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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter: Copy Dates*

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 17 November 2008 (for the January 2009 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.

#### **2 October 2008**

**Pollen Analysis and Archaeology in the Thames Valley**, Dr Michael Keith-Lucas, Lecturer, Reading University (joint lecture with LNHS)

#### **6 November 2008**

**Archaeological Assemblages from 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Houses**, Nigel Jeffries, Ceramic Specialist, MoLAS

#### **4 December 2008**

**Revisiting the Temple of Mithras and St Swithin's House - New Discoveries on 'Old' Sites**, Sophie Jackson, Senior Project Manager, MoLAS

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### **Welcome to the New LAMAS President: Caroline Barron**

We were delighted to welcome Professor Caroline Barron as President of LAMAS at the AGM in February 2008. She is Professorial Research Fellow at Royal Holloway College and is a distinguished medieval historian, with a particular interest in the history of the City of London. Her book *London in the Later Middle Ages - Government and People*

*1200-1500*, published to wide acclaim in 2004, unravels the complex development of City government from the days of the Commune to Tudor times, based on a thorough analysis of City records. She has also turned her attention to the minutiae of particular parts of London. *The Parish of St Andrew Holborn* (1979) written with Penelope Hunting and Jane Roscoe, shows her as a skilled local historian and *The Medieval Guildhall of London* (1974) demonstrates her interest in historic buildings, another strand in the fabric of LAMAS. She has long been a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, which has the major library for archaeological research in the country, linking her with archaeologists as well as historians. Caroline Barron is eminently suited to be our president. She took over at the AGM with confidence and charm and we look forward to a fruitful period with her at our head.

*Eileen Bowlt, Chair of LAMAS Council*

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### **Local History Committee News**

This year's Local History Conference will be on 15 November, on the subject of **London Recorded**. The theatre at the Museum of London will still be closed, so we will be returning to the City of London School for Girls, also within the Barbican complex. Details of the programme, including ticket booking, can be found at the centre of this *Newsletter*. Exhibition space booking forms will be circulated to Affiliated Societies.

The committee is seeking new members – the meetings are not too frequent, the duties not too onerous. Members attend either as a representative of their Local History Society or as an individual member of LAMAS. The Committee is responsible for both presenting concerns specific to Local History to LAMAS Council, as well as disseminating that Council's decisions in the opposite direction to the Affiliated Societies. We also co-ordinate the Local History Publications Award and arrange the Annual Local History Conference – which regularly gains an audience of over 250 delegates. Anyone interested should please contact me:

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### **Dust Off Those Archives... *London Archaeologist* Funding Programme**

*London Archaeologist* is piloting a new grant-funding programme this year to encourage publication of research, excavations and other projects in the London region. The grants will be administered by the City of

London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT), using the CoLAT guidelines, application process and forms, and can be for any amount up to £3000. *London Archaeologist* hopes that the money can be used to get interesting work – whether a society’s 1970s excavation, a student’s diploma essay work or a specialist’s pet subject – into print, for example by funding publication quality drawings, photographs, plans, charts or computer reconstructions. Depending on length, either the article or a summary can be published in *London Archaeologist*. The closing date for applications for grants for use in 2009 is 10 October 2008, and all the information and application forms can be found on their website <http://www.colat.org.uk/>.

*John Schofield*

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### **Developing a Research Strategy for London’s Historic Environment**

Work is now underway on the development of a research strategy for the historic environment of Greater London. Many of you will already be familiar with two earlier documents, the resource assessment (*The Archaeology of Greater London*, Museum of London 2000) and the research agenda (*A research framework for London archaeology*, Museum of London 2002), and the research strategy will form the third and final piece of the jigsaw.

The work is being supported by English Heritage as part of their initiative to establish regional research frameworks nationally. More than anything else, the London research strategy project is a massive consultation exercise. It hopes to identify the big opportunities and challenges ahead of us for the coming five years, and it is up to everyone, whether amateur or professional, to say what they think are the most important issues. The resulting strategy should provide the basis for:

- more effective management of the historic environment resource, supporting local authority decision-making
- identifying research priorities to help focus scarce resources, whilst facilitating collaborative research and creating additional research opportunities
- realising the potential of London’s historic environment records and archives
- identifying ways to improve the dissemination of research to the widest range of users

It is important that the research strategy builds on what has already been achieved whilst also helping participants to tap into the enormous potential for further research at a synthetic level. It should promote a broad range of research initiatives, involving archaeologists, historians and other academics as well as conservation and local government

officers, members of community groups, education authorities and the general public, opening up new funding streams and opportunities.

The consultation started in June with a series of seminars at the LAARC. You may have received an invitation to one of these and perhaps have already attended a discussion. If not then you still have time to contribute, as the consultation will continue until the autumn. Research is of course a big topic so we have tried to get the ball rolling and prompt some debate by drafting a review of recent research to provide some examples of ongoing work and prompt you to tell us what is missing.

The research review and other project information, including a web forum and a questionnaire, can be found on a dedicated project website, hosted and maintained by the LAARC at:

[www.museumoflondonarchaeology.org.uk/English/ArchiveResearch/ResearchStrat](http://www.museumoflondonarchaeology.org.uk/English/ArchiveResearch/ResearchStrat)

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive further information and a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Adam Corsini or Roy Stephenson at the LAARC, Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7ED (020 7566 9307).

Following the consultation a research strategy document will be posted on the website and circulated for further comment. The document will be completed in early 2009, with publication to follow, but that won't mark the end of the project, which will be the subject of active review through annual seminars and a website.

If you have any comments or suggestions right now or later on, please do send them to us at [resstrat@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:resstrat@museumoflondon.org.uk). We will be posting information and regular updates about the project on the website so have a look and please take part.

*Peter Rowsome and Laura Schaaf for the project team*

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### **Heritage at Risk**

In July 2008 English Heritage launched its Register of England's Historic Environment at Risk. It is creating the first all-encompassing register of the country's neglected or decaying historic treasures and introducing new ways to save them.

The Heritage At Risk initiative is based on the success of English Heritage's Buildings at Risk Register. Published annually since 1998, this Register has transformed the approach taken by English Heritage itself, the other conservation bodies, local authorities and owners to saving Grade I and Grade II\* listed buildings. The new Heritage At Risk

Register aims to extend this winning formula to Grade II buildings, scheduled monuments, archaeology, historic landscapes, parks and gardens, places of worship, conservation areas, battlefields and even designated maritime wrecks, in fact any bit of England's protected heritage which is deemed to be at risk of loss through decay or damage.

Heritage At Risk 2008 comprises a summary document covering listed buildings, monuments, landscapes, parks, gardens, battlefields and designated wrecks at risk. There is a Register with detailed entries of Grade I and II\* buildings, Grade II buildings in London, battlefields and wrecks at risk. Heritage At Risk 2009 will include all of the above plus scheduled monuments and conservation areas at risk. Heritage At Risk 2010 will include all of the above plus places of worship at risk. The Heritage At Risk Register will eventually contain details of each individual item at risk once owners have been contacted. Heritage At Risk is also available on English Heritage's website, which includes links to registers of listed buildings at risk kept by some local authorities.

Find out more on the English Heritage website:  
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.19074>  
*English Heritage*

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### **Shakespeare's First Theatre Uncovered in Shoreditch**

In one of the most exciting finds of recent years, Museum of London archaeologists have unearthed the remains of what is believed to be one of London's earliest playhouses, and Shakespeare's first, in Shoreditch. By an amazing coincidence, the discovery was actually made during excavations on a site being prepared for the building of a new theatre for the Tower Theatre Company.

It has long been known that an open air playhouse, called The Theatre, stood in this area, but traces of its exact location have proved elusive. A venture of the travelling player James Burbage, it was one of London's first dedicated playhouses when it opened in 1576, and it was here that a young William Shakespeare trod the boards as part of The Lord Chamberlain's Men company of players, and had his first plays performed. A tenancy dispute led to The Theatre being dismantled and its timbers transported south of the river, where they were used to construct The Globe in 1599.

Museum of London Archaeology Service, whose previous excavations at the sites of the Rose, Globe and Hope theatres, and earlier work on The Theatre, has helped map out the Shakespearian city, found the footings of what appears to be part of a polygonal structure during their evaluation of

the site at New Inn Broadway, Shoreditch. The shape, age and location of these remains all point to their being part of the lost Theatre. It is thought that they form the north-eastern corner of the building.

The Tower Theatre Company will be working with Hackney planning officers and English Heritage to ensure that the design of the new building enables the archaeology to be retained in situ.

*Museum of London Press Department*

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## ARTICLE

### **Roman Finds go on Display at Lullingstone Roman Villa**

Rare decorated glass gaming counters discovered at Lullingstone Roman Villa around 60 years ago are among the 240 artefacts on public display at the site at Eynsford, Kent, which re-opened in July following a year-long refurbishment and re-presentation project.

Working with some of the original excavators who discovered the objects during digs at the site from the late 1940s until 1961, English Heritage has brought together the varied collection of finds to shed light on the way the affluent Romans who occupied the villa – one of the most important and complete in Britain – are believed to have lived, worked, worshipped and relaxed.

Other improvements include re-cladding the building and installing special display cases for the objects. Lively interpretation panels bringing the Roman occupation to life feature a series of illustrations by award-winning children's illustrator Jane Ray and to engage younger visitors, there are interactive objects ranging from a handling collection of Roman artefacts to tesserae cubes to make into mosaics.

The highlight of the new interpretation is a sound and light show, which dramatically illuminates the ruined villa from above whilst telling its story. Visitors can look down as the lights pick out rooms, from the bath suite to the *triclinium*, or dining room, as well as the villa's crowning glory, a superb mosaic floor laid during the 4<sup>th</sup> century, which vividly depicts scenes from ancient mythology.

The majority of the artefacts have not been seen since they went on display after excavation in the 1950s, including a remarkable collection of grave goods discovered in a mausoleum containing the bodies of a man and woman who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and who both died in their mid-twenties. Their above average heights – she was 168cm/5ft 6in tall and he measured 178cm/5ft 10in – is consistent with their high status, reflecting better diets and living conditions than the norm.

Objects buried with them include 30 gaming counters, which were possibly used for the game *ludus duodecim scripta* (a game similar to backgammon) and placed with the body for entertainment during the journey to the afterlife. They were found on the lid of the man's shell-embossed lead coffin alongside a head carved into bone. This was believed to represent a goddess providing protection, or possibly the snake-haired gorgon Medusa (in Greek mythology, Medusa's blood was used to revive the dead). Displayed with his skeleton, other finds from the mausoleum include a glass bottle with dolphin handles, flagons thought to have contained water or wine for the journey, silver spoons and a wooden keg.

Improved amenities for visitors have also been installed, including a new shop and tea bar and an Education Room with floor to ceiling windows overlooking the villa for the thousands of schoolchildren who visit the site each year.

Lullingstone Roman Villa was a prosperous working farm, occupied for over 300 years. It went through four phases of development before being abandoned in the early 5<sup>th</sup> century and contains some of the best evidence for the transition from pagan beliefs to the adoption of Christianity in Britain. A house-church is located directly above a cult room still containing a niche with a painted scene of water nymphs for pagan worship, illustrating that the villa's occupants came to embrace Christianity, possibly whilst still worshipping other gods. A cross-shaped chi-rho found within the house-church is one of the oldest early Christian symbols ever discovered in Britain.

A vast array of objects have gone on display at the villa, which represent every aspect of daily life for the villa's occupants – from intricate jewellery, tools, coins and pots to dishes and jugs for holding and storing food, wine and water. There are harness fittings, suggesting that horses and oxen were kept at the villa, writing implements and even keys and padlocks, which indicate there were items of value to lock up – further evidence that people of wealth and importance occupied the site. Research suggests that one of two marble busts of bearded men found at Lullingstone (the originals are now at the British Museum) may be of Pertinax, governor of Britain in AD 185-6 and Emperor for three months in AD193. The other bust dates from around AD170, some 20 years earlier than the other and may represent Pertinax's father.

One of four skeletons of babies discovered at Lullingstone is on display. Dating from the late 2<sup>nd</sup> century, it was found buried south of the bath suite. Children who were still-born or died under 10 days old tended not

to be buried in a proper grave and they were regarded as having no legal existence.

Animal remains too are on show, including the skeleton of a large dog, possibly a lurcher, with osteoarthritis in one leg, and one of two geese skeletons discovered in a pit near the kitchen. Aligned north and south, they may have been sacrificed at winter solstice to encourage the gods to speed the return of summer.

Although it was known that a Roman site existed at Lullingstone during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the exact location was not found until 1939 and excavations did not begin until after World War II, in 1949. The excavations were led by Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Wells Meates, Ernest Greenfield and Edwyn Birchenough. They were supported by a large team of volunteers, some of whom returned to Lullingstone every summer to uncover more of the villa – it is thought that there are still undiscovered structures. In recognition of its importance, the site was taken into state guardianship in the 1950s and a building erected before it re-opened to the public in 1963.

Lullingstone Roman Villa is open daily from 10am-6pm until 30 September; from 10am-4pm from 1 October to 30 November; from 10am-4pm on Wednesdays to Sundays from 1 December to 31 January 2009 (closed 24-26 December and 1 January) and from 10am-4pm daily from 1 February to 31 March 2009. Admission is £5.50 for adults, £4.40 for concessions, £2.80 for children and £13.80 for a family ticket. Admission is free for English Heritage members and under 5s.

The site is ½ mile SW of Eynsford, near Sevenoaks, Kent (DA4 0JA) off the A225; off junction 3 of the M25. For more information, visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/lullingstone](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/lullingstone) or call 0870 333 1181.

*English Heritage*

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## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

**New MoLAS Book: *London's Delftware Industry: the tin-glazed pottery industries of Southwark and Lambeth*** (Monograph 40) by Kieron Tyler, Ian Betts & Roy Stephenson (2008), ISBN 978-1-901992-76-2, 138pp. 174 black & white/colour illustrations. Price: £15.95

Documentary and archaeological evidence is combined for five tin-glazed ware production sites on the south bank of the Thames – Montague Close, Pickleherring, Rotherhithe, Norfolk House and Glasshouse Street. Tin-glazed ware or 'delftware' manufacture began in London c 1570 and ceased at Glasshouse Street in 1846. The products of each manufactory

are detailed in illustrated catalogues of vessel forms and styles, and tile designs. London's tin glaze industry was remarkably homogeneous: the pothouses manufactured much the same range of products as each other, making provenance a key issue. Scientific analysis has demonstrated that each manufactory produced goods with a unique chemical fingerprint, making attribution to individual pothouses possible.

The publication of this English Heritage funded book was marked by a Delftware Study Day at Mortimer Wheeler House organised with the LARRC and the Museum of London events team.

Full details of all MoLAS publications can be seen their website: <http://www.museumoflondonarchaeology.org.uk/English/Resources/Publications/pubsform.htm>

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**New Book: *John Penn and Sons of Greenwich* by Richard Hartree, with an Epilogue by Prudence Penn**

This book, written by a descendant of John Penn I, tells the story of this famous marine engineering firm and of three generations of the Penn family through the 1800s. The Epilogue tells of the family's service in The Royal Household in the 1900s.

When John Penn II died in 1878 the *Kentish Mercury and Greenwich Gazette* wrote of him as 'Greenwich's greatest son'. In 1799 his father, John Penn I, had started an agricultural engineering business on the site at the junction of Blackheath and Lewisham Roads, which in 20 years grew to be one of the major engineering works in the London area.

John II was apprenticed in the firm and became a partner in the early 1830s. His design of oscillating engine for paddle steamers and his patented trunk engine for naval screw propelled ships coupled with the quality and reliability of the firm's products led it to become the major engine supplier to the Royal Navy in the transition from sail to steam. His patented design of a wood propeller shaft stern bearing was vital to the worldwide use of steam-powered ships. The firm was a major local employer with, at its peak, 1800 employed at its Greenwich and Deptford works. In addition to achieving success for the firm John II also became a leading figure in the engineering profession. He was succeeded by his two elder sons. John Penn III became MP for Lewisham in 1891 and served until his death in 1903.

In Greenwich today we can see John Penn Street, which ran down one side of the works site and the Penn Almshouses in South Street, which were built in 1884 in memory of John Penn II. In Deptford we can see the

arched riverfront of the boiler works and a cast iron bollard set into the wall at the corner of Watergate Street and Borthwick Street. In Blackheath we can see John Penn II's grand house 'The Cedars', now converted into flats, and in the Lewisham the Riverdale Mill, which was on John Penn I's property.

The book is available at the Greenwich Heritage Centre, The Greenwich Tourist Information Centre, Maritime Books at 66 Royal Hill, and from the author on 01295 788215 or richard@hartree.org.uk.

*Greenwich Industrial History Society*

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### **Historical Survey of Camden Completed**

After 35 years, the mammoth task of surveying the history of every street in the London Borough of Camden, right back to Roman times, has been completed. With the publication of *Streets of Highgate* in December 2007, the Camden History Society brought to completion a project unique amongst London boroughs and probably throughout the country.

Soon after the Camden History Society was formed in 1970, after the merging of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hampstead, St Pancras and part of Holborn, Christopher Wade and a small band of enthusiasts researched the history underlying the streets of present-day Hampstead and in 1972 *The Streets of Hampstead* (first edition) was published. The book has been revised and updated twice since then, and the third edition appeared in 2000. In each of the 10 districts covered since then, the book describes the structure of the manorial or prebendal estates on which the streets were constructed; any churches, institutions, businesses that appear, or have appeared and been demolished; the name and character of the builders; and a short biography of notable residents.

The books are available from **CHS Publications Manager**

Flat 13, 13 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SH (020 7388 9889), prices available on request.

*Dr F Peter Woodford*

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## **CONFERENCES AND COURSES**

**British Academy Hearth Tax Project  
Life and Living in Later Stuart London  
6 September 2008, 9.15 am – 6pm  
Roehampton University London**

**Friends in the City: The Establishment of the London Quaker Community, 1660-1714, Simon Dixon**

**Using the Hearth Tax to Understand London's Buildings: An Overview and Some Instances from the Survey of London, Peter Guillery & Colin Thom**

**People and Place in Restoration London, Vanessa Harding**

**Gone from the Parish?: Duration of Residence in Later Stuart London, Mark Merry**

**Home is Where the Hearth is? Exploring the Uses and Meanings of the Hearth in Restoration London, Sara Pennell**

**Taxing the 'Vitals of the Commonwealth': London in the 1690s, Craig Spence**

Conference fee of £15 (£7.50 conc) includes lunch, refreshments and wine reception. For more details and to register, visit [www.roehampton.ac.uk/hearthtax](http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/hearthtax). Please make cheques payable to 'Roehampton University' and send to: John Price, British Academy Hearth Tax Project, School of Arts, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton University, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5UP.

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**Society of Glass Technology  
Annual Conference  
10-12 September 2008  
University of Cambridge**

This conference will feature in-depth sessions on aspects of glass science, glass technology, the history and heritage of glass, including medieval and Victorian glass, and a forum for new research.

Visit the website for a full programme:

<http://www.cambridge2008.sgthome.co.uk/pages/Programme.htm>

Attending the one-day History and Heritage Session on 10 September costs £35. The cost for the full conference is £325, though there is a substantial concession for students or retired people at £130. Contact details for the Society of Glass Technology are: Unit 9, Twelve O'Clock Court, 21 Attercliffe Road, Sheffield S4 7WW, UK Tel: 0114 263 4455 Fax: 0114 263 4411, Email: [info@stg.org](mailto:info@stg.org)

Further information can be found on the following websites:

Society of Glass Technology: [www.sgt.org](http://www.sgt.org)

Association for the History of Glass: [www.historyofglass.org.uk](http://www.historyofglass.org.uk)

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**Council for Kentish Archaeology  
Roman Discoveries in Kent and London  
25 October 2008  
The Powell Lecture Theatre  
Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury**

**The Early Roman Cemetery at Tollgate Near Gravesend, Tim Allen**

**The Hoard of Roman Metal Vessels Found in a Well at Drapers' Gardens, Neil Hawkins**

**Roman Canterbury, Paul Bennett**

Tickets: £4, available in advance from Council for Kentish Archaeology, 7 Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8HP, with an S.A.E. Website: [www.the-cka.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.the-cka.fsnet.co.uk)

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## LECTURES AND EVENTS

### Lambeth Local History Forum Heritage Walks in South London 2008

These walks are organised by member organisations of the Lambeth Local History Forum, which promotes an interest in the heritage of Lambeth. Walks usually last about two hours and are mostly free, though donations are welcome.

#### 7 September 2008

**Herne Hill Heritage Trail: All Saints' to St Faith's**, Robert Holden (2pm, meet at All Saints' Church, Rosendale Road)

#### 14 September 2008

**Ferndale**, Alan Piper (2.30pm, meet at Clapham North Station)

#### 21 September 2008

**South Norwood Country Park**, May Johnson (2.30pm, meet at Stanley Halls, South Norwood Hill)

#### 5 October 2008

**All Saints' to Crown Point**, Richard Lines (2.30pm, meet at All Saints' Church, Upper Norwood)

#### 5 October 2008

**Nightingale Lane**, John Rattray (2.30pm, meet at Clapham South Station)

#### 12 October 2008

**Brockwell Park Autumn Walk** (2pm, meet at Brockwell Park Clock Tower)

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### Events at the Women's Library London Metropolitan University Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT September 2008

#### 11 September 2008

**Women Transport Pioneers in the *Gaumont Graphic* Newsreels (1910-1932)**, Jude Cowan Montagu (7pm, £6/£4 concs)

The *Gaumont Graphic*, held by ITN Source on behalf of Reuters, is a silent newsreel that played at British cinemas from 1910 to 1932. Using excerpts of footage, this talk looks at some of the pioneers who changed the face of travel and transport.

#### 27 September 2008

**Playing the Game: Women's Participation in Sport** (10am to 4pm, £20 /£15 concs)

This one day symposium takes place in the centenary year of the first London-based Olympic Games, in which just 37 female athletes competed compared with 1,971 men. The day explores the history of women's participation in physical education and

media representations of female sporting bodies, followed by a chance to look at original material from The Women's Library collections.

To book, phone 020 7320 2222 or email [moreinfo@thewomenslibrary.ac.uk](mailto:moreinfo@thewomenslibrary.ac.uk) giving your name, the events you want to book and a contact number and they will call you back. Alternatively, book in person at The Women's Library reception desk. Or, book by post, sending details of the date/event for which tickets are required, any concession details, and a cheque payable to The Women's Library. Concessionary rates are available for full-time students, Staff of London Metropolitan University, Senior Citizens and ES40-holders. Please bring relevant ID when attending events. For more information, visit the website: [www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk](http://www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk)

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**London Open House Weekend  
20 & 21 September 2008**

This year's event will once again reveal the fabric of London in all its diversity: opening eyes and minds to the architectural gems, contemporary design and areas of urban change that define the city today. In celebration of design excellence, an incredible 700 buildings and architectural walks and talks are featured, giving Londoners the opportunity to experience architecture up close and be part of a capital-wide idea for one weekend in the year. The creative teams that design, construct, conserve and regenerate the capital will also be on hand to share their expertise, insight and ideas, and explore the biggest issues facing the modern city. Alongside this are special programmes, activities and publications.

For more information and to book events, see their website:  
<http://www.openhouse.org.uk/public/london/event.html>

The contact details for Open House are:  
Open House, 44-46 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4HH (020 3006 7008), email:  
[admin@openhouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@openhouse.org.uk)

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**Camden Local Studies & Archives  
Open Day  
Wednesday 24 September 2008  
10am – 5pm**

The Local Studies and Archives Centre is the place to come to discover the history of the London Borough of Camden from its earliest days to the present. They have thousands of items including maps, pictures, newspapers, electoral registers, directories, books, pamphlets and ephemera. If you are interested in family history or house research or any aspect of Camden's history come along to the special Open Day. They are offering this rare opportunity for people to see behind the scenes at the Centre. There will be guided tours of the collections and storage areas at 10.30am and 3.30pm including demonstrations in the conservation workshop. There will also be a talk on Family History Sources in the Centre at 12.00pm and another on 'Little Italy': the Italian Quarter in Holborn at 2.30pm. At 1pm there will be a guided walk around part of the Holborn area. Throughout the day people can have access to on-line resources such as The Times On-Line and Ancestry.com. No need to book just turn up on the day!

For information contact: Aidan Flood, Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA (020 7974 6342), email: aidan.flood@camden.gov.uk, website: www.camden.gov.uk/localstudies

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**London Maze 2008  
Guildhall Art Gallery  
11 October 2008**

The London Maze is a free local history fair devoted to London and its past. With dozens of stalls from libraries, archives, museums and local history societies, specialist talks, guided walks and a wide range of activities this fun and educational free event has something for everyone.

LAMAS is having its usual stall at this event, with publications to buy and an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Society. The Museum of London is also running a stall, which will be specially set up in the Roman amphitheatre, with finds from the Guildhall excavations and guided tours of the amphitheatre remains. More details of the events and stall holders will be posted soon on the City of London Corporation website: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

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**Sutton Hoo Society Day Conference  
Arts, Crafts and Words in the Anglo-Saxon Mead Hall:  
'The Roots of English Culture'  
25 October 2008**

**Woodbridge Conference Centre, Suffolk**

For more information, contact Lindsey Lee, Chair, Sutton Hoo Society, c/o Membership Secretary, 32 Mariners Way, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5QH, email: info@suttonhoo.org, website: www.suttonhoo.org.

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## **GALLERIES AND EXHIBITIONS**

**Wellcome Collection  
Skeletons: London's Buried Bones  
Until 28 September 2008**

Drawn from the Museum of London's astonishing collection of 17,000 skeletons spanning 16 centuries, this free exhibition examines the bones of 26 individuals who lived, died and were buried in our city. The skeletons reflect London's rich past and varied social geography - from the affluent district of Chelsea to the Cross Bones cemetery in Southwark, believed to have been established originally as a graveyard for prostitutes. Through careful forensic analysis by the team at the Museum of London, each skeleton reveals its own story, allowing us fascinating insights into the times in which they lived and the health hazards of the day - from syphilis to smallpox and rickets.

For more information contact:

Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE (020 7611 2222), email: info@wellcomecollection.org, website: www.wellcomecollection.org

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## LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Acton History Group

Events on the second 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](mailto:info@actonhistory.co.uk).

**10 September 2008**

**Lost Railways of Middlesex**, Mike Hall

**8 October 2008**

**A Bottle of Guinness Please**, David Hughes

**12 November 2008**

**The Seven Stations of Acton**, Don Kennedy & Thomas Doran

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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](mailto: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 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](http://www.barnes-history.org.uk)

**18 September 2008**

**The Story of Mr Waite and Mr Rose**, Janet Hobbs

**16 October 2008**

**The Evolution of the English Manorial System**, Lt Col J. W. Molyneux-Child

**20 November 2008**

**Kensington to Castelnau via Rome - a 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Grand Tour**, Irene Cockcroft

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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.

**8 September 2008**

**Come in to the Garden, an Historical Look at Gardens and Gardeners in the Borough of Barnet**, Jasmine Webb

**13 October 2008**

**Quislings and Resistance after 1066**, Lucy Johnston

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### Bexley Archaeological Group

The Group is open to all likeminded people encouraging those with disabilities to take part in the 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.ChiswickW4.com](http://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).

#### **18 September 2008**

**Folklore in Camden and Elsewhere in London**, Antony Clayton (7.30pm, Burgh House, New End Square)

#### **9 October 2008**

**Thomas Gray, Anatomist, and his Famous *Anatomy***, Ruth Richardson (7.30pm, Clore Education Centre, Foundling Museum)

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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 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](http://www.colas.org.uk) or email: [mail@colas.org.uk](mailto:mail@colas.org.uk).

#### **19 September 2008**

**Channel Rail Link Investigations in the Lea Valley**, Andy Crockett

#### **17 October 2008**

**The Excavations at Drapers' Gardens**, Neil Hawkins

#### **21 November 2008**

**The Archaeology of Jamestown, USA**, Geoff Egan

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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.

#### **9 September 2008**

**St Pancras Station 1865-2007. A Journey Through History**, Roderick Shelton

#### **14 October 2008**

**The Olympic Site 2012. The Lea Valley Transformed**, Denis Smith

#### **11 November 2008**

**Nostalgic Archive Film Featuring Railways, Industry and Other Items**, Frank Banfield

#### **9 December 2008**

**The British Steam Preservation Scene**, David Eatwell

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### **The Docklands History Group**

Meetings during 2008 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month in the Museum in 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, contact the Hon. Secretary: John Gamet, 39 Oakfield Lane, Keston, Kent BR2 6BY (01689 851982). Forthcoming talks are:

#### **4 September 2008**

**Pitchers Dockyard 1789-1865**, Ken McGoverin

#### **2 October 2008**

**The History of Steam Tug *Portwey***, Barrie Sanderson

#### **6 November 2008**

**Skiffs**, Edward Sargent & Chris Ellmers

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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).

#### **17 September 2008**

**John Walker of Arnos Grove 1766-1824. An Enlightened Gentleman**, Ruby Galili

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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.

**19 September 2008**

**Here Be Dragons. A History of Fear in the Landscape**, Tim Harper

**17 October 2008**

**19<sup>th</sup>-Century London Cemeteries**, Ken Worpole

**14 November 2008**

**St Andrew's Church – The Early Church and its Context**, Daniel Secker

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#### **The Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery**

Lectures are held in the Dissenters' Chapel at Kensal Green Cemetery (entrance from Ladbroke 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).

**24 September 2008**

**The Hampstead Garden Suburb Story**, Rosemary Roome

**22 October 2008**

**A Historic Gallimaufry**, John Heathfield

**26 November 2008**

**A Brief History of London Underground**, Peter McMahon

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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).

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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)

**16 September 2008**

**The History of RAF Northolt**, Sgt Mike Bristow

**21 October 2008**

**Kew in Historic Views**, J. L. S. Keesing

**18 November 2008**

**Feltham – A Medieval Village**, James Marshall

**9 December 2008**

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

**14 October 2008**

**Community Archaeology in Greater London. Outreach Work and Excavations at Prescott Street**, Lorna Richardson

**11 November 2008**

**Bletchley Park: Enigma – How Cracking the Enemy Codes Led to the World's First Computer**, Hugh Davies

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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)

**10 September 2008**

**Lotus Cars and Hornsey**, Mark Lawrence

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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.

**15 October 2008**

**A Teenager at War**, Harley Sherlock

**19 November 2008**

**London's Gasholders: Works of Art and Engineering**, Malcolm Tucker

**10 December 2008**

**Dickens in Love**, John Dunne & Andrew Gardener

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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.

**11 September 2008**

**Timber-Framed Buildings in Surrey**, Martin Higgins

**9 October 2008**

**Excavations at Hatch Furlong**, Jon Cotton

**13 November 2008**

**Leather in Archaeology**, Margaret Broomfield

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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.

**18 September 2008**

**The East End and Essex in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century**, Derek Morris

**9 October 2008**

**The Black Ancestors of Ron Allen**, Raymond Draper interviews Ron Allen

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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)

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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).

**26 September 2008**

**The Story of Bethlam**, Caroline Smith

**31 October 2008**

**Black Communities and People in South East London 1650-1950**, David Killingray

**28 November 2008**

**Watermen and Lightermen in the Upper Thames**, David Bloomfield

**12 December 2008**

**Lewisham's Plaques**, John Hughes

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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).

**11 October 2008**

**More Mitcham Memories**, Eric Montague (2.30pm, Mitcham Parish Centre)

**8 November 2008**

**Cannon Hill Common**, Carolyn Heathcote (2.30pm, St James' Church Hall)

**6 December 2008**

**The History of Scotland Yard**, Maggie Bird (2.30pm, Raynes Park Library Hall)

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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).

**3 September 2008**

**The Story of Sevenoaks Market**, Monty Parkin

**1 October 2008**

**The Lost Roman Villa at Wanstead Park, Redbridge**, John Shepherd

**5 November 2008**

**Pompeii and Herculaneum: Their Life and Death**, Paul Roberts

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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)

**4 September 2008**

**From Cogs to Crotchets: The Story of Mechanical Musical Instruments**, Arthur W. J. G. Ord-Hume (Main)

**2 October 2008**

**The Life of Dr Johnson**, Stephanie Pickford (Main)

**6 November 2008**

**London Before London**, Jon Cotton (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).

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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.

**12 September 2008**

**Fulham Palace: A Resume of Archaeology and Research**, Keith Whitehouse

**10 October 2008**

**The Prescott Street Excavation and Digital Outreach Project**, Lorna Richardson

**14 November 2008**

**A Bite of the Past**, Melanie Parker & Jelena Bekvalac

**12 December 2008**

**Bermondsey Abbey: Ten Years of Excavation**, Alistair Douglas

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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

**8 October 2008**

**Horses, Women and Great Houses: William Cavendish, First Duke of Newcastle, 1593-1676**, Lucy Worsley

**12 November 2008**

**Tea on the Dot of Four: Richmond in the 20s and 30s**, Bryan Govett

**10 December 2008**

**Prince Frederick and his Family at Kew**, Susanne Groom

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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/>

**24 September 2008**

**The Rotherhithe Road Tunnel Centenary Year**, Chris Bambridge

**29 October 2008**

**Octavia Hill – Her Work on Housing in Southwark and Lambeth**, Len Reilly

**26 November 2008**

**Leather Trade in Bermondsey**, Jenny Howells

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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)

**15 September 2008**

**Kew Palace: Bringing Britain's Small Royal Residence Back to Life**, Lee Prosser

**20 October 2008**

**Ruislip: An Early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Garden Suburb**, Eileen M. Bowlt

**17 November 2008**

**History of London's Water Supply and Kew Bridge Steam Museum**, Ron Howes

**15 December 2008**

**Fingerprints and Before**, Ken Butler

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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 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).

**18 October 2008**

**An MP's View of Southgate: Past, Present and Future**, David Burrowes MP (Open Meeting at Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, Southgate, N14, 2.30pm)

**5 November 2008**

**Local Snippets from *The Recorder***, David Cooper (Friends Meeting House, Winchmore Hill, 7.30pm)

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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.

**14 October 2008**

**The Archaeology of Standing Buildings**, Andrew Westman

**11 November 2008**

**Montague Close Excavations 40 Years On**, Graham Dawson

**9 December 2008**

**Local Museums and The Heritage, Dennis Turner**

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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 Sylvia Baker on 020 8907 5727.

**3 September 2008**

**The History and Work of Kew Gardens, J. L. S. Keesing**

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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)).

**1 September 2008**

**Streatham: Origins and Early History, Graham Gower**

**15 September 2008**

**Working with Local Government, John Kerridge**

**6 October 2008**

**Historic Clapham, Michael Green**

**20 October 2008**

**Sex and Scandal in Sydenham, Steve Grindlay**

**3 November 2008**

**Behind the Scenes at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Briony Hudson**

**17 November 2008**

**You Lucky People! An A-Z of Streatham's Entertainers, Tony Fletcher**

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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.

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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>

**6 October 2008**

**Victorian Ancestors**, George Smith

**3 November 2008**

**The Restoration of Strawberry Hill**, Anna Chalcroft

**1 December 2008**

**Henrietta Howard at Marble Hill**, Tracey Borman

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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.

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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).

**26 September 2008**

**The Story of the Royal Victoria Patriotic Building**, Simon McNeil-Ritchie

**31 October 2008**

**Drapers' Gardens: A Major Roman Site in the City**, Neil Hawkins

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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).

**19 September 2008**

**Parks and Open Spaces in Brent, Leslie Williams**

**17 October 2008**

**Kingsbury – A Victorian Walkabout, Geoff Hewlett**

**21 November 2008**

**176 Years of the Oxford Movement, Rev. John Smith (St Andrew's Church)**

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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)

**8 September 2008**

**Experimental Archaeology: The Butser Experiment, Steve Dyer**

**13 October 2008**

**Recent Excavations at St Martin in the Fields, Alison Telfer**

**10 November 2008**

**The Londinium Doughnut, Jon Cotton**

**8 December 2008**

**Essex or London? The Archaeology of the Roding Valley, John Shepherd**

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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)

**17 September 2008**

**Metropolitan Locomotives and the People Associated with Them, Terry Lomas**

**15 October 2008**

**Watling Street, Len Snow**

**19 November 2008**

**Gladstone Park and Dollis Hill House, Margaret Pratt & Cliff Wadsworth**

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