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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter: Copy Dates*

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is **30 July 2013** (for the September 2013 issue). Please send any items for inclusion to Verity Anthony at Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN, or you can email me at [vanthony@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:vanthony@museumoflondon.org.uk)

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### **LAMAS Lecture Programme 2013**

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place in the Clore Learning Centre at the Museum of London on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm – refreshments from 6pm. Meetings are open to all; members may bring guests, and non-members are welcome. *Please note:* non-members are asked to donate £2 towards lecture expenses.

#### **14 May 2013**

**Excavations at Copped Hall, Epping**, John Shepherd, freelance archaeologist

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### **Thanks to Previous Newsletter Editor: Meriel Jeater**

On behalf of LAMAS Council, I would like to convey our thanks to Meriel Jeater for all her fantastic work as LAMAS *Newsletter* Editor for the past ten years. I would also like to convey my personal thanks to her for her help and support as I took over as *Newsletter* Editor, and produced my first edition. My thanks also go out to all those others who have provided content for this issue.

*Verity Anthony*

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### **LAMAS London Heritage Conference 2013**

28th September 2013 sees LAMAS Historic Buildings & Conservation Committee hosting the first annual London Heritage Conference. The programme for the morning will concentrate on buildings that are or have been “at risk”. Then in the afternoon, the focus will be on three enigmatic buildings linked to wider historic sites; each will be discussed in relation to heritage issues; the past, present & future challenges of the Listed Buildings and the sites that surround them. For more information visit: <http://www.lamas.org.uk/london-heritage-conference.html>

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### **LAMAS Local History Conference 2013**

The date and venue for this year’s Local History Conference has been fixed for the 16 November 2013 at the Museum of London. The topic **The River and the Port of London** will be covered in a programme of six talks including overviews of the Port of London to 1790, and from 1790. Detailed papers are being invited on the water companies of London, policing the river, the river in modern times and the Thames in paint. Full details and tickets will be made available in early September, in the meantime please make a note in your diary.

*John Hinshelwood, Local History Committee*

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### **Members for the LAMAS Local History Committee**

The LAMAS Local History Committee is seeking new members. The Committee meets three times a year and in between times members carry forward the decisions of the committee. Whilst not essential it is useful for members to have an email address as there are often matters to discuss and agree between meetings. Members attend the committee as an individual member of LAMAS or as a representative of their affiliated Local History Society. The Committee is responsible for presenting concerns specific to Local History to the LAMAS Council, and one individual member of LAMAS is delegated to attend the Council. More details of the committee are to be found on the local history pages of the LAMAS website. If you are interested in joining the committee, or know of someone who might be, please get in touch with either; Eileen Bowlt, phone: 01895 638060, email: [c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk), or John Hinshelwood, phone: 020 8348 3375, email: [johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com)

*John Hinshelwood, Local History Committee*

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## **Grants From the City of London Archaeological Trust 2013-14**

The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) has recently redefined important aspects of its policies and rules for grant-giving. The purpose of CoLAT has always been to promote and support the archaeology of the City of London and its environs. On practical grounds, the policy in recent years has been to interpret the 'environs' as out to the M25. But the Trust has decided that it should concentrate on the City of London and any archaeological matter directly relating to the City's development. Therefore the Trust will only support projects relating directly to the City. Applicants must demonstrate the significance of this link, rather than thinking any project close to London is suitable. This also means that applications from a wider area are allowed, from any distance outside London. The Trust is also to consider applications for longer projects, of up to three years.

The closing date for applications this year is Friday 27 September 2013; the meeting to decide on the grants for use after March 2014 will be in December. The revised application guidelines and forms will be posted on the CoLAT website, [www.colat.org.uk](http://www.colat.org.uk), at the end of May; intending applicants should wait for these new guidelines before making their application.

*John Schofield, Secretary, [john@jschd.demon.co.uk](mailto:john@jschd.demon.co.uk)*

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### **LAMAS on Facebook**

The Facebook page for LAMAS is once again being regularly updated, with news of lectures, events and conferences arranged by both LAMAS and a range of other groups and organisations. It is hoped this will allow members and non-members to keep abreast of events in London, and publicise the society. The page can be found here: <http://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/London-Middlesex-Archaeological-Society/222918705105>. Thanks to Ed Johnson, for maintaining this page. Any items for inclusion on the page should be sent to: [ERJohnson@britishmuseum.org](mailto:ERJohnson@britishmuseum.org).

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### **Museum of London: Collections Online**

Over the course of the last three years, the Museum of London has been working on an ambitious independently funded project to deliver 90,000 of its objects online, showcasing the Museum's diverse collections and opening them up to a wide audience. The range of collections that are included in the project incorporate material from our archaeological collections, history collections and library and archive collections; material ranging from Roman coins, medieval pilgrim badges and 17th

century trade tokens to theatrical ephemera, Valentines cards and phonograph recordings. The resource is a searchable catalogue of information, which it is hoped will provide a useful database for researchers, academics and the general public alike. The database can be accessed through the Museum of London website: <http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/Collections-Research/Collections-online/>

*Verity Anthony*

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### **Archaeology and Planning**

The current economic climate and austerity measures have left many local authority historic environment services struggling with significant cuts to their budgets. This has led to the loss of dedicated staff and in some cases loss of services all together. A number of other organisations have been championing the role of these front-line services in the protection and promotion of the nation's heritage, and LAMAS Council would like to add their support to this. The Council are aware of potential changes to planning guidelines being proposed by the government, which are likely to have a negative impact on archaeology, and will strive to keep abreast of this situation and any impact it will have, as will the Committees.

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### **RAI Archaeology Journal Now Online at ADS**

The ADS and the Royal Archaeological Institute (RAI) are pleased to announce that the first 120 volumes of the Archaeological Journal are now available to view online at the ADS. The RAI is a leading national archaeology society and have annually published the Archaeological Journal since 1844. The journal contains papers on the Institute's interests, which span all aspects of the archaeological, architectural and landscape history of the British Isles. It presents the results of archaeological and architectural survey and fieldwork on sites and monuments of all periods as well as syntheses and overviews of such work in the British Isles. This is an excellent resource for all those interested in British archaeological, architectural and landscape history as well as the development of the disciplines themselves. The journal can be found here:<http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/archjournal/>

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## OBITUARY

### **Dennis Turner 1932-2013**

LAMAS members will be sorry to hear that our fellow member Dennis Turner died in January 2013.

Dennis was an outstanding servant to Surrey archaeology and served as President of the Surrey Archaeological Society. In 1972, recognising the need to meet the challenge of motorway construction in Surrey, he fought hard to secure funding for archaeological survey and investigation on relevant parts of the M23 and M25.

Since the early 1960s, Dennis was also actively involved in London archaeology, especially in those parts of historic Surrey now incorporated within the metropolis. When the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee was established in 1962 he directed, along with Peter Marsden, the first of its sites, 199 Borough High Street, continuing investigations begun by Kathleen Kenyon in 1947.

As professional archaeology started to grow in London during the early 1970s, Dennis, on behalf of the Surrey Archaeological Society, took the lead in establishing a full-time archaeological presence culminating in the setting up of the South-West London Archaeological Unit in 1974. When the SWLAU team and the others operating in Greater London became part of the Greater London Archaeological Service in 1983, Dennis became a leading member of the SyAS/LAMAS-led Joint Working Party on London Archaeology. This body took a leading role in supporting archaeological work across Greater London in the 1980s and early 1990s. Dennis was also a prominent figure and sometimes chair of its successor body, the Standing Conference on London Archaeology, which for more than a decade from its establishment in 1992 provided a unifying voice in a more fragmented archaeological sector of curators, contractors, consultants and societies.

For more than three decades, Dennis contributed in a variety of ways to other London archaeological bodies including the Society of Antiquaries, the City of London Archaeological Trust and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee and he also served as archaeological advisor to the Diocese of Southwark.

Dennis will be very much missed by all his archaeological friends and colleagues.

*Harvey Sheldon and Laura Schaaf*

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## REVIEWS

### 50<sup>th</sup> LAMAS Conference of London Archaeologists, Museum of London, 16 March 2013

The 2012 Ralph Merrifield Award was presented to Peter Marsden, organiser of the first LAMAS conference, for long and distinguished service to London archaeology.



Peter Marsden receiving 2012 Ralph Merrifield Award from Jenny Peterson (nee Merrifield)

#### **Morning Session: Recent Work**

The first speaker was Alexis Haslam (PCA) on excavations at Stevens Street, Bermondsey. Here Roman activity was limited to robbed out masonry foundations and residual finds. During *c.* 1050-1100 the site was extensively quarried for gravel. It is assumed that this activity was connected with the establishment nearby of the Cluniac Priory of St Saviour during the 1080s. The backfill of the quarries in addition to the Roman finds mentioned earlier contained the *ex-situ* remains of least 185 inhumation burials, interpreted as material which had been cleared from the site of the Saxon minster church, when it was superseded by the priory.

Antonietta Lerz (MOLA) explained how an evaluation undertaken in Lambeth Palace Gardens revealed an early Saxon (AD *c.* 400-650) sunken-floored building. Finds from the backfill of this building included 32 circular perforated lead weights, which might have served as loom weights, as the presence of three bone pin beaters imply that this building may have served as a weaving hut. Other finds included late Roman and early Saxon pottery and a composite triangular bone comb of either late 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> century date.

Antony Francis (MOLA) described the excavations of the former Royal Naval Dockyard at Deptford (1513-1869), now occupied by Convoy's Wharf. The truncated brick foundations of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century naval store

houses were uncovered. Along the riverside a series of dock basins, slipways and mast ponds were constructed. Over time the dock basins and slipways were successively enlarged so their latest phases of either 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century date had obliterated their predecessors.

Alison Telfer (MOLA) outlined how since her lecture in 2011, further excavations at 8-10 Moorgate, City of London, had revealed more of the cluster of early Roman buildings previously investigated. To the rear of these buildings a row of six box plank-lined Roman wells has been discovered. One of these wells contained the skeleton of an adult male. How he came to be interred in this well is uncertain. Perhaps he was the victim of an accident or foul play. As Roman law forbade burial within a settlement his presence here was illegal. One particularly interesting 3<sup>rd</sup>-century discovery was a collection of 49 forged *denarii*.

Bucklesbury House in the City of London is famous as the site of the Temple of Mithras (see 2012 conference report). Sadie Watson (MOLA) described how one section of the site across the Walbrook Channel which escaped destruction during the 1954-55 redevelopment is now being excavated. Before the late 1<sup>st</sup> century AD the area along the edge of the channel was occupied by a series of clay and timber buildings. Well-preserved elements of these buildings were discovered, including plank flooring and external boardwalks. By the late Roman period there were two masonry buildings on site with areas of tessellated flooring and mosaics. The Roman deposits, as expected, have produced a huge amount of metalwork. For further details see <http://walbrookdiscovery.wordpress.com>.

### **Afternoon Session: 50 Years of London Archaeology – Past, Present and Future**

As a generalisation, all periods of the capital's heritage during the last 50 years have been characterised by a huge gain in both the quality and quantity of data of fieldwork necessitated by development. One consequence of this ever increasing amount of data is the difficulty of producing a comprehensive and up-to-date synthesis for London's heritage.

Jon Cotton reviewed the changes in London's prehistory. He observed that the Thames provides a source of much prehistoric material ranging from Lower Palaeolithic hand axes recovered from its gravel terraces during quarrying and by the wealth of Bronze and Iron Age material recovered from the river by dredging. So the prehistoric Thames needs to be seen as a shaper of landscapes and an important route way.

Harvey Sheldon outlined how Roman roads and urbanisation transformed London, providing us with a huge array of monuments including a port

facility, a basilica, an amphitheatre, several bath houses and defences. One issue that continues to vex people is the status of *Londinium* and how it may have changed over time. Did it start as an unplanned riverine commercial centre? The ruins of which, in the aftermath of the Boudican destruction of AD 60, were quickly redeveloped by the military as a port and a fort, which then became the imperial capital by default. Alternatively was *Londinium* planned and maintained as an imperial creation?

Martin Biddle explained how until the 1980s the Strand area of Westminster was not identified as the international trading centre and port of Middle Saxon (c. 650-850) *Lundenwic*. Subsequent excavations have now established that there was an extensive urban settlement along the Strand. Following a series of Viking attacks the commercial focus moved downstream to the more defensible derelict Roman city of *Londinium* during the late 9<sup>th</sup> century.

John Clark reviewed developments in the archaeology of Medieval London. This is the only period of the capital's heritage reviewed that boasts an up-to date-synthesis: *London 1100-1600: the archaeology of a capital city* (2011). Undoubtedly the most important aspect of the capital's medieval archaeology since the 1960s has been the investigation of the waterlogged dumps of domestic refuse deposited behind a succession of City of London waterfronts. These deposits revealed a vast amount of finds including textiles, shoes, scabbards and metalwork published as a series of *Medieval Finds from Excavations in London* volumes. The recovery of large groups of stratified medieval pottery from these waterfront dumps which could be independently dated by dendrochronology and numismatic evidence has led to the establishment of a new chronological framework for London's medieval ceramics.

Post-Medieval London was surveyed by Roy Stephenson. Over the last 50 years the recent past has gone from being a low archaeological priority to being recognised as an important source of data to supplement documentary and architectural evidence. Some idea of the diversity of evidence is provided by the range of sites involved including industrial monuments, theatres and the contents of the cesspits of Victorian London.  
*Bruce Watson*

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### **LAMAS Trip to Medieval Ruislip, 13 April 2013**

A group, 13 strong, braved the un-Spring-like weather to join Colin and Eileen Bowlt on a very interesting walk around the medieval settlement of Ruislip. In the morning we visited the remains of a Norman 'motte and bailey' at Ruislip Manor followed by the Great Barn (the oldest timber

standing building in London, built *c.* 1310), revealing many interesting building techniques and the slightly later Little Barn which is now the local library. We then moved on to the Manor Farmhouse itself dating from 1505-6, built on the site of an earlier priory dwelling, and which had acted for many years as the home of the Manor Courts when the manor was owned by Kings College, Cambridge. Archaeological work across a ditch in the grounds had revealed an embankment which Colin was sure had links to Grim's Dyke which is a few miles down the road.



*Studying the timbers in the Great Barn*

After lunch the weather turned to wind and rain so the proposed walk through the woods was abandoned and we visited St Martin's Church to hear about its history and that of the local families buried there. There were also several timber framed buildings that backed onto the 'close' around the church of interest, not least because their frontages onto the road had completely hidden any signs of the timber framing! Those of us who were prepared to brave the inclement weather then had a short walk along Bury Street to look at the older buildings that still survive there. All in all, despite the best efforts of Mother Nature, it was a very enjoyable and informative trip and I look forward to visiting Ruislip again.

*Karen Thomas*

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## **BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

*London's Railway Heritage: Architecture, Engineering and Industrial Archaeology, 1, East*, by Peter Kay (2012), Peter Kay, 86pp, £12.95 (post free) from the author [peterkay.essex@btinternet.com](mailto:peterkay.essex@btinternet.com), ISBN 978-1-899890-45-3

Spare a thought for the railway viaducts of East London. They stride through and over seas of buildings, cutting neighbourhoods into separate places. The viaduct into London Bridge of 1834 has nearly 1000 arches. Viaducts should be studied like the Roman stone aqueducts they resemble.

This survey, the first of several intended, is of the railway viaducts and largely vanished suburban station buildings of several early lines through East London north of the Thames, constructed in the decades after 1838. Part of its purpose is to correct and supplement details in Pevsner. Much has been lost since nationalisation of railways in 1948; only Plaistow, Upton Park and East Ham stations retain something of their original character, though the book also illustrates attractive details of Upminster, Dagenham Dock and others. Very few old photographs of the buildings on these lines survive in official archives.

As an example, take the 289 arches and 25 road bridges which form the viaduct from Minories to Blackwall built for the London & Blackwall Line in 1838–40. The architecture was by William Tite, more famous for the present Royal Exchange and many other buildings throughout Britain. The original structure has been periodically widened along intermittent stretches, and on both sides. The archaeologist can see this in several of the arches, for instance at Hayden Street at the west end, or at Sutton Street and Lukin Street near Shadwell station, where three periods of brickwork are evident. The arches have been quickly occupied, since their earliest years, by all kinds of trades, and some have houses in them, as can be seen at Trinidad Street. The other lines covered are the Whitechapel & Bow Railway, the London Tilbury & Southend lines, the East London Line, the North London lines and the North Woolwich Line.

Railway buildings such as offices and a printing works are also described; the goods depot in Leamouth Road (its gateway moved in 1993) was perhaps designed by S P Cockerell, another important architect in early 19<sup>th</sup>-century London, but largely without surviving work. The North Woolwich built cottages for railway workers in Abbey Road, West Ham, and a plaque on the road bridge there recalls the Cistercian abbey of St Mary Stratford Langthorne (excavated by MOLA in the 1990s when the tracks were dug up and re-laid to be part of the Jubilee Line extension in preparation for the Olympics). One period of London's built history reflects another.

A guide like this will get you out padding the streets; and you can always come back on the DLR.

*John Schofield*

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***John Nash; Architect of the Picturesque***, by Geoffrey Tyack (ed.)  
(2013), English Heritage. 216pp, £60, ISBN 978-1-84802-102-0

Nash is an annoying paradox; a bit of a wheeler-dealer; he is never an entirely successful scholarly architect. And yet, and yet he is a very important architect. This new publication, part funded by the Georgian Group, is a handsome tome – unlike its subject who described himself as a ‘thick, squat, dwarf figure, with round head, snub nose and little eyes.’ The book though is itself curious – difficult to read and giving a less than complete picture of the man and his works. It is a full and detailed account of research by various authors over the last 30 years, that being the time that has elapsed since John Summerson’s *The Life and Work of John Nash, Architect*. This new book reads as a series of Conference Papers.

That is how it originated, and the difficulties that arise are a lack of continuity and completeness, coupled with a certain amount of repetition. The elegance of Summerson’s writing and his overall ‘portrait’ of Nash are missing, along with more critical analysis of, for example, Nash’s transformation of medieval houses into sham castles.

The Papers do cover Nash’s personal life (divorce, bankruptcy and flight to Wales), the re-building of his career; early, rather conservative work and then, suddenly his utterly charming later villas such as Llanerchaeron and the *villa rustica* such as Cronkhill, which still has the power to shock and delight when seen in the Shropshire countryside.

And then there is his triumphal return to London and the crescendo of achievements under the patronage of the Prince Regent; Brighton Pavilion, Regent’s Park, Regent’s Street and finally, his nemesis, Buckingham Palace. There is also an intriguing chapter on Nash’s resourceful use of materials, his influence and a List of Buildings.

So much of his work is grandstanding, two dimensional scene-set architecture, despite which it does determine the character of large parts of London. Nash was an opportunist and a realist and that made him the ideal man to carry through these works. And the charm of his earlier architecture even re-appears in the Park Village development.

This new book seeks to re-awaken interest in Nash and to re-interpret his work. It is a research document, packed full of information and, as such, a necessary addition to the bookshelf, alongside Summerson’s 1980 study. It is in some ways an Appendix to that original work – albeit a 200 page, lavishly illustrated Appendix.

*Jon Finney*

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*Roman Building Techniques*, by Tony Rook (2013), Amberley Publishing, 128pp, £18.99, ISBN978-1-4456-0149-6

Tony Rook will be well known to the archaeologists of the London area, especially north of the river. His book builds on many years of archaeological experience and an engineering background but it is in some ways disappointing, not least because some of the material has already appeared in his previous books on baths.

The ‘Roman’ of the title mostly means as in Ostia, Rome, Pompeii and Herculaneum, with occasional forays into North Africa and Britain. This is a somewhat uneasy mix, and the book’s target audience is not clear. Its treatment is too sketchy for newcomers and not focussed enough for students of Roman Britain. There are many very short chapters on topics such as foundations, materials, roofs, walls and floors, but a lack of references - and sometimes site names – would make it difficult to seek further information. Even the sources of the illustrations are not given, although they are in general useful and sometimes have more information in their captions than appears in the text.

More examples and more information generally would have been welcome. As a single example, this reviewer is interested in why chalk floors were sometimes used and how they were made, but the book does no more than mention in passing that they existed. There is no mention of ridge tiles except in a plate caption; no discussion of possible ceramic chimney pots; no reference to good examples of surviving door fittings and ceiling structures (such as in Trier). The relevance of some material seems questionable: metal extraction for instance, and much of the chapter on water.

It seems that the author intended to provide a fresh point of view to counterbalance what he sees as the inadequacies of archaeologists trying to understand their discoveries, but this archaeologist found little that seemed new. There are, however, frustrating glimpses of a much more useful book struggling to get out on a topic such as the practicalities of everything that must have been involved in the construction of a villa in Roman Britain. The idea is touched on and then ducked on page 9, and it seems a shame that the author did not pursue it.

*David Bird*

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## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

### **Kent Archaeological Field School Summer Courses and Training Excavation 2013**

To book, contact KAFS, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP (01795 532548); email: info@kafs.co.uk; website: www.kafs.co.uk.

#### **4-6 May 2013**

**An Introduction to Archaeology with Dr Paul Wilkinson** (KAFS members fee £50, non-members fee £75)

#### **4-5 May 2013**

**Surveying for Archaeologists** (KAFS members special fee £25 per day, non-members £35 per day)

#### **8-9 June 2013**

**Landscape Archaeology** (KAFS members fee £50, non-members fee £75)

#### **4-6 May and 25-27 May 2013**

**Excavation of the Roman villa at Teston Near Maidstone in Kent** (KAFS members special fee £25 per day, non-members £35 per day)

#### **8-9 June 2013**

**Surveying for Archaeologists** (KAFS members fee £50, non-members fee £75)

#### **2-18 August 2013**

**Excavation of the Roman Bathhouse and Villa at Abbey Barns, near Faversham** (KAFS members special fee £25 per day, non-members £35 per day)

#### **5-9 August 2013**

##### **Training Week for Students and Beginners at Abbey Barns Roman Villa**

Beginners and Students are welcome on the Monday 5 August to Friday 9 course, with the option to continue for further days (KAFS members special fee £25 per day, non-members £35 per day). Cost for the five-day training course is £100 if membership is taken out at the time of booking. For non-members the cost will be £175).

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### **Essex County Council Historic Buildings Traditional Building Skills Courses, Seminars & Lectures**

For more information and to book, contact Katie Seabright, Place Services, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH (01245 437672); email: traditional.buildingskills@essex.gov.uk. Fully funded places are available through a Bursary Scheme (details from Katie Seabright).

#### **3 May 2013**

**An Introduction to Rustic Fencing**, Steven Westover (Cost: £150, Cressing Temple Barns)

#### **22-24 May 2013**

**Timber Frame Repairs**, Richard Green (Cost: £265, Little Horkesley)

**26-28 June 2013**

**Repair and Conservation of Flint Walling**, Simon Williams (Cost: £265, St Botolph's Church, Hadstock)

**18-19 July 2013**

**Lime Mortar and Conservation Brickwork**, Mac Knox-Weir (Cost: £210, Bures Baptist Church)

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**Surrey Archaeological Society Medieval Studies Forum  
Medieval Pottery and the Transition to Post Medieval Production**

**11 May 2013, 9.30am – 4pm  
Surrey History Centre, Woking**

Tickets costs £8.00 for an advance booking, or £10.00 payable on the door (if tickets remain available). For more information and the booking form, please visit <http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/medieval-pottery-and-transition-post-medieval-production>. Papers include:

**Kingston Pottery Production**, Steve Nelson  
**East Clandon & other Production Sites of Coarse Border Ware**, Phil Jones  
**Documentary Background to the Border Ware Industries**, Peter Tipton  
**Latest Research on Border Ware Pottery**, Jacqui Pearce  
**Evidence for Border Ware – Type Production in Addlestone**, David Barker  
**Cheam & the End of the Medieval White wares**, Clive Orton  
**What Lay Behind the Ceramic Revolution**, Graham Dawson

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**Excavate London: The Romans  
24-28 June & 1-5 July 2013  
Syon Park, Hounslow**

Join us for this 5-day hands-on course exploring how the Romans have impacted on the landscape of Syon Park. It provides an introduction to archaeology in practice, suitable for all levels. You'll learn the techniques of digging and how to unlock the mysteries hidden within the landscape guided by professional MOLA archaeologists and Museum of London curators (9.30am-5pm each day). Cost, £275 per person (no conc., lunch included).

Call the Museum of London Box Office on 020 7001 9844 to book your place. For more information contact Kath Creed on 020 7566 9316 or email [communityarchaeology@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:communityarchaeology@museumoflondon.org.uk).

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**West Essex Archaeological Group  
Archaeology Taster Weekends and Field Schools  
July & August 2013  
Copped Hall, near Epping**

Archaeological training will be held at the continuing excavations of the Tudor grand house at Copped Hall near Epping. For full details, visit [www.weag.org.uk](http://www.weag.org.uk).

**13-14, 20-12 & 27-28 July 2013**

**Archaeology Taster Weekends** (aimed at teaching beginners the basics of archaeology and excavation)

**5-9 & 12-16 August 2013**

**Five Day Field Schools** (for people already familiar with the basic techniques of archaeological excavation and recording)

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**Bexley Archaeological Group**

**Training Excavation**

**29 July – 2 August 2013**

**Near Bexley, Kent**

The training excavation will be held at our 'Autumn' site near Bexley, Kent. All excavators will have the opportunity to experience the basic main tasks associated with an excavation. Minimum unaccompanied age is 16 (with parents' consent). Cost: £100 for the week (including annual membership to Bexley Archaeological Group, insurance, Certificate of Attendance and admin). To book a place, please contact Pip Pulfer (07961 963893), email: pipspad@hotmail.co.uk. For further information, visit [www.bag.org.uk](http://www.bag.org.uk).

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**LECTURES AND EVENTS**

**Walthamstow Historical Society**

**Summer Walks April – September 2013**

The Walthamstow Historical Society has a programme of guided walks around Walthamstow which will take place from April to September. The walks are free and open to all. For details about the walks please visit our website [www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk).

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**British Archaeological Association**

**Lecture Series 2013**

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

**1 May 2013**

**'The Dignity of Friends: From the Catacombs of Rome to the Ashmolean Museum** Oxford, Professor Susan Walker. The lecture will be followed by the President's Reception.

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**London Society for Medieval Studies**

The seminar meets at 7pm on Tuesday, at Bloomsbury Room G35, Senate House, South block, Ground floor, unless otherwise stated.

**14 May 2013**

**Challenges in the History of Jewish-Christian Polemics: A Case Study of the Barcelona Disputation (1263), Dr Milan Zonca (QMUL)**

**21 May 2013**

**Landholding and Law in the Early Islamic State (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries CE), Professor Hugh Kennedy (SOAS) Venue: The Court Room, Senate House, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

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**Institute of Archaeology & British Museum  
Medieval Seminar Series**

All meetings start at 5.30pm at the Institute of Archaeology, Room 612, 31-34 Gordon Square London WC1H 0PY. For further information, please contact Martin Locker via email: [m.locker@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.locker@ucl.ac.uk).

**7 May 2013**

**Anglo-Saxon Towers of Lordship and the Origins of the English Castle, Michael Shapland**

**5 June 2013**

**The Archaeology of the English Medieval Peasantry, Professor Christopher Dyer**

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**City of London Archaeological Society  
Thames Foreshore Weekend  
27-28 July 2013, 11am – 4pm**

**The Wood, Queen's Stairs, HM Tower of London**

COLAS presents two days of free events and activities at HM Tower of London, with a rare opportunity to visit Tower Beach at low tide! The displays include many opportunities to handle real finds from excavations in London and archaeological work on the Thames foreshore. For more information, visit [www.colas.org.uk](http://www.colas.org.uk).

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**Museum of London  
Festival of Archaeology: The Secret Museum  
20 & 21 July 2013**

Get exclusive behind the scenes tours of stores and laboratories at the Museum of London and the London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre. Join our curators as they guide you around these usually hidden spaces and explain the secrets of our collections. This special weekend of adult and family activities will take place on 20 and 21 July. Also open for the weekend will be the western gate of the Roman fort, Billingsgate Roman House and Baths, and Spitalfields Charnel House (20 July only). For more information on the events, timings and how to book, visit [www.museumoflondon.org.uk/FOBA](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/FOBA). Please note some tours will be charged.

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**British Museum**  
**Pompeii and Herculaneum Lectures**

To coincide with the 'Life and Death Pompeii and Herculaneum' exhibition (see page 15 for more details), a range of lectures are being held at the British Museum through May. For more information see: [http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats\\_on/events\\_calendar.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/events_calendar.aspx).

**3 May 2013**

**Vesuvius: a Volcano, its History and Legacy** (6.30pm, £5, BP lecture theatre)

**4 May 2013**

**Excavating the Ancient Sewers of Herculaneum** (1.15pm, free, BP lecture theatre)

**10 May 2013**

**Sex in Pompeii and Herculaneum** (7pm, free, BP lecture theatre)

**23 May 2013**

**The Wall-Paintings of Pompeii and Herculaneum** (1.15pm, free, BP lecture theatre)

**24 May 2013**

**Pompeii and Herculaneum: Curator's Introduction** (1.15pm, free, BP lecture theatre)

**24 May 2013**

**Bodies of Pompeii and Herculaneum** (6.30pm, £5, BP lecture theatre)

**31 May 2013**

**New Discoveries at Herculaneum** (6.30pm, £5, BP lecture theatre)

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**British Museum**  
**Life and Death Pompeii and Herculaneum**  
**28 March – 29 September 2013**

This exhibition is the first ever held on these important cities at the British Museum, and the first such major exhibition in London for almost 40 years. Through close collaboration with the Archaeological Superintendency of Naples and Pompeii, the exhibition brings together over 250 fascinating objects, both recent discoveries and celebrated finds from earlier excavations. Many of these objects have never before been seen outside Italy. The exhibition has a unique focus, looking at the Roman home and the people who lived in these ill-fated cities. Cost: Adults £15, Members free. Book online or on 020 7323 8181. For more information visit: [www.britishmuseum.org/whats\\_on/exhibitions/pompeii\\_and\\_herculaneum.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/pompeii_and_herculaneum.aspx).

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**AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS**

**Acton History Group**

Events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, admission £2. Contact Secretary David Knights, 30 Highland Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698); email: [info@actonhistory.co.uk](mailto:info@actonhistory.co.uk); website: [www.actonhistory.co.uk](http://www.actonhistory.co.uk).

**12 June 2013**

**Ealing Then and Now**, Jonathan Oates and Paul Lang

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**Barnes and Mortlake History Society**

Meetings are held at Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, London SW14 at 8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from September to April. The meetings are free to members and £2 for non-members. For further details please contact the Hon. Secretary on 020 8878 4071 or visit us at: [www.barnes-history.org.uk](http://www.barnes-history.org.uk).

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**Barnet and District Local History Society**

All meetings are held in Church House, Wood Street, Barnet at 3pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (opposite the Museum). Contact Barnet Museum, 31 Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BE (020 8440 8066) or visit: [www.barnetmuseum.co.uk](http://www.barnetmuseum.co.uk) for more information.

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**Bexley Archaeological Group**

All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent and excavations are carried out at the weekends (Mar-Nov). For further information contact the Chairman, Mr Martin Baker, 24 Valliers Wood Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8BG (020 8300 1752); email: [martin.baker@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.baker@btinternet.com); website: [www.bag.org.uk](http://www.bag.org.uk).

**9 May 2013**

**The Darenth Hospitals**, Francine Payne (8.15pm)

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**Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society**

The society meets at the Chiswick Memorial Club, Afton House, Bourne Place, Chiswick W4, starting at 7.30pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month, from September to May inclusive. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Tess Powell, 7 Dale Street, London W4 2BJ or visit: [www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk](http://www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk).

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**Camden History Society**

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

**16 May 2013**

**Between Worlds: London and Africa 1500-1833**, Miranda Kaufmann and Kate Donington (Local Studies Centre, 2nd floor Holborn Library, 32-28 Theobalds Road WC1X 8PA, 7.30-9pm)

**20 June 2013**

**AGM & Lecture: Intolerance in London During WW I**, Jerry White (St Mary the Virgin, corner of Elsworthy Road and Primrose Hill Road, NW3 3DJ, AGM; 7pm, lecture; 7.30-9pm)

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**Chadwell Heath Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from September to June. All meetings are held at Wangey Road Chapel, Wangey Road, Chadwell Heath,

starting at 7.30pm. Enquiries to 020 8590 4659 or 020 8597 1225; email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com.

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

Society's meetings are held at St Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane EC3R. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Light refreshments are available after the lecture. Non-members are welcome to attend occasional lectures but are asked to sign the visitors' book and make a £2 contribution towards expenses. For further details, visit: [www.colas.org.uk](http://www.colas.org.uk); email: [mail@colas.org.uk](mailto:mail@colas.org.uk); text/voicemail: 07964 694128.

**7 May 2013**

**The Crossrail Archaeology Project**, Jay Carver

**21 June 2013**

**The Origin of the Species**, Chris Stringer

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### **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 8pm with doors opening from 7.30pm. Talks are free to members and £3 for visitors. For more information, contact David Freeman, Honorary Treasurer, 18 Homewood Avenue, Cuffley, Hertfordshire EN6 4QG (01707 875481); email: [treasurer@cihs.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@cihs.org.uk).

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### **The Docklands History Group**

Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month in Museum of London Docklands, No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AL, at 5.30 for 6pm. Visitors are welcome to attend the talks, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, please visit [www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk](http://www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk).

**1 May 2013**

**Thurrock's Tales of the Riverside**, Jonathan Catton

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### **Edmonton Hundred Historical Society**

Talks are free to members (£1 for visitors), and are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield; at the Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton N9 and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17. Further details may be obtained from the Enfield Local Studies Centre & Archive, Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS (020 8379 2724); email: [edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk](mailto:edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk).

**15 May 2013**

**Isaac Walton – The Fisherman's Friend**, Robert Waite (Jubilee Hall, 7.45pm)

**26 June 2013**

**Lecture TBC** (Bruce Castle Museum, 7pm)

**17 July 2013**

**Samuel Pepys 'Plague, Fire and Mrs Willett'**, Geoff Hales (Jubilee Hall, 7.45pm)

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### **Enfield Archaeological Society**

Meetings are held at the Jubilee Hall, junction of Chase Side and Parsonage Lane, Enfield, starting at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome (£1 per person). For further information please contact Ms Val Munday, 88 Gordon Hill, Enfield, EN2 0QS. Email: valmunday@hotmail.com; website: www.enfarchsoc.org.

**17 May 2013**

**Skeletons in the Museum of London, Jelena Bekvalac**

**14 June 2013**

**The Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture, TBA**

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### **Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park**

Evening talks are last Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Munch and Listen talks are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 12pm for 12.15pm start (except August and December). Talks are free and open to all (tea/coffee is available for a small charge). Car park on site. 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](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum) or the FoBC Secretary at Bruce Castle Museum (020 8808 8772).

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

Meetings are held in St John's Church Hall, next to Whetstone Police Station, in Friern Barnet Lane N20, normally on the 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 8pm. Free refreshments are available from 7.45pm. Visitors welcome (£2 per person). For further details, contact David Berguer (0208 368 8314); website: [www.friernbarnethistory.org.uk](http://www.friernbarnethistory.org.uk).

**22 May 2013**

**The John Donovan Memorial Lecture: The 1960s, Maggie Radcliffe**

**26 June 2013**

**Mr Toad's Obsession, Ralph Hutchings**

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### **Greenwich Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.30pm (doors open 7.15pm) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Blackheath High School, Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath SE3 7AG. We welcome non-members, from whom we invite a donation of £3 for each meeting. Enquiries: 020 8858 0317 or visit [www.ghsoc.co.uk](http://www.ghsoc.co.uk).

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### **Greenwich Industrial History Society**

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

**14 May 2013**

**On the Charlton Reminiscence Project, Carol Kenna**

**18 June 2013**

**Eltham Park South, Terry Powley**

**16 July 2013**

**W.H.Smith – Spread The News. ‘Ruler of the Queen’s Navee’, Chris Rule**

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**Hayes and Harlington Local History Society**

Most meetings are held at the new library on Botwell Green at 7.30pm. Please note: the doors will be LOCKED after 7.30pm for security reasons. Further information from the Secretary, Mr John Walters, 7 St Jerome’s Grove, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2PJ (020 8561 7555); email: hayescanal@hotmail.co.uk.

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**Hendon & District Archaeological Society**

Lectures start at 7.45pm for 8pm in the Drawing Room, Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3 3QE. Buses 82, 143, 326 & 460 pass close by, and it is five to ten minutes’ walk from Finchley Central Station (Northern Line). Tea/coffee and biscuits follow the talk. Non-members welcome (£1). For further information, see the website: [www.hadas.org.uk](http://www.hadas.org.uk).

**14 May 2013**

**10,000 Years of History Beneath Your Feet: the Bankside Foreshore, Dr Fiona Haughey**

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**Hornsey Historical Society**

Talks take place at 8pm at the Union Church Hall, N8 9PX, corner of Ferme Park Road and Weston Park. A donation of £1.50 is requested from non-members. Refreshments are available from 7.40pm. The doors close at 8pm 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](http://www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk).

**8 May 2013**

**Arthur Morrison and ‘Child of the Jago’, Stan Newens**

**12 June 2013**

**The Coronation and Alexandra Palace, John Thompson**

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**Hounslow & District History Society**

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Road, Hounslow, starting at 8pm. For further details contact Andrea Cameron (0208 570 4264) or Liz Mammatt (020 3302 4036).

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**Islington Archaeology and History Society**

Meetings are held at 8pm at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1. A donation of £1 is asked for from non-members towards the speaker’s expenses. Enquiries: 020 7833 1541; website: [www.iahs.org.uk](http://www.iahs.org.uk).

**15 May 2013**

**From Islington to Central Europe, Dr Thomas Lorman**

**18 June 2013**

**People and Planning in Islington from the 1960s to the 1980s, David Ellis**

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

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

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### **Lewisham Local History Society**

Monthly talks are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way, Lewisham, SE13 6BT, commencing at 7.45pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors welcome. Donations of minimum £1.00 invited. For further information please contact Gordon Dennington, 62 Park Hill Road, Bromley BR2 0LF; email: Gordondennington@hotmail.com website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk.

**24 May 2013**

**Memories of a Mayor of Lambeth, Rudey Daley**

**28 June 2013**

**A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body. Victorian philanthropy in Forest Hill and Sydenham, Steve Grindlay**

**26 July 2013**

**Ugly Monsters in our Midst, Alan Payne**

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

Meetings are held at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton E10 6EQ and at St John's Church Hall, E11 1HH, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane. For further details please contact Maureen Measure, Secretary, L&LHS (020 8558 5491); email: measure@btinternet.com; website: www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk.

**22 May 2013**

**William Charles Cotton: the Wild Colonial Boy?, Dr Mary Clare Martin (St John's Church Hall, 7.45pm)**

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### **London Natural History Society**

Indoor meetings usually consist of talks, slide shows or discussions. Most indoor meetings are held at Camley Street Natural Park, Camley Street, London NW1 0PW. Visitors are welcome. For further information visit: www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm.

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### **Merton Historical Society**

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, on Saturday afternoons. 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.

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

Meetings are held in The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington, on Wednesday's starting at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. For further information please phone Michael Meekums or Janet Clayton (0208 302 1572); website: www.odas.org.uk.

**1 May 2013**

**Randall Manor**, Andrew Mayfield

**5 June 2013**

**Thames Discovery Programme**, Nathalie Cohen

**3 July 2013**

**Deptford Creek: Past and Present**, Diana Rimel

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**Pinner Local History Society**

All meetings start at 8pm. 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: <http://www.pinnerlhs.org.uk/>.

**23 May 2013**

**The Hidden Heart of Athens**, Janet Corran

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**Potters Bar and District Society**

Meetings are held at the Sixty Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, starting at 8pm prompt. Visitors are welcome (admission £1). For further details please contact John Scivyer (01707 657 586); website: [www.pottersbar.org/historicalsociety](http://www.pottersbar.org/historicalsociety).

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**Richmond Archaeological Society**

Meetings take place on Friday nights at Vestry Hall, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond, commencing at 8pm. For further information please e-mail [richmondarchaeology@virginmedia.com](mailto:richmondarchaeology@virginmedia.com); website: [www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk).

**10 May 2013**

**Science and Archaeology: On site and in the Laboratory**, Dr Caroline Cartwright

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**Richmond Local History Society**

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

**20 May 2013: two lectures**

**The Royal Laundry**, Lucinda Ganderton *and* **The Case of the Laundress's Bay**, Simon Fowler

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**Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society**

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place at the Time & Talents Centre, The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe and begin at 7.45pm. Non-members welcome for a donation of £2. For more information visit [www.rbhistory.org.uk](http://www.rbhistory.org.uk).

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

Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip at 8.15pm. For further information, please contact The Programme Secretary on 01895 673299; website: [www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk](http://www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk).

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### **Southgate District Civic Trust**

The Trust is a local amenity society, covering Southgate, New Southgate, Cockfosters, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Hadley Wood. It is also active in local history and publications. 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](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk) or visit [www.southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk](http://www.southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk).

**14 May 2013**

**The History and Mystery of Oakfield Road**, Geoff Jacobs (Friends Meeting House, 8pm)

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### **Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society**

All lectures are held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at The Housing Co-Op Hall, 106 The Cut (opposite the Old Vic). Light refreshments are served at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome but are asked to contribute £1. For further details please contact Richard Buchanan, 79 Ashridge Crescent, Shooter's Hill, London SE18 3EA; email: [RichardJBuchanan@aol.com](mailto:RichardJBuchanan@aol.com). For enquires please call 020 8764 8314.

**14 May 2013**

**Excavations at the Royal Mint 1983-88, East Smithfield**, Neil Hawkins

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### **Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines and begin at 8pm. Members free, non members welcome (£2 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 564585); email: [nick.pollard@spelthornemuseum.org.uk](mailto:nick.pollard@spelthornemuseum.org.uk); website: <http://www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk/museumtalksgreen1.html>.

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### **Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society**

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (visitors welcome at a charge of £1). Members' evenings are held at the same venue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. For further information please email The Secretary; [info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk](mailto:info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk).

**5 June 2013**

**A Harrow Resident and the First World War**, Doug Kirby

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### **Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society**

The Society meets at 8pm on once a month on a Tuesday from October to May in the John Crook Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton. The September meeting is held in Sunbury. Non-members are welcome at £2 per person. Any queries

should be sent through the 'Contact Us' function on the Society's website:  
[http://sslhs.org.uk/?page\\_id=18](http://sslhs.org.uk/?page_id=18).

**21 May 2013**

**Sunbury and Shepperton from Above**, Nick Pollard

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#### **The Thorney Island Society**

The Society organises dinners with guest speakers and private visits to places of local interest. Members may invite guests to events. For information about the Society and how to book places for events, please contact The Thorney Island Society, 39 Westminster Mansions, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BP; enquiries@thethorneyislandsociety.org.uk; www.thethorneyislandsociety.org.uk.

**16 May 2013**

**The Day Parliament Burned Down**, Dr Caroline Shenton (1pm)

**3 June 2013**

**A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England**, Dr Suzannah Lipscomb (1pm)

**3 July 2013**

**Last Trains**, Dr Charles Loft

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

Meetings are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8pm on the first Monday of each month from October to June, and take the form of an illustrated lecture by a guest speaker. Guests and non-members are welcome (there is a small charge). For further information please contact The Secretary, Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, 14A Enmore Gardens, East Sheen, SW14 8RF; website: <http://botlhs.co.uk/talks/>.

**13 May 2013**

**Long May They Reign: Jubilee Souvenirs – George III to Elizabeth II**, Dr David Allan

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

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

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#### **Walthamstow Historical Society**

Evening talks are held at Trinity United Reformed Church, 58 Orford Road, London E17 4PS. Afternoon and Saturday talks are held at The Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, Walthamstow E17 9NH. Meetings are free to members (visitors pay £1.50). For further details please visit us at: [www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://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 8pm until 9.15pm (followed by tea and biscuits). For more information, visit the website: [www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk).

**31 May 2013**

**Roman Staines**, Nick Pollard

**26 July 2013**

**Excavations at 8-10 Moorgate, City of London**, Alison Telfer

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**Wembley History Society**

All meetings are on Friday evenings, beginning at 7.30pm, at St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Lane (opposite Tudor Gardens), Kingsbury, London NW9 8RZ. Visitors are welcome, and any enquiries should be emailed to Philgrant69@aol.com.

**17 May 2013**

**What goes on in City Hall?** Navin Shah AM

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**West Drayton & District Local History Society**

Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Cyril Wroth (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 854597), or through the website: <http://westdraytonlocalhistory.com>.

**28 May 2013**

**Smoke, Soot and Steam**, David Burnell

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**West Essex Archaeological Group**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Sixth Form Block, Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green at 7.45pm. New members welcome. For further information, please contact Anne Stacey, 20B Grove Hill, South Woodford E18 2JG (020 8989 9294).

**13 May 2013**

**Rudge Memorial Lecture: One Thames or Two? The Archaeology of the River London**, Jon Cotton

**10 June 2013**

**London's Food Plant Remains**, Karen Stewart

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**Willesden Local History Society**

The Society meets at 7.30pm on Wednesdays from September to June in St Mungo's Pound Lane Centre, 115 Pound Lane, NW10 2HU, which is opposite the Bus Garage. 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](http://www.willesden-local-history.co.uk).

**15 May 2013**

**Lost Railway Stations of Willesden and Environs**, Cliff Wadsworth

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