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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

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LAMAS 161st Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address Tuesday 14 February 2017

Notice is hereby given of the LAMAS 161st Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address to be held on Tuesday 14 February at 6.15pm in the Clore Learning Centre at the Museum of London, London Wall. Light refreshments will be available from 5.30pm. The AGM will be followed by the Presidential Address by John Clark, entitled **New Troy to Lud's Town: Geoffrey of Monmouth's London revisited**. Minutes of the 160th AGM, held on 9 February 2016, will be available.

The 161st AGM Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 160th AGM, 2016
3. Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers and Members of Council
5. Appointment of Examiner(s)
6. Election of President
7. Any Other Business

Council would welcome nominations of anyone interested in becoming a member of Council. These should be addressed to the Chair at the address given on the back page of the *Newsletter*, or by email to the Secretary (kthomas@mola.org.uk) to arrive no later than Tuesday 17 January 2017.

The Stow Memorial Service and Lecture, 24 April 2017

The Stow Memorial Service, with the ceremony of changing the quill pen, will be held at 4pm on 24 April 2017 at the church of St Andrew Undershaft, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BN. It will be followed at 5pm by the Stow Lecture, given by

Professor Martin Biddle at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, 30 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8JB, to which all are invited.

Many members will be aware of the significance of the service and lecture. Others may wish to discover more about this traditional ceremony commemorating John Stow, who wrote the famous *Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster*. Stow, who died in 1605, was buried at St Andrew Undershaft, and a monument to his memory was erected: this depicts him seated at a table as if in the act of writing. While the monument is in alabaster, the pen in Stow's hand is a quill – rather more perishable than the stone hand into which it fits – and this needs occasional replacement. It is at the Memorial Service that this takes place.

It was recorded in the LAMAS Annual Report for 1924 that the Stow Commemoration Service had become a regular feature of the Society's programme. While the ceremony was originally an annual one, it is now however carried out less frequently, and readers of the Newsletter are therefore encouraged to come to this traditional occasion on 24 April 2017.

LAMAS Lecture Programme 2016-2017

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. Non-members are welcome and are asked to donate £2 towards lecture expenses.

10 January 2017

Raising the Curtain on London's First Theatreland – recent excavation at The Stage, Shoreditch, Heather Knight, Museum of London Archaeology

14 February 2017

Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address: New Troy to Lud's Town: Geoffrey of Monmouth's London revisited, John Clark

“One of my earliest publications was in a LAMAS Special Paper in 1978, a festschrift for Ralph Merrifield, to which I contributed a paper entitled ‘Cadwallo, King of the Britons, the bronze horseman of London’. In it I discussed the account, by the notorious 12th-century pseudo-historian Geoffrey of Monmouth, in his *History of the Kings of Britain*, of an extraordinary bronze monument supposedly erected on the west gate of London in the 7th century AD, and its possible archaeological inspiration and implications. Since then I have returned to considering the works of Geoffrey of Monmouth on many occasions, in particular his peculiarly inventive accounts of London and its supposed Trojan origins. Indeed, in recent years it has seemed at times (and as LAMAS members may have noticed) that I've been unable to give a talk about any aspect of London's history *without* mentioning Geoffrey of Monmouth! So my third and last Presidential Address to LAMAS seems an appropriate occasion to attempt to sum it all up, and to review what Geoffrey wrote about London, the possible

sources of his inspiration, and the ways in which his flagrant inventions influenced Londoners' understanding of the past of their city."

John Clark

14 March 2017

From Blackwall to the Bishop Rock. Britain's historic lighthouses: with special reference to London's only lighthouse at Blackwall, Tom Nancollas

11 April 2017

Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture: Liquid Assets: Interpreting the Prehistoric Finds from the London Thames, Jon Cotton

9 May 2017

Roman London's first voices: the writing tablets from the Bloomberg excavations, Sadie Watson, Museum of London Archaeology

LAMAS Lates

The new series of events, 'LAMAS Lates' got off to a great start in September. For our first event Chris Constable (right) led a walk around London Bridge and North Southwark examining what remains of the earlier London bridges, and various interpretations of the Roman road layout. The walk included a visit to the surviving 1836 fabric of the first London Bridge Station and two surviving elements of the Georgian refurbishment of the medieval bridge, finishing in the Kings Arms, a public house with the coat of arms that was formerly located on the gatehouse at the south end of London Bridge.



This was followed by a talk and readings by Gillian Tindall from her recently published book *The Tunnel through Time*. The book describes the history of places and people along the route of the new Crossrail line, now the Elizabeth Line. The rumbling of trains from nearby Farringdon provided a suitably atmospheric background as Gillian (left) described archaeological work at Charterhouse Square and the burials of victims of the Black Death. The talk was

followed by a Q&A session, and Gillian described the importance of research in all her writing, including her earlier novels. Before computers she relied on numerous paper notes, not all of which she has kept... The evening ended with a convivial glass of wine, a book signing by Gillian, and we left keen to read the book and seek out the novels.

On Halloween, Jane Sidell welcomed LAMAS members (below) to a candle-lit Charnel House, which she had suitably adorned with spooky decorations. Eschewing ghost stories, we learnt both of the history of the site, and the planning background and circumstances in which the Charnel House was unexpectedly discovered, and its subsequent preservation. We were later joined by the MOLA lead excavator, Chris Thomas, who was able to answer some of the more detailed questions from the enthusiastic attendees.



We were pleased to welcome members to these special events and to recruit and meet new members. More ‘LAMAS Lates’ are planned in 2017; please check on the website, our Facebook or Twitter for further upcoming events.

Kathryn Stubbs

Heathrow’s third runway threatens historic buildings in Harmondsworth

The northward expansion of Heathrow airport has been under discussion for many years, but now following a government decision to back the controversial third runway proposal it has got one step closer to reality. This proposal will involve the redevelopment of 569 hectares of land, including 400 hectares of greenbelt and the demolition of 783 houses. It will involve the complete destruction of Longford and most of the historic village of Harmondsworth. Some of the threatened buildings are grade II listed and form part of conservation areas within Longford and Harmondsworth. The Harmondsworth Great Barn (grade 1 listed) built in 1426-27 (see *LAMAS Trans* 64, 2013, 286-88) and the nearby medieval parish church of St Mary’s would both be situated immediately outside the boundary of the expanded airport, so while their demolition would not be required, their environs would be radically altered.

London’s Architectural Heritage still at risk

The annual publication of Historic England’s *Heritage at Risk Register*, sadly always includes a number of Greater London buildings. This year’s new London entries include some well-known buildings. One is Newington Green Unitarian Church (1708), Islington, which formerly attracted a radical congregation, including Mary Wollstonecraft who was inspired by the sermons of Dr Richard Price to write *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792). Another is the Snowdon Aviary (1962)

at London Zoo, Britain's first walk-through aviary. Further information is given on page 7 by Michael Nelles.

Great Plague pathogen found at Crossrail cemetery

The recent MOLA excavations at former New Churchyard burial ground (close to Liverpool Street Station), carried out in advance of the construction of a new Crossrail station, revealed a 17th century mass grave containing 42 individuals (see *LAMAS Newsletter* 146, 12). Ancient DNA of the plague pathogen (*Yersinia pestis*) has been recovered from a number of these burials and has confirmed that they were killed by bubonic plague.

Southwark's first migrants

Today the cosmopolitan London Borough of Southwark is a major destination for new migrants arriving in the capital, but, judging by the analysis of 22 burials from the Lant Street cemetery (dated 2nd to 4th century AD), it appears that this was also the situation during the Roman period. Oxygen isotope analysis indicates that five of these individuals came from the Mediterranean region. However, the skeletal morphology of some other burials showed a probable African origin for four individuals and an Asian origin for another two, which the press decided meant they were 'Chinese'. This is very interesting because while the Romans purchased Chinese silk via the overland route through the Middle East, the presence of Asians within the western part of the Roman Empire was apparently very rare.

Brexit and Britannia: is history repeating itself?

The referendum decision in June 2016 to leave the EU surprised some Londoners as the majority of them had voted 'remain' but, if you step back in time and compare our troubled relationship with the EU to with that of the province of Britannia with the Roman Empire, it quickly becomes apparent that we have been reluctant Europeans for centuries. In AD 43 southern Britain was forcibly incorporated into the Roman Empire and adopted 'the single currency'. In AD 60 a freedom fighter, Queen Boudicca, rejected Roman rule, but her bid for independence failed when her army was defeated and imperial rule was ruthlessly re-established. However, the northern frontier of the province was only stabilised by building Hadrian's Wall (construction started in AD 122) to keep out the inhabitants of Scotland (the Picts). Donald Trump would be impressed by the scope and scale of this project, but he would probably not want to know that the Romans paid for it themselves. Then in AD 287 the opportunist Roman commander of the channel fleet Carausius decided to claim UDI and declared himself emperor of Britain. In AD 293 Carausius was murdered by his finance minister Allectus, who promptly succeeded him as emperor. Then in AD 296 imperial forces launched a successful invasion: they recaptured London, and Britannia rejoined the empire. However, border control and migration were immediately top of the agenda, as the province was rapidly becoming the destination for hordes of seaborne pirates and 'economic migrants' including the Irish, Picts and Germanic Saxons, who were not deterred by the construction of a network of coastal forts. In fact the provincial policy of border control was a complete and costly military failure as the migrants, or 'barbarians' as they were

called by the Romans, kept arriving in Britain and permanently settling in ever increasing numbers. The ultimate irony was the imperial recruitment of selective migrants as members of a paramilitary ‘border force’ to try and stop even more people arriving. Eventually in AD 409 the Britons got fed up with this toxic combination of uncontrolled migration, escalating border warfare and enfeebled imperial rule, so they rebelled and declared UDI. Do any elements of this account of the history of Roman Britain sound familiar?

Bruce Watson

Heritage at Risk

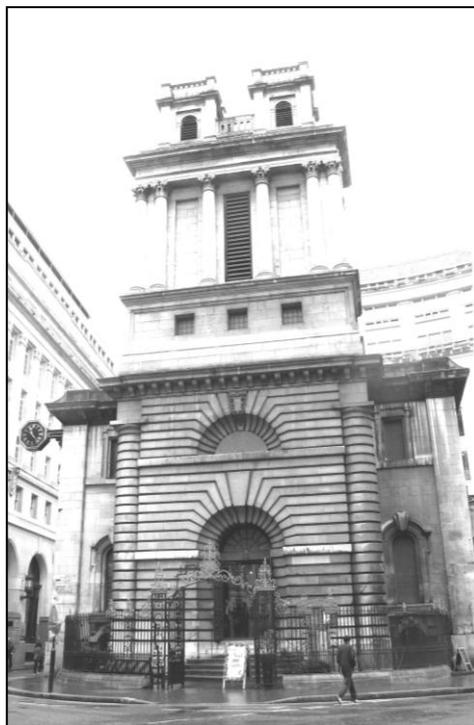
In October, Historic England published its latest Heritage at Risk Register, identifying historic sites across England most threatened by neglect, decay, or inappropriate development.

This year a total of 435 entries have been removed from the national register – including 32 in London. Among these is the Grade II*-listed Wilton’s Music Hall in the East End. The Hall was the subject of a recent £4 million HLF-funded refurbishment that won RIBA’s Building of the Year Award. The scheme delicately weaved modern servicing and infrastructure throughout the building, while opening new spaces to the public that were previously off-limits. Also removed were the Poplar Baths in Tower Hamlets, an Art Deco complex built in 1932. A full 28 years after its closure, the baths have now been restored and reopened.

A total of 334 new sites have also been added to the Register across the country – and over a third are places of worship. In London, this includes the Church of St Mary Woolnoth (right), referenced in TS Eliot’s poem *The Wasteland*. The Church, on a compact plot between Lombard Street and King William Street, is suffering from cracks caused by settlement, while its asphalt roofing is in need of repair.

Also at risk was Newington Green’s Unitarian Church in Hackney, where pioneering feminist Mary Wollstonecraft first heard the radical sermons that sparked the inspiration for her life’s work. The building now suffers from leaking roofs, dampness, and structural instability. The congregation are actively seeking funding to address the situation.

Some buildings at risk are reliant on the energy of developers to implement approved schemes. For example, planning permission was granted in 2014 for an ambitious redevelopment project aiming to make the most of the historic character of the Eastern Coal Drops at King’s Cross, but Historic England reports the work has not yet started. The Coal Drops remain on the Register. Likewise, the City of London commenced a conservation-based phased repair programme in 2010 to remove sections of the London Wall from the Register, but



significant segments remain at risk. These include the Roman and Medieval wall at St Alphage, significant as the earliest surviving example of brick used as display material. The City is awaiting the completion of private development and landscaping in the area before conservation can commence.

According to the research, broader trends causing concern include a sharp increase in the overall conservation deficit faced by ‘At-Risk’ buildings – the difference between the cost of repair and their value afterwards. Alongside this, while the number of scheduled monuments capable of continued use has reached an all-time high, Historic England has reported that finding economic solutions for these sites is becoming increasingly difficult.

As Historic England’s Chief Executive, Duncan Wilson, said in a press release, *“Historic England will continue to provide grants and dedicate time and expertise to working with owners, developers and communities to rescue precious buildings and places so people can continue to enjoy them and the stories they tell about our past.”*

For general queries concerning grants, Listed Building Consent, Scheduled Monument Consent, planning applications and Heritage at Risk, contact the London Historic England team at london@HistoricEngland.org.uk.

Michael Nelles, LAMAS Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee

CBA London Smithfield Walk

A year ago the *Newsletter* carried a report on a walking tour of the north-west corner of the Roman fort and wall, organised by CBA London’s Becky Wallower and presented by Jane Sidell. A year later, on 15th September 2016, Becky followed her earlier success with a walk around Smithfield, presented by Roy Stephenson, Head of Archaeology at the Museum of London.



Once the group of over twenty intrepid walkers had assembled in Smithfield Market’s Grand Avenue, they made the short journey to Charterhouse Square, where the contrast between old and new was unavoidable. The old was represented by Charterhouse (some of which dates to the 14th century), which stands behind its walls on the north side of the square, while the new was represented by the centre of the square, which is still a Crossrail site. Roy pointed out that this recent excavation has been responsible for disclosing evidence of victims of the Black Death, who were discovered – perhaps unexpectedly – to have been buried in organised, managed graves.

Walking past Florin Court (left, below), an Art Deco building identified by Roy as the location of the fictional residence of Agatha Christie's Inspector Poirot in the eponymous television series, we made our way, via East Passage (a narrow street typical of the Medieval period) and Middle Street to the church of St Bartholomew the Great, before going through its famous gatehouse (right) into West Smithfield.



This area was somewhat notorious as the site of many bloody executions of political rebels and heretics through the centuries. These included Scotland's patriot Sir William Wallace (who was hanged, drawn and quartered here in 1305) and Wat Tyler, leader of the Peasants' Revolt, who was killed in 1381; later, in the 1550s, it was a popular site for religious martyrdom.

Smithfield was also the home of the Bartholomew Fair, which from 1133 was held in August each year, and which, from time to time, featured sideshows, prize-fighters, musicians, wire-walkers, acrobats, puppeteers and wild animals. Also to be found were such people as *"Cobblers and broom-men, jailers and loom-men...botchers and tailors, shipwrights and sailors...cutpurses and cheaters, and bawdy-house door-keepers...punks, ay, and panders, and cashier'd commanders"*. In 1855 Bartholomew Fair was closed down by the City authorities because of the immorality and debauchery it was deemed to be encouraging.

The walk continued downhill to West Poultry Avenue, where Roy took the opportunity to explain that the next home of the Museum of London is planned to be in the present General Market building and the nearby Annexe. These structures are currently in a terrible state with huge amounts of damage and rot, and a lot of work will have to go into the buildings just to make them safe, but from the Museum's standpoint the development potential is enormous. It was announced in July that Stanton Williams and Asif Khan had won the competition to design the new complex, and their first target date is 2018, when they will be submitting the initial planning application. One of the more unusual features of the plans will be spiral escalators, devices that do not currently exist in the UK, and which could perhaps be included in a future CBA London walk...

Richard Gilpin

LAMAS 51st Local History Conference: 19 November 2016 **Walking Through London's History**

The Conference was opened by **John Clark**, President of LAMAS, followed by the first two speakers, **Prof Caroline Barron** (Royal Holloway) and **Prof Vanessa Harding** (Birkbeck).

Together they presented *Mapping Medieval and Early Modern London*.

When finding their way around London, people today can get help from maps, guide books and smartphone apps, which enable them to work out itineraries and plan how long their journeys will take. Earlier generations, for whom London streets (although named) were not signposted, and houses were not numbered, still managed to move around the capital city without – one suspects – too much difficulty. What the speakers are trying to do is to recreate accurate maps of what they describe as a ‘lost city’, recover a sense of the streets and spaces of historic London, understand how people moved about the capital, and appreciate the ways in which they used their streets and spaces. Their project involves the updating of the Historic Towns Trust’s map of London c.1520, and the speakers outlined the range of sources that they are using.

The HTT’s map, previously published in Mary Lobel’s 1989 book *The City of London from Historic Times to c.1520* (waterfront on right) is rather faded and inaccurate, and a new and improved version is being created. This involves digital enhancement, the addition of information from archaeological and other sources, and the correction of errors; it will be available in the near future. They also hope to create a map of pre-Fire London.



The second address was given by **Alison O’Byrne** (University of York) whose subject was *Walking London’s History: Guidebooks, Pocket Plans, and the Emergence of Tourism in 18th century London*.

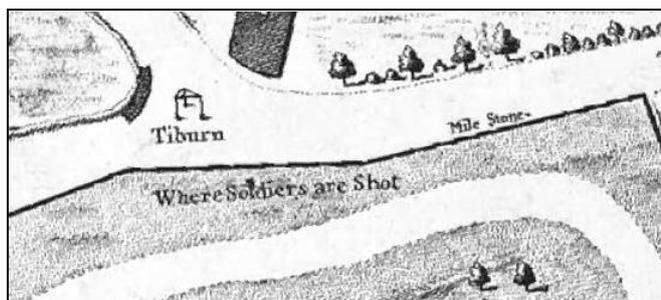
She noted that moving around London in the past depended upon local knowledge, and looked at the emergence of guidebooks in the eighteenth century, specifically those that walked the visitor through the capital. The emphasis of publications such as *The Foreigner’s Guide* (1729) was on portability and, while some were developed to address the dangers of harassment faced by those coming from outside London, others intended to make the capital more accessible to all, including strangers and foreigners. She considered ways in which different 18th century guidebooks provided contrasting approaches to the concept of a tour of London. A pedestrian tour would have been flexible enough for its focus to be easily changed from visiting a list of famous monuments to a trip off the beaten track. For instance, *A New Guide to London* (1726) offered a complete circuit rather than a selection of small tours, but readers were encouraged to stop off at any place of interest along the way. Guidebooks gradually moved from being lists of monuments, and became publications that provided a greater understanding of London’s character.

The keynote address, *From Tyburn Tree to Marble Arch: William Blake Walks at Night*, was given by **Prof Matthew Beaumont** (University College London), who focussed on the history of Marble Arch. For centuries this was the location of Tyburn Tree, the premier site of judicial execution.

He linked Tyburn Tree to William Blake, a compulsive walker who often strode the streets at night. In June 1780, at the height of the Gordon Riots, Blake was walking along Long Acre, where he was swept up by a mob and carried onward to Newgate. It was there that he witnessed the storming of the prison and the release of its inmates, an event that is believed to have influenced his 1794 poem *The Tyger*.

Following the civil unrest, scores of the rioters were hanged across London, many of them at Tyburn Tree after a ritual procession from prison. Huge crowds would have stood beside the route, the final part of which went along today's Oxford Street.

Grandstands were built at the bottom of Edgware Road, giving a privileged view of the spectacle, in which the victims died from strangulation by hanging on the triangular scaffold, the Triple Tree (right).



Blake's experience of the rioting and subsequent judicial execution had an enormous influence on him, shown in parts of his poem *Jerusalem*. This obsession caused him to walk by night along the route by which prisoners were taken. He started at Tyburn and from there walked to Newgate, thus reversing the historical sequence of the classic route from prison to death, possibly in an act of expiation. In 1783 the Tyburn Tree was demolished, but the area retains its ghosts: Marble Arch today refuses to commemorate the killing fields on which it stands, and may still exert influence as a force field in which the history of violence still resonates.

The morning ended with the presentation of the **2016 Local History Publications Awards** by John Clark, President of LAMAS. The book prize went to Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for *A Suburb of Contrasts: The Udney Park Estate, Teddington 1870-1939*, by Christopher French. "*I have a weak heart and military service would knock me up*": *Appeals at Hampton Wick against enlistment into the Army in the First World War*, by Paul Barnfield, also from Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, was Highly Commended. The Journal Prize was awarded to Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society for *Journal 2015*, edited by Brian Grisdale. Eileen Bowlt announced that the **2017 Awards** will include **Newsletters** as a new category. She encouraged societies to submit entries.

After lunch the first speaker was **Dr Margarett Lincoln** (Goldsmiths), who gave the conference *A Footpad's View of South London in the late 18th century*. This entertaining talk took listeners through the night-time, criminal activity along two major roads in South London which linked central London with naval dockyards and the continent. She focussed on the last quarter of the eighteenth century, which experienced several notable crime waves, and considered whether the nature of highway robbery on one road was discernibly different from that committed on the other. She considered the impact of key taverns, local turnpikes, and nearby convict hulks moored along the river. One was notable for footpad robberies and the other was dominated by Highway Robbery on horseback. These all formed part of the

local landscape for road travellers. Rampant street crime affected different social networks and both formal and informal steps were taken to police these two routes, with mixed results. The talk also considered how different crimes were reported in the newspapers: there were specifics that would help travellers to take precautions. Finally, she discussed the effect that both routes had on the reputation of their localities (which can still be traced today), and therefore the legacy of eighteenth-century 'walking' for present Londoners.

Dr Lincoln was followed by a talk on *Paying for Passage: The Impact of Tolls on the 19th Century London Pedestrian* from **Simon Morris**, who explained that pedestrians in London walked the streets without charge – unless they happened to be using a tolled road or bridge. The first half of the 19th century saw the construction of a number of privately financed roads and bridges, many of which – unlike the regular bridges and turnpikes – charged not only carts and carriages, but also pedestrians for the right of passage. These bridges included major central crossings such as Waterloo, Southwark and Lambeth Bridges as well as suburban bridges such as Hammersmith, Battersea, Wandsworth and Deptford Creek. The only road on which a foot toll was charged was Highgate Archway, although Barking Road was interrupted by a toll bridge across the River Lea. This talk described where and why these roads and bridges were constructed, and the growing tension arising from their being built to create communication, yet obstructing passage by erecting barriers and charging tolls. It also touched on the adverse social impact that a foot toll might cause, for example hindering poorer citizens wanting to cross the river to enjoy the newly opened Battersea Park, and also depressing the development of new housing in the neighbourhood. There was a growing campaign for the abolition of these tolls, which after many struggles succeeded in the early 1880s.

The final session of the day strolled in with *A Sunday Ramble: walking literature as an urban mirror*, jointly presented by **Dr Jordan Landes** (University of London) and **Dr Matt Phillpott** (University of London).

Their talk focussed on *A Sunday Ramble*, an eighteenth-century example of the genre of walking literature, and they discussed the inspirations, audiences and commercial success of the work. They explained how the narrative of the book followed two 'gentleman of rank' on a Sunday perambulation through London in which they visited various culturally-loaded locations via an implausible route. By focussing on just a small selection of vignettes from the text, they revealed how the actions and conversations of the characters as they walked through London provided glimpses of the topography of the city and the character types typically understood to frequent them. Rather than being an account of an actual walk, Jordan and Matt concluded that the work was far more allegorical in nature. *A Sunday Ramble*, they argued, can serve as a mirror of social and cultural trends that exercised Londoners in the period, such as politics, religion, society, war and health, as well as discussing topics such as gossip, impropriety and food and drink.

The final talk of the day, entitled *Walking with Booth: social exploration in south London* was presented by **Dr John Price** (Goldsmiths), who began with a brief overview of the social investigator Charles Booth; it was he who, between 1886 and 1903, oversaw a systematic investigation of the social, cultural and economic conditions that shaped the everyday lives of Londoners. The focus for John's talk was the famous *Maps Descriptive of London Poverty*, in which Booth attributed different colours to different streets depending upon the level of poverty or comfort of the people living there. Drawing from the notebooks used by Booth's researchers, John had previously re-walked one of their routes through Deptford in south London and his talk recounted his own experiences in relation to those of the researchers. The Victorian streets of Deptford, John revealed, were populated with a wide variety of characters. 'Rough' costermongers, 'comfortable' workmen, 'Frowsy and half dressed' prostitutes, and 'dirty, ragged, shoeless' children, were all irreverently and vividly brought to life from the notebook descriptions. John concluded that walking the route in the twenty-first century had not only provided a valuable opportunity to reengage with the historical context of the walks and the areas surveyed, but it had also highlighted the developing and ever-evolving nature of the modern city. From this, he forwarded an interesting proposition that walking itself might provide historians with a research methodology for engaging with and analysing the past; something which he is keenly developing in his own work.

Summaries of the Conference provided by Roger Chapman, John Price and Richard Gilpin

The LAMAS Book Prize

The LAMAS Book Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for *A Suburb of Contrasts: The Udney Park Estate, Teddington 1870-1939*, by Dr Christopher French (2015), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, A5 portrait, 84 pages, colour maps and figures, £5.50, ISBN 978-0-903341-95-0.

Some local history writing is plain bad. Some is mediocre. Occasionally you get a real gem. *A Suburb of Contrasts* is very much a gem. Diverse and intelligent in its use of sources, with lively presentation using maps, building plans, photographs, illustrations, tables and text to draw together an extremely readable booklet on the development of the Udney Park Estate in Teddington between 1870 and 1939.

Dr French sets the development of the estate in the context of regional, national and international change. He notes the movement of people from rural areas to towns and cities and the concurrent shift of some people from the poverty of city centres and the inner city out to the new suburbs. His objective is to illustrate the national process of suburbanisation with this focus on Udney Park Estate and in this concise booklet he achieves that objective with style.

His booklet demonstrates the richness that can be achieved by combining a wide range of sources ranging across council minutes, maps, census, field books resulting from the Finance Act of 1910, street directories, rate books and many others. Such sources when used individually can produce a monotone story but, put together and

skilfully crafted, as is the case here, can create a colourful and gripping yarn of the development of a small area of south western suburban London.

A Suburb of Contrasts concludes with reference to some of the critiques made about suburbs and suburban living over the decades but, through his diligent scholarship, the author has not only demonstrated the richness of suburban living over time but he has also produced a worthy winner of the 2016 prize.

Roger Chapman, on behalf of the Local History Committee

Highly commended was ***“I have a weak heart and military service would knock me up”: Appeals at Hampton Wick against enlistment into the Army in the First World War***, Paul Barnfield (2015), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, A5 portrait, 48 pages, colour illustrations, £5.50, ISBN 978-0-903341-93-6.

This book provides some very thoughtful and thorough research into the First World War and enlistment. At the beginning of the War 200,000 men were needed and 300,000 enlisted, but the War took such a terrible toll that more men were needed. In October 1915 Lord Derby introduced a scheme by which 18 to 40 year olds would voluntarily enlist and others could attest. Those enlisted were split into 23 groups, outlined in this book. Starred occupations were reserved as deemed of national importance. By December 1915, 2.2 million men had attested and 650 men had evaded enrolment, so in January 1916 the Military Service Act was passed.

Under this Act appeals were allowed, so tribunals were to be organised by Local Authorities. The tribunals had to consist of more than five and less than 25 appointees. This book outlines exemptions from the Act and whether the exemptions were temporary or permanent. There were also Appeal Tribunals. After the war in 1921 the Ministry of Health ordered the destruction of all Tribunal records except those from the Central Tribunal. Hackney Wick has retained the details of cases however, and while some other authorities have some records, they are but nothing compared to Hackney Wick

The author gives details of those who served on the Local Tribunal, the cases that were heard, and the decisions that were taken; and the employers are listed. This book is well referenced and gives information on where to find valuable records. It shows a side of how this country dealt with the war and its effects on society. It is at times funny, sad, and in some cases it shows an unwillingness by some to contribute to the needs of others. Only one Appeal at the Hackney Wick Tribunal was on the grounds of Conscientious Objection.

Patricia Gough, on behalf of the Local History Committee

Three other books were shortlisted:

Hampton 100 Years Ago: A description of the Roads and Buildings in 1911-1912, by John Sheaf (2015), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, A5 portrait, 130 pages, colour illustrations, £6.00, ISBN 978-0-903341-94-3.

Tales from the Tower: A Collection of Histories of Hounslow Gunpowder Works, by Chris Hern (2015), Hounslow and District History Society, A4 portrait, 48 pages, colour illustrations, no price given, no ISBN.

Abbey Roads: A Modern Pilgrimage, by W J Rudd (2015), Merton Historical Society, A4 portrait, 200 pages, black and white illustrations, no price given, ISBN 978-1-903899-71-7.

The LAMAS Journal Prize

The LAMAS Journal Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society for **Journal 2015**, Brian Gridale (ed) (2015), Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society, A4 paperback, 54 pages, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.

With one edition per year, the RNELHS journal provides an excellent balance of original research, society news and other announcements. The 2015 edition contained eight articles, ranging in scope from a short piece about hunting and shooting in Ruislip Wood, through to an extensive and detailed survey of Ruislip High Street. Articles are meticulously referenced, and the original research shines through. Short reports on Society outings keep the membership informed of activities and no doubt provide a welcome insight for those unable to attend in person. The journal really does have a great deal to offer to the full range of members, and the professional production and abundance of illustrations make it a pleasure to browse as well as to engage with in more detail. Congratulations to the RNELHS for an excellent journal; a very worthy winner of the 2016 prize.

The following two journals were shortlisted for the prize:

News Reviews Research Newsletter, 125, 126, 127, John Crocker (ed) (2015), Pinner Local History Society, A4 paperback, 24 pages in each newsletter, colour cover, black and white text, no price given, no ISSN.

Published three times a year, the front cover declares that it contains 'news, reviews and research' and the reader will certainly not be disappointed on any of those fronts. The journal carries all of the Society news and announcements that one would expect: a programme of talks, news about the book club, and details about publications and the Society's website. Society outings are reviewed, as are talks and lectures, and there are occasional announcements and reports of recent events in and around the Pinner area. The journal also provides a good selection of research articles, covering a broad range of topics and revealing the active and engaged research community at the heart of the Society. The production values are consistently high, particularly for a serial publication, and each edition is generously illustrated as well as demonstrating a high attention to detail. The journal really is a credit to the Society, and one can well imagine that the members of the PLHS very much look forward to receiving their copies.

The Eltham Society Newsletter, 199, 200, 201, and 202, John Kennet (ed) (2015), The Eltham Society, A5 paperback, 36 pages in each newsletter, black and white throughout, no price given, no ISSN.

Published quarterly, the Eltham newsletter is a slightly different proposition to the other two journals on the shortlist, but no less impressive in its own right. Each edition is packed full of news, views and reports of events and happenings in and

around the Eltham area. Much of the newsletter is given over to news of contemporary events, and the historical articles are of a slightly more informal nature than one might find in a society journal. The newsletters do, though, convey a very distinctive voice, and the degree of local engagement and community activity undertaken and reported on by the members is both impressive and enthusiastically communicated. The front cover of each newsletter proudly proclaims that the Eltham Society has just enjoyed its 50th anniversary (1965-2015) and, judging by the work being done and reported on in its newsletter, it is well placed for another 50 years, and beyond.

Many congratulations to the RNELHS for its prize-winning entry, and thank you to everyone who submitted journals and newsletters, which were all a pleasure to judge, and act as constant reminder of the excellent work being undertaken across the region.

John Price, on behalf of the Local History Committee

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

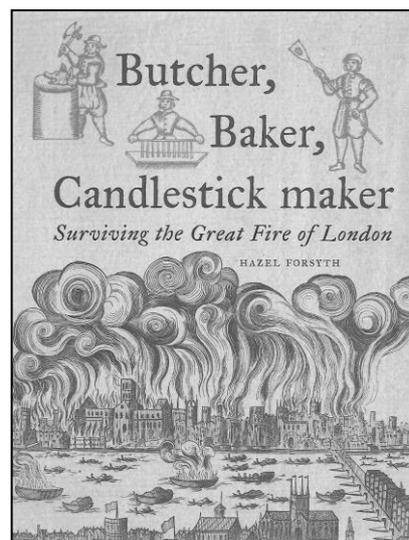
Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker: Surviving the Great Fire of London, by Hazel Forsyth (2016), published by IB Taurus in association with the Museum of London, 274x216mm paperback, 240 pages, 155 colour illustrations, notes, references and index, £20.00. ISBN 978-1-78453-748-7.

The stated aims of the author of this very topical book are to show how people responded to the Great Fire, how they recovered from its effects, and the ways in which the fire affected their lives. She does not describe the progress of the fire, or the rebuilding of the City, as these topics have been exhaustively covered in the past.

She presents her evidence of the effects of the fire in a two-part structure. The first third of her book covers aspects of personal loss, evacuation, theft, attempts to salvage goods, and the emergency measures that were put in place. She paints a vivid picture of the chaos during and following the fire, with the streets jammed by carters, many of whom had taken the opportunity to raise their prices – and some of whom then made away with the goods that they had been paid to transport.

She quotes from the King’s proclamation for the “discovery and restoration of goods embezzled in the confusions during the late dismall fire”, and describes the steps that were taken to create new shop premises. A “makeshift City” was set up in Smithfield, Moorfields, Broad Street and Leadenhall, in order to give temporary shelter to those whose homes and businesses had been destroyed.

The physical losses that were sustained were only too clear, and the Lord Mayor’s Fund attracted contributions from near and far to address the twin threats of raised prices and reduced income. The fire however also had a profound psychological



impact, caused by the loss of so many buildings of cultural and commercial significance.

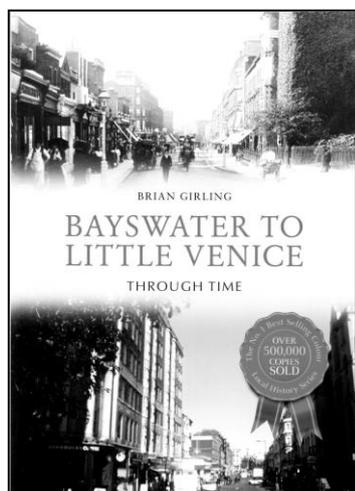
The remaining two thirds of the book give details of the effects of the fire on thirty-one individual City trades, from the Apothecary to the Watchmaker, and the author has delved deeply into a mustiness of archives to assemble a collection of detailed information that has never before been gathered together in this way.

As a member of the Stationers' Company (whose pre-fire archive material was rescued by the Clerk at the time, George Tokefield, shortly before the fire reached and consumed Stationers' Hall), I confess to having been particularly interested in Hazel's coverage of the effects of the fire on the stationers and booksellers of the City, whom she regards as having been the hardest hit. This was because they decided to move their stocks into the crypt of St Paul's for safety, only for the "great beams and massy stones" and lead roof of the cathedral to crash down and destroy their valuable books and stocks of paper.

Effects of the fire on the other thirty trades are also described in great detail, and sources are fully referenced.

In achieving her aims the author has created a book that is not only full of information from contemporary documents; she has also made it fascinating to read. It is clearly complementary to the Museum of London's *Fire! Fire!* exhibition and, as *Fire! Fire!* remains open until 17 April 2017, there is still time to read Hazel Forsyth's excellent and thoroughly researched book before (or indeed after) making a trip to London Wall.

Richard Gilpin



Bayswater to Little Venice Through Time, by Brian Girling (2016), published by Amberley Publishing, 235x165mm paperback, 96 pages, 185 illustrations in colour and sepia, £14.99. ISBN 978-1-4456-4717-3.

I enjoyed this book as it showed me an area of London with which I am not familiar and gave me an appreciation of the work that is done by some to preserve good examples of architecture and design. The photographs in the book show the changes in the built environment, some of which are really positive, such as at Paddington Station. The Cab Drivers' shelter in Warwick Avenue is another good example of how history has been preserved.

Of particular interest to me is how many churches have changed or disappeared. An example is St Saviour's Church near Warwick Avenue Underground Station: this is now a very modern building that looks like a conference hall. When looking through this book one becomes aware of the diminishing in some areas of small independent retail outlets, and the disappearance of public houses and cinemas.

A major change in the area was the development of the canal's use from industrial to pleasure. The photographs show considerable changes in types of transport, with more personal vehicles on the roads today.

The book shows that where there has been sympathetic reconstruction or refurbishment the character of the area remains but in many of the photographs the architecture and design does not have the individuality of an area: one could be anywhere in the British Isles.

The layout of earlier and later photographs is meticulous and the research has been thorough. Overall, the book, with its good balance of informative text and well-chosen photographs, gives me hope that the London that so many of us remember and love has not completely disappeared.

Patricia Gough

The Heath Robinson Museum

Members of LAMAS will be only too well aware that, around the country, museums are having to reduce staffing, cut back on opening hours, and in many cases are being threatened with closure.

In these straitened times it therefore comes as a pleasant surprise to hear of a museum that has opened its doors to the public.

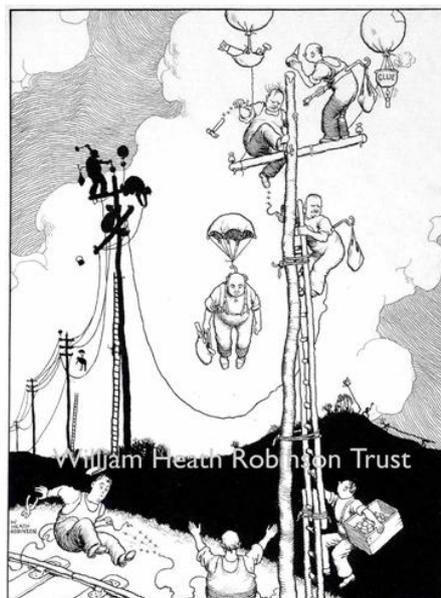
This is the Heath Robinson Museum which, in two galleries, celebrates the life and works of William Heath Robinson (known as “The Gadget King”). A resident of Pinner from 1908 to 1918, he was a famous illustrator (*Installing the electric telegraph between Paddington and Slough* on right), satirist and social historian.

It is the first purpose-built museum to be opened in London for forty years, and is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers.

The Heath Robinson Museum Trust has stated that the museum is for “just about everyone, including students of illustration, lovers of landscape paintings, advertising enthusiasts and academics, dads building contraptions in sheds, believers in fairies, children with time to dream, couples stuck in tiny flats, people who put holes in cheese, artificial teeth testers, and anyone who’s ever held something together with a bit of string”.

Admission charges apply, details of which may be found on the Museum’s website, <http://heathrobinson.org/museum>.

Richard Gilpin



AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Acton History Group

Lectures are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, The Mount, admission £2. Contact Secretary David Knights, 30 Highlands Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698); email: info@actonhistory.co.uk; website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

11 January 2017

St Martin's Church War Memorials, Clive Davis

8 February 2017

Crossrail, John Goldsmith

8 March 2017

Eric Ravilious, Andy Friend

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings held at 19.45 at Harp House, 16 Helmore Road (off Goodey Road), Barking, and IG11 9PH. Free to members. £1.50 to non-members. Telephone 020 8597 7210.
email: barkinghistorical@hotmail.com; website: www.barkinghistory.co.uk

6 February 2017

Henry Ashmole 1842 – 1879: Ilford in the 1860s, Bill George

6 March 2017

The changing face of the East End, Stefan Dickers

3 April 2017

The Fanshawe family, Linda Rhodes

8 May 2017

AGM followed by **Working Lives**: members share their memories

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held on Thursdays at St Mary's Parish Church, Barnes, at 8pm. The meetings are free for members (£2 for visitors). For further details please contact the Hon. Secretary on 020 8878 3756 or visit us at www.barnes-history.org.uk

19 January 2017

Who is buried at St Mary's Mortlake?, Perry Kitchen

16 February 2017

The South Circular Saga 1984-89, Tim Catchpole

16 March 2017

All Saints Church, East Sheen

AGM followed by **Landscape designer, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown**, Ricky Pound

20 April 2017

The Story of St Paul's Girls' School, Howard Bailes

Barnet Museum and Local History Society

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

Bexley Archaeological Group

All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 7EB, 8.00pm for 8.15pm start, 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: martinrbaker@btinternet.com; website: www.bag.org.uk

19 January 2017

Death of the Gods? From Paganism to Christianity in the Late Roman Empire, Dr David Walsh

18 May 2017

Cobham Landscape Detectives: year one, Andrew Mayfield

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 3rd Monday in the month, from September to May inclusive. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Stephen Hine, 153 Linkfield Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 6QN or visit: www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk

Bromley Borough Local History Society

The Society meets once a month from September to July, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held in the Small Hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church, on the corner of Freelands Road and Upper Park Road in Bromley. The post code is BR1 3AQ. The Society's website is: www.bblhs.org.uk

Camden History Society

The society normally meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except August. Venues vary; non-members welcome (£1). For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Jane Ramsay (020 7586 4436) or visit: www.camdenhistorysociety.org

19 January 2017

Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre

Twenty Extraordinary Building Projects on Primrose Hill, Martin Sheppard

16 February 2017

Burgh House, New End Square

Played in Camden - charting the sporting and recreational heritage of a borough at play, Simon Inglis

Camden New Town History Group

Camden New Town is north of Camden Town, in the London Borough of Camden. Meetings of this group of local residents are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Irish Centre in Camden Square.

email: maillist@camdennewtown.info; website: www.camdennewtown.info

Chadwell Heath Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to June. All meetings are held the Baptist Church Hall, High Road, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6PP. Enquiries to 020 8590 4659 or 020 8597 7210; email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

City of London Archaeological Society

Lectures are normally on the third Friday in every month and take place at St Olave's Hall, Mark Lane, London EC3R 7BB. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. Non-members are welcome to attend lectures but are asked to make a £3 contribution to expenses. For further information see www.colas.org.uk. Email: mail@colas.org.uk

20 January 2017

Creating The Museum of London's *Fire! Fire!* Exhibition, Meriel Jeater

17 February 2017

AGM and Lecture: Recent Excavations at 'The Curtain' Theatre, Shoreditch, Heather Knight

Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society

The Society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northaw Road West, Northaw, Hertfordshire EN6 4NW, near Potters Bar and Cuffley. Talks start at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm). Talks are free to members (£3 for visitors). For more information, contact Don Munns, 16 Coulter Close, Cuffley, Herts, EN6 4RR (01707 873680); email: chairman@cihs.org.uk

10 January 2017

Wind water & steam: The story of Hertfordshire mills, Hugh Howes

14 February 2017

Enfield's Railway History (Part 3): Trams and the Piccadilly Line, speaker to be confirmed

14 March 2017

The archaeology of the clay tobacco pipe, Peter Hammond

11 April 2017

The Pulhams of Broxbourne, Claude Hitching and Valerie Christman

Docklands History Group

The Docklands History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month, except January, at the Museum of London Docklands, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, E14 4AL. Meetings start at 5.30 for 6pm and finish at 8pm. Visitors are welcome [£2]. For further details see: www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk

1 February 2017

Recent research on Sailortown and the London Docks, Derek Morris

1 March 2017

London's Lea Valley – Britain's best kept secret, Dr Jim Lewis

5 April 2017

My years on the river, John Window

3 May 2017

Forgotten Parish of Denton, Christopher Bull

East London History Society

All meetings are held at Latimer Congregational Church Hall, Ernest Street, E1 unless otherwise stated. Ernest Street is between Harford Street and White Horse Lane, off Mile End Road (opposite Queen Mary and Westfield College). Meetings start at 7:30pm. The nearest underground stations are Mile End and Stepney Green. Buses: 25, 205, 339 to Queen Mary College and D6, D7, 277, 323, 339, 425 to Mile End Station.

East Surrey Family History Society

The **Croydon** branch of the Society meets on the 3rd Tuesday of month, except April, August and December, in the small hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CR0 5LP. Meetings start at 8.00pm.

17 January 2017

Seven o'clock and not a baby bathed: the story of a Lambeth midwife, Robert Holden

21 February 2017

British Working Dress, c.1750-1950, Jayne Shrimpton

21 March 2017

All roads lead to Smithfield, Ian Waller

The **Richmond** branch meets on the 2nd Saturday of alternate months in Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW9 1SA. Meetings start at 2.30pm.

14 January 2017

'Christmas Meeting': share festive family memories, photos and artefacts (followed by seasonal nibbles with tea and coffee)

11 March 2017

Old Kent Road, by Stephen Humprey

The **Southwark** branch meets on the 2nd Monday of alternate months at 12 noon (except December, no meeting) Doors open 11.30am Southwark Local History Library, 211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

13 February 2017

The Gentleman's Magazine: A Panorama of Georgian Surrey for Family and Local Historians, Julian Pooley

13 March 2017

Visit to St George the Martyr. Please book with the Southwark secretary

10 April 2017

You'll miss treasure if you neglect wills, Sharon Hintze

The **Sutton** branch meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at St. Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2RG. Meetings start at 8.00pm.

5 January 2017

American Loyalists: the story of those who remained loyal to the crown during the war of independence, Paul Blake

2 February 2017

Below Stairs: life and work of servants in great houses, Peter Gillman

2 March 2017

How life changed forever in 1914, Anne Carter

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Talks are free to members (£1 for visitors), and are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield; at the **All Saints Church Hall**, Church Street, Edmonton N9 and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17. Further details from Enfield Local Studies Centre & Archive, Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS (020 8379 2839); email: info@edmontonhundred.org.uk; website: <http://n21.net/edmonton-hundred-historical-society.html>

The Eltham Society

Public talks cost £2 to non-members but are free to members, unless stated otherwise. Admittance is only allowed if there is room in the hall. All local public walks are free (entrance fees have to be paid though). The non-public events are only open to Eltham Society members. Contact: Monica Horner.
email: contact@theelthamsociety.org.uk; website: www.theelthamsociety.org.uk

Enfield Archaeological Society

Meetings are held at the Jubilee Hall, junction of Chase Side and Parsonage Lane, Enfield, starting at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm). Visitors: £1 per person. For further information please contact Ms Val Mundy, 88 Gordon Hill, Enfield, EN2 0QS. Email valmunday@hotmail.com, www.enfarchsoc.org

Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park

Evening talks are last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Munch and Listen talks are on the 4th Monday of the month, 12.00pm for 12.15pm start. Talks are free and open to all (tea/coffee is available for a small charge). All meetings are held at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N17 8NU. Details of the programme are available from www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum or the FoBC Secretary at Bruce Castle Museum (020 8808 8772). Car park on site.

Friends of Hackney Archives

Meetings, talks and walks are arranged from time to time. For information about the activities of Friends of Hackney Archives, email: archives@hackney.gov.uk; Friends' website, listing events etc: www.hackneyhistory.org; telephone: 020 7241 2886.

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

For information about the activities of Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, email: fokgc@hotmail.com; website: www.kensalgreen.co.uk.

The Friends of Kensal Green offer a two-hour introductory tour of the cemetery every Sunday from the beginning of March to the end of October, and the first and third Sunday only in November, December, January and February. Tours begin at 14:00 from the Anglican Chapel in the centre of the grounds, and finish around two hours later with tea and biscuits at the Dissenters' Chapel, adjacent to Ladbroke Grove. There is no need to book regular Sunday tours, except for groups of more than ten. A suggested donation of £7 per person (concessions £5) helps the Friends to restore monuments, study the cemetery and attract visitors to Kensal Green.

Friern Barnet and District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month (no meetings in July and August) at The North Middlesex Golf Club, The Manor House, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone N20 0NL, starting at 7.45pm for 8.00pm. Non-members are welcome (£2). Refreshments are available. Email: friern-barnethistory@hotmail.co.uk; website: www.friern-barnethistory.org.uk. For further details contact David Berguer on 020 8368 8314.

Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society

There is usually a talk or a visit once a month. Visits are made to places of historic interest both within and outside the borough at varying times. For information about the activities of Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, visit the Society's website: <https://fhhs.wordpress.com/>

Harefield History Society

Meetings are held at the Park Lane Village Centre, Perk Lane, Harefield at 8.00pm. For information, contact 01895 822371. Website: <http://harefieldhistorysociety.co.uk>.

23 January 2017

Harefield: a personal perspective, Andy Harris

27 February 2017

The Great Barn at Harmondsworth: Past, Present and Future, Justine Bayley

27 March 2017

Alice, Countess Dowager of Derby and Harefield: Myths, Marriages and Milton, James Knowles

24 April 2017

AGM followed by Budgens: from South Ruislip to Moor Hall Road, Robert Goodchild

Hayes and Harlington Local History Society

Most meetings are held at Botwell Green Library, Leisure Centre, East Avenue, Hayes UB3 3HW at 7.30pm. The library closes to the public at 7pm and you are advised to arrive by 7.25pm for admittance and guidance to the first floor meeting room. Non-members are welcome. Further information from Mr Robin Brown, 107 Wentworth Crescent, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1NP (020 8848 7959); email: hayescanal@hotmail.co.uk

Hendon & District Archaeological Society

Lectures are held on Tuesdays at 8.00pm at Stephens House & Gardens (formerly Avenue House), 17 East End Road, Finchley N3 3QE. Buses 82, 125, 143, 326 & 460 pass close by, and it is five to ten minutes' walk from Finchley Central Station (Northern Line). Non-members welcome (£1.00). Tea/coffee and biscuits follow the talk. For further information, see the website: www.hadas.org.uk

10 January 2017

My Uncle, the Battle of Britain VC, James Nicolson

14 February 2017

London Ceramics at time of the Great Fire, Jacqui Pearce

14 March 2017

Bugging the Nazis in WW2: Trent Park's Secret History, Helen Fry

11 April 2017

To be confirmed

Hornsey Historical Society

Lecture meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Union Church Hall, corner of Ferme Park Road and Weston Park, starting at 8.00pm. A donation of £2.00 is requested from non-members. Refreshments are available from 7:40 pm. The doors close at 8:00 pm and latecomers are not admitted. For further information please ring The Old Schoolhouse (020 8348 8429); write to the Society at 136 Tottenham Lane N8 7EL; website: www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk

11 January 2017

Hornsey in WW1, Nick Alloway

8 February 2017

Hornsey Church Tower: Past, Present and Future, Peter Sanders and Janet Owen

8 March 2017

Tottenham's Forgotten Houses, Val Crosby

12 April 2017

A Child's War: growing up in WW2, Mike Brown

Hounslow & District History Society

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Road, Hounslow, TW3 1UL, starting at 7.45pm, non-members £2.00. For further details contact Andrea Cameron (020 8570 4264) or Liz Mammatt (020 3302 4036).

Website: www.hounslowhistory.org.uk

31 January 2017

All Hallows: a City of London Church in Twickenham, Kathryn Elliott

28 February 2017

Licensed to Sell: the Brentford Magistrates' Court's Pub Watercolours, Mary and James Marshall

28 March 2017

Hounslow's Cemeteries, Alan Rice

25 April 2017

Annual General Meeting followed by **Turner and the Thames**, Andrea Cameron

Islington Archaeology & History Society

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1. A donation of £1 is requested from non-members. Enquiries: 020 7833 1541; website: www.islingtonhistory.org.uk

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF. Telephone: 01689 860939. Email: crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com. Website: www.the-cka.fsnet.co.uk

Lewisham Local History Society

Meetings are held on Fridays at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way SE13 6BT, starting at 7:45pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors welcomed, donation of £1 invited.

For further information please contact Gordon Dennington, 62 Park Hill Road, Bromley BR2 0LF; email: Gordondennington@hotmail.com; website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton E10 6EQ, at St Mary's Parish Hall, Lindley Road, Leyton E10 6QT, and at St John's Church Hall, E11 1HH, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane. Talks are free for members, £2.00 contribution to costs requested from visitors. For further details please contact Mrs Maureen Measure, Secretary, L&LHS (020 8558 5491); by post at 90 Richmond Road, Leytonstone E11 4BU; email: measure@btinternet.com; website: www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk

18 January 2017, Leyton Sixth Form College
Archaeology, Les Capon

15 February 2017, St John's Church Hall
The Bethnal Green Tube Disaster, Sandra Scotting

15 March 2017, St John's Church Hall
Cinemas, David Evans

19 April 2017, St John's Church Hall
'Palaces of the West End', Richard Gray

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. Visitors are welcome. A charge may be made on the door. For further information please visit website: www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm

Merton Historical Society

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoons at Christ Church Hall, Colliers Wood. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Turner, 27 Burley Close, London SW16 4QQ; email: mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk; website: www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk. Walks and visits are held during the summer.

14 January 2017
Recent Researches, illustrated talks by a number of members

11 February 2017
Thames Road Bridges, Richard Fitch

11 March 2017

Artists, Antiquaries and Collectors: Illustrations of Surrey collected by Robert Barclay of Bury Hill Dorking c.1800, Julian Pooley

8 April 2017

Mills of the Wandle, Mick Taylor

The Norwood Society

Local history talks are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Upper Norwood Library, Westow Hill SE19 1TJ. Entry is free, but a donation towards the cost of tea and homemade cakes would be much appreciated. For enquiries please contact Alun & Barbara Thomas (07784 941014); history@norwoodsociety.co.uk; website: www.norwoodsociety.co.uk

Orpington & District Archaeological Society

Meetings are held in Christ Church (United Reformed), Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH, on the first Wednesday of each month (except August and January) from 8.00pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. For further information please contact Michael Meekums or Janet Clayton (020 8302 1572); website: www.odas.org.uk

1 February 2017

The Windmills of NW Kent and Kentish London, Robert Cumming

1 March 2017

The Granges of Merton Priory, Janette Henderson

5 April 2017

The Luttrell Psalter, Imogen Corrigan

Pinner Local History Society

All meetings start at 8.00pm. Main 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); website: www.pinnerlhs.org.uk

5 January 2017, 10.30am

Cassiobury: the Ancient Seat of the Earls of Essex, Paul Rabbitts

2 February 2017, 10.30am

Latimer House in World War II, Alison Bailey

2 March 2017

Pinner's Grand Houses and People who Lived in Them, Research Group

6 April 2017

Bridge Street: from medieval green to modern street, Pat Clarke

4 May 2017

AGM followed by Bells and Baldrics, Tony Adamson

Potters Bar and District Historical Society

Meetings are held in the 60 Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, Herts, starting at 8.00pm prompt. Visitors are welcome (admission £1). For further details please visit the website: <http://www.pottersbarhistory.uk>

20 January 2017

Field Marshal Lord Byng of Vimy, William Franklin

21 February 2017

Salisbury Hall and the de Havilland Aircraft Company, Alistair Hodgson

17 March 2017

More Photographs of North Mymms, Mike Allen

20 April 2017

AGM followed by Tales of the Regent's Canal, Dr John Stredwick

18 May 2017

The Real Dad's Army: The Home Guard, Mike Brown

Richmond Archaeological Society

All lectures take place on the 2nd Friday of every month at the Vestry Rooms, Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey at 8:00pm, and are free to members. Non-members are welcome to attend by giving a donation. For further information please visit the website: www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk

13 January, 2017, 7:30pm

New Year Social Event and Bumps and Bombs, Simon Fowler

10 February, 2017

The newly discovered Romano-British site at Flexford, Surrey, David Calow

10 March, 2017

The Archaeology of the Silk Roads, Dr Tim Williams

7 April, 2017

Bucklersbury to Bloomberg, Jessica Bryan

12 May, 2017

Prehistoric rock art in Scandinavia: ships, sun and sea, Dr Courtney Nimura

Richmond Local History Society

All meetings are held at Duke Street Church, Richmond, TW9 1DH at 8.00pm (coffee from 7.30pm). Visitors: £2. Further information from the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825); email: rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk; website: www.richmondhistory.org.uk

16 January 2017

Crown Lands in Kew: the Public Record Office and beyond, Paul Davies

13 February 2017

Pubs and Breweries in Richmond, Richard Holmes

13 March 2017

Richmond and the Right: The National Citizens Union, British Fascists and other fringe groups in the interwar period, Steven Woodbridge

10 April 2017

Ham's Eccentric Princess, David Williams

Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place at the Time and Talents Settlement, The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe, SE16 4JD, and begin at 7.15pm. Non-members welcome for a donation of £2. For more information please visit www.rbhistory.org.uk

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from September to April, at 8.15pm in St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 admission charge). For further information, please contact the Society's Programme Secretary on 01895 673299.

16 January 2017

Medieval Middlesex: the archaeological remains, Adam Corsini

20 February 2017

The Knights Templar and their London connections, Robert Stephenson

20 March 2017

A History of Harefield Hospital, Andrew Willis

24 April 2017

Mr Guy's Hospital and the Caribbean, Jane Bowden-Dan

Southgate District Civic Trust

The Trust covers Southgate, New Southgate, Cockfosters, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Hadley Wood. Open Meetings are held twice a year at the Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, Southgate, and Local History meetings are held five times a year at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill. Non-members are welcome. For further information, contact Colin Barratt (020 8882 2246); email info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk or visit www.southgatedistrictcivictrust.org.uk

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

Lectures are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Housing Co-operative, 106 The Cut SE1, (direct entrance from the raised walkway), almost opposite the Old Vic. Coffee or tea and biscuits are available from 7.00 pm. Visitors are welcome but are asked to contribute £1 towards expenses. For further details please contact Richard Buchanan, 79 Ashridge Crescent, Shooter's Hill, London SE18 3EA; email: RichardJBuchanan@aol.com. For enquiries please call 020 8764 8314.

10 January 2017

The River Effra, Jon Newman

14 February 2017

Railway archaeology in our town centre: restoring the abandoned interiors of Peckham Rye Station, Benedict O'Looney

14 March 2017

MOLA excavations at 25 London Bridge Street 2008 to 2012, Tony Mackinder

11 April 2017

Symposium: a group of short talks

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines, and begin at 8.00pm. Members free, non members welcome (£2 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 564585); email: npollard@spelthornemuseum.org.uk; website: www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk

Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8.00pm on Wednesdays, excluding July and August (visitors welcome at a charge of £1). For further information please contact The Secretary, info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk; www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk

4 January 2017

History of Hatch End, Pat Clarke

1 February 2017

The Dowding System, Sharon Ward

1 March 2017

The Art of the Underground, David Burnell

5 April 2017

Noel & Ivor, Geoff Bowden

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

Lectures are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8.00pm on the first Monday of each month from October to May. Guests are welcome (£2.50). For further information please visit our website: www.botlhs.co.uk

9 January 2017

Social. Theme: Another Surprise from Dr French

6 February 2017

Panorama of the Thames (film), Jill Sanders and John Inglis

6 March 2017

The Royal Parks in the First World War, David Ivison

3 April 2017

The Dunkirk Evacuation 1940, John Tough

Uxbridge Local History and Archives Society

All meetings take place at Christ Church, Redford Way (off Belmont Road), Uxbridge, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Mr K.R. Pearce, 29 Norton Road, Uxbridge UB8 2PT; website: www.eddiethecomputer.co.uk/history

Walthamstow Historical Society

Talks take place in the Large Hall in the Family Centre, St Gabriel's Church, Havant Road, Walthamstow E17 3JF (just off Wood Street.). For General enquires please write to 55 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3DB; email: whsenquiries@gmail.com; website: www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Wandsworth Historical Society

Meetings held at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Town Hall) on the last Friday of the month at 8.00pm until 9.15pm (followed by tea and biscuits). For more information, visit the website: www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

27 January 2017

7th Nick Fuentes Memorial Lecture

An archaeological talk, to be confirmed

24 February 2017

How Lambeth-based engineer Henry Maudslay turned London into the silicon valley of the nineteenth century, David Waller

West Drayton & District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from September until May (excluding December) 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) or website: <http://westdraytonlocalhistory.com>

31 January 2017

Harefield Hospital, Andrew Willis

28 February 2017

Linnean Society of London, Diane Tough

28 March 2017

To be advised

25 April 2017

AGM and Bring and Tell

Willesden Local History Society

The Society meets on Wednesdays from September to June at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, which is in Neasden Lane adjacent to the churchyard. For further information please contact the Secretary, Margaret Pratt, 51 West Ella Road, London NW10 9PT (020 8965 7230); website: www.willesden-local-history.co.uk

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