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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter: Copy Dates*

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 2 August 2010 (for the September 2010 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 2010**

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place in the Clore Learning Centre at the Museum of London on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm – refreshments from 6pm. Meetings are open to all; members may bring guests, and non-members are welcome.

#### **11 May 2010**

**Life in London's Eastern Suburb c.1550-1700**, Philip Baker, Senior Research Officer, Centre for Metropolitan History, University of London

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### **Central London YAC – Archaeologists of the Future**

The Central London branch of the Young Archaeologists' Club was set up in 2002 by a small group of volunteers who wanted to share their love of archaeology with the children of the inner city. Eight years on and we still have a thriving club based at the LAARC, with access to their fantastic collection of artefacts and records, and a group of enthusiastic members who keep coming back for more.

This past year, for the first time, we based our sessions on a theme and have been looking at 'Materials in archaeology'. This included two workshops led by a ceramicist on making medieval floor tiles. We also had a session looking at the Treasure Act, Portable Antiquities Scheme and metal detecting, concentrating on the Staffordshire Hoard. In the

summer, we visited the Thames foreshore as the only 'field' trip we can offer on a regular basis and went to the Museum of London for the Festival of British Archaeology. Our end of the year party was themed 'Toys and Games through the Centuries' and combined fun games, a trail round the Museum of London's galleries and a craft session. In 2010 we have decided to work on theme-based sessions again and have chosen 'Important Archaeological Sites' as the topic and hope to include a visit to a site, something not very easy to accomplish in London!

One of the problems we have is that of funding. When we started back in 2002 we were given £2000 by a City law firm to help us run the club for the first year or so but since then we have had to find our own funds by applying for various awards and for project-based funding. LAMAS itself gave us £500 a few years ago to fund a display of our finds from the foreshore that the members helped to design and put together. What we really need are funds for the day-to-day running of the club - paying for craft materials, outside specialists to run workshops and for trips. This is why we are so grateful for the recent LAMAS donation of £600 to help us continue to run the club for this coming year and also their commitment to the club for another two years which helps us enormously when it comes to planning for the future. So, on behalf of all the archaeologists of the future, THANK YOU!

*Karen Thomas, Membership Secretary, Central London YAC*

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### **Local History Committee News**

After many years as Local History Committee secretary Ann Hignell is stepping down, both as secretary and as a Committee member. Although Ann will be a hard act to follow I have agreed to take over the secretarial duties and Pat Clarke is handling ticket sales for the annual conference.

The Committee is now looking for a new member. Meetings take place three times a year and in between, members carry forward the decisions of the Committee. Whilst not essential, it is useful to have an email address as there are often matters to discuss and agree between meetings. Members attend the Committee either as a representative of their affiliated Local History Society or as an individual member of LAMAS. The Committee is responsible for presenting concerns specific to Local History to LAMAS Council, organising the annual Local History Conference, and co-ordinating the Local History Publications Award, for which all members read all the submissions. In addition, the Committee has recently started to arrange occasional Local History Workshops. Current members of the Committee are: Eileen Bowlt (Chair); John Hinshelwood (Secretary); Patricia Clarke; Irene Cockcroft; Chris Hill;

Graham Javes; John Peach; Cathy Ross; Diane Tough. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact me (address below).

The date for the next Local History Conference, 'London under attack: wars and insurrections', has been set for 27 November 2010 and full details will be available in the September *Newsletter*.

Submissions are now invited for the 2010 LAMAS Local History Committee's Annual Award for a publication on a Local History topic. The Committee awards a £100 prize to the publication that best shows evidence of original research, and analysis of the results, as it applies to the local context and the wider picture of the 'Local History' of Greater London. To be eligible, the publication may be in either paper or electronic format, and either published by an Affiliated Local History Society, or self-published by a member or members of that Society, between January 2009 and January 2010. Copies of the submission form have been sent to each affiliated society. The closing date for submissions is 31 May 2010, which should be sent to The Secretary, LAMAS Local History Committee, c/o 9 Umfreville Road, London N4 1RY, johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com

*John Hinshelwood, Secretary, LAMAS Local History Committee*

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### **Important Announcement: LAMAS Research Fund**

The Research Fund is a sum granted annually to support research into the archaeology and history of London and Middlesex. We would now like to invite applications for the 2010/2011 fund. The fund level has been set by Council at £5000. Applications are invited for all or part of this sum. The fund is open to all full individual members of the Society. The deadline for applications is 30 September 2010. For information on how to apply, please visit our website: [www.lamas.org.uk](http://www.lamas.org.uk) or contact Jackie Keily ([jkeily@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:jkeily@museumoflondon.org.uk); tel. 020 7814 5734).

*Barney Sloane and Jackie Keily, LAMAS Research Fund Co-ordinators*

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### **VCH Middlesex**

Boydell and Brewer have recently announced their publication of a new Victoria County History – vol. 13 of Middlesex, being part one (of four) on the City of Westminster. After a general introduction this includes detailed sections on land ownership and religious history.

Unfortunately there is no guarantee that there will ever be any more new additions to the series (at least seven more volumes are still to be written), as finance has gradually disappeared. As I explained in an article in the

January 2007 *Newsletter*, the first flush of enthusiasm back in 1899 has not been sustained, despite several 'new starts'. With the withdrawal of financial contributions from the local Councils, the VCH Middlesex (Inner) Committee has relied on funding from private individuals and businesses. Last year, with the completion of this volume, this Committee, on which LAMAS was represented, was disbanded. It is intended to create a working party with a paid fund-raiser to start again on the lobbying required, and we wish them all success – but in the present financial climate, don't hold your breath! Boydell's website has more details of the Westminster volume: [www.boydell.co.uk/04356222.HTM](http://www.boydell.co.uk/04356222.HTM).

*Ann Hignell*

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### **Mayors and Sheriffs of London Now Online**

A new electronic resource has recently become available. Mayors and Sheriffs of London (MASL) is an open access database (<http://masl.library.utoronto.ca>) providing the names and offices of all London mayors, sheriffs and wardens from 1190-1558, together with their company memberships (or, in the earliest years, their occupations) where these have been identified. MASL also lists the dates of their terms of office. The database is planned eventually to extend to the present day.

*Anne Lancashire, Editor MASL, University of Toronto*

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## **MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the LAMAS Annual General Meeting**

**Clore Learning Centre, Museum of London, 16 February 2010**

**On platform:** President: Prof Caroline Barron (CB), Chair: Eileen Bowlt (EB), Hon. Treasurer: Martin Williams (MW), Jackie Keily (JK) (Hon. Secretary, taking minutes)

Approximately 60 members attended

**1. Apologies:** Roy Stephenson, Jon Cotton, Kate Sumnall, Cheryl Smith, Stuart Forbes, Mary Alexander, Pat Kent

**2. Minutes of 153<sup>rd</sup> AGM 19 February 2009:** Cecil Cherns proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted; seconded by Meriel Jeater. The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. Annual Report and Accounts:** EB thanked Joanna Clark for organising the catering for the AGM and all of the lectures, Pat Clarke for all her work dealing with the membership and Jackie Keily for producing the annual report. EB thanked members of Council, including the

President, members of the committees, the *Transactions* editor and the *Newsletter* editor, for all their hard work on behalf of the Society.

The 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Report was circulated to members. EB summarised the main points. Membership stood at 611 and EB encouraged members to get friends and colleagues to join. The benefits included lectures, *Transactions* and the two annual conferences.

EB reminded those attending of the principles on which the Society had been founded – recording, publishing, fostering research – and that we still adhere to these. The Society's journal *Transactions* is still very successful, whilst the 'Conversaciones' of the early Society have turned into today's Archaeology and Local History Conferences and active archaeological exploration has become funding for current archaeological research.

EB went on to outline the three main strands which make up LAMAS: archaeology, local history and historic buildings conservation. All these committees had been very busy this year and particular mention was made of the Historic Buildings Committee who do such important work in terms of monitoring the impact of planning and development on London's historic environment. The latter committee are keen for new members.

MW reported on the Society's finances. Thanks were given to Pat Clarke for her important work on membership, to Stuart Forbes for examining the accounts, and to Karen Thomas for dealing with sales of the Society's publications. Overall, the Treasurer felt that the accounts were healthy.

CB asked where members could access the Library; EB and JK replied that it formed part of the library at the Museum of London and LAARC and could be visited by prior arrangement with the librarian (both of LAMAS and the Museum of London), Sally Brooks.

Cecil Cherns asked why Gift Aid was down this year, compared to last; MW replied that this was due to an over-estimate on his part of last year's figures.

CB asked why the costs for *Transactions* fluctuate? MW replied that this was due to the number of papers that did or did not bring attached funding with them and also due to the number of illustrations, colour, etc. included.

CB thanked EB and MW for their generous support of the Society.

Meriel Jeater proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts should be adopted; this was seconded by Laura Schaaf and carried.

**4. Election of Officers and Members of Council:** A list of Officers and Council members for election and re-election was circulated with the agenda. CB thanked Roy Stephenson and Tim Carew, who were standing down from Council, as well as Ann Hignell, who is standing down from being Local History Committee representative to Council.

CB thanked EB, who was standing down as Chair. CB said she had been a fantastic Chair and would be greatly missed. Council proposed Laura Schaaf as Chair and CB asked her to outline her working career to date. LS had worked in archaeology since the 1970s in Southwark and later in north London, before joining Museum of London Archaeology, from which she retired recently. She is secretary of the Southwark and Lambeth Excavation Committee and is involved in the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA), as chair of one of their standing committees. Joanna Clark seconded the nomination.

It was agreed that the following officers of Council be elected *en bloc*; all were proposed for re-election by Council and seconded by Pat Clarke:

Hon. Treasurer: Martin Williams      Hon. Secretary: Jackie Keily

It was agreed that the following members of Council be elected *en bloc*; all were proposed for re-election by Council and seconded by Ann Hignell:

Cheryl Smith (Lectures)	John Schofield	Karen Thomas
Meriel Jeater (Newsletter)	Graham Javes	Don Cooper
Nathalie Cohen (Hon. Archaeology Editor)	Kate Sumnall	Hedley Swain
	Kathryn Stubbs	Jane Sidell

The following members were proposed for election to Council:

Colin Bowlt (nominated by Martin Williams); Barney Sloane (nominated by Council); Jessica Freeman (nominated by Council)

All were seconded by Guy Taylor. All the Officers and Council members were unanimously elected.

**5. Appointment of Auditor(s):** Colin Bowlt proposed Mr Stuart Forbes as the Honorary Examiner; seconded by Graham Javes. No other nominations were received. Mr Forbes was unanimously elected. Thanks were also expressed to him for all his work on examining the accounts for the last year.

**6. Any other business:** CB thanked Joanna Clark for her work on organising the refreshments for the AGM.

CB then gave a fascinating Presidential address, ‘The cult of St Zita of Lucca in London and Southern England’

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## REVIEW

### **47<sup>th</sup> LAMAS Conference of London Archaeologists held at Museum of London, 13 March 2010**

The Conference returned this year to its newly refurbished ancestral home – the Weston Theatre at the Museum of London. It opened with the presentation of the Ralph Merrifield Award to Gustav Milne in recognition of his past and present contribution to the archaeology of the Port of London and the River Thames (37 years and still flowing).

In the first lecture Diccon Hart and Martin Bates (Archaeology South East) described how work at HMP Belmarsh on the Thames flood plain revealed that terrace gravels were sealed by a deep accumulation of prehistoric fluvial clays, silts and peats. During the Early Neolithic (*c* 3960-3700 BC) two phases of timber trackway were constructed. These structures, broadly contemporary with the Sweet Track in the Somerset Levels, are some centuries earlier than other trackways found in east London. The riverine theme continued with Natalie Cohen describing the work of the Thames Discovery Programme ([www.thamesdiscovery.org](http://www.thamesdiscovery.org)). This ongoing (2008-11) community foreshore survey and recording group is the successor to the 1995-99 Thames Archaeological Survey set up by Gustav Milne, who is also director of the current project. Its aim is to motivate and train volunteers or 'FROGS' (Foreshore Recording Observation Group) to monitor and record the many structures being revealed and eroded along the Thames foreshore within the Greater London area. Some 300 volunteers have been trained to work safely in this environment, which is a great achievement. The range of structures being recorded by the FROGS span from a second Neolithic or Bronze Age causeway bridge at Vauxhall to the abutments of a vanished 18<sup>th</sup>-century bridge which once linked Fulham and Putney.

Dan Hounsell (Network Archaeology) described the results of work undertaken in advance of the new Harefield to Southall pipeline in west London. This revealed two previously undiscovered Late Iron Age and early Roman farmsteads, which were superseded by Roman field ditches.

Excavations at Trinity Square in Southwark were described by Doug Killock (Pre-Construct Archaeology). Work here revealed a small, but remarkably diverse, Roman cemetery dating from *c* AD 180-400. One wooden coffin had lead strip reinforcements and another coffin possessed a chalk lining. One adult inhumation had an urned cremation placed between their knees. The burials were arranged in several clusters and a bewildering sequence of orientations.

Adrian Miles (Museum of London Archaeology) described the excavations at Marshall Street in Westminster. In 1693 an extra-mural

burial ground for St James, Piccadilly was established on part of the site. Then in 1725 a workhouse was added. Later another burial ground was established to serve the workhouse (closed 1853). Work revealed 2511 coffin burials, many of which were stacked in piles. Mike Henderson (MOLA) described the preliminary results of the osteological study of this large assemblage. 19% (465) were under 18 which says a lot about the mortality rate of the juvenile population of London during this period. Over 30% of the population had bad teeth, while some had rickets, osteoarthritis, syphilis and TB.

The afternoon session was devoted to a review of Saxon and Medieval London over the last 40 years as a tribute to John Clark, formerly Senior Curator (Medieval) at the Museum of London, and now Curator Emeritus; honorary life member of LAMAS was awarded to him. Geoff Egan (MOLA) offered an overview of the material culture of medieval London and explained how excavation of the waterfront dumps, which have revealed a vast array of organic material and other finds, allowed the late Alan Vince to start building a ceramic chronology for the capital. The waterfront finds were the impetus behind the impressive series of HMSO Museum of London finds catalogues including *The Medieval Horse and its Equipment* edited by John Clark (1995). Martin Biddle (Hertford College, Oxford University), one of the authors of *The Future of London's Past* (1973), reconsidered aspects of his own work. It is sometimes forgotten that this report acted for many years as the capital's research agenda. The most important development, in Martin's opinion, was the identification of the middle Saxon settlement of *Lundenwic* in the Strand area in the early 1980s. Martin pointed out that the area of the Temple, where there has been very limited redevelopment and therefore little archaeological work, may yet prove to be part of *Lundenwic*.

Gustav Milne (Thames Discovery Programme) outlined how between 1972 and 2003 numerous redevelopments along Thames Street revealed the docks and quays of London's medieval port, plus part of the Hanseatic Steelyard. This work is summarised in his book *The Port of Medieval London* (2003). Sadly, some of these waterfront excavations are still not fully published and the 1972 work at Baynard's Castle is completely unpublished.

Jelena Bekvalac and Rebecca Redfern (MOL Centre for Human Bioarchaeology) explained how, with funding from the Wellcome Trust, the Museum of London's vast collection of human skeletal material has now been analysed and this data is available online (<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/English/Collections/OnlineResources/CHB/Database/>). They also outlined some of the information we can gain about medieval life from the study of human remains (life

expectancy, disease, diet, lifestyle). Chris Thomas (MOLA) provided a roundup of the capital's medieval monastic archaeology. The ongoing series of MOLA monographs on these monastic houses means that this area of London's heritage is now more thoroughly researched and published than in any other British urban centre. One important aspect of the investigations since the 1970s has been the emphasis on work in their precincts and cemeteries, rather than just their churches.

*Bruce Watson*

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## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

*The Story of Cromwell House at Mortlake*, by Helen Deaton (2009), Barnes and Mortlake History Society, 108pp, 50 illustrations (including drawings, photographs, maps), ISBN 978-0-9542038-4-9, £8 (inc. p&p)

The author, who lives in Parliament Mews, built on the site of the third Cromwell House, has written a lively account of the probable history of the earlier buildings, their owners and occupiers. She briskly dismisses the myth that the name derives from Oliver Cromwell and suggests that it comes from Henry VIII's minister, Thomas Cromwell, whose sister Katherine was married to Morgan Williams, son of the brewer responsible for the first house on the site.

A good deal of the history of Mortlake and brewing (the builder of the Victorian mansion owned the brewery next door) is cleverly intertwined with the story of the house. Extensive notes on such matters as a 17<sup>th</sup>-century gentleman's dress, postal services in the late 17<sup>th</sup>/early 18<sup>th</sup> century, weather conditions, the Burial in Wool Act and the Barnes Electricity Works, are also included.

One of the attractions of the house was its position opposite the winning post for the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race and a 1920 poster advertises that it was open to anyone prepared to pay 10s 6d to view the race in comfort. This was the beginning of the decline that led to demolition in 1947 and the erection of a third Cromwell House, 'an inferior building' that only lasted from c 1960-91.

*Eileen Bowl*

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*Twickenham, Whitton, Teddington & the Hamptons through time*, by Mike Cherry, John Sheaf, Ken Howe & Ed Harris (2009), Amberley Publishing, 96pp, 180 photographs, ISBN 978 1 84868 804 9, £12.99

This beautifully produced book is part of Amberley Publishing's 'Through Time' series and follows the recognisable pattern of an old

photograph and a contemporary one, usually in colour, on each page, with a caption between them commenting on the changes that have taken place. For most street scenes the present day photographer has taken pains to stand as close as possible to the position of the original cameraman, which makes comparison between the two periods easy. The early pictures include a charming rural view of cows grazing on Molesey Bank opposite St Mary's church, Hampton, taken by the well-known photographer, George Washington Wilson c 1885.

The book sets out to illustrate the four areas that formed the municipal borough of Twickenham, before it became part of the London Borough of Richmond in 1965. It would have been helpful for non-local readers to have had a brief history of each area at an appropriate place and a map. It is comforting to see how little some of the places have changed and amusing to note the transformation of a Victorian public convenience on Twickenham Green into a pleasant-looking restaurant.

*Eileen Bowl*

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***Secrets of the Gardens: Archaeologists Unearth the Lives of Roman Londoners at Drapers' Gardens***, by Jonathan Butler & Victoria Ridgeway (2009), Pre-Construct Archaeology, 80pp, ISBN 978-0956305411, £9.95

LAMAS members may have seen the press coverage and the temporary exhibition or remember the *Newsletter* cover image (Issue 122) showing a sample of some of the amazing bronze vessel hoard that had been placed down a well in 4<sup>th</sup>-century Roman London. Pre-Construct Archaeology (PCA) has now produced a popular booklet about the excavations on the site at Drapers' Gardens.

This site had a wide variety of unusual structures and the surviving organic materials made the site exceptional. The booklet details the history of the site, beginning with a trackway which was first laid out in about AD 62, just after the Boudican revolt. Shortly after, a palisade fence was constructed, cutting through the trackway, which survived in some places up to about two metres. Hopefully the post-excavation research will provide an explanation for this defensive measure. There then followed a period of intense building and industrialisation with the excavation of a near complete street, while the Walbrook stream itself was constantly being controlled, revetted and contained in wide man-made ditches that were crossed by plank bridges allowing access to the roadside buildings and workshops.

Such themes as 'Diet & environment' and 'Literacy & writing' demonstrate the wealth of objects found on the site. What follows is the story of the vessel hoard, its constituent parts, how it was deposited and then the later history of the site including the Drapers' Hall and Gardens. The book contains a wide variety of illustrations and a good reconstruction of the site, which also appears on the cover superimposed on today's street scene.

The booklet is a good introduction to a very complex site and is a taster to some of the amazing objects found there. It is accompanied by a DVD explaining the archaeology of the site. We wait with anticipation for the completion of the post-excavation work and the full publication.

*Jenny Hall*

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## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

### **Bexley Archaeological Group Annual Training Excavation 2 – 6 August 2010 Bexley, Kent**

A week's training includes field walking, geophysical survey, surveying, trowelling, drawing and talks. Cost: £80, which includes a one-year membership to Bexley Archaeological Group, insurance and certification. Contact Pip Pulfer: pips-pad@tiscali.co.uk (07961 963 893) or visit the website: [www.bag.org.uk](http://www.bag.org.uk).

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### **Essex Historic Buildings Group Day School: Uncovering Medieval Houses 3 July 2010**

#### **Cressing Temple Barns, Witham, Essex**

Cost: £20 (EHBG members £18), lunch £8. To book, contact Ian Greenfield, Yew Tree Cottage, Stanbrook, Thaxted, Essex CM6 2NL (01371 830416). Talks include:

**The Relationship Between Archaeology and Standing Buildings**, David Martin

**Interpreting the Archaeology of Buildings Before 1250**, Mark Gardner

**The Archaeology of Houses in London 1100 – 1600**, John Schofield

**Essex Buildings from Excavations**, David Andrews

**The Below-Ground Evidence for Medieval Buildings in Suffolk**, Edward Martin

**What Can Archaeology Add to Our Knowledge of 16<sup>th</sup> and Early 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Great Houses? Some Results from Essex and Middlesex**, Paul Drury

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### **Roman Studies Group, Surrey Archaeological Society Agriculture and Food in Southern Roman Britain 8 May 2010, 9.30am – 4.45pm**

#### **Chertsey Hall, Chertsey, Surrey**

Tickets will cost £16 (£14 for RSG members) and include morning coffee and afternoon tea. To book tickets, please send a cheque (payable to Roman Studies Group) and an SAE to: Roman Agriculture Conference, Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3SX. Talks include:

**Introduction – The Dynamics of Change**, Mike Fulford  
**Small Towns and Rural Settlements in Roman Kent**, Paul Booth  
**Rural Settlement in Roman Sussex**, David Rudling  
**The Environment of Southern Roman Britain**, Petra Dark  
**Market Forces – A Discussion of Crop Husbandry, Horticulture and Trade in Plant Resources**, Gill Campbell  
**The Meat Supply of Roman Towns in Southern England**, Mark Maltby

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**The Centre for the Study of Migration and its Diversity**  
**London – The Promised Land Revisited**  
**15 May 2010, 9.30am – 4pm**  
**Queen Mary, University of London**

Cost: £20 for advance tickets (£30 on the day), students and senior citizens £15 (£20 on the day). To register, contact: Events Office, CB100, Department of Corporate Affairs, Queen Mary, University of London (020 7882 5148), email: events@qmul.ac.uk. Talks include:

**English Nuns and London in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century: Exile or Establishment?**, Caroline Bowden

**Protecting Fortress Britain? Maritime Solutions to Alien Immigration – Past and Present**, Nicholas Evans

**Irish/Jewish Diasporic Intersections in the East End: Paradoxes and Shared Locations**, Bronwen Walter

**Crime, the Courts and Ethnicity in 18<sup>th</sup> and Early 19<sup>th</sup>-Century London: Blacks as Victims and Offenders**, John Wood

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**Egypt Study Days**  
**University of London**

Both study days will be led by Joyce Filer, Egyptologist and physical anthropologist. For further information and to book, contact Richard (07973 695 168) rikki\_promo@yahoo.co.uk.

**29 May 2010**

**Tutankhamun** (11am – 5pm, University of London)

Cost: £35 including afternoon refreshments. Book by 10 May 2010.

**19 June 2010**

**Forensic Aspects of Ancient Egypt** (11am – 5pm, University of London)

Cost: £30 including afternoon refreshments. Book by 2 June 2010.

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**West Essex Archaeological Group**  
**Training Excavations**

For further information, please contact Mrs Pauline Dalton (01992 813725) pmd2@ukonline.co.uk and visit the WEAG website: www.weag.org.uk

**17 – 8 July, 24 – 25 July & 31 July – 1 August 2010**

**Archaeology Taster Weekends for Beginners**

Cost: £50 per weekend (£45 for WEAG members). Under-16s must be accompanied.

**9 – 13 August & 16 – 20 August 2010**

**Five-Day Field Schools, Copped Hall, near Epping**

These five-day field schools (Monday to Friday) are for people already familiar with basic archaeological techniques. No formal teaching sessions but an opportunity to help excavate, examine, record and interpret the remains of the brick-built Tudor mansion and associated features. Cost: £90 per week (£80 for WEAG members).

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**Enfield Archaeological Society  
Festival of British Archaeology Excavations  
July 2010**

To participate in one of the society's excavations (over 16s only), please contact Chairman and Site Manager, Michael Dewbrey (01707 873756). Diggers of all levels of experience are welcome, including beginners. You must be a member of the society to dig (in order to be covered by insurance). Membership is £9 per year and details of how to join can be found on their website: <http://www.enfarchsoc.org/join.html>.

**17 – 18 July 2010**

**Elsyng Palace Excavation, Forty Hall, Enfield**

**24 – 25 July 2010**

**Theobalds Palace Excavation, Cedars Park, Cheshunt**

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**Kent Archaeological Field School  
Summer Courses and Training Excavation 2010**

To book, contact KAFS, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP (01795 532548 or 07885 700 112), email: [info@kafs.co.uk](mailto:info@kafs.co.uk), or visit: [www.kafs.co.uk](http://www.kafs.co.uk)

**1, 2 & 3 May 2010**

**Introduction to Archaeology**

Cost: £50, if membership is taken out at the time of booking (KAFS '5-year' members free).

**29 & 30 May 2010**

**How to Identify Prehistoric Flints**

Cost: £70 (£63 for KAFS members)

**24 & 25 July 2010**

**Soil Sampling for Archaeologists**

Cost: £70 (£63 for KAFS members)

**28 & 29 August 2010**

**Bones and Burials**

Cost: £70 (£60 for KAFS members)

**23 – 27 August 2010**

**Training Excavation at Syndale Park, Faversham, Kent**

Cost: £30 per day (£20 for KAFS members, free for '5-year' members).

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**Birkbeck, University of London  
Training Excavation  
June & July 2010  
Syon Park, Brentford**

Take part in the excavation of the dissolved medieval Bridgettine Abbey of Syon and the formal gardens of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Syon House. Details of each course, how to enrol and who to contact are available online:  
<http://www04.bbk.ac.uk/study/ce2009/summerschools/awards/XSCAR002.html>

**7 – 11 June, 14 – 18 June, 21 – 25 June, 28 June – 2 July, 5 – 9 July 2010**

**Syon Archaeological Training Excavation**

Cost for one five-day course is £230 or £265 (depending on your circumstances).

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**LECTURES AND EVENTS**

**British Archaeological Association  
Lecture Series 2010**

Meetings are held at 5pm in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS. Tea will be served at 4.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend occasional lectures but are asked to make themselves known to the Hon. Director on arrival and to sign the visitors' book.

**5 May 2010**

**Stiffs and Stones: Brothers, Bodies and Burials in the Medieval Italian City,**  
Caroline Bruzelius

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**Institute of Archaeology & British Museum  
Medieval Seminars**

Venues vary but all meetings start at 5.30pm. For further information, please contact the meetings secretary, Andy Agate, via email: [a.agate@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:a.agate@ucl.ac.uk)

**5 May 2010**

**Historical Archaeology in the Eastern Baltic,** Erki Russow (Room 209, Institute of Archaeology, UCL, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY)

**11 May 2010**

**'Heaven Swallowed the Smoke': Similarities and Variations in the Anglo-Saxon Mortuary Rite of Cremation,** Jacqui McKinley (Seminar Room, Department of Africa, Oceania and the Americas, British Museum)

**2 June 2010**

**Fecit or Fake It?: Anglo-Saxon Forgeries, Old and New,** Leslie Webster (Room 612, Institute of Archaeology, UCL, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY)

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**A Tudor Body in Georgian Clothes  
26 May 2010**

**St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey**

A rare opportunity for an update on archaeological findings at Westminster. Lecture by Professor Warwick Rodwell, Consultant Archaeologist to Westminster Abbey,

with complementary music performed by Cecilia Osmond and Robert Quinney. Time: 26 May 2010, 7pm, St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Cost: £15, including a glass of wine. Tickets can be bought online from [www.westminster-abbey.org/shop](http://www.westminster-abbey.org/shop) or in person from the Westminster Abbey shop or Chapter Office in Dean's Yard. All proceeds go to St Margaret's Church Appeal Fund.

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**Walthamstow Historical Society  
Walthamstow History Walks  
Summer 2010**

Walks are free, start at 2pm and everybody is welcome. No booking required. Further information: 07792 750017, email: [walthamstowwalks@mz48.myzen.co.uk](mailto:walthamstowwalks@mz48.myzen.co.uk)

**22 May 2010**

**The Warner Estate – Walthamstow's Garden Suburb** (meet outside St James Street Station)

**19 June 2010**

**Walthamstow's Gem of a Village** (meet outside Vestry House Museum)

**10 July 2010**

**Wood Street – A Street of Surprises** (meet outside Wood Street Library)

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**Surrey Archaeological Society  
England's Lost Renaissance: Italian Influences on Court Architecture  
4 June 2010**

**The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey**

This illustrated lecture and reception will be led by Dr Jonathan Foyle, Chief Executive of the World Monuments Fund Britain. Doors open at 6.30pm, with a cash bar from 6.45pm and the lecture will start at 7.45pm. Cost: £12, including a glass of wine. To book, please send a cheque (payable to The Menuhin Hall) and an SAE to The Box Office, The Menuhin Hall, The Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey KT11 3QQ (08700 842020) or email: [boxoffice@yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk).

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**Harrow Museum  
Tuesday Talks Programme 2010**

Talks are held in Harrow Museum's 500-year-old tithe barn, Pinner View HA2 6PX. They start at 2pm and last one hour, £3 per person. For more details, call 020 8861 2626 or 020 8863 6720, email [harrow.museum@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:harrow.museum@harrow.gov.uk) or see their website: [www.harrow.gov.uk/museum](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/museum).

**11 May 2010**

**Euston for the North West**, Malcolm Grant

**25 May 2010**

**My Life as a Couturier and Portrait Painter, 1950s to the Present**, Tony Gotlop

**8 June 2010**

**Perkin Warbeck - Prince in the Tower**, Colin Oakes

**22 June 2010**

**Railways from the 90s to the Noughties, Bob Stonehouse**

**6 July 2010**

**Whitefriars Glass - The Harrow Years, Mike Beech**

**20 July 2010**

**Coaching Ways and Coaching Ways, Davina Watson**

**3 August 2010**

**Tennyson and the Brontes, Judy Karbritz**

**31 Aug 2010**

**The Medieval Churches of Middlesex, Pat Clarke**

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**Museum of London  
Festival of British Archaeology Events  
Hands-On Archaeology  
17 July – 1 August 2010**

There will be a variety of activities for adults and families at the Museum of London to celebrate the Festival of British Archaeology, including a special weekend of events on 24 and 25 July. Get your hands on some real artefacts and gain an insight into the unexpected archaeology under your feet through fascinating walks and tours. Event details and booking information are available on our website: [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

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**City of London Archaeological Society  
Festival of British Archaeology Weekend  
17 – 18 July 2010  
Tower of London**

Join CoLAS for their annual event on the Thames foreshore at the Tower of London. See what archaeological treasures you can find! For more information see the CoLAS website: [www.colas.org.uk](http://www.colas.org.uk) or email [mail@colas.org.uk](mailto:mail@colas.org.uk).

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**NEW GALLERIES**

**Museum of London  
Galleries of Modern London Opening  
28 May 2010**

On 28 May 2010 the Museum of London unveils its spectacular £20 million Galleries of Modern London. The new galleries cover London's history from 1666 to the present day. 7000 objects, together with interactives, film and changing displays, transport visitors through London's tumultuous history, rich with drama, triumph and near disaster. From the devastation of the Great Fire of 1666 to wonders of invention at the Great Exhibition in 1851, the Suffragettes' fight for voting rights to the fashions which made the sixties swing, the galleries are an experience of rebirth and renewal, of excess and struggle. For more information, see the Museum of London website: [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk), or call 020 7001 9844.

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## LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Acton History Group

Events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, admission £1. Contact Secretary David Knights, 30 Highland Avenue, Acton W3 6EU, Tel: 020 8992 8698. Email: info@actonhistory.co.uk. Website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

**9 June 2010**

**Godfrey's Ghost**, Nicholas Ridley

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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; tel. 020 8597 7210.

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### Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held at Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, London SW14 at 8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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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 for more information.

**10 May 2010**

**The Great North Goods Yard at Kings Cross, A Remarkable Survival**, Malcolm Tucker

**14 June 2010**

**Shop 'Til You Drop. 17<sup>th</sup>-Century London Tokens**, Barrie Cook

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### Bexley Archaeological Group

The Group is open to all likeminded people encouraging those with disabilities to take part in archaeological activities. Anyone may participate in whichever level they want, from a person with just general interest to the experienced field worker. All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent and excavations are carried out at the weekends (Mar-Nov). For further information contact the Chairman, Mr Martin Baker, 24 Valliers Wood Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8BG (020 8300 1752), email: martin.baker@btinternet.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.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk](http://www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk).

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### **Camden History Society**

The society normally meets at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, except August. Venues vary. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Jane Ramsay (020 7586 4436) or visit: [www.camdenhistorysociety.org](http://www.camdenhistorysociety.org)

**27 May 2010**

**History of the London Blue Plaque Scheme**, Howard Spencer (Charlie Ratchford Resource Centre, Belmont Street London NW1)

**15 July 2010**

**Clearing and Repairing Wartime Camden**, Robin Woolven (Charlie Ratchford Resource Centre, Belmont Street London NW1)

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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](mailto:chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com)

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

Society's meetings are held at the hall of St Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane EC3R. 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](http://www.colas.org.uk), email: [mail@colas.org.uk](mailto:mail@colas.org.uk) or text/voicemail 07964694128.

**21 May 2010**

**Copped Hall Excavations**, Christina Holloway

**18 June 2010**

**Roman Glass Making in London**, Angela Wardle

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### **Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society**

The society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northaw 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](mailto:treasurer@cihs.org.uk).

**11 May 2010**

**Avro Vulcan Bomber – Vulcan to the Sky Trust**, Kevin 'Taff' Stone

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### **The Docklands History Group**

Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month in the Museum of London Docklands, No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AL, at

5.30 for 6pm. Visitors are welcome to attend the talks, which are usually illustrated, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, please call 020 7286 0196.

**5 May 2010**

**Reminiscences of 33 Years in the Port of London Authority**, Mike Compton

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**Edmonton Hundred Historical Society**

Talks are free to members, and are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane (at the junction with Chase Side), Enfield, at the Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton N9 and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17. There is a charge of £1 per head for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the Local History Section at the Town Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 (020 8379 2724) or email: edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk.

**19 May 2010**

**Georgian Monken Hadley**, Paul Baker (7.45pm, Jubilee Hall)

**21 July 2010**

**Southgate in Early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Film**, Colin Barrett (7.45pm, Jubilee Hall)

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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 per person). For further information please contact David Willis, Secretary, 43 Millers Green Close, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 7BD.

**14 May 2010**

**The Rose Theatre – New Developments**, Harvey Sheldon

**18 June 2010**

**The Industrial Archaeology of Enfield**, Stephen Gilbert

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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).

**26 May 2010**

**100 Years of the Phoenix Theatre**, Gerry Turvey

**23 June 2010**

**Freemen of the City of London and Liverymen of the Stationers' Company: A Personal View**, Andrea Cameron

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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).

**18 May 2010**

**The Survey of Woolwich – Some New Light on Woolwich Dockyard**, Jonathan Clarke

**22 June 2010**

**London's Lea Valley, Britain's Best Kept Secret**, Jim Lewis

**20 July 2010**

**The Glass Industry in South London**, David Watts

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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)

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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, Stephen Brunning, 1 Reddings Close, Mill Hill, London NW7 4JL (020 8959 6419), [membership@hadas.org.uk](mailto:membership@hadas.org.uk).

**11 May 2010**

**Graeco-Roman Period Funerary Practices in Egypt**, John Johnson

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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)

**12 May 2010**

**Alexandra Palace in Postcards**, Hugh Garnsworthy

**9 June 2010**

**Madame Tussauds and the 1789 Revolution in Wax**, Pamela Philbeam

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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 or visit the website: [www.iahs.org.uk](http://www.iahs.org.uk).

**19 May 2010**

**St Pancras on Time**, Lester Hillman

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

Meetings are held at 8pm in Mayo 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 or e-mail: kutas.archaeology@googlemail.com.

**13 May 2010**

**Excavating Kingston's Past**, Steve Nelson

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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, E11 1HH, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane begin at 8pm. Light refreshments are served 15 minutes before the talks. For further details please contact Maureen Measure, Secretary, L&LHS, 020 8558 5491 or email [measure@btinternet.com](mailto:measure@btinternet.com).

**20 May 2010**

**The History of the Palace of Westminster**, Chris Pond

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### **London Natural History Society**

Indoor meetings usually consist of talks, slide shows or discussions. Most indoor meetings are held at Camley Street Natural Park, Camley Street, London NW1 0PW. It is a short walk from King's Cross and St Pancras stations along Pancras Road. Visitors are very welcome at all meetings. For further information visit [www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm](http://www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm)

**19 May 2010**

**Botany for Beginners**, Mark Spencer (6.30pm)

**17 June 2010**

**Grasses, Sedges and Rushes**, Mark Spencer (6.30pm)

**24 August 2010**

**Cotoneasters and Other Problems**, Ian Kitching & Mark Spencer (6.30pm)

**25 August 2010**

**Identification Workshop: True Bugs**, Tristan Bantock (6.30pm)

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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) or visit the website: [www.lewishamhistory.org.uk](http://www.lewishamhistory.org.uk)

**21 May 2010**

**Thankfull Sturdee and the Deptford Jack**, Sarah Crofts

**25 June 2010**

**Telegraph Hill: The History of a Community**, Malcolm Bacchus

**16 July 2010**

**The Span Houses of South London, Tim Crocker & Charlie Mackeith**

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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 9ET (020 8540 6656) or email [mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk](mailto:mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk)

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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 Pamela Zollicoffer, 46 Newbury Road, Bromley BR2 0QW (020 8402 4157).

**5 May 2010**

**Much Ado About Something in Shoreditch, Jo Lyon**

**2 June 2010**

**A Village Remembered – Changing Village Life Over the Last 120 Years, Monty Parkin**

**7 July 2010**

**The Lost Abbey of Syon, Harvey Sheldon**

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**Pinner Local History Society**

All meetings start at 8pm. Meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £2. For further information please contact Mrs Sheila Cole, 40 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7LD (020 8866 3972) or visit [www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk)

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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 Richard Lee (Hon. Sec.), 38 Ladbrooke Drive, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1QR (01707 652975).

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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 or visit the website: [www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk)

**14 May 2010**

**Meet the Ancestors: Some Interesting Anglo-Saxons from Sedgeford, Martin Hatton & Sophie Beckett**

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### **Richmond Local History Society**

All meetings are held at Duke Street Baptist Church, Richmond, usually at 8pm with coffee available from 7.30pm (see below for specific times). Non-members are welcome, admission £1. For further information please contact the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825) rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk or see the website: [www.richmondhistory.org.uk](http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk).

**17 May 2010**

**The Railway Journey in Art**, Graham Boyes

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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/>

**26 May 2010**

**London's Docklands and the Worst Street in London**, Fiona Rule

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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)

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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.

**11 May 2010**

**Berkhamsted Trades and Industries Through the Ages**, Jenny Sherwood

**18 May 2010**

**The Five Churches at Waltham Abbey and the Development of the Town**, Peter Huggins

**28 May 2010**

**The Fair Majestic Paradise of Stowe – Stowe House and Landscape Gardens**, Andrew Rudolph

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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 Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, London N21. 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 The Housing Co-Op Hall, 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. For enquires please call 020 8764 8314.

**11 May 2010**

**A History of the London Postal Service**, Brian Bloice

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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).

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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 Sheila Lowe, 62 Walton Drive, Harrow HA1 4XA.

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### **Streatham Society**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</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)).

**17 May 2010**

**The Day it Rained Crabs and Frogs**, Ian Currie

**7 June 2010**

**Bygone Streatham**, John Brown

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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 in Sunbury. Any queries should be addressed to Geoff French (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), 18 Burchetts Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9BS (01932 245774).

**18 May 2010**

**Old Films of Shepperton**, Nick Pollard

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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, [www.thethorneyislandsociety.co.uk](http://www.thethorneyislandsociety.co.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 first 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 (020 8878 7041) or visit our website <http://www.botlhs.co.uk>

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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 or visit [www.eddiethecomputer.co.uk/history](http://www.eddiethecomputer.co.uk/history)

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#### **Walthamstow Historical Society**

Our meetings take place once a month and are held in the Main Hall at Greenleaf Road Baptist Church, Walthamstow, London E17 (just off Hoe Street near Ye Olde Rose & Crown PH). The meetings are free to members. Visitors are welcome but we ask for £1.50. For further details please visit us at [www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org)

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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). For more information, visit the website: [www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk)

**28 May 2010**

**Thames Discovery Programme, Natalie Cohen**

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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).

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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 Honorary Secretary, Mrs Pam Carter, 84 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0AX (020 8205 3263) or e-mail [Philgrant69@aol.com](mailto:Philgrant69@aol.com).

**21 May 2010**

**The Air-Co Rag – Photographs and Artwork from the Aircraft Manufacturing Company's In-house Magazine, 1917-1920, Malcolm Barres-Baker**

**18 June 2010**

**Showbiz Brent**, Terry Lomas

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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 Cyril Wroth (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 854597).

**25 May 2010**

**The Humorous Side of Being an Actor**, Jonathan Fryer

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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 7.45pm. New members welcome. For further information, please contact Anne Stacey, 20B Grove Hill, South Woodford E18 2JG (020 8989 9294).

**17 May 2010**

**Babylon – its Myths and History**, Irving Finkel

**14 June 2010**

**Bronze Age Jewellery**, Ben Roberts

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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, 51 West Ella Road, London NW10 9PT (020 8965 7230) or visit: [www.willesden-local-history.co.uk](http://www.willesden-local-history.co.uk)

**19 May 2010**

**Girl Guiding in Willesden**, speaker tbc

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