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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

Please note that the final copy deadline for the May 2019 *Newsletter* is 20 March 2019. Please send items for inclusion by email preferably (as MS Word attachments) to: **rhbg.lamas@gmail.com**, or by surface mail to me, Richard Gilpin, Honorary Editor, LAMAS *Newsletter*, 84 Lock Chase, Blackheath, London SE3 9HA. It would be greatly appreciated if contributors could please ensure that any item sent by mail carries postage that is appropriate for the weight and size of the item.

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LAMAS 163rd Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address Tuesday 12 February 2019

Notice is hereby given of the LAMAS 163rd Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address to be held on Tuesday 12 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 Taryn Nixon, entitled **Tapping the source: how archaeology and history societies change the world**. Minutes of the 162nd AGM, held on 13 February 2018, will be available.

The 163rd AGM Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 162nd AGM, 2018
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 15 January 2019.

LAMAS History Editor Wanted

The position of History Editor of the Society's *Transactions* is vacant. This unpaid post will be attractive to a person interested in promoting and assisting the publication of articles about London history in the journal. Full support is given by the Publications Committee, which meets three times a year in central London. If you are interested, please contact the Chair of the Publications Committee, John Schofield, at john@jschd.demon.co.uk.

LAMAS Lecture Programme 2018-2019

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.

8 January 2019

From the Romans to the Saxons: results from the archaeological fieldwork at the site of St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square, Al Telfer MOLA

Excavations produced evidence for a fascinating sequence of activity from the time of the Roman Conquest to the 19th century, which included sarcophagi, Saxons and 17th century shops. The burial succession, in particular, is impressive in its apparent continuity, one rarely seen elsewhere, and makes a case for Saxon Lundenwic having Roman origins.

12 February 2019 (6.15pm, refreshments from 5.30pm)

Annual General Meeting and **Presidential Address: Tapping the source: how archaeology and history societies change the world**, Taryn Nixon.

> "In this time of challenge and uncertainty, the Presidential Address will explore the changing role of archaeological and history groups in society. It will consider local value, and local expertise, chart the shifting ground between societies, academia and heritage services, ask why research and publication are not enough and don full superhero gear to consider LAMAS, agent of change."
>
> *Taryn Nixon*

12 March 2019

Knole Revealed: archaeology and discovery from 2011-2018, Nathalie Cohen, National Trust

This talk will present the discoveries made during building recording at Knole in Sevenoaks, Kent, during the major conservation project carried out by the National Trust at the property over the course of seven years. This work included repair work to the roof and eastern façade, the conversion of the medieval barn into a conservation studio, and extensive work within the showrooms to upgrade services and open more spaces to the public. As part of the Heritage Lottery Funded project, a community and public archaeology programme was also developed to engage staff, volunteers and visitors with the archaeology of Knole.

9 April 2019

Headstone Manor, a moated house in Harrow, Middlesex, Pat Clarke

A disguised medieval house surrounded by a complete, water-filled moat still stands at the core of Headstone Manor, an ancient estate which opened as part of a heritage museum in December 2017. The surviving part of the early 14th century timber-framed house is thought to be the earliest domestic fabric so far known in Middlesex. The talk will cover the history of the house and estate, and consider the importance of the archaeological discoveries of recent years.

14 May 2019

Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture: The Battersea Channel – a hidden landscape, Mark Stevenson, Historic England.

This lecture will describe the archaeological process and results of recent investigations of the prehistoric landscape of Battersea and the River Thames.

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New Members

New members are immensely important to the Society, and Council would like to welcome the following, who have all joined LAMAS recently:

Geoff Church, Merton
Michael Goddard, Yelverton
John Hood, London SW13
Michaela Thomas, London SE1
Norman Fowler, Fulham
Tom Hill, East Molesey
Lee Joyce, Harlow

We hope that you participate in as many of the Society's activities as possible, and that you all enjoy your LAMAS experience.

Central London Young Archaeologists
Investigate Ghosts in the Landscape

Thanks to the generosity of LAMAS, the club continues to flourish and attract new members.

At our last meeting we revisited the long hot summer and found out why it was so exciting for archaeologists. All over the country, crop or parch marks revealed ancient sites, some of which were previously unknown. We looked at aerial photos and learned how crop marks are formed. Then we looked at an aerial photo of a local site, Shoreditch Park, in which we could see faint images of the foundations of Victorian houses that were bombed in WW2. Finally we tried some experimental archaeology (above) by making our own crop marks. We designed and buried archeological features in seed trays and sowed a crop of cress.

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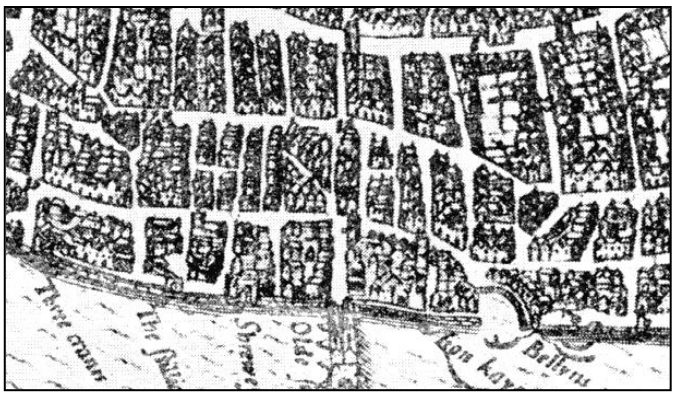
LAMAS 53rd Local History Conference: 17 November 2018
"An Emporium for many Nations": London shaped by trade

The Conference was opened by **John Price**, Chair of the LAMAS Local History Committee, followed by the first speaker, **Dr Gustav Milne** (Project Leader, CITiZAN), who explained that his address, ***Shaped by Trade: the Changing Topography of the Medieval Port***, would be essentially archaeological in its approach at what was nominally a history conference.

This was because of the way in which excavations over the past forty years have dramatically informed our understanding of London's waterfront during the mediaeval period. He demonstrated the changes in ship construction (from wooden ships to iron hulled ships) which went hand in hand with profound changes in the port of London from AD900 to AD1500.

Vessels in the late Saxon period had been pulled up the sloping shore of the Thames for goods to be unloaded and loaded. Evidence had shown however the introduction of larger, deeper vessels such as cogs, which carried heavier cargoes, and the construction of timber (and then masonry) river walls on made land, to which the boats could tie up. The walls gradually had to be extended, encroaching into the Thames. Rich

evidence of structural change forced by the increasing requirements of trade into and out of London meant that new port handling facilities and the first warehouses had to be built, together with a network of streets running north-south to the river (left). Further evidence showed changes in pottery traded through the port from France, Germany and Spain, together with changes in coinage needed for trade.



When London Bridge was constructed in the late 12th century in order to link the two banks of the Thames, it also became a barrier to trade. River traffic kept upstream, sea traffic stayed downstream, and shipbuilding moved downstream as well. Abundant evidence showed how the port of London and its immediate hinterland had been transformed, but had London been changed by trade or had trade been changed by London?

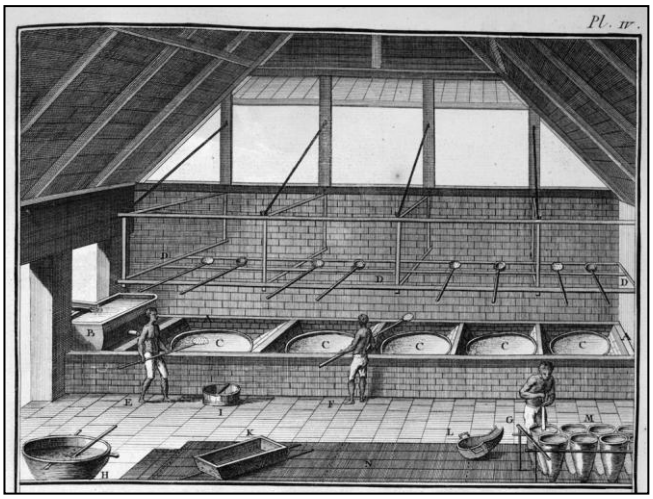
The second address was given by **Richard Wiltshire** (Senior Archivist, London Metropolitan Archives), whose subject was ***Beating Heart of London's commercial life: Unlocking the riches of business archives at London Metropolitan Archives, City of London***. He explained that the City of London's LMA was the largest single collection of business archives held by any local authority in England and Wales. The extensive range of business records dating back to the 15th century provides details of the business activities not just of individual merchants and tradesmen but also those of large, and sometimes global, companies. Documentary evidence shows the ways in which businesses have influenced the city in which they operated. Following company closures, many such records have regrettably finished up in skips, but others have fortunately been retrieved from business premises that were about to be demolished.

To illustrate the material held by the LMA, he chose a number of individual cases. These included posters and promotional materials created for Chubb & Sons and J Lyons (whose Corner Houses would have been patronised at some time by more than a few members of the audience!), and sales records from J Lock & Co (hatters of St James's Street), who had Lord Nelson and his father as customers. The records of auction houses and shipping companies are useful in showing the kind of goods, such as tea, coffee, and even ostrich feathers, that were being imported into London, and by inference suggesting the warehouse facilities that they would have needed.

In short, the resources of the LMA provide an outstanding opportunity for any researcher to uncover the details of ways in which businesses and traders have shaped the London that we know today.

The keynote address, ***Eric Williams and William Forbes: copper, colonies, and capital accumulation in London during the Age of Revolutions***, was given by **Nuala Zahedieh** (University of Edinburgh), who described the global influence exerted by one man, William Forbes of Callendar, in the later years of the 18th century and beyond, and how research into his business operations has shown the importance of London as a trading hub.

Forbes started life in Aberdeen and worked as a coppersmith; he was not just keen to make things in copper however – he was also keen to make money. Through understanding the links between slavery in the Caribbean and the Industrial Revolution in Britain (described by Eric Williams in his capitalism and slavery studies), Forbes accepted that 'coerced labour' was vital for foreign lands to be exploited. He saw that overseas markets could be created for British exporters and opportunities created for British importers, and his success was built on supplying the sugar and rum factories of the Caribbean, many of which needed to use copper boilers as part of the sugar cane refining process (right). The demand for British refined copper led to a massive increase in exports, nearly all through London, and much destined for the West Indies. Meanwhile, London dominated the importation of sugar and sugar-based products from the Caribbean plantations. He placed himself midway in a long production chain linking the Cornish miners, the Welsh smelters, the provincial rolling-mill workers, the London coppersmiths, and the enslaved workers in the fields and factories of the West Indies.



He created thousands of jobs, exploited tens of thousands of workers (many of them 'coerced'), made profits from exporting and importing, and became extremely wealthy. He did this through London, the commercial and industrial hub of Britain's trading empire, and its principal trading port.

Before breaking for lunch, the presentation of the **2018 Local History Publications Awards** was made. The Book Prize went to Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for *Images of Hampton in the 1920s and 1930s: The Roads and Buildings, Businesses and Shops, The River and Recreation* by John Sheaf. *"The Italian Murder" and the Slums of Victorian and Edwardian Kingston upon Thames* by Dr Christopher French, also from Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, was Highly Commended. The Journal Prize was awarded to Hornsey Historical Society for *Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin 58*, edited by Sandra Clark. The winner of the Newsletter category was Chadwell Heath Historical Society for ***Newsletter – Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter***, edited by Christine Wagg.

After lunch, the first speaker was Dr Claire Martin (Independent Researcher) whose subject was ***The Craftsman, the Merchant and the Labourer: Comparing the Formation and Early History of the Girdlers, Woolmen and Carters***. She examined three very different groups of traders and questioned how, when and why they formed a collective identity and co-operative organisation. The Girdlers (belt makers) were craftsmen who produced a commercial product with the skilled labour of their hands and who lived and worked near each other. The Woolmen included in their number both national and international traders and manual workers. They travelled widely, and their networks stretched far outside the city to the wool producing counties of England or even to the continent. Both trades formed their guilds or fraternities in the early thirteenth century when many other London professions were embarking upon the same evolutionary journey, but their activities and motivations were very different. In contrast the Carters were labourers with a skill that was widespread, engaged in a profession which severed them from strong connection to any place or city and whose membership included Londoners and non-Londoners, citizens and non-citizens. It would be another 300 years before they founded their own fraternity and many more before they gained full control over their own affairs. The relationship which each group of traders established with city government differed enormously. While some sought influence and positions of power others had less interest in joining the ruling classes or were otherwise engaged in a struggle to escape the controls and restrictions imposed upon them by the civic authorities. The different experiences of these trades and traders enhance our understanding of the development and later evolution of the city.

This address was followed by ***Porters, sugar boilers, stone cutters and surgeons: trades in London on the eve of the Great Fire***, given by Dr John Price, (Goldsmiths, University of London).
The basis of his address was the Hearth Tax, which was introduced in England in 1662 and operated until 1689. The Hearth Tax was a tax on fireplaces and people were charged for each fireplace in their property. The householder (occupier) of the house had to pay 1 shilling per hearth twice a year.
In 1666, just before the Great Fire, an assessment was made of the hearth tax for London and Middlesex. Contrary to usual practices, several of the books of assessment listed the occupation or trade of the householder alongside the number of hearths they were liable for. Although far from comprehensive, the information on occupations provides not only a window on the different trades operating in London at that time, but also insights into occupational zoning and the relationships between different trades and traders. John indicated that the database, available though British History Online https://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-hearth-tax/london-mddx/1666?page=3 is an underused resource for research.
Analysing the different occupations, and particularly the locations of those occupations, reveals that the necessity of trade in an increasingly populated city was breaking down some of the stricter demarcations of social class that might have existed outside the city at that time. In order to prosper, the wealthier tradesmen required the services and materials provided by those from more lowly and manual occupations, and this led to districts where the rich and poor lived and worked side by side. This early-modern occupation zoning also reveals the origins of some of modern London's trade areas and retail districts.

The first speaker after tea was **Dr Fiona Haughey** (Archaeologist and Archaeological Illustrator), whose paper was intriguingly titled ***It is all happening at the western end of the tidal Thames!***
She explained that her aim was to shift the spotlight away from the City and lower reaches of the Thames, and to examine commercial activities further upstream. This was a large topic, and although she emphasised that there was evidence of long term trade in the area dating back to the Mesolithic period and beyond, her focus was on the past 300 years, and on the districts of Brentford, Chiswick, Isleworth and Strand-on-the-Green. We learned about the different craft that carried goods up and down the Thames (sail-powered barges and lighters driven by oars), and about the carriage of other commodities down the River Brent and, later, from the 1790s, the Grand Junction Canal. In the 1850s, the Great Western Railway and its Brentford branch line introduced a new strand to the transport network, and Isambard Kingdom Brunel designed the so-

called ‘Three Bridges’ (there are actually only two), a sophisticated arrangement allowing road, canal and railway to intersect and cross one another without hindrance. Brentford Dock, at the terminus of the railway, became a major hub for the trans-shipment of goods. Haughey also spoke about activity on the Thames islands (Lot’s Ait, Brentford Ait and Strand Ait, or Oliver’s Island), and their role in the commerce of the area – including, unexpectedly, the use of Lot’s Ait as a location for scenes in the Humphrey Bogart/Katherine Hepburn film, *The African Queen*. Goods transported through the area ranged from the mundane to such exotic materials as gunpowder manufactured on Hounslow Heath; while other local industries distributing their output to the wider world included Fuller’s Brewery and Thornycroft, pioneer builders of torpedo boats.

The final address of the day, entitled ***The shell trade of London in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries***, was presented by **Professor William G Clarence-Smith** (SOAS, University of London), who introduced the audience to a little studied but significant component of London’s web of commerce, sitting alongside the ‘plume’ and sponge trades. The term ‘shell’ in fact encompassed a number of distinct materials, derived from saltwater and freshwater molluscs, and from turtles and tortoises; while end products ranged from ‘pearl’ buttons to furniture inlays, cutlery handles and religious items. Shell was used by manufacturers in Birmingham and Sheffield as well as the capital, but much of the import trade passed through London – specifically, St Katharine’s Dock and its surrounding warehouses. Only parts of the shells were used in manufacture, resulting in large mountains of waste products: curiously, despite their lime-rich content, these were utilised only to a limited degree in construction, or for fertiliser or animal feed. Many of the personnel involved in the import trade were Jewish, although their manipulation of London auctions was exaggerated by Australian exporters, who countered by forming their own sellers’ cartel. The bustling trade grew through the nineteenth century and boomed at the turn of the twentieth, but largely collapsed after the Second World War as the substitute use of plastics began to develop. Nevertheless, Clarence-Smith highlighted two legacies that are still with us: the name and logo of the Shell oil corporation, which traces its roots to an import business, trading in (among other goods) shells from Japan and elsewhere, established by the Samuel family in East London in the nineteenth century; and the traditional costumes of the London ‘pearly kings and queens’.

Summaries of the Conference provided by Richard Gilpin, Roger Chapman and Oliver Harris.

The LAMAS Book Prize

The LAMAS Book Prize announced at the Local History Conference went – for the third year in succession – to Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, this time for ***Images of Hampton in the 1920s and 1930s: The Roads and Buildings, Businesses and Shops, The River and Recreation***, John Sheaf (2017), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, A5 paperback, 100 pages, colour and black and white illustrations, £7.50, ISBN 978-0-903341-99-8.

Although the title of this book suggests a preponderance of images (of which there is no shortage, with many reproduced from black and white or sepia postcards of the period), there is a great deal of informative text to provide context.

Each of seven chapters focuses on a road or street deemed by the author to be important to the essence of Hampton, and in every one he offers a close-up map as a guide for the reader; details and images of buildings and their (changing) use are given. He then moves on and includes many architects' drawings in a collection of "Other" roads, lanes and avenues; a similar approach can be seen in "New Roads".

The rest of the book describes specific businesses and shops, and facilities for recreation and celebration.

For anyone with past or present (or indeed future) roots in Hampton, this will be an excellent and entertaining acquisition, in which every page shows the love that the author has for the local history of this area.

A worthy winner – again – for Borough of Twickenham Local History Society.

Richard Gilpin, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Journal Prize

The LAMAS Journal Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Hornsey Historical Society for ***Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin 58***, Sandra Clark (ed) (2017), Hornsey Historical Society, A4 paperback, 40 pages, colour and black and white illustrations, no price, ISSN 0955-8071.

The winning entry is an attractively designed A4 booklet, fully illustrated (in colour where appropriate). The contents of this issue are partially themed around the First World War: they include a timeline for 1917; the fourth in a series on 'Hornsey at War' (covering topics ranging from domestic food shortages, by way of a Gotha air raid in September 1917, to the experiences of the local battalion, the 7th Middlesex, on the Western Front); and an article on the orchestral activities organised by enemy aliens interned at Alexandra Palace. Other contributions include a study (by the editor) on the north London connections of the illustrator and humorist Heath Robinson; a review of the changing character of the

shopping parades of Quernmore Road, Harringay; the story of Highgate estate agents Prickett & Ellis, founded in 1767, written by a fifth-generation member of the Ellis family who took over the firm in the late nineteenth century; and a brief account of the eighteenth-century Woodmen of Hornsey, an archery and shooting society for gentlemen. All are clearly and engagingly written, and either fully referenced or provided with guidance for the reader who might wish to know more. This is a deserving winner of the 2018 journal prize.
Oliver Harris, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Newsletter Prize

The LAMAS Newsletter Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Chadwell Heath Historical Society for ***Newsletter – Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter***, Christine Wagg (ed) (2017), Chadwell Heath Historical Society, A4 stapled sheets, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.
The Society produces its newsletter quarterly and designs it in a simple, straightforward manner; it is well illustrated with a combination of colour and black and white images. As one would hope, the newsletter is satisfyingly packed with news about the Society, its events, and the various projects being undertaken by its members. Editions of the 2017 newsletter contained a 'bookshelf' feature with reviews of local history publications, reports from Society events including its annual History Fair, updates on previous Society campaigns, and an ever valuable 'Diary Dates' section to keep members up to date with Society activities. The newsletter also contains some short reports on historical projects which contain some original research, but the onus is very much on news and the newsletter shines on that basis. Congratulations to the Chadwell Heath Historical Society for producing an interesting, valuable and regular update for its members.
John Price, on behalf of the Local History Committee

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London Stone Returns to Cannon Street

On Thursday 4 October, after two years on show at the Museum of London, a block of oolitic limestone known as London Stone, dating possibly to the Roman period, returned to its most recent home on the north side of Cannon Street. It had previously been behind an iron grille in the wall of number 111, and had been removed to allow the demolition of the building to which it had been attached. In earlier centuries it had been in many different locations.
There are many fascinating myths surrounding the Stone, as expounded by John Clark in his LAMAS Lecture on 9 October, and much of its past is uncertain, but the artefact now on display is probably no more than a

fragment of its former self. Over four hundred years ago John Stow described it as 'a great stone called London stone, fixed in the ground verie deepe, fastned with bars of iron, and otherwise so strongly set, that if Cartes do run against it through negligence, the wheeles be broken, and the stone it selfe vnshaken'.

What is left of Stow's stone can now be found behind a horseshoe-shaped window in a recently constructed housing of Portland stone, and may easily be inspected by readers visiting the London Mithraeum. It also boasts its own website (www.londonstone.org.uk).

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Saving the Empire Cinema, Haymarket

Readers with good short-term memories will recall that the September issue included an article on the threat to the Empire Cinema from an application by the owner, The Crown Estate, for a certificate of immunity from listing (COI). If granted this could have led to the demolition of an iconic building and its replacement by a perhaps less iconic office-led development.

For lovers of London's heritage the latest news is good. In October, SAVE Britain's Heritage were able to announce that, following its high profile campaign and a recent re-inspection by Historic England, the cinema has now been given a Grade II listing. This presents The Crown Estate with an opportunity to re-think its plans and incorporate this historic and very special West End venue into its wider strategy for the Haymarket. The story continues...

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London Archaeologist 50th Anniversary Conference, 6 November 2018

The Conference, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of *London Archaeologist*, was opened by **Harvey Sheldon**, President of LAMAS, and **Jane Sidell**, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic England.

The first speaker, Peter Marsden, was unable to attend, and his address on ***The beginnings of post WWII archaeology in the City of London*** was given by **Clive Orton**. Peter's paper explained that in 1960 little was known about Roman London, and it outlined his involvement in discoveries than were made in later years, including the Huggin Hill baths, Roman Southwark, previously unexcavated parts of the Roman Wall, and the Blackfriars ships.

This was followed by ***The development of archaeology in Greater London, 1968-1991***, by **Harvey Sheldon**, who drew attention to the role of Nick Farrant (later Fuentes) in the early days of *London Archaeologist*. Harvey described the ways in which London had responded to war damage and the threats of destructive development, and applauded the

genesis of archaeological units, starting with Brian Philp and the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit.

The third address, on the subject of ***The DUA: managing archaeological investigations in the City of London, 1973-1991***, was given by **John Maloney**, who stressed the importance of Martin Biddle's *The Future of London's Past* as a signpost to the future, and the significance of the leadership of Brian Hobley, who became Chief Urban Archaeologist in 1973. He stressed that the explosion of developer-led archaeology in the City needed to be managed, with goodwill between developers and archaeologists being of paramount importance.

Alison Telfer then spoke on ***Slips, trips and falls: 50 years of health and safety on site***. Her trip (through time) started in the 1970s with heavy boots and horseplay on site, and moved on to the changes in the management of construction sites brought in by PPG16. Accident prevention today is now tightly regulated, with a greater emphasis on recruitment and training, making sites correspondingly safer.

After the morning coffee break, the first address, ***City Trowelblazers: the role of women in the archaeology of London***, was given by **Sadie Watson**, who outlined ways in which women had made major contributions to London's archaeology. These included fieldwork and management; conservation; museums and archives; publishing; local society work; and as volunteers. Women had had to struggle for recognition and – on construction sites – for toilet and changing facilities. An improvement in legal frameworks and an increase in role models would be helpful if women were to achieve real equality in the future.

She was followed by **Eliott Wragg**, who spoke on ***County Hall to the foreshore: nautical archaeology and a volunteer force***, explaining how early archaeology had been dominated by excavation directors. Peter Marsden and others had then demonstrated the rise in importance of specialists. Today, professionals and informed volunteers work together. A case study of this relationship was the Thames Archaeological Survey, created by Gustav Milne and Nick Merriman, which led to the establishment of the Thames Discovery Programme and its substantial volunteer force.

Jelena Bekvalac introduced the audience to ***Bones, bones, glorious bones: a potted history of developments in the field of osteology***. She started with the 18th century anthropologists and showed how much progress had been made in the training of osteologists and in analytical techniques. She cited Spitalfields as the site that had "changed osteoarchaeology". The demands of processing over 10,000 bodies had forced the creation of a new osteological database, and this had become a powerful research engine, available for complex questioning. The future

of osteology would see advances in retrieval and analysis of ancient DNA.

After lunch, **Michael Marshall**, discussed ***In small things forgotten? Material culture and the archaeology of London***. Much attention had been given to the discovery of large structures, but Michael wanted to show the importance of small finds. The activities of the early antiquaries had given way to more systematic methodologies, which were essential to the processing of large numbers of finds. Archaeologists had increasingly been able to make significant links between artefacts and consumers.

The subject of ***Planning for archaeology: new views from the public sector*** was presented by **Adam Single**, **Sandy Kidd**, **Gillian King** and **Jane Sidell** (on behalf of **Kathryn Stubbs**, who was unable to attend). From their various perspectives, the speakers felt that London needed to be seen as a world city with archaeology that deserved protection; that greater outreach was important; that the unique information from artefacts such as the Harper Road sarcophagus deserved to be shared; and that the material past should be integrated into the newly constructed environment. In this respect, Jane Sidell praised Kathryn in her absence for the impact of her work over the past two decades.

Bruce Watson (hand in glove with his assistant) then looked at ***Paper, Pixels and people; 50 years of site recording and post-excavation methodology in London***. They demonstrated how the inadequacies of early site recording had been highlighted during 1975 by the excavation of the GPO site. Steps were taken to standardise and formalise the recording of information, and different forms were devised for specialist use. Increasing amounts of recorded information demanded new approaches and 1980s technology became obsolescent: digital photography replaced transparencies, and desk top publishing and the internet changed information processing and publication.

They were followed by **David Perrett**, who spoke on ***Five decades of change in London's industrial archaeology: GLIAS at 50***. He outlined some industrial buildings that had been important to GLIAS since its formation in 1969. These included (Mark) Brunel's engine house at Rotherhithe and Kirkaldy's Unique Testing Engine. Industrial heritage enthusiasts were aging however, and interest generally was dwindling.

After a short break, **Adam Corsini** turned to ***Making archives relevant: the role of London's Archaeological Archive***. In order to ensure that the world's largest industrial archive remained relevant, the Museum was increasingly widening its demographic. Internally, storage needed to be improved, decisions would have to be made regarding retention of artefacts, and acquisition would have to be more significance-based.

Roy Stephenson followed Adam with a talk on ***Archaeology and the Museum of London***. He looked at the birth of the Museum following the

post war merger of the Guildhall and London Museums, and explained that the structure was no longer fit for purpose. Galleries would need to change as part of the move to West Smithfield. In future there would be a new focus on the more general historic environment, with a greater emphasis given to buildings.

The final address, ***Why are we here?***, was given by **Jane Sidell**, who drew attention to heroic campaigns; iconic discoveries, such as the Rose Theatre; epic interventions; "pants-wetting excitement" including the Spitalfields sarcophagus; preservation in situ, such as the Charnel House; the creation of world-class archaeologists and specialists; losses, including Baynard's Castle and other unpublished sites; and threats such as the reduction in numbers of curators and loss of European funding. She hoped that our successors would be able to celebrate 50 years...

There was then a panel discussion with **Janet Miller**, **Gary Brown**, **Melissa Melikian**, **Guy Hunt** and **Dominic Perring** as participants. **Jane Sidell** concluded proceedings by wondering why there was no such forum in existence for archaeological units, and asked how information about new discoveries from London sites could be disseminated more quickly to an interested public.

Richard Gilpin

Bruce's Conference Comments

Bruce Watson praises *London Archaeologist* for the magazine's series of period by period reviews of the capital's archaeology, highlighting key discoveries. All of them demonstrate a tremendous growth in knowledge: the results of diverse scientific developments, such as calibrated radiocarbon dates, dendrochronology, DNA and stable isotope analysis of skeletal material.

He notes the breadth of issues covered by the Conference and points out that many of the papers raised interesting points worth consideration.

The relocation of the Museum of London poses the question: how much archaeology will the new galleries contain? Worryingly various cutbacks have left the museum with a tiny curatorial team that now faces a huge workload.

50 years ago, it was a struggle to establish archaeology units with paid staff and then to get archaeology integrated into the planning process. The present planning system in Greater London was functioning well as far as archaeology is concerned, but worrying new infrastructure projects like Crossrail or HS2 tend not require approval by local planning authorities. Shamefully, the City of Westminster has no archaeological officer, which perhaps explains why the present restoration of the roof of the medieval Great Hall of the Palace of Westminster has no archaeological input (see British *Archaeology May/June 2017* 'Saving Westminster'). If archaeology is perceived as another pointless and costly delay, then its

role in the planning process could be down-graded with tragic consequences. While not seeking to detract from the great achievements of the capital's archaeologists over the last 50 years, its archaeology seems like a game of snakes of ladders with a high risk of the present gains being wiped out by a foolish political decision.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Civil War in London: voices from the City, by Robin Rowles (2017), published by Pen & Sword Books Limited, 234x154mm hardback, 152 pages, with black and white illustrations, references, and index, £12.99. ISBN 978-1-526706-47-8.

Many books on the Civil War have been written. This one is different in that its roots are in a London walk devised by the author, a qualified City of London Guide Lecturer.

Drawing on many contemporary documents, including livery company records and histories, together with private journals and diaries, he reconstructs the role of the City of London in the momentous events of the Civil War years.

In his opening chapters the author lays out the historical sequence of events. Looking at the years following the death of Elizabeth I he describes how the toxic combination of an absolute monarchical rule and a dissolved parliament made the early Stuart period 'the high road to civil war'. He gives details of the continuing disagreements between King Charles II and parliament over his funding demands, how he declared war on parliament in 1642, and how Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army eventually destroyed that of the king.

The author then devotes his attention to the City of London and its role during this period, and shows that the parliamentarians were determined to have its backing, partly because it was the capital of the country, and partly because of its riches. They first had to manage the City however, and did this through the livery companies. Many gave significant financial support, while the Stationers helped parliamentary control through the enforcement of copyright and censorship.

He covers the religious strife and the emergence of anti-Royalist groups that dominated the period, and shows how publishers outside London progressively eroded the Stationers' control over what the public could read. In 1647 parliament was forced to enact an ordinance giving itself national control against 'scandalous pamphlets'. Details of the trained bands, formed from volunteers to defend the city from attack' are given, noting that October 1644 was the last occasion when the London regiments fought under their own banners. In conclusion, the author looks at what happened to the winners, and the losers.

This is a good read and an excellent way of giving background information to readers, which they will be able to use when making their own way around the City of London.
Richard Gilpin

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

The King's Cross Story: 200 Years of History in the Railway Lands

The area of King's Cross has witnessed a dramatic transformation, with a new city rising above, alongside and within some of the country's most compelling railway heritage. After the demise of steam, the decaying industrial landscape was colonised by a variety of new enterprises, invaded by clubbers, contested by developers and the community, and captured by artists and photographers.
Peter Darley's *The King's Cross Stor*y, priced at £20.00, is published by The History Press, Stroud, Gloucestershire (www.thehistorypress.co.uk).

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

9 January 2019
Spanish Civil War and its connections with local people, Jonathan Oates

13 February 2019
The Women's Land Army, Carol Harris

13 March 2019
Women Councillors in Acton, Phil Portwood

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings held on Mondays at 7.45pm 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.barkinghistoricalsociety.co.uk

4 February 2019
Spirit of the Iroquois (tanker), Len Taphouse

4 March 2019
Serving with the Colours: how Peabody tenants went to war in 1914, Christine Wagg

1 April 2019
The Old Jewry, Eleanor Bloom

13 May 2019
AGM followed by **History of Plants**, Lois Amos

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

17 January 2019
30 Years in Local Studies, Jane Baxter

21 February 2019
London Bridges, Chris Roberts

21 March 2019
All Saints Church, East Sheen
AGM followed by **The Changing Face of Funerals in South London**, Brian Parsons

11 April 2019
An Introduction to Kew Gardens and their History, Mary Done

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 talks are held bi-monthly in the BSCC, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 7EB, 8pm for 8.15pm start. Excavations are carried out at weekends (March-November), in which membership is required to participate on site. For further information, please contact Pip Pulfer - *Principal Field Officer*: principalfieldofficer@bag.org.uk or Clare Lodge - *Public Relations Coordinator* - pr@bag.org.uk or visit our website - www.bag.org.uk

17 January 2019
Lost and Found – the rediscovery of Roman London, John Clark

31 March 2019
Harper Road Excavation - Roman Sarcophagus, Ireneo Grosso

30 March 2019 (**Saturday**) 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Sidcup Working Men's Club, 169 Main Road, Sidcup DA14 6PD
40th anniversary evening; **Mudlarking: A Journey Through Time**, Jason Sandy and Simon Bourne. Tickets £5.00: email pr@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 2EL, 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; email: info@brentfordand chiswickcls.org.uk; website: www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk

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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 at 7.45pm 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

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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

17 January 2019
Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library
The Changing Face of Fitzrovia: 300 Years of an Urban Village, Nick Bailey

7 February 2019
Burgh House, New End Square, London, NW3 1LS
The Campaigns to save Kenwood, Helen Lawrence

21 March 2019
Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library
Suffrage, Settlements and Song: Camden's Women, Rachel Kolsky

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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

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Chadwell Heath Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.30pm from September to June. All meetings are held at the Baptist Church Hall, High Road, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6PP. Visitors welcome £2 pp. Enquiries: 020 8590 4659/020 8597 7210; email: chadwellheathhistsoc@hotmail.com

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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

18 January 2019
A Conversation about Conservation: Twenty Years of Caring for Museum Collections, Andy Holbrook

15 February 2019
AGM and **Presidential Address**: **Thames Landing Craft**, Gustav Milne

15 March 2019
London's Waterfront from the 12th century to the Great Fire of 1666, Dr John Schofield

26 April 2019
City trowelblazers: women in archaeology in London, Sadie Watson

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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

6 March 2019
Old Rotherhithe, Darren Knight

3 April 2019
Riverine/riverside Archaeology and Finds, Jane Sidell

1 May 2019
Lascars in Shadwell 1780-1850, Dr John Seed

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. Website: http://www.mernick.org.uk/elhs/index
email: mail@eastlondonhistory.org.uk

10 January 2019
Little did we know - Hidden Histories of WW1, Diane Kendall

14 February 2019
A Modest Living, Memoirs of a Cockney Sikh, Suresh Singh

14 March 2019
The East End in Colour 1960-1980, the photographs of David Granick, Chris Dorley-Brown

18 April 2019
Henry Raine and Raines Foundation School, Joe Dolman

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.

15 January 2019
Mills of the River Wandle, Mick Taylor

19 February 2019
Early 20th century immigration, Paul Blake

19 March 2019
The London Labyrinth, Kathy Chater

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.

12 January 2019
Christmas Meeting – A Winter's Tale: Sharing Family Events of Winters Past

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.

11 February 2019
Trying to keep up with Family Search, Sharon Hintze

9 April 2019
The Story of Borough High Street, Lionel Wright

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.

7 February 2019
Coroner's Inquests, Kathy Chater

7 March 2019
Huguenot Ancestry in England and Wales, Michael Gandy

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

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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

7 February 2019
Not Forgotten – the 1944 V2 and the Crooked Billet, Jennie Randall

7 March 2019
AGM followed by **The Courtaulds and Eltham Palace**, David Sleep

4 April 2019
Does one really need a Professional Toastmaster?, Alan Coxon

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, website: www.enfarchsoc.org

7 September 2018
Exploring the material culture of Roman London, Michael Marshall

12 October 2018
Bugging the Nazis in WW2: Trent Park's Secret History, Dr Helen Fry

9 November 2018
Walbrook Mithras Temple reconstruction, Sophie Jackson

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.

23 January 2019
History of Britain's Roads, David Berguer

27 February 2019
Dabs and DNA Detects Criminals, Chris Truran

27 March 2019
The Palace of Westminster – The First Thousand Years, Barry Hall

24 April 2019
The History of Shopping in London, Diane Burstein

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.wprdpress.com

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Harefield History Society

Meetings are held at the Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane, Harefield UB9 6BJ at 8.00pm on the fourth Monday of the month from September to May. Outings and other events are also arranged. Website: http://harefieldhistorysociety.webplus.net

28 January 2019
The Kingdom of Italy (through the eyes of a philatelist), Andy Harris

25 February 2019
The Denham Massacre, Neil Watson

25 March 2019
Heraldry, Tim Noad

29 April 2019
The Coming of the Railways in the Chilterns, Dr Rudi Newman

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

12 February 2019
Prehistory in London – some Problems, Progress and Potential, Jon Cotton

12 March 2019
Lost and Found: the Rediscovery of Roman London, John Clark

9 April 2019
The CITiZAN Project, Gustav Milne

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

9 January 2019
More Music Hall and Vaudeville on Film, Keith Fawkes and Richard Norman

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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

29 January 2019
The Restoration of Sir John Soane's Pitzhanger Manor in Ealing – an Insider's View, Richard Flenley

26 February 2019
Cemeteries and the Burial of the Dead – A More Than Personal View, Alan Rice

26 March 2019
Suffragettes, Suffragists and Antis, Irene Cockcroft

30 April 2019
AGM followed by **The Life of Joshua Kirby, Father of Sarah Trimmer and Friend of the Artist Thomas Gainsborough,** Andrea Cameron

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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

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Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF. Telephone: 01689 860939. Email: crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com. Website: http://cka.moon-demon.co.uk

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Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Surbiton Library Halls Ewell Road, Surbiton. Visitors will be asked for a donation of £2 towards expenses. Enquiries to Hon Secretary KUTAS, 21 Duffins Orchard, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 0LP, email kutas.archaeology@gmail.com, website: www.kingstonarchaeology.org

10 January 2019
Digging in the Records, Carolynne Cotton

14 February 2019
Did the Romans reach Cornwall?, Patricia Smith/Dr Julie Wileman

14 March 2019
Visits to some Viking sites in Denmark, Richard Watson

11 April 2019
Merchants, Military Men and Migrants, Dr Judie English

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 Programme Secretary Tamsin Bacchus at tamsin_bacchus@hotmail.com; website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

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London Natural History Society

Indoor meetings usually consist of talks, slide shows or discussions. Visitors are welcome. A charge may be made on the door. For further information please visit website: www.lnhs.org.uk

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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.

12 January 2019
Members' Meeting

9 February 2019
Suffragettes, Sarah Gould

9 March 2019
Wimbledon Salvation Army, Richard Smart

13 April 2019
History of Sutton Villages, John Phillips

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 of £3 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

6 February 2019
The Archaeological and Anthropological Legacy of General Pitt Rivers and his son-in-law, John Lubbock, the 1st Lord Avebury, Lyulph Lubbock, 5th Baron Avebury

6 March 2019
Fulham Palace, Alexis Haslam

3 April 2019
Members' Talks

1 May 2019
The Brick and Stone in Commercial Archaeology: Recovering the Lost Buildings of London, Dr Kevin Hayward

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 £3. For further information please contact: Mrs J Brooks, 224 The Ridgeway, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7DB (020 8424 8445); website: www.pinnerlhs.org.uk

7 Feb 2019
Gog and Magog: Giants in the Guildhall, John Clark

7 March 2019
Pinner Waters: Streams and Ponds, Wells and Water-features, Research Group Presentation

4 April 2019
Headstone Manor: the History of the House and the Recent Discoveries, Pat Clarke

2 May 2019
AGM, followed by **Jewel of Metroland: St Alban's Church, North Harrow**, Philip Crouch

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

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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

11 January 2019 (Note early start 7.30pm)
New Year Social Event and Talk
The invisible repairs to the Great Barn at Harmondsworth, Dr Justine Bayley

8 February 2019
The Late Upper Palaeolithic in Britain, Dr Sophy Charlton

8 March 2019
Stonehenge: new discoveries, Mike Parker Pearson

12 April 2019
Non-ferrous metalworking in Roman Britain, Dr Justine Bayley

Richmond Local History Society

All meetings are held at Duke Street Church, Richmond, TW9 1DH at 8.00pm (coffee from 7.30pm). Visitors: £4. Further information from the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825); email: rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk; website: www.richmondhistory.org.uk

14 January 2019
Royston House and the building of Victorian Kew, Stephen Bartlett

11 February 2019
The League of Nations Union in Richmond, Dr Steven Woodbridge

11 March 2019
Ham is Where the Heart is, Jill Lamb

8 April 2019
Short talks on topics of current research

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

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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.

21 January 2019
West House, Heath Robinson and the HR museum, Cynthia Wells

18 February 2019
Saxons at the Adelphi, Strand, Douglas Killock

18 March 2019
Trent Park's Secret History, Helen Fry

29 April 2019
Londoners and the preservation of open spaces, Mark Gorman

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

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Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

Lectures are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Housing Cooperative, 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.

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

3 January 2019
Liquid History (Archaeology from the Thames), Jon Cotton

7 February 2019
Fordbridge Centre, Ashford
Changing Landscapes at Syon Park, Brentford, Bob Cowie

7 March 2019
The Quakers in Staines, Joan Gardam

4 April 2019
Fordbridge Centre, Ashford
History of Ashford Hospital, Nick Pollard

9 May 2019
In the Museum
AGM with short talk (to be advised)

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 £3). For further information please contact The Secretary, info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk; www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk

19 January 2019
The London that never was, Colin Oakes

6 February 2019
Topic to be confirmed, Isobel Thomson

6 March 2019
A walk around Hatton Garden, Pat Clarke

3 April 2019
The Manchester Ship Canal, Richard Thomas

8 May 2019
Annual General Meeting

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

7 January 2019
Social. Theme**: Another Surprise from Dr French**, Dr Chris French

4 February 2019
1917 – Total War – The Impact on Hampton Wick, Alison Merrington

4 March 2019
Marble Hill House, Dr Megan Leyland

1 April 2019
The Twickenham Suffragette, Dr Jonathan Oates

13 May 2019
AGM followed by a short talk **The Star & Garter Hotel, Richmond**, Howard Webb

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Uxbridge Local History and Archive 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

15 January 2019 (at 2.30pm)
People of the Canals – Mid 1800s to 1920s, Beatrice Holloway

19 February 2019
The History of Harefield Hospital, Andrew Willis

19 March 2019
With a Camera in Uxbridge – Part 2, Ken Pearce

1 April 2019
AGM and **The Shipping Forecast**, Tony Mitchell

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.) at 7.45pm. For General enquiries please write to 55 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3DB; email: whsenquiries@gmail.com; website: www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk

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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 8.00pm until 9.15pm (followed by tea and biscuits). For more information, visit the website: www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

25 January 2019
9th Nick Fuentes Memorial Lecture
Reflections on fifty years of London archaeology: 1968-2018, Bob Cowie

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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 Kay Tarrant (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 444246) or website: http://westdraytonlocalhistory.com

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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

19 September 2018
An Evening with Brent Archive

17 October 2018
History of a House, Linda Davies

21 November 2018
First World War in Willesden, Margaret Pratt

12 December 2018
Christmas Event

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