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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

The copy deadline for the next *Newsletter* is 22 July 2016 (for the September 2016 issue). 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.

It is with deep regret that the Historic Buildings & Conservation Committee have to announce the untimely death of its Chairman, Jon Finney, who is greatly missed.

A full obituary will be published in the September newsletter.

In view of the above we are very anxious to appoint a new Chairman and to increase membership of the Committee. We are currently reviewing the role of Chairman. Should anyone be interested in joining the Committee please contact either Christopher Oliver (Acting Chair) or Vicki Fox (Hon Secretary).

New members welcomed by Central London Young Archaeologists' Club

The Central London Young Archaeologists' Club is looking for new members aged 8-14 years, who may be related to LAMAS members reading this Newsletter. The club, part of the Council for British Archaeology, is based at Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London, N1 7ED, and some meetings are held at the Museum of London.

The Club usually meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the third Saturday of the month, although times and dates can vary. For instance, meetings on the Thames foreshore need to take account of tidal fluctuations. Members find out more about archaeology and history, go on trips in the London area, do craft activities, make new friends and have fun. The cost is £2.00 per session. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Karen Thomas on 020 7410 2228, email: kthomas@mola.org.uk

LAMAS Lecture Programme 2016

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. The following is the remaining lecture in the 2015-2016 programme.

10 May 2016

Archaeological Investigations and Crossrail, Jay Carver, Project Archaeologist, Crossrail

Grants from the City of London Archaeological Trust

The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) invites applications for small to medium grants to support archaeological work in the City and its environs, as in previous years. The grants will be for one year only from 1 April 2017, and this year's deadline for applications is Friday 23 September 2016.

The meeting of CoLAT to decide the grants will be in early December. Applicants should study the guidelines (revised for 2016 and available on the COLAT website: www.colat.org.uk), with care. Applicants should ensure that they download the new version. Guidance may be obtained from the Secretary, John Schofield, at: john@jschd.demon.co.uk

LAMAS Special Papers 1-16 are now on line

LAMAS has commissioned SDS Specialist Solutions (who scanned the volumes of *Transactions* so that they could be accessed via the website) to scan Special Papers 1-16, produced between 1976 and 2013. The following titles are now free to download as PDF files from the Society's website: www.lamas.org.uk/archives/special-papers.html.

Please note that some of the files are quite large and may take time to download:

- 1976 The archaeology of the London area
- 1978 Collectanea Londiniensia (essays presented to Ralph Merrifield)
- 1980 The Roman riverside wall
- 1980 Billingsgate Buildings
- 1982 Medieval waterfront development at Trig Lane
- 1985 London-type ware
- 1986 Roman art treasures from the Temple of Mithras
- 1986 The Roman Quay at St Magnus House
- 1988 The cemetery of St Nicholas Shambles
- 1988 Surrey Whitewares
- 1988 Aspects of Saxo-Norman London I: building and street development
- 1991 Aspects of Saxo-Norman London II: finds and environmental evidence
- 1991 Excavations in the middle Walbrook valley
- 1992 Aspects of Saxo-Norman London III: the bridgehead and Billingsgate
- 1992 Timber building techniques in London c 900-1400
- 2013 Excavations at South Mimms

Annual General Meeting 2016 **The Presidential Address**

At the LAMAS Annual General Meeting at the Museum of London on Tuesday 9th February, John Clark gave his second Presidential address, on the subject of ‘Sights most strange’: tourists in medieval and early modern London.

He gave his first example of early tourism by quoting Sebastian in *Twelfth Night* saying “I pray you, let us satisfy our eyes/with the memorials and the things of fame/that do renown this city”.

He warmed to his subject by offering many examples of people who had visited London and had published their descriptions of what the minor poet Samuel Rowlands had in 1608 referred to in *A straunge sighted Traveller* as “such strange sights as heere at London be”. Henry Peacham had also listed a number of tourist attractions that people rushed to see, some of which can still be seen.

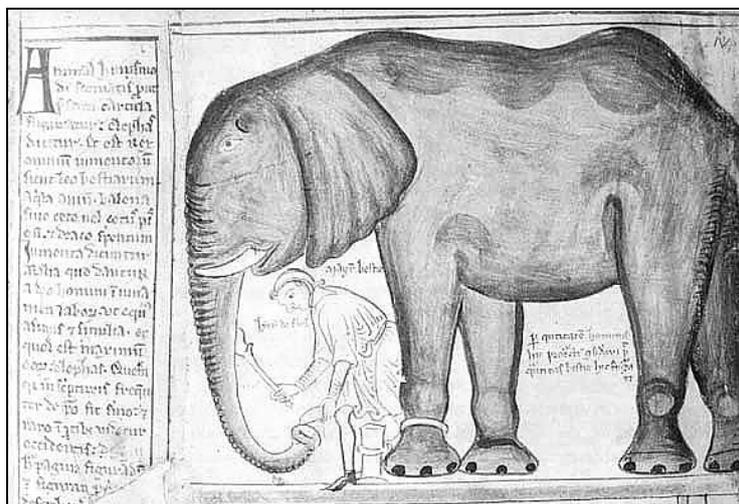
The President wondered who these visitors were, and answered his own question with a list of his own. Among the names were those of Symon Semeonis, Andrea Trevisano, Alessandro Magno, Prince Ludwig of Anhalt, Thomas Platter and L. Grenade (a Frenchman, whose *The Singularities of London 1578* was only published in 2014 by the London Topographical Society).

Nearly all of John’s visitors were impressed by the “sights”, and some were impressed by the English, especially the independence of English women; they were however unimpressed by English behaviour.

Especially striking to some foreigners – and not always in a good way – was the English custom of kissing many people in many ways, on many occasions.

Visitors also commented on buildings, in particular the Tower of London, although entry here could involve the disbursement of an unacceptable number of gratuities. For those could not afford the gratuities or gain access to the inner parts of the Tower, there were attractions just inside the main entrance.

Matthew Paris came up from St Albans to see the elephant given by King Louis of France to King Henry III. This was kept in the Tower and fascinated Paris, who included a drawing of it (right) in his *Chronicles*.



Many other animals (such as the “six lions and lionesses...a lean ugly wolf...a tiger and a porcupine” noted by Platter) were kept there through the centuries, and a visit to the Tower Menagerie remained an essential part of any visit to London well into the 19th century.

The President wryly noted that Ludgate had been described by Grenade as having been “built 65 years before the incarnation of Christ by a Saxon king called Lud”. Another mythical monument was London Stone, “planted” by King Lud (according to Grenade – again), and described by John Stow.

A far from mythical construction was London Bridge, described by Semeonis, by Dominic Mancini and by Platter (who highlighted the display of “more than thirty skulls of noble men”). St Paul’s Cathedral was a popular sight, although a German/Swiss visitor grumbled that “no German is admitted to it unless he pays his money beforehand”.

Gresham’s Royal Exchange was described by Grenade at great length and by Platter. From here it was but a short journey to Guildhall, the medieval centre of the city’s government, where the giants Cuemagot Albionus and Corinaeus Britannus [which featured in the 2015 Presidential Address] were seen by Platter.

Westminster Abbey impressed Semeonis, but a Swiss lawyer, Justus Zinzerling, was unhappy about the professional interpreters/guides: “not a few Germans have complained of the deceit of these fellows”. Having visited the Abbey however, Hieronymus Turler (a lawyer from Saxony) recorded that “In my judgment, the Tumbe of King Henrie the Seventh

King of Englande surpasseth the residew. All the whole Toumbe is gilten over, and it shineth faire”.

The Coronation Chair and Stone of Destiny were a major attraction, as was Westminster Hall, the roof timbers of which were creatively described by Platter and by the Duke of Stettin-Pomerania.

Crossing the Thames by bridge or boat was a popular activity, enabling a visitor to experience a performance at one of the playhouses, or an afternoon of bear-baiting (referred to by Baron Waldstein). Paul Hentzner recorded that “at these spectacles, and everywhere else, the English are constantly smoking tobacco”.

The President, in returning to the poem by Samuel Rowlands, was happy that he had succeeded in covering nearly all of the sights that the poet had listed. In conclusion, he felt that although visitors to medieval and early modern London did not always notice the same things about the city that our eyes might see, there did appear to be a number of “sights” that they were expected to view. They received information that was not always accurate, and seemed to have concluded that Londoners didn’t like foreigners.

London was an interesting place to visit, but they wouldn’t want to live there.

Readers who wish to read the full text of John Clark’s Presidential Address will find it on the Academia website:

<https://www.academia.edu/22601742/>

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**LAMAS 53rd Conference of London Archaeologists,
Museum of London 19 March 2016.**

Compiled by Bruce Watson

The 2016 Ralph Merrifield Award

The Ralph Merrifield Award was presented to Cath Maloney, who has recently retired. For many years she worked at the Museum of London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre (LAARC) and compiled the London Fieldwork Round-up for *London Archaeologist* magazine.

**Industry and Magic – quarrying and selective deposition in Ewell,
Surrey**

Alexis Haslam, PCA

In the opening lecture Alexis described a complex and enigmatic sequence of human activity at Ewell in Surrey. Here during the late 1st century AD the underlying chalk and flint were extracted on a commercial scale from three large quarry pits. One of these



quarries consisted of an oval shaft some 4.5m deep (above). The backfills of these quarries contained some finds that could be interpreted as votive gifts, a large faunal assemblage, plus a skeletal assemblage including a prone adult male and the remains of at least 53 disarticulated individuals. Unusual forms of burial within the Roman world are often interpreted as ‘bad deaths’ of individuals who for some reason were denied the normal rites and, in this case, even burial within a conventional cemetery.

21 Lime Street, City, revisited

Lesley Dunwoodie, MOLA

Lesley described how, buried beneath part of the eastern range of the monumental Roman Basilica (c. AD 100-130) in the City of London, were the remains of clay and timber buildings of much less splendour. However, one these buildings contained an elaborately painted plaster wall fresco (illustrated in *Current Archaeology* April 2016, p 6-7).

Excavations at Principal Place, London Borough of Hackney

Andy Daykin, MOLA

Andy explained that fieldwork to date had revealed 30 burials within *Londinium*'s extramural cemetery including two deposits of pyre debris (*bustum*). In 1813 the Gas Light and Coke Company established a gas works at Curtain Road, Shoreditch, the remains of which were well-preserved.

Excavations at Brandon House, Southwark: The Tudor Palace and Roman remains

Richard Humphrey, PCA

In c.1516 Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, decided to rebuild his family home in Borough High Street, Southwark, renaming it ‘Suffolk Place’ after his new dukedom. Richard described how excavations during 2015 revealed the well-preserved brick-built foundations of part of

Brandon's palace. It was adorned with architectural terracottas to proclaim his wealth and social status. A brick-lined culvert was backfilled with over 300 terracotta fragments, all discarded when the palace was demolished in c.1557-58.

By the banks of the Walbrook: From the Romans to Bedlam

Alison Telfer, MOLA

In the final lecture of the morning session, Alison described how between 2011 and 2015 the construction of a new Crossrail ticket hall at Liverpool Street station afforded an opportunity to examine part of the deeply buried extramural Roman landscape adjoining the eastern side of a tributary of the Walbrook stream. Fluvial deposits, which inundated the area during the late 1st century AD, contained 19 human skulls plus other human skeletal elements. The impression is that this material represents ex-situ inhumations, which had been eroded out of the upstream Roman cemetery. By the early 2nd century AD, an east-west aligned roadway spanned the stream channel. The road gravels contained at least 14 hippo-sandals. In 1247 this area became part of the precinct of the new Priory of St Mary Bethlehem. During the 14th century, the priory was converted into a hospital caring for the mentally ill, and was later popularly known as 'Bedlam'. In 1569 part of the gardens of the hospital were acquired by the City of London as a new extramural cemetery, latterly known as the Bedlam burial ground (see below).

Afternoon session: London Bodies; some recent advances.

Bedlam Burials: Bridging the gap in our osteological knowledge

Michael Henderson, MOLA

In the first lecture of the afternoon, Michael discussed the provisional results of the study of the 3,700 burials recently excavated from the Bedlam burial ground. Osteological evidence of poor health included evidence of fractures, rib lesions, rickets and sinusitis (evidence of respiratory diseases), and dental disease was widespread. The burial ground closed in 1739.

Teenage Kicks: Puberty and health in Medieval London

Mary Lewis, University of Reading

Mary outlined the results of a study of medieval adolescents (aged 6.6-25 years) recovered from 151 cemetery sites across England. The study revealed that urban male adolescents had a high rate of fractures to their hands, feet, ribs, legs and skulls. While many of these injuries were probably caused by falls at work, some could have been sustained by interpersonal violence or taking part in sports like football. Female urban

adolescents generally showed more evidence of strain on their hands, feet, knees and spines probably caused by strenuous domestic service.

Radiographic perspectives on the history of our health

Jelena Bekvalac, Centre for Human Bioarchaeology, MOL

The application of direct digital radiography was described by Jelena. This non-destructive technique permits the internal study of osteological traits like lesions and bone density. It is a vital tool in the ongoing research project on the impact of industrialisation on the health of Londoners.

‘Teeming with disease and death’: Insights into life and health in Bethnal Green in the mid-19th century

Rachel Ives, Natural History Museum and AOC Archaeology

Rachel’s lecture described how part of the assemblage excavated at an early 19th-century burial ground in Bethnal Green could be identified from coffin name-plates, headstones and grave markers, so that the remains of those buried could be compared with data listed in their death certificates. Evidence of poor diet was widespread, with many of the sub-adults showing signs of rickets. Many of the adults and juveniles showed evidence of fractures.

‘Our poor, decayed seamen’: An osteological study of the skeletons of 100 Royal Navy pensioners from Greenwich Hospital (1749-1856)

Ceridwen Boston, Linacre College, University of Oxford

In the final lecture of the day, Ceri explained how the skeletons of Royal Navy pensioners, excavated in the burial ground of Greenwich Hospital (1749-1856), demonstrated how these veterans had endured hardship and disease. They each displayed osteological evidence of an average of six fractures, the vast majority of which can be attributed to accidents on ship sustained during stormy weather.

Image: The early Roman shaft quarry at Ewell, view looking east (Strephon Duckering, copyright PCA).

London’s archaeology in the media

Golden Tudor dress accessories from the Thames foreshore

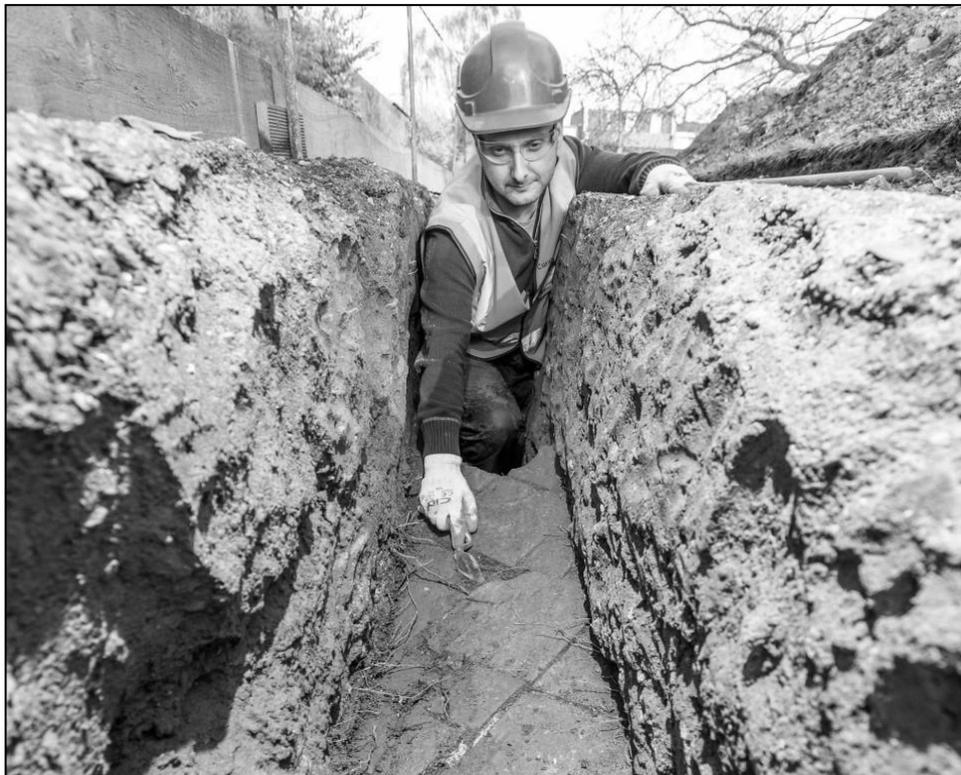
Fifteen small, but similar, fragments of decorative gold work, consisting of eight aglets (tags on the ends of laces), two open-work beads one of which is inlaid with coloured glass, two fragments of filigree work and three of wire, have been recovered from the same

stretch of Thames foreshore by metal detecting over a two year period. The design and similarity of the pieces suggests that they were all dress accessories or ornaments originally sewn onto the same Tudor garment, possibly an ornate hat or another item of clothing that got blown into the river.

Sources: *'Windfall gold'* The Times 24/12/15; *'Thames yields hoard of 16th century gold treasure'* The Times 26/12/15; *'Tudor treasure from the Thames foreshore'*, Current Archaeology, March 2016.

Tudor Tiltyard Tower Found at Hampton Court

The archaeological work that accompanied the installation of electrical cable for a new children's play area at Hampton Court Palace has uncovered part of the glazed tile floor (below) and brick-built



foundations of one the five tiltyard towers built by Henry VIII in 1534-36. The towers were sited around a 2.8 hectare walled enclosure used for jousting, pageantry and tournaments. These two or three storey towers were intended to accommodate spectators and also used for staging banquets. Some idea of the lavish interior decoration of the tower is provided by the discovery of ex-situ gilded lead leaves (below), suggesting that its decor was as opulent as that within the main body of the palace. During the 1690s when the tiltyard was converted into gardens, four of the towers were demolished. In 1924 the remaining tower was converted into a café for visitors.

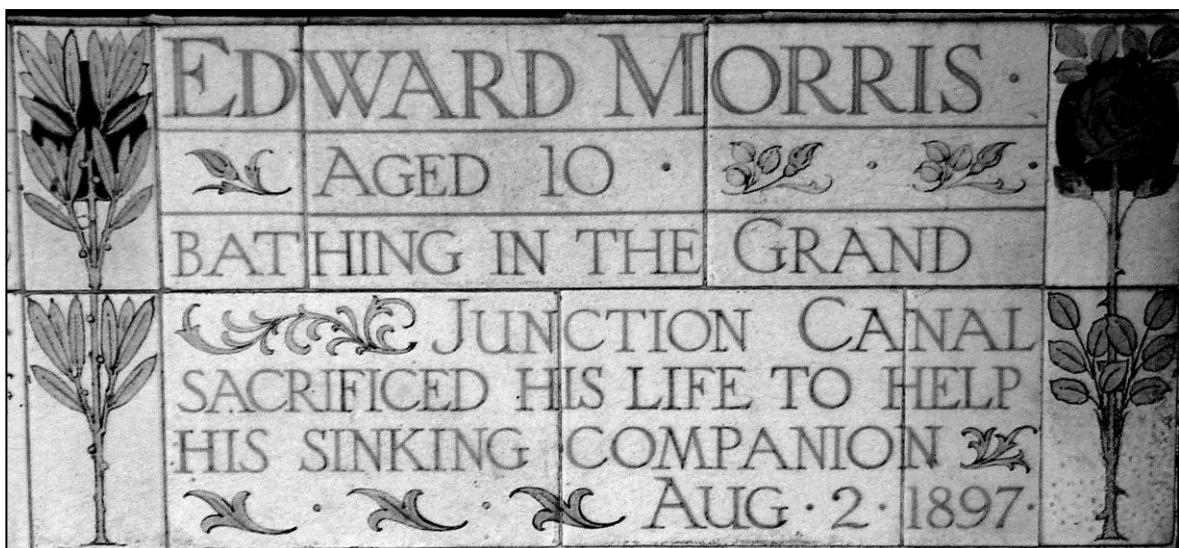
Sources: *'Party on: Henry VIII's tower of pleasure found after 300 years'* Sunday Times 13/12/15; *'Henry VIII's tournament site found in playground'* The Times 14/12/15; *'A Towering find at Hampton Court'*, Current Archaeology, March 2016.

Bruce Watson



New organisation launched to protect and promote the Watts Memorial in Postman's Park.

Many members of LAMAS will know of Postman's Park, the small municipal garden located a few hundred metres from the Museum of London and adjacent to the Church of St Botolph's Aldersgate. Those who are familiar with Postman's Park will also know that it contains a unique and remarkable monument; the Watts Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice. For the uninitiated, the Watts Memorial, unveiled in 1900, was conceived and created by the Victorian artist George Frederic Watts. It consists of a memorial wall, sheltered by a wooden cloister, which houses fifty-four memorial tablets, each narrating a dramatic incident in which a person, or people, lost their own life while attempting to save the life of others (below).



Sixty-two people are commemorated on the memorial; eight children, nine women and forty-five men. The Watts Memorial is enchanting, and most people who encounter it or get to know it soon come to love it and feel protective about it.

Now, at last, there is a way for everyone to play their part in looking after the monument. A new organisation, the Friends of the Watts Memorial, has been launched with the remit of protecting, preserving and promoting the Watts Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice in Postman's Park. Run entirely by volunteers, the Friends of the Watts Memorial is a not-for-profit organisation that has been set up with the support of the Diocese of London and the City of London Corporation. Through a range of activities, including events and publications, the Friends will help to ensure that the monument is maintained and cared for while also working to educate and inform the public about its history and the lives of the people it commemorates.

The Friends also has an exciting and ambitious long-term objective: to fully complete the Watts Memorial just as its original creator intended. GF Watts originally planned for 120 tablets and new research has finally established the list of individuals that Watts intended to commemorate. Research into these individuals is now under way and, when completed, it will form the basis of a plan to have the missing tablets manufactured and installed on the memorial, finally completing it over 120 years since it was first conceived. The completed memorial will be entirely true to Watts's vision and will use the cases he selected as a basis for composing the narratives and designing the tablets. All the new tablets will be from Watts's original plan, so they will all be from the period 1837 to about 1900. This is undoubtedly a hugely ambitious vision, but the hope is that with the support of a strong and passionate membership, the Friends will, in the not too distant future, see that vision realised.

Membership of the Friends of the Watts Memorial costs just £5 per year and further information about the organisation and details of how to join can be found at <http://www.wattsmemorial.org.uk>.

The Friends is currently planning its first event, which will take place on Friday 13 May 2016 and full details are available via the website. The Friends will also have a stall in Postman's Park during Open Garden Squares Weekend, 18-19 June 2016 so, if you are passing, why not drop in and say 'hello'?

John Price

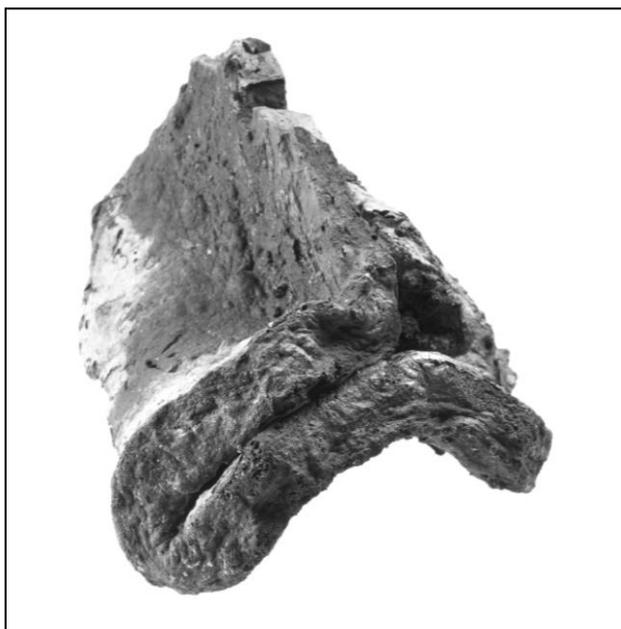
Fire! Fire!

As members of the Society will know, LAMAS and the Museum of London have for many years supported each other's activities. The

Newsletter therefore is happy to offer its readers a preview of the Museum's upcoming exhibition, *Fire! Fire!*, which will mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London, which devastated the city in September 1666.

There have in the past been many events linked to the Great Fire, including the Museum's own *London's Burning* exhibition a few years ago, and it has been a challenge to come up with something new. This exhibition, prioritising the lives of Londoners, will focus on life on the eve of the Fire, what happened as the blaze tore through the city, and how London recovered. It will breathe new life into the subject by giving visitors opportunities to experience what it would have felt like to be there at the time, rather than regarding them as passive spectators. There will be an immersive reconstruction of Pudding Lane, where the Fire is believed to have started, and a huge moving panorama of London in flames.

A variety of incredibly fragile flame-scarred archaeological artefacts, many of them on public display for the first time, will reveal the



destructive power of the inferno. These will include a ceramic roof tile

(above) from Botolph Lane, near Pudding Lane, blackened and bent in half, indicating that temperatures must have been over 1500°C.



Burnt padlocks with a key, revealed by X-ray (left), also come from Botolph Lane, excavated by MoLAS in 1995. Letters from eyewitnesses such as Robert Flatman will illustrate the trauma endured by ordinary Londoners, while the scene of scorching destruction will be illustrated by an oil painting from c.1670-78, which was originally covered with dirt and only restored

early in the 20th century (below). The subject matter of the painting tallies with contemporary accounts.



Meriel Jeater, the curator of *Fire! Fire!* (and editor of the *LAMAS Newsletter* for many years) offers some insights into the exhibition.

In September 2015 she said that “One may assume that nothing remains from the Great Fire of London. In actual fact some of London’s most exciting archaeological discoveries have been from the Great Fire, helping us to build a picture of why the fire began and what happened during the blaze.”

To this, she now adds that “As one of London’s most famous historical disasters, people often assume that there is nothing new to discover about the Great Fire of London. In fact, there are still numerous unconfirmed hypotheses about how and why the fire started, as well as a number of myths that have built up over the years. We seek to shed new light on the events of September 1666 with our rich collections of never-before-seen 17th century archaeological artefacts.”

Fire! Fire!, sponsored by Eversheds, is expected to have broad appeal, particularly to families and school groups, and will be accompanied by a programme of talks and events. It will open at the Museum of London, London Wall, on 23 July 2016 and run until 17 April 2017.

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BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Lost City of London, by Robert Wynn Jones (2015), published by Amberley Publishing, 198x125mm paperback, 272 pages plus cover, 52 images in colour, 44 images in black and white, six street maps, £9.99, ISBN 978-1-4456-4820-0.

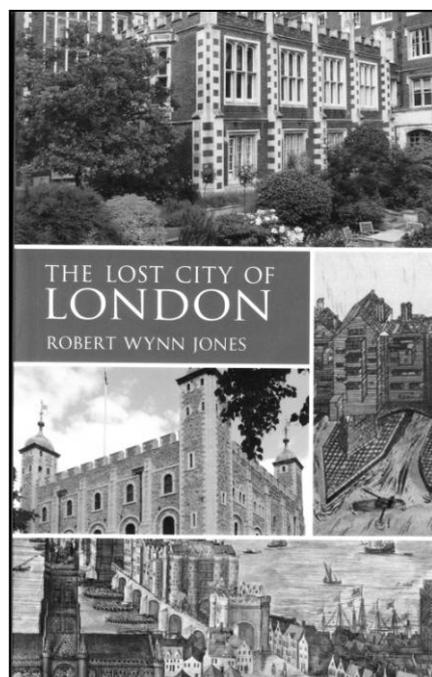
The *Lost City of London* in the title of this book is loosely defined as the current City, together with parts of Southwark and ‘some areas that lie a little outside the original walls’. Its author’s objective is ‘to discover the original structures and streets that survived the Great Fire and can still be seen today’, and his book describes what remains of the city of the Black Death, the Peasants’ Revolt, Shakespeare and Pepys.

He starts with six maps showing parts of the present-day street plan; lists of many of the buildings and sites mentioned later in the book help the reader to find them on the maps.

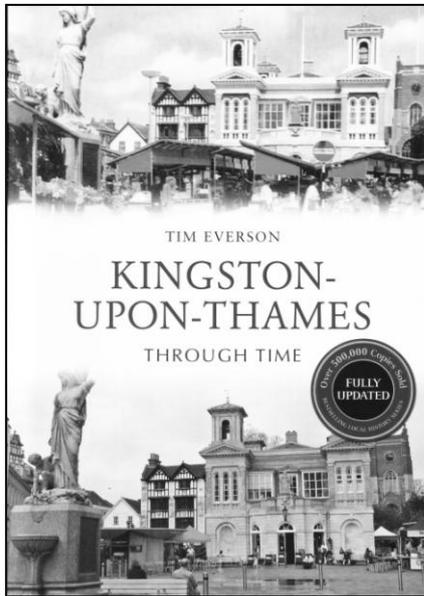
Approximately the first third of *The Lost City* takes the reader on a journey through time, starting with the bedrock that supports all of the structures of London. It shows the initial impact of the first people to establish settlements in the area, describes the establishment of Londinium by the Romans, mentions the relatively brief Anglo-Saxon occupation of the walled city, and relates how London was changed during the medieval period and beyond. The Great Fire – and Christopher Wren’s reconstruction plan – brings the reader’s journey to a close. This section is well-written, and gives a thoroughly referenced overview of the ways in which London has been subjected to seemingly endless alterations brought about by the needs and cultures of a constantly changing population.

The second part of *The Lost City* is a comprehensive and informative gazetteer of the city’s historic structures, streets and districts. Readers can go straight to an entry that interests them, or can enjoy a satisfying browse.

The drawings and photographs give extra value to the text of a volume that many will want to carry in a rucksack as they walk the streets of the City in search of the capital’s past.



Kingston-Upon-Thames Through Time: Revised Edition, by Tim Everson (2015), published by Amberley Publishing, 235x165mm paperback, 96 pages plus cover, 180 images in colour, £14.99, ISBN 978-1-4456-5017-3.



Wherever people have lived their often very different lives, they have made changes to their environments. The author of this generously illustrated history records ways in which Kingston-Upon-Thames has changed through time; he includes new photographs and revised captions to bring up to date his original volume, published in 2010. The transformation of the town is shown by comparing these new photographs to those taken of similar subjects many years earlier. The older ones, which have often been reproduced from picture postcards, are printed in sepia, and convey a real feeling of how Kingston looked like a century ago.

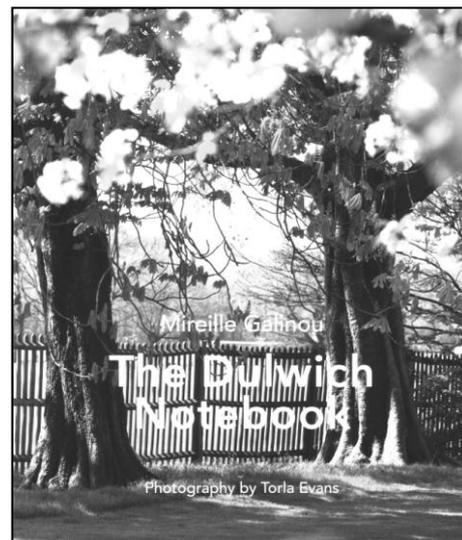
The modern ones show how it has changed and developed up to the present day. The production quality is high, and the decision to print on semi matt paper has been a good one.

Although the author lives not far away in New Malden, what shines through this book is his deep interest in Kingston. It will be greatly enjoyed by anyone living in the area, and for others – it should not be bypassed.

The Dulwich Notebook, by Mireille Galinou, with photography by Torla Evans (2015), published by Your London Publishing, 250x210mm paperback, 256 pages, with index and 290 colour illustrations, £17.99 from Dulwich bookshops and museums, ISBN 978-0-9933610-0-5.

The Preface of this book advises that it is “as much about the present as the past”, and its stated objective is to encourage the process by which local people connect to their environment.

The author gives an overview of the area, its history and development, with particular reference to the 1,500 acre (just over 600 hectares)



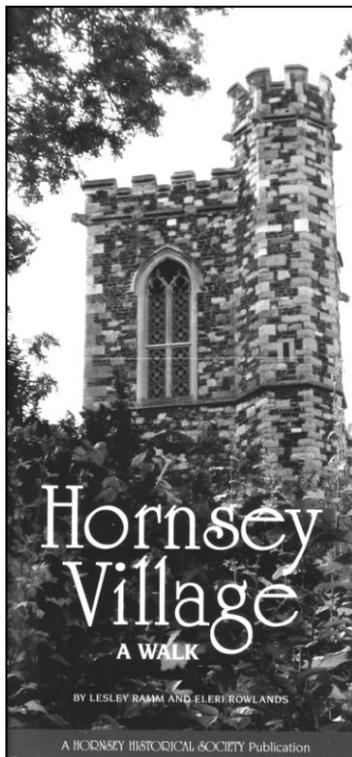
Dulwich Estate, which dates back to the 17th century, and which was known for most of its existence as “Alleyn’s College of God’s Gift, at Dulwich”.

She splits Dulwich into four zones: Dulwich Village in the centre, surrounded by West, South and East Dulwich, and describes each of these in terms of its history, landmarks, spiritual life, culture and creativity, contemporary life, green spaces, and “movers and shakers”.

There is a vast amount of information here, yet it is written, organised and presented in such a way that anyone can happily and easily go through the pages sequentially, or can choose to use the index to find any item of special interest. Although aimed at local readers, Mireille Galinou’s fine volume could serve as a template for other authors; their challenge would be to explore, describe and illustrate their own parts of London – or elsewhere – as meticulously and comprehensively as she has done in Dulwich.

The excellent photographs by Torla Evans (Head of Photography at the Museum of London until 2013) not only complement the text, but also add extra context to it, helping to enhance the reader’s journey through Dulwich’s past and present.

Hornsey Village – A Walk, by Lesley Ramm and Eleri Rowlands (2014), published by Hornsey Historical Society, 210x99mm (1/3 of A4) paperback, 24 pages plus cover, 46 images, hand drawn street map, £4.00, ISBN 978-0-905794-52-5.



For well over a century the village of Hornsey – established as a settlement in the pre-Conquest county of Middlesex – has rather lost its original identity among what are now the sprawling suburbs of north London. Its centuries-old rural character was lost in the 19th century when the main line railway was cut through the east of the village and the station was built. At this time Hornsey was in effect a country retreat for those who also needed easy access to work in London. As one would assume, this handy pocket-sized booklet takes the reader around Hornsey Village, although the ‘Walk’ in the title is actually divided into three parts.

The first covers the centre of Hornsey, taking the reader from the New River (constructed between 1609 and 1613 by Sir Hugh Myddelton) westwards along the High Street as far as the

Army Reserve Centre (built rather more recently in 1938).

The second covers the west side of Hornsey, going north from Rectory Gardens to the Lovegrove Estate before looping back southwards to Priory Park and Greig Close. This was built on the site of Crouch End High School, whose principal, Miss Charlotte Cowdroy (1864-1932), achieved respect and renown – especially among educationalists – in the 1920s.

To continue the theme of education, the third walk starts and ends with schools. The Rokesly Schools in the south east corner of the village are where this part of the walk starts, and St Mary's Primary School is where it terminates, following a trip northwards that takes in the headquarters of the Hornsey Historical Society itself, in The Old Schoolhouse in Tottenham Lane.

The authors propose that “the perambulation can be ended in the churchyard in the peace of Hornsey's medieval beginnings”.

There is unfortunately no guidance in the booklet on how long the three parts of the walk are, either in miles or in the time that an average walker would be likely to take. Readers who do not live in or near to Hornsey Village may therefore face an uncertain task in planning the time at which they may expect to end their perambulations.

This is perhaps a rather long review of what is a fairly modest booklet, but anyone who reads it will find that it is a well-researched, well-produced, interesting and useful publication, which deserves appropriate appreciation.

EVENTS

The Fire Lecture 2016

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters, in partnership with the Association of British Insurers, has organised **an evening of entertainment and education to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London**, highlight the growth of fire insurance, and celebrate the strength and resilience of the City today.

The event will be held on **7 July 2016** at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7GF from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Doors open 6.00pm. Tickets at £38.00 include VAT and a buffet reception. Members of City Livery Companies £28.00 including VAT. Please contact the website: www.firefighterscompany.org

Museum of London Archaeology

As MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) prepares to excavate the Curtain Theatre in Shoreditch, it is hosting a series of Shakespeare inspired events, lectures and walking tours for members of the public. The events are part of a community engagement programme and run until Wednesday 25 May. As a Shakespeare400 consortium partner MOLA has pulled together experts in Shakespeare, theatre, history and archaeology to share their knowledge on various topics including: the early modern theatrical scene, Shakespeare in London, rogues and villains of Shoreditch's theatres, and eating and drinking in Shakespeare's theatreland. Contributors include

BBC historian Michael Wood, honorary president of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Prof. Stanley Wells, and actor and author Ben Crystal as well as MOLA archaeologists and Shakespeare400 partners.

400 years after William Shakespeare's death, the events will give an insight into the past of the first theatre district and a historically significant site at the heart of London's Shoreditch, which is set to become a vibrant new east London destination. The new development, *The Stage*, will feature the excavated and preserved remains of Shakespeare's Curtain Theatre in a heritage and visitor centre, with displays of artefacts discovered during the dig.

Detailed information can be obtained by following the link below:

<http://www.mola.org.uk/blog/shakespeare-events-programme-announced-ahead-our-excavation-curtain-theatre>

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 Highland Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698); email: info@actonhistory.co.uk; website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

11 May 2016, 5.30-7.30pm

Circular Walk in Bedford Park with David Budworth – meet at 5.30pm at the corner of The Avenue and Bath Road, just outside the west end of St Michael and All Angels. Ends at The Tabard pub.

8 June 2016

AGM and 30th year anniversary celebration

6 July 2016, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Visit to London Metropolitan Archive. e-mail: info@actonhistory.co.uk for details.

Barking and District Historical Society

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

6 June 2016

Trees in history, Georgina Green

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held at the Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, London SW14 8LP at 8pm. The meetings are free for members (£2 for visitors). For further details please contact the Hon. Secretary on 0208 878 3756 or visit us at www.barnes-history.org.uk

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.

9 May 2016

Dickens. The man and his work, Paul Baker

13 June 2016

Another look at postcards, Terence Atkins

12 September 2016

Chipping Barnet War Memorial, Dennis Bird

Bexley Archaeological Group

All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 7EB, 8.00pm for 8.15pm start, and excavations are carried out at the weekends (Mar-Nov). For further information contact the Chairman, Mr Martin Baker, 24 Valliers Wood Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8BG (020 8300 1752); email: martin.baker@btinternet.com; website: www.bag.org.uk

19 May 2016

Egyptian Mummification, Sofija Kirovski-Mclean

21 July 2016

Archaeology and Modern Paganism, Ethan White

Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society

The society meets at the Chiswick Memorial Club, Afton House, Bourne Place, Chiswick W4, starting at 7.30pm, on the 3rd Monday in the month, from September to May inclusive. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Stephen Hine, 153 Linkfield Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 6QN or visit: www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk

Camden History Society

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

19 May 2016

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre

An accident in Cat's Meat Square, Ruth Richardson

26 May 2016, 6.15pm-08.00pm

Zoological Society of London, Outer Circle, Regent's Park

Visit to library of Zoological Society London

Members wishing to participate should email drswoodford@blueyonder.co.uk

16 June 2016, 6.30-9.00pm

Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT

AGM, with talk on **Camden, the first 50 years**, Tudor Allen

21 July 2016

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre
An appreciation of SOAS, Berzine Waghmar

15 September 2016

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre
History of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Victoria Cranna

Camden New Town History Group

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

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

Chadwell Heath Historical Society

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

chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

17 May 2016

The Moat Farm Murder 1899, Martyn Lockwood

21 June 2016

AGM, followed by **Barking and Dagenham: 1965 And All That**, Katie Avagah and John Blake

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 a 7.00pm start, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. Non-members are welcome to attend lectures but are asked to make a £2 contribution to expenses.

For further information, visit www.colas.org.uk; email: mail@colas.org.uk

20 May 2016

Religious and ritual imagery on Roman Pottery from London, Fiona Seeley

17 June 2016

A Pilgrim's Progress - recreating a 14th Century Journey, Steven Payne.

15 July 2016, 7.00pm West Steps, St Paul's Cathedral

A Guided Walk - Romans Wren and Rogers, Tony Tucker

19 August 2016

Recent Projects on Ancient Monuments in Greater London, Dr Jane Sidell

16 September 2016

The King's Observatory: The quest for Shene Charterhouse and an old latrine, Bob Cowie

Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society

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

10 May 2016

Coming to a railway near to you, Roger Ford

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.

19 May 2016

Daneford School, Teaching in Bethnal Green 1977-1991, Tony Stevens

East Surrey Family History Society

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

17 May 2016

Mending bodies saving Souls: Victorian medical practices, hospitals & treatment of disease & injury, Ian Waller

21 June 2016

Unusual Archives, Lindsay Ould

19 July 2016

Do You Know Who You Are Yet?, Celia Heritage

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

14 May 2016

'Show & Tell', Members and Visitors share their Family History artefacts round the table
The **Southwark** branch meets on the 2nd Monday of alternate months in Southwark Local History Library, 211 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JA. Meetings start at 12 noon.

13 June 2016

Mayhem on the Midland (an Accident, a Suicide, and a Murder), Chris and Judy Rouse

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

5 May 2016

DNA Tests for Family Historians, Dr G Swinfield

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>

18 May 2016, 7.45 for 8.00 pm, Jubilee Hall

The Life of John Betjeman, Edward Wild

1 July 2016, 7.45 for 8.00 pm Jubilee Hall

Joint Meeting with EAS

Protecting Enfield 1939-45: Industrial Archaeology of WW2 in Enfield, Ian Jones and Neil Pinchbeck

27 July 2016, 7.00 for 7.30pm Bruce Castle

Joint Meeting with Friends of Bruce Castle

Old films of the Edmonton Hundred area, Louise Pankhurst

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

5 May 2016, 8.00pm

Christchurch Hall, Eltham High Street

The Venerable Bede, Imogen Corrigan

Enfield Archaeological Society

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

13 May 2016

The Cutting Edge: Stone Tools in Recent EAS Digs, Neil Pinchbeck

10 June 2016

Poets' Corner Yard Dig, Westminster Abbey, Chris Mayo

1 July 2016

Geoffrey Gillam Memorial Lecture

Enfield at War 1939-1945: Protecting the People, Ian Jones and Neil Pinchbeck

9 September 2016

Life in Post-Medieval Southwark: Finds from Recent Excavations, Jacqui Pearce

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.

27 July 2016, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Joint Meeting with Edmonton Hundred Historical Society
Old films of the Edmonton Hundred area, Louise Pankhurst

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; website: www.hackney.gov.uk/archives-friends; 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.friernbarnethistory.org.uk. For further details contact David Berguer on 020 8368 8314.

25 May 2016

AGM, followed by **Germans who Fought with the British**, Helen Fry

22 June 2016

Seeking Sergeant Hember: The Story of a First World War Soldier, Hugh Garnsworthy

Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society

There is usually a talk or a visit once a month. Visits are made to places of historic interest both within and outside the borough at varying times. For information about

the activities of Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, visit the Society's website: <https://fhhs.wordpress.com/>.

Harefield History Society

For information about the activities of Harefield, contact 01895 825501. Website: www.lwmfhs.org.uk/index.php/local-history/54-harefield-history-society.

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

10 May 2016

Hadrian's Wall: Life on Rome's northern frontier, Matt Symonds

14 June 2016

Annual General Meeting

Hornsey Historical Society

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

11 May 2016

The Day Peace Broke Out, Mike Brown

8 June 2016

Searching for Victor Hember: The Battle of the Somme, Hugh Garnsworthy

13 July 2016

AGM and social evening

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 (0208 570 4264) or Liz Mammatt (020 3302 4036). Website: www.hounslowhistory.org.uk

Islington Archaeology & History Society

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

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

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

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF

27, 29 and 31 July 2016, 10.00am – 5.00pm (last entry 4.30pm).

A special Exhibition on the archaeology of Hayes with artefacts and displays from the Neolithic and Bronze Age sites and the Roman Bath House.

Adults £1.50, Concessions £1.00.

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF

Every Wednesday in August 2016, sessions at 10.30am & 2.00pm.

Visitors up to 8 years old are invited to dress up as Romans and learn all about Roman fashions for women and men, including Roman soldiers! They can make a fabulous 'Roman' brooch and bracelet to take home. No booking needed.

Children to be accompanied. Entry £4.00 per child, adult carer free.

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF

Every Friday in August 2016, sessions at 10.30am & 2.00pm.

The story of the Crofton site from Roman villa times through Saxon, Medieval, Victorian station all the way to 1930s houses. Children up to 13 years old can create a picture for the special villa time-line and make their very own history board game to take home! No booking needed. Children to be accompanied.

Entry £4.00 per child, adult carer free.

Keston Roman Tombs, Brambletye, Westerham Road, Keston.

Mid to late September 2016

A special open day. Guided tours of the Roman tombs with graphic and finds displays. Date to be confirmed. See www.the-cka.fsnet.co.uk or email:

crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com

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

12 May 2016

All the King's Horses, Dr Angela Care Evans

9 June 2016

Ordnance Survey Ancient and Modern, Colin Brown

Lewisham Local History Society

Meetings are held on Fridays at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way SE13 6BT, starting at 7:45pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors welcomed, donation of £1 invited. For further information please contact Gordon Dennington, 62 Park Hill Road, Bromley BR2 0LF; email: Gordondennington@hotmail.com; website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

27 May 2016

Windmills of Kentish London (and the men who built them), Robert Cumming

24 June 2016

The Rise and Fall of Robert Cocking, (1776-1837), Anthony Cross

29 July 2016

The Greenwich Peninsular Ecology Park, Joanne Smith

30 September 2016

The Downham Estate - the area, history, development and residents, Jane Hearn

Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

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

18 May 2016, St John's Church Hall

AGM followed by **Leytonstone and the First World War**, Graham Millington

London Natural History Society

Indoor meetings usually consist of talks, slide shows or discussions. Most indoor meetings are held at Camley Street Natural Park, Camley Street, London NW1 0PW. Visitors are welcome. A charge may be made on the door. For further information please visit website: www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm

Merton Historical Society

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

16 June 2016, 11.00am

A Walk in Old Malden, David Rymill

Meet at St John's Church, off Church Road, Old Malden, KT4 7RY. Book at mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

13 July 2016, 11.00am

Visit to Fulham Palace and Garden

Meet at entrance in Bishop's Ave, London SW6 6EA. Book at mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

4 August 2016, 10.30am

F W Paine, Funeral Directors

Meet at 24 Old London Road, Kingston

Tea followed by a talk on the history of the company and a tour of their museum.

Book at mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

The Norwood Society

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

Orpington & District Archaeological Society

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

4 May 2016

Looking after London's Ghosts, Adam Corsini

1 June 2016

1941 – 2016 A Life in and Around the City of London, Leonard Williams

6 July 2016

Genteel Rubbish – The Material Culture of London's West End in the 18th Century, Jacqui Pearce FSA MifA

7 September 2016

Saxons at The Adelphi, Strand, Dougie Killock

Pinner Local History Society

All meetings start at 8.00pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £2. For further information please contact Mrs Sheila Cole, 40 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7LD (020 8866 3972); website: www.pinnerlhs.org.uk

5 May 2016

AGM followed by **The History of Pinner Hill Estate**, Jo Crocker

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>

19 May 2016

'Magna Carta', Gary Fisher

Richmond Archaeological Society

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

13 May 2016

The Maya Collapse: Myth or Reality?, Prof Elizabeth Graham

Richmond Local History Society

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

16 May 2016

Annual General Meeting and Richmond Screen: highlights from Richmond Local Studies Library and Archive's collection of historic films, Felix Lancashire

9 September, 2016

Mummification in Bronze Age Britain, Dr. Tom Booth

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 4DJ, and begin at 7.45pm. Non-members welcome for a donation of £2. For more information please visit www.rbhistory.org.uk.

25 May 2016

Ada Salter: 150th Anniversary Lecture, Graham Taylor

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.

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

10 May 2016, 8.00pm

Friends Meeting House, 59 Church Hill, Winchmore Hill

Do You Remember the 30s, 40s and 50s, Bernard Ecker

12 July, 2016, 8.00pm

Friends Meeting House, 59 Church Hill, Winchmore Hill

Subject and speaker to be confirmed

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

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

10 May 2016

Antiquarian Finds from the Thames, Jon Cotton

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

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

Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society

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

4 May 2016

Annual General Meeting

1 June 2016

The History of Money, Richard Selby

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 contact the Secretary, Ms Rosemary McGlashon (020 8977 5671) or visit our website <http://www.botlhs.co.uk>

9 May 2016

AGM followed by some short talks

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

17 May 2016
AGM and Social Evening

Walthamstow Historical Society

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

Wandsworth Historical Society

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

27 May 2016

Liverpool Street station Crossrail site, Alison Telfer

24 June 2016

AGM followed by 'The Great Fire of London of 1666' - a talk with readings, Dorian Gerhold and others

29 July 2016

An archaeological talk, subject to be confirmed

West Drayton & District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from September until May (excluding December) in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Cyril Wroth (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 854597) or website: <http://westdraytonlocalhistory.com>

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

18 May 2016

Harrison Ainsworth, Signe Hoffos.

15 June 2016

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