum). Contact Barnet Museum, 31 Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BE (020 8440 8066) or visit [www.barnetmuseum.co.uk](http://www.barnetmuseum.co.uk) for more information.

**14 January 2008**

**The Mystery of Middle Row, Richard Selby**

**11 February 2008**

**In the Footsteps of the Famous In High Barnet, Paul Baker**

**10 March 2008**

**Richard III – Hero or Villain?, Alan Smith**

**14 April 2008**

**Gloriana: the Iconography of Elizabeth and Her Court, Collette McMenamin**

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### **Bexley Archaeological Group**

All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. For further information contact the Chairman, Mrs S Schnaar, 66 Newstead Road, Lee, London SE12 0TB, email: bag.editor@dsi.pipex.com or see the website: www.bag.org.uk

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### **Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society**

The society meets at the Chiswick Memorial Club, Afton House, Bourne Place, Chiswick W4, starting at 7.30pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month, from September to May inclusive. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Tess Powell, 7 Dale Street, London W4 2BJ or visit www.ChiswickW4.com and search for 'local history'.

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### **Camden History Society**

The society meets monthly, on Thursday nights. Venues vary from month to month so please check under individual entries. For further information please contact Miss J. Barraclough (the society's publicity Officer), 13 Rackstraw House, 40 Primrose Hill Road, London NW3 3AB (020 7483 2484) or the Camden Local Studies Centre at Holborn Library (020 7413 6342).

#### **24 January 2008**

**The Jewish Museum**, Rickie Burman (Burgh House, New End Square, NW3)

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### **Chadwell Heath Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from September to June. All meetings are held at Wangey Road Chapel, Wangey Road, Chadwell Heath, starting at 7.30pm. Enquiries to 020 8590 0013 or email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

#### **16 January 2008**

**The History of Pantomime**, Marlene McAndrew

#### **20 February 2008**

**London's Parks and Gardens**, Kathy Lancaster

#### **19 March 2008**

**History in Pictures and Music**, Bryan Tester

#### **16 April 2008**

**Trees in History**, Georgina Green

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### **City of London Archaeological Society**

Society's meetings are held at the hall of St Katherine Cree Church, Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3DH. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Lectures usually last about an hour with questions following. Light refreshments are available after the lecture. Non-members are welcome to attend occasional lectures but are asked to sign the visitors' book and make a £2 contribution towards expenses. For further details, visit: www.colas.org.uk or email: mail@colas.org.uk.

**18 January 2008**

**Visiting Pompeii. Probably the Best-known Roman Site in the World?**, Denise Allen

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**Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society**

The society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northlaw Road West, Northaw, Hertfordshire EN6 4NW. The village is near Potters Bar and Cuffley. Talks start at 8pm with doors opening from 7.30pm. Talks are free to members and £3 for visitors. For more information, contact David Freeman, Honorary Treasurer, 18 Homewood Avenue, Cuffley, Hertfordshire EN6 4QG (01707 875481) or email: treasurer@cihs.org.uk.

**12 February 2008**

**The Idle Women of the Canals**, Runnalls Davis

**11 March 2008**

**The Highland Canals**, Richard Thomas

**8 April 2008**

**The Story of Welwyn Garden City**, Caroline Rawl

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**Docklands History Group**

Meetings are held at the Museum in Docklands, West India Quay, London E14 4AL, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (except January) at 5.30pm for 6pm. Meetings discuss docklands history matters and receive a talk on subjects connected with the London docks, River Thames and their environs. Visitors are welcome to attend the talks, which are usually illustrated, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, contact the Hon. Secretary: John Gamet, 39 Oakfield Lane, Keston, Kent BR2 6BY (01689 851982).

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**Edmonton Hundred Historical Society**

Evening meetings assemble at 7.45pm for 8pm; daytime meetings run from 2.30pm until 4pm. Further details may be obtained from the Local History Section at the Town Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 (020 8379 2724).

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**Enfield Archaeological Society**

Meetings are held at the Jubilee Hall, junction of Chase Side and Parsonage Lane, Enfield, starting at 8pm. Tea and coffee are available from 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome, (£1.00 per person). For further information please contact David Willis, Secretary, 43 Millers Green Close, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 7BD.

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**The Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery**

Lectures are held in the Dissenters' Chapel at Kensal Green Cemetery (entrance from Ladbrooke Grove only). Parking is available outside the cemetery main gate on Harrow Road, NW10. The nearest underground is Kensal Green. Visitors are welcome. Price £2 for members, £3 for non-members. Refreshments are available. For further information please contact the programme organiser Robert Stephenson, (020 7602 0173) fokgcevents@hotmail.co.uk or visit [www.kensalgreen.co.uk](http://www.kensalgreen.co.uk)

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### **Friern Barnet and District Local History Society**

Meetings are held in St John's Church Hall, next to Whetstone Police Station, in Friern Barnet Lane N20, normally on the last Wednesday of the month, starting at 8pm. Free refreshments are available from 7.45pm. Visitors welcome (£2 per person). For further details, contact David Berguer (0208 292 7328).

**23 January 2008**

**Health in Barnet**, Sally Malin

**27 February 2008**

**History of Churchyards**, Michael Worms

**26 March 2008**

**Finchley Common**, John Heathfield

**23 April 2008**

**History of the Women's Institute**, Dorinda Diggins

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### **Greenwich Industrial History Society**

All meetings will be held at The Old Bakehouse (rear of), Age Exchange Reminiscence Centre, 11 Blackheath Village, London SE23 9LA, at 7.30pm. For further information about the Greenwich Industrial History Society and their meetings, please contact Mary Mills, 24 Humber Road, London SE3 (020 8858 9482).

**22 January 2008**

**Hydraulic Power in London and Greenwich**, Tim Smith

**19 February 2008**

**South Met. Gasholders**, Malcolm Tucker

**18 March 2008**

**Firepower: the History of the Collection**, Mark Smith

**15 April 2008**

**Railway Air Services Ltd. A Story of Business Politics in the 1930s**, John King

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### **Hayes and Harlington Local History Society**

Most meetings are held at Hayes Library, Golden Crescent, Hayes, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and begin at 8pm. Further information from the Secretary, Mr John Walters, 7 St Jerome's Grove, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2PJ (020 8561 7555) or email [chris.berridge@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:chris.berridge@blueyonder.co.uk)

**15 January 2008**

**Hounslow Town Past and Present**, Andrea Cameron

**19 February 2008**

**Mr Waite and Mr Rose and Their First Shop in Acton**, Janet Hobbs

**15 April 2008**

**Secret Surrey**, Brian Thorne

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### **Hendon & District Archaeological Society**

Unless otherwise indicated, lectures and meetings are held at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3, at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Ms Mary Rawitzer, 8 Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, London N6 5SF (020 8340 7434).

**8 January 2008**

**The Work of a Finds Liaison Officer**, Kate Sutton

**12 February 2008**

**The Archaeology of Dorset: a Time-torn Landscape**, Christopher Sparey-Green

**11 March 2008**

**The Work of the Churches Conservation Trust**, Chloe Cockerill

**8 April 2008**

**The Clifton Rocks Railway**, Peter Davey

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### **Hornsey Historical Society**

Lecture meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Union Church Hall, corner of Ferme Park Road and Weston Park (a short walk from the Old Schoolhouse, the Society's HQ on Tottenham Lane), starting at 8pm. Members attend free; non-members are welcome and pay £1 entrance fee. For further information please ring The Old Schoolhouse (020 8348 8429), write to the Society at 136 Tottenham Lane N8 7EL or visit [www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk)

**9 January 2008**

**Theo Broma: the History of Chocolate**, Ruth Hazeldine

**13 February 2008**

**The Film of R. W. Paul, Muswell Hill's Filmmaker**, Ian Christie

**12 March 2008**

**Middlesex Heraldry**, A. C. E. Grey

**9 April 2008**

**Hornsey Life in Maps**, Peter Barber

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### **Hounslow & District History Society**

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, starting at 8pm. For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Mr R. Ferguson, 219 Staines Road, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 9EB (020 8890 5078).

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### **Islington Archaeology and History Society**

Meetings are held at 8pm at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1. All meetings are free. Enquiries: 020 7833 1541.

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### **Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Upper Hall, United Reformed Church at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames (visitors will be asked for a donation of £1.50 towards

expenses). Processing and cataloguing of excavated remains and museum collections takes place every Thursday (10am) at the North Kingston Centre, Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 5PE. Enquiries to 020 8547 6755.

**10 January 2008**

**Golden Age – Making Sense of Treasure Finds**, Angela Care Evans

**14 February 2008**

**Historic Kingston Buildings**, Ian West

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#### **Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society**

Meetings at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton E10 6EQ begin at 7.30pm. Meetings at St John's Church, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane begin at 8pm. Light refreshments are served 45 minutes before the talks.

**23 January 2008**

**Dead Horses, Smelly Shoes and Stinking Mud: an Archaeologist's Tale of a Tannery at Waltham Abbey**, Les Capon (St John's Church)

**3 March 2008**

**The Buxtons – an Old Essex Family**, Georgina Green (Leyton Sixth Form College)

**16 April 2008**

**The Assembly at Wanstead House, 1728-31, by William Hogarth**, Jef Page (St John's Church)

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#### **London Natural History Society**

Unless otherwise stated meetings start at 6.30pm and are held at Small Chapel, King's Cross Methodist Church, Crestfield Street, London WC1. Tea and coffee making facilities. Toilets. Visitors are very welcome at all meetings. For further information visit [www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm](http://www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm)

**7 January 2008**

**Best Botanical Photographs of 2007**, Rodney Burton

**21 January 2008**

**Improving Bird Skills**, David Darrell-Lambert

**4 February 2008**

**What Should We Do About London's Rare Plants?**, Rodney Burton

**11 February 2008**

**Are Garden Birdwatchers Real Birdwatchers?**, Paul Stancliffe

**20 February 2008**

**Getting started with Wildlife Digital Photography: Equipment and Techniques**, Mick Massie

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#### **Lewisham Local History Society**

All meetings commence at 7.45pm and are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way, SE13. Full access for people with disabilities. Non-members welcome. For

further information please contact John King, 44 Le May Avenue, London SE12 9SU (020-8857 1819).

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#### **Merton Historical Society**

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, on Saturday afternoons during the winter months and on Friday evenings during the autumn and spring. There are also regular workshop sessions to share current research. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Sheila Harris, 100 Canon Hill Lane, London SW20 6QE (020 8540 6656).

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#### **Orpington & District Archaeological Society**

Meetings are held in The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (except August) from 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. Coffee and biscuits are served at the end of each meeting, for which a donation is invited. For further information please contact Cilla Mann, 16 Southfleet Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9SL (01689 857643).

**6 February 2008**

**The Archaeology of Ireland**, Sarah McArthy

**5 March 2008**

**Roman Sarcophagus at St Martin-in-the-Fields**, Alison Telfer

**2 April 2008**

**Town Houses of Medieval Britain**, Anthony Quiney

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#### **Pinner Local History Society**

All meetings start at 8pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. History Circle meetings are held in the Arnold Room at the Methodist Church, Love Lane. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £1. For further information please contact Beryl Newton (Secretary), 2A Willows Close, Pinner HA5 3SY (020 8866 3372) or visit [www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk)

**3 January 2008**

**Gregory King's Harefield in 1699**, Eileen Bowlt (Main)

**7 February 2008**

**Wembley Park: 1750 – Present**, Geoffrey Hewlett (Main)

**18 February 2008**

**The History of Pinner House from 1947 to the Present**, Doreen Yousif (History Circle)

**3 April 2008**

**Medieval Marriage**, Rosemary Horrox (Main)

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#### **Potters Bar and District Society**

Meetings are held at the Sixty Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, starting at 8pm prompt. All are welcome. For further details please contact John Scivyer (Hon. Sec.), 9 Hill Rise, Potters Bar EN6 2RX (01707 657586).

**25 January 2008**

**The Geology of Hertfordshire Churches**, Mike Howgate

**29 February 2008**

**Wonderful Whetstone**, John Heathfield

**27 March 2008**

**British Post Box Design and Use: the First 150 Years**, Stephen Knight

**29 April 2008**

**Donovan's Hertfordshire**, John Donovan

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### **Richmond Archaeological Society**

Meetings take place on Friday nights at Vestry Hall, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond, commencing at 8pm. For further information please contact Mrs Yvonne Masson, the Society's publicity secretary, at 65 St Margaret's Grove, East Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 1JF.

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### **Richmond Local History Society**

All meetings are held at Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, at 8pm. Coffee is available from 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome, admission £1. For further information please contact the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825) rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk

**14 January 2008**

**The Onslows of Clandon Park and Richmond**, June Davey

**11 February 2008**

**Henrietta Howard: an 18<sup>th</sup>-Century 'It' Girl**, Tracey Borman

**10 March 2008**

**Riverside Royal Palaces and Religious Houses of West London**, Bob Cowie

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### **Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Group**

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place at the Time & Talents Centre, The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe and begin at 7.45pm. For more information visit: <http://kingstairs.com/rotherhithe/>

**30 January 2008**

**Gasholders**, Malcolm Tucker

**27 February 2008**

**Shadwell Roman Baths Excavation**, Alistair Douglas

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### **Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society**

Meetings are held on Mondays at 8.15pm at St Martin's Church Hall, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 admission charge). For further information please contact the society's Secretary, Susan Toms, 3 Elmbridge Close, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7XA (01895 637 134) or visit: [www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk](http://www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk)

**21 January 2008**

**The City of London and Livery Companies**, Yasha Beresiner

**18 February 2008**

**Waterside London – Docks, Canals and River History**, Diane Burstein

**10 March 2008**

**The Roman Army in Peace and War**, Mark Hassall

**21 April 2008**

**History of Mount Vernon Hospital**, Brian Morgan

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**St Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society**

Tuesday meetings are held in St Albans School and start at 8pm. Friday meetings are held in the College of Law, Hatfield Road, and start at 7.45pm. They are open to all members of the society. Non-members may attend two meetings as guests.

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**Southgate District Civic Trust**

The Trust is a local amenity society covering Southgate, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, New Southgate and Cockfosters. It has active local history and publications groups. Meetings are held at the Quaker Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, London. There is a small charge for some meetings. Non-members are welcome. For further information please contact Geoffrey Bone, The Tower, Quakers Walk, London N21 2DE (020 8360 2289).

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**Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society**

All lectures are held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at 106 The Cut (opposite the Old Vic). Light refreshments are served at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome but are asked to contribute £1. For further details please contact Richard Buchanan, 79 Ashridge Crescent, Shooter's Hill, London SE18 3EA.

**8 January 2008**

**Octavia Hill, Her Work and Influence on Social Housing Provision in Lambeth and Southwark**, Len Reilly

**12 February 2008**

**Recent Local Archaeological and Historical Work**, various speakers

**11 March 2008**

**The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, Past and Present**, Dee Cook

**8 April 2008**

**Wenceslaus Hollar, the Man Who Drew London**, Gillian Tindall

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**Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group & Friends of Spelthorne Museum**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines and begin at 8pm. Members free, non members welcome (£1 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 561585).

**3 January 2008**

**Exploring a Medieval Landscape - Chatterern Hill**, Ashford, Bob Calder

**7 February 2008**

**Exploring Surrey's Past**, Giles Carey

**6 March 2008**

**Construction of the Queen Mary Reservoir, Nick Pollard**

**3 April 2008**

**Excavations at Syon Park, Bob Cowie**

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**Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society**

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month to which visitors are welcome at a charge of £1. Members' evenings are held at the same venue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. For further information please contact Mrs Sylvia Baker on 020 8907 5727.

**2 January 2008**

**London Theatres, Geoff Donald**

**6 February 2008**

**Docklands Past and Present, Muriel B. Jones**

**5 March 2008**

**The Metropolitan Railway Locomotives and Their Historical Associations, Jerry Lomas**

**2 April 2008**

**George Arliss – Britain's First Oscar Winner, Barbara Lanning**

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**Streatham Society**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at "Woodlawns", 16 Leigham Court Road, London SW16, starting at 8pm ("Woodlawns" is a 5-minute walk up Leigham Court Road from Streatham High Road, nearest transport Streatham Hill BR station). Admission is free. For further information please contact Brian Bloice (020 8764 8314). Streatham Society is on the Internet: [www.streathamsociety.org.uk](http://www.streathamsociety.org.uk) (or email [secretary@streathamsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@streathamsociety.org.uk)).

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**Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society**

The Society meets at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to May in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton. The September meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at St Mary's Hall, Green Street, Sunbury. Any queries should be addressed to Geoff French (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), 18 Burchetts Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9BS (01932 245774).

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**The Thorney Island Society, Friends of St James's Park and The Green Park**

Meetings are held at various historical locations where members listen to a talk by an expert in a relevant field of interest and are able to ask questions. For further information please contact the Chairman June A. Stubbs, 39 Westminster Mansions, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BP.

**6 March 2008**

**Westminster Abbey Muniment Room, (2.15pm, £8, further information from Pippa Parsons: [pippa@sjss.org.uk](mailto:pippa@sjss.org.uk))**

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### **Borough of Twickenham Local History Society**

Meetings are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from October to June, and take the form of an illustrated lecture by a guest speaker. Guests and non-members are welcome (there is a small charge). For further information please contact the Secretary, Mr R. S. Knight, 14a Enmore Gardens, East Sheen, London SW14 8RF (020 8878 7041).

**4 February 2008**

**Working Behind the Scenes with the National Trust**, Andrew McElwee

**3 March 2008**

**The Gardens of Hampton Court**, Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowen

**7 April 2008**

**Charles Hamilton and the Creation of Painshill Park**, Barry Hylton Davies

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### **Uxbridge Local History and Archives Society**

All meetings take place at Christ Church, Redford Way (off Belmont Road), Uxbridge, starting at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. For further information please contact Mr K. R. Pearce, 29 Norton Road, Uxbridge UB8 2PT.

**15 January 2008**

**London's Ancient Woodlands**, Colin Bowlt (2.30pm)

**19 February 2008**

**The Saddler's Tale**, Ken Pearce

**18 March 2008**

**Uxbridge in the 1970s**

**15 April 2008**

**London Properties of the National Trust**, Mike Watts

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### **Wandsworth Historical Society**

Meetings held at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Town Hall) on the last Friday of the month at 8pm (until 10pm).

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### **Wanstead Historical Society**

Meetings are held in the Warren Hall, Chapel Path, Cambridge Park (at the rear of Cambridge Park Methodist Church, Wanstead), on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7.30pm with all talks starting at 8pm. Our meetings are open to visitors for a charge of £2 per meeting. For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Mr Mark Galloway, 52 Eastbourne Road, East Ham E6 6AT (020 8471 1171).

**17 January 2008**

**Edwardian Redbridge 100 Years Ago**, Ian Dowling

**21 February 2008**

**A History of Kensington Palace**, Stan Medland

**20 March 2008**

**Dick Turpin – Fact and Fiction**, Georgina Green

**17 April 2008**

**The Churches of the City of London, Peter Foley**

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**Wembley History Society**

Meetings take place once a month in the church hall adjoining St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Kingsbury NW9, starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Pam Carter, 84 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0AX (020 8205 3263).

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**West Drayton & District Local History Society**

Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Miss K. J. Tarrant (Programme Secretary), 86 Castle Avenue, Yiewsley, Middlesex UB7 8LQ (01895 444246).

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**West Essex Archaeological Group**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Sixth Form Block, Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green at 7.45 pm. New members welcome. For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Viola Parr, 6 Vine Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG1 2QH (020 8514 2767)

**11 February 2008**

**Out of Africa – Human Origins, Jill Cooke**

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**Willesden Local History Society**

Unless otherwise shown, the Society meets on Wednesday from September to June in The Scout House, High Road (on the corner of Strode Road), Willesden NW10, at 7.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Margaret Pratt, 24B Lushington Road, Harlesden, London NW10 5UU (020 8965 7230) or visit: [www.willesden-local-history.co.uk](http://www.willesden-local-history.co.uk)

**16 January 2008**

**The Willsedden Archive, the Archive Team and Malcolm Barres-Baker**

**20 February 2008**

**The London City Mission Archive, Dr Nichols**

**12 March 2008**

**Canal Boat Women During World War Two, Runnalls Davis**

**16 April 2008**

**Travelling on the Thames, Jean Linwood**

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