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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

The copy deadline for the next *Newsletter* is 18 November 2016 (for the January 2017 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.

The Stow Memorial Service: preliminary notice

The Stow Memorial Service and Lecture will be held at St Andrew Undershaft and at the Merchant Taylors' Hall on 24 April 2017. Details will be published in the January *Newsletter*.

LAMAS Lecture Programme 2016-2017

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

11 October 2016

Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker: surviving the Great Fire of London, Hazel Forsyth, Museum of London

8 November 2016

From Cellar to Roof: Archaeological Investigations at Westminster Abbey 2010-16, Paw Jorgenson, Pre-Construct Archaeology

13 December 2016

Investigations on the site of Shene Charterhouse undertaken by MOLA and Richmond Archaeological Society in 2011-15, Bob Cowie, Museum of London Archaeology

10 January 2017

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

14 February 2017

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

14 March 2017

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

11 April 2017

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

9 May 2017

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

LAMAS Lates

We're pleased to announce a new series of events to complement the established Lecture Programme.

These will take the form of visits and walks.

The first will be **a walk in north Southwark** on the evening of **7 September**, led by Dr Chris Constable, former Senior Archaeology Officer for the London Borough of Southwark. The walk will explore some of the remains of the various London bridges which are scattered around the area and the medieval and post medieval hospital heritage. Meet at 6pm in Cathedral Square, the square on the river front north of Southwark Cathedral, just to the west of Glaziers' Hall.

The next event will be **a spooky tour of the Spitalfields medieval Charnel House** on Halloween, **31 October!** Led by Jane Sidell, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, this will include rare access into the space, and a short talk and tour of the monument. Meet at 5.30pm outside the Carluccio's restaurant on the corner of Spital Square (the street).

Places for both are free to LAMAS members, but any guests who are not members will need to pay five pounds on the night or join LAMAS. 25 places are available and should be booked by contacting Jane Sidell by email at Jane.Sidell@btinternet.com or via Twitter @InspectorSidell, or by writing to her at 113 Lion Lane, Haslemere, GU27 1JL.

We are hoping to hold a *Meet the Author* event in late September, but at the time of going to press, details had not been finalised. Please see the Website, Facebook page or Twitter account to keep in touch with **LAMAS Lates**, and send any comments or suggestions on this new series to Jane Sidell.

The LAMAS Membership Services Survey explained

Inside this edition of your *Newsletter* is a survey, which we would like you to complete and return by post before 10 December 2016 to the address listed at the end of the document. Alternatively you can complete this survey online via our website (www.lamas.org.uk).

What is the purpose of this survey?

The purpose of this survey is to find out how the present range of membership services are being utilised by our members. For instance, we would like to find out what proportion of our membership regularly attends the Society's lectures and conferences. Likewise, we want to know if we could make more use of our website and improve access to some of the Society's outreach, such as giving people the option of receiving this *Newsletter* in a digital format. Therefore we (LAMAS Council and committees) hope that you will complete this survey to tell us what you think, so we can review and improve our membership services.

The results of survey will be analysed and published in the May 2017 edition of the *Newsletter*. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and your opinions, so please make use of the free-text boxes through the survey.

Sinead Marshall and Bruce Watson

LAMAS Research Fund

The Research Fund is a sum granted to support research into the archaeology and history of London and Middlesex. A little later than usual this year, LAMAS are now inviting applications for the 2016/2017 fund. The fund level has been set by Council at £5,000. Applications are invited for all or part of this sum. The fund is open to all full individual

members of the Society. The deadline for applications is 28 February 2017. For information on how to apply, please visit our website: www.lamas.org.uk or contact Karen Thomas (kthomas@mola.org.uk; tel. 020 7410 2228).

Grants from the City of London Archaeological Trust

Just a reminder that the deadline for this year's grant applications for 2017 is Friday 23 September 2016, Guidance is available from the Secretary, John Schofield, at: john@jsshd.demon.co.uk.

Jon Finney, who has died at the age of 71, was the dedicated Chairman of LAMAS Historic Buildings & Conservation Committee, to which he was appointed in 1996, originally taking over from Dennis Corble. The Committee works for LAMAS as an agent of the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) in dealing with applications for listed building consent referred to LAMAS by the CBA. The Committee meets monthly and during the twenty years Jon was Chairman dealt with over ten thousand cases. Approximately fifty cases were examined by the Committee at each meeting. Jon studied each case meticulously beforehand, visiting and taking photographs of the major sites, guiding the Committee's deliberations and ensuring that the responses made to London's local Planning Authorities were clear and concise.

In addition to the Committee's on-going work Jon organised a successful *London Heritage Conference* in 2013, the purpose of which was to underline the risks faced by historic buildings, the vicissitudes they had suffered and the story, sometimes remarkable, of their survival. This was followed in September 2014 by a Training Seminar for Local Amenity Societies entitled *Getting your Voice Heard*.

Jon was a qualified architect and Town Planner and during his working life had been a Conservation Officer with several London Boroughs. He was an active member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, and a keen advocate of archaeology both above and below ground, the efforts of which continued to provide an integrated archaeological service for Greater London, after the GLC was abolished. During the 1990s, faced with the plans to build Heathrow's Terminal 5, and acting on behalf of the London Borough of Hillingdon, he ensured that an archaeological case was put before the Planning Inquiry. As a result, a substantial programme of archaeological rescue work took place successfully on the Heathrow landscape prior to the Terminal's construction.

Jon was very much a countryman at heart and enjoyed walking. His family was also a very important part of his life, and he is survived by his

two daughters Kate and Megan. He is greatly missed by members of the Committee and all who knew him.

Vicki Fox

Allan Tribe, who died in March 2016, was a chartered accountant with a young family. He lived and worked in the City of London, served as the Hon Treasurer of both the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) and the associated Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Committee (SLAEC), from the late 1960s through to the early 1980s. Deeply committed to London's past and an avid collector of works relating to its history, Allan brought his considerable personal and professional skills to the service of London archaeology at a time of considerable challenge.

Allan came into office just as the extent of the threat to the survival of Britain's buried historic environment was becoming widely recognised by archaeologists and brought to the public's attention. The crisis now identified had arisen because the increasing scale of post-war development was leading to the unrecorded destruction of historic urban townscapes and landscapes without the possibility of an adequate archaeological response. As a result of public pressure on government, limited funds, from both national and local government sources, were now becoming available in London as elsewhere, if museums and voluntary bodies, such as LAMAS and SLAEC, were willing to take up the challenge of investigating threatened sites. Although by the late 1960s both the London and the Guildhall Museum had Field Officers securely in post, it was the voluntary bodies, including LAMAS, SLAEC and the Surrey Archaeological Society, that had to take the lead in taking the initial measures to remedy the crisis.

The method these organisations adopted during the 1970s, in order to put London archaeology on to a more secure footing, was to employ small teams of archaeologists who could initiate and carry out the investigations needed within specific areas of Greater London. If Allan hadn't been, as Hon Treasurer both of LAMAS and SLAEC, ready and willing to use his professional skills to shoulder the burden of the financial administration of the new archaeological teams it is doubtful whether they could have been established successfully or indeed survived what soon became an annual struggle to find funds from local and national government sources for the next financial year! Allan's commitment to the cause and sound financial administration never wavered. His service to both LAMAS and SLAEC continued into the 1980s when he moved away from London, just after the archaeological teams he had helped set up and administer had become more securely based within the Museum of London's Department of Greater London Archaeology, as components of a

London-wide Archaeological Service established through a Greater London Council initiative in 1983.

Harvey Sheldon

Many LAMAS members will have known, or certainly will have known of, **Beatrice de Cardi**, who died – aged 102 – on 5 July 2016.

Having studied history, economic history and economics at University College London, her interest in archaeology was initially kindled by lectures on Roman Britain given by Mortimer Wheeler. In 1936 she became his secretary at the London Museum, where he was Keeper, and she remained there until 1944.

After the war she worked for the Board of Trade in Delhi and was reunited with Wheeler, who had become director-general of the archaeological survey of India.

From 1949 to 1973 she was secretary and administrative head of the Council for British Archaeology (the CBA), and on her 100th birthday the CBA announced that the Council had decided to rename its headquarters in York as Beatrice de Cardi House. This was a suitable tribute to someone who had given so much of her life to archaeology.

Richard Gilpin

Wooden Graveboards – an interim report

I am delighted to report that I am still receiving records of wooden graveboards, and I thank all who have contributed. Records I have gathered so far however must be a small fraction of the original numbers. Most have rotted away and our only evidence in many places is from photographs or pictures. The trouble then is that what we see depends on the angle of the view, or indeed, whether there was artistic licence. L E Jones (*The Beauty of English Churches*, 1978) estimated that there are ten thousand churches of medieval foundation. It seems unlikely that this survey will ever be completed.

The main aim of the survey is to determine the distribution and look for possible reasons. Their absence from areas with local stone seems obvious but did



poorer folks simply do without a memorial? The absence of local stone in SE England certainly would account for poorer people resorting to a

wooden memorial, but the records, so far (above), suggest that this is not the whole story. Fashion can be a powerful influence.



It is interesting that, apart from a few oddities, wooden graveboards stretch the length of the grave, supported on a post at either end (Harmondsworth churchyard, c.1800, left).

In Surrey they seem to have been referred to as 'leaping boards': a rather frivolous name for such a solemn feature, one would have

thought. Inscriptions were painted on both sides, but these have been largely eroded on extant examples.

The use of wooden graveboards seems to have ceased at the beginning of the twentieth century and reuse is suggested by some bearing later dates. Just when they started being used is unknown, as the really old ones would have decayed long since. The earliest reference I have is from John Aubrey, 1673, who wrote of the church at Reigate 'no tombstones in the churchyard but rayless of wood over the graves on which are engraved or printed the inscription'. The tops of the wooden supporting posts have largely similar designs, though there would seem little opportunity for innovation.

I would welcome more records, particularly from Counties on the map showing few or zero records. It is hoped ultimately to make all the records available online.

Colin Bowl (c.bowl@tiscali.co.uk)

The London Stone moves home

On 13 May the London Stone (right, height *c.* 43 cm) went on temporary display at the Museum of London's War, Plague & Fire gallery, while its usual home at 111 Cannon Street is being rebuilt. This mysterious lump of Oolitic limestone was first recorded in 1098-1108 in a list of



the London properties of Canterbury Cathedral. In 1557 it was situated opposite St Swithin's Church, within the southern portion of the Candlewick (now Cannon) Street. In 1742, it was decided that the stone

was a traffic hazard, so the top portion of it was removed and set into the south wall of St Swithin's church, where it remained until 1961 when the church, which had been destroyed during the Blitz, was redeveloped. The stone was rehoused in the southern wall of a 1960s building. Its original purpose and antiquity are unknown and have been the subject of much speculation. It has been suggested that it was originally a milestone or part of a monument, associated with the Roman palace now buried under Cannon Street Station. In 1540 according to Shakespeare (*Henry VI* part 2, Act 4, Scene 6) Jack Cade, the Kentish rebel, struck his sword on the stone when he entered the City of London, as a gesture to establish his authority as 'Lord of the City.' For further information see J. Clark, 'London Stone: history and myth', published online at https://www.academia.edu/11908846/London_Stone_History_and_Myth. An article on a 16th century religious controversy, which took place at the stone is the subject of a forthcoming article by John Clark in volume 66 of *LAMAS Transactions*.

Brentford's first Christians

Volunteers at the Museum of London Archaeological Archive, processing Roman pottery recovered during a 1970 road-widening scheme in Brentford, have discovered a chi-rho monograph (the first two letters of the Greek *Khristos* or Christ), etched into the base of a 4th century AD Oxfordshire ware pot. It is now on display in the religion section of the Museum of London's Roman gallery. This find is a vivid reminder that 4th century *Britannia*, rather like its modern counterpart, was a society where various religions co-existed. Excavations in Hillingdon Borough have revealed a late Roman lead tank, which may have served as a baptismal font. The chi-rho monograph also occurs on a number of 4th century AD pewter ingots found in the Thames at Battersea. One of the curses recovered from the Roman baths at Bath states: 'Whether pagan or Christian, whosoever whether man or woman, whether boy or girl, whether slave or free, has stolen from me, Annianus, in the morning (?) six silver pieces from my purse, you lady Goddess, are to extract [them] from him...'

Postcards from the past:

Roman writing tablets from the Walbrook

The middle stretch of the Walbrook stream, which bisected the Roman city, is well known as the site of spectacular archaeological discoveries. It was here in 1954 that the Temple of Mithras was discovered, and subsequent watching brief work on this particular site revealed a wealth of finds (see LAMAS Spec Paper 13, *Excavations in the Middle Walbrook*, now available online via the LAMAS website archives

section); so when the remaining portion of this iconic site was redeveloped in 2010-14 as the new Bloomberg headquarters, there was an expectation that its deeply stratified, waterlogged Roman deposits would produce some amazing finds (see *LAMAS Trans* 63, 2012 p.254-56). The 405 writing tablets from this fieldwork, mainly dating from c. AD 50-90, have now been published. On 80 of these tablets heavy handed stylus usage has left a permanent and legible impression of wording on the wood casing below the reusable wax surface. This is amazing as previously only 19 legible writing tablets were known from London.

Five examples will suffice to illustrate the wealth of information that these tablets contain. Firstly, the earliest example of a precisely dated text (the sixth day before the Ides of January AD 57) is a commercial debt. Secondly, a tablet (dated AD 65-80) mentions 'Londinio', the earliest recorded usage of this famous place-name. Thirdly, one text written on 21 October AD 62, records a contract to deliver 20 cart? loads of provisions (type of food stuffs not stated) from Verulamium (St Albans) to London. This contract is very important as it shows that economic activity resumed very quickly after the Boudican destruction of both these urban centres in AD 60-61. Fourthly, a tablet lists an alphabet implying that it was used for writing practice, perhaps by a school pupil. Finally, a message from the AD 50s warns that a 'money lender' has lent too much cash to 'feckless characters', which sounds like an early example of irresponsible banking – still a problem in the City of London today – and a reminder that some of our problems are timeless. Source: Roger Tomlin, *Roman London's First Voices: writing tablets from the Bloomberg Excavations 2010-14*, MOLAS Monograph 72 (2016). It is expected that this monograph will be reviewed in *LAMAS Transactions* in due course.

**The Roman skulls from the Walbrook reconsidered:
victims of conflict; eroded corpses; executed prisoners or defeated
gladiators; ritual deposition; or war trophies;**

On 24 April, Channel 4 broadcast a documentary entitled: *The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls*. Its aim was to explain the origin of the 19 skulls (mostly male) plus other human skeletal elements, recovered from the late 1st century AD overbank flood sediments deposited by the Walbrook dendrite stream, and the other skulls and diverse skeletal material recovered from the backfill of the early 2nd century AD roadside ditches during the recent Crossrail excavations at Liverpool Street Station in the City of London for the new Broadgate ticket hall, carried out by Museum of London Archaeology. A number of theories were put forward:

Victims of conflict

The traditional idea that these Walbrook stream skulls and other skeletal material represent the victims of a Boudican massacre of the inhabitants of Londinium in AD 60 was rejected as the vast majority of the finds are clearly later.

Eroded corpses

There is evidence that parts of the northern extra-mural cemetery in the upper Walbrook area suffered from riverine erosion, resulting in the selective re-deposition of skeletal material downstream. This theory



certainly would account for the presence of skeletal material within the fluvial deposits. The later skeletal elements found in the roadside ditches could be interpreted as ossuary deposits, which were collected from the banks of the Walbrook for disposal. The way the skulls were arranged in a line implies

that they formed part of a macabre display (Fig. 1, above left).

Executed prisoners or defeated gladiators

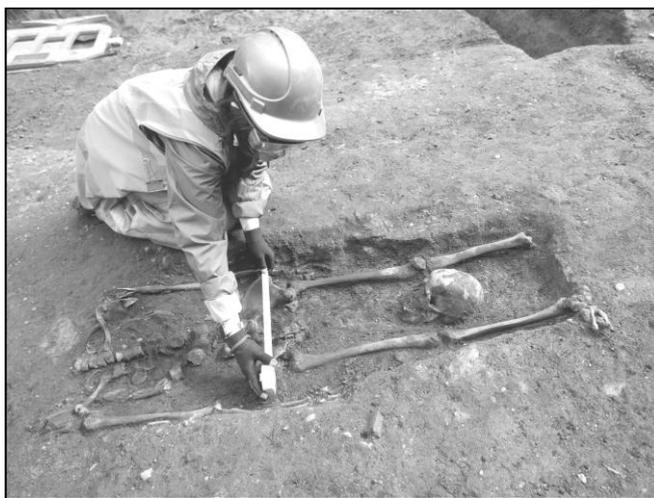
Some of the Walbrook skulls may represent the remains of individuals, who for some reason such as criminality were denied a normal burial. Excavations at 52-63 London Wall during 1989 revealed 40 partial or complete Roman skulls. The evidence of their violent deaths has been dramatically interpreted as either the evidence of gladiators who had perished in the nearby amphitheatre or executed prisoners, possibly captured Pictish soldiers. While it is clear from images on (mostly imported) ceramic and glass vessels that the population of Britannia was aware of gladiatorial combat, how widespread it was within the province is unknown. Extensive excavation of Londinium's amphitheatre has revealed very little evidence concerning the range of events or spectacles that might have been staged there. The real problem is that our perception of the type of spectacles involving people and animals that could have taken place in Londinium's amphitheatre is distorted by thoughts of the extravaganzas that were staged in the Colosseum and films such as *Gladiator*.

Ritual deposition

It has been suggested that ritual deposition of skulls took place within the Walbrook and other 'watery places' during the Roman period, but this theory was not properly considered in the programme. The prehistoric

skulls and metalwork recovered from the River Thames are normally interpreted as ritual or votive deposits. In Londinium there is some evidence for a ‘cult of the head’. The presence of over 100 ceramic face-pots found across the city may represent vessels with ritual or votive associations.

The Crossrail excavation also revealed seven in-situ Roman inhumations, including one decapitated female, representing part of the extensive extra-mural cemetery situated to the east and north of Londinium (Fig. 2, right). There are several other examples of decapitated burials within this cemetery, where the head has been deliberately removed and often placed over legs. While these decapitations obviously



could have been the cause of death, it is also possible that such acts represent a mortuary rite intended to ‘confine’ the individuals concerned. It may have been believed that individuals who had died an untimely or violent death might be reluctant to depart to the afterlife, and that consequently their spirits could arise from the grave and haunt the living. As the soul or spirit was thought to reside in the head, decapitation may have been seen as a way of ensuring complete separation of the soul and the body.

War trophies

Dr Dominic Perring (Institute of Archaeology, UCL) has speculated that the early 2nd century skulls from the roadside ditches at the Crossrail site represent evidence of the practice of head-hunting by Roman soldiers. He interprets these skulls as discarded trophies collected by soldiers during the suppression of an undocumented rebellion either within Londinium or its hinterland connected with ‘the Hadrianic Fire’ of *c.* AD 125-130.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the most plausible explanation for the Crossrail skulls appears to be the eroded burials theory, but it does not explain the presence within Londinium of all the skeletal material recovered from the Walbrook and other non-funerary contexts such as wells. It is to be regretted that the Channel 4 programme makers were more interested in sensationalism than objectivity and as a result they missed a great opportunity to explore a fascinating aspect of the history of one of London’s ‘lost’ rivers.

Fig. 1: Part of the row of skulls found in the roadside ditch at Broadgate ticket hall in 2015 (Copyright Crossrail)

Fig.2: Recording the decapitated female burial at Broadgate ticket hall in 2015 (Copyright Crossrail)

Bruce Watson

Fire! Fire!

Readers of the May issue of the *Newsletter* will have read the preview of the Museum's latest exhibition, dedicated to bringing the Great Fire of London to life. Following the opening of *Fire! Fire!* on 23 July they can now visit it themselves. They will be able to experience what the Museum describes as "its most theatrical exhibition to date". Starting in a recreation of Pudding Lane, visitors will pick up the faint (maybe stronger on some days) smell of baking bread from Thomas Farriner's bakery while they

watch the rapid progress of the Great Fire as it progresses across a map of 1666 London projected onto a giant – and rather flat – loaf of bread. Glancing up, visitors will see large loaves



of bread festooning the ceiling (above), rather like planets spinning through the universe, before they move on into the heart of the exhibition. This is where the effects of the Great Fire may be appreciated through displays of scarred and warped household effects such as pottery, plates, bricks, tiles, ceramics and glass, uncovered in late 20th century excavations. There are many opportunities to make a detailed examination of the recovered artefacts.

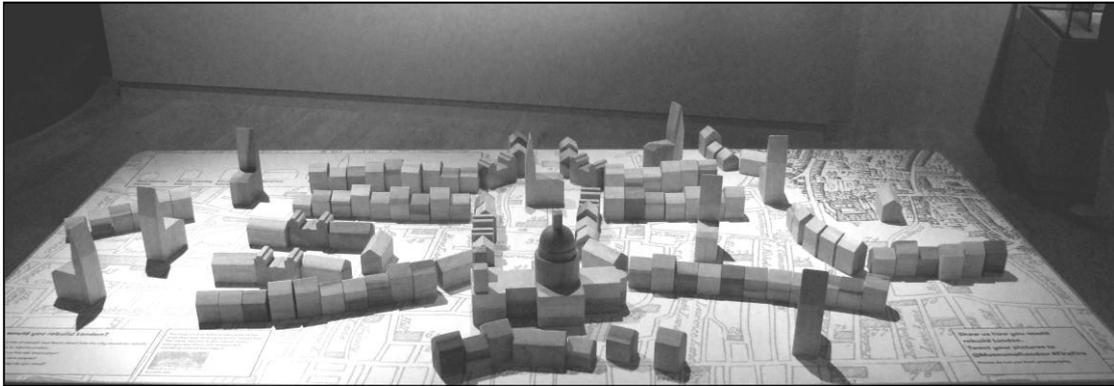
A highlight of the exhibition (right) is a restored 17th century fire engine, modelled on a 19th century photograph of the original machine.



According to Meriel Jeater, Curator of *Fire! Fire!*, the fire engine's fixed wheels and weight of

over 500kg without water would have made it extremely difficult to manoeuvre around the City's narrow, cobbled streets. Furthermore, its limited ability to deliver water would have severely restricted its ability to put out flames. This fire engine, which would have been state-of-the-art technology in 1666, was perhaps, however, better than nothing.

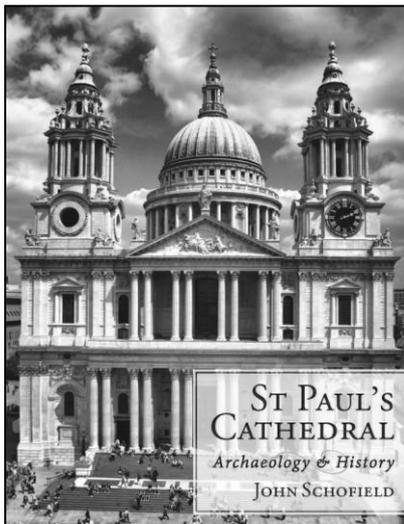
The final part of the exhibition illustrates aspects of the rebuilding of the City after the Fire, and an interactive display allows visitors to arrange blocks of houses and iconic buildings on top of a street map (below).



Fire! Fire! continues at the Museum of London until 17 April 2017.
Photographs are by the editor.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Major report on Wren's St Paul's



St Paul's Cathedral: Archaeology and History is the first volume concerned solely with the archaeology of a major late 17th century building in London, and the major changes it has undergone. St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London was built in 1675–1711 to the designs of Sir Christopher Wren and has been described many times as an iconic building. It is the most important and most visible building constructed in the City in the aftermath of the Great Fire of 1666. In this new account, John Schofield examines the cathedral from an

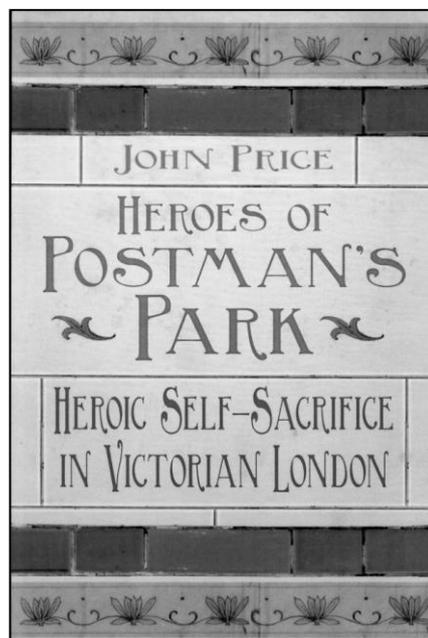
archaeological perspective, reviewing its history from the early 18th to the early 21st century, informed by recent archaeological recording, documentary research and engineering assessment. A detailed account of the construction of the Cathedral is provided, based on a comparison of the fabric with voluminous building accounts that have survived, together with evidence from recent archaeological investigations. The construction

of the Wren building and its embellishments is followed by the main works of later surveyors such as Robert Mylne and Francis Penrose. The 20th century brought further changes and conservation projects, including restoration after the building was hit by two bombs in World War II, which blew out all of its windows. The 1990s and the early years of the present century have witnessed considerable refurbishment and cleaning involving archaeological and engineering works.

Specialist archaeological reports and an engineering review of the stability and character of the building are also provided. Published in September in hardback by Oxbow Books at £65.00, this book may be purchased at the pre-publication price of £48.75 by visiting <http://www.oxbowbooks.com/oxbow/other-subjects-30/architecture.html>.

Heroes of Postman's Park: Heroic Self-Sacrifice in Victorian London, by John Price (2015), published by The History Press, 235x155mm paperback, 324 pages, 20 illustrations in black and white, bibliography and index, £16.99. ISBN 978-0-7509-5643-7.

This excellent book is the successor – and essential companion – to Price's earlier volume *Postman's Park: G.F.Watts's Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice*, published in 2008 by the Watts Gallery. This gave the history of the Memorial and included colour photographs of all fifty three tablets mounted on the wall of



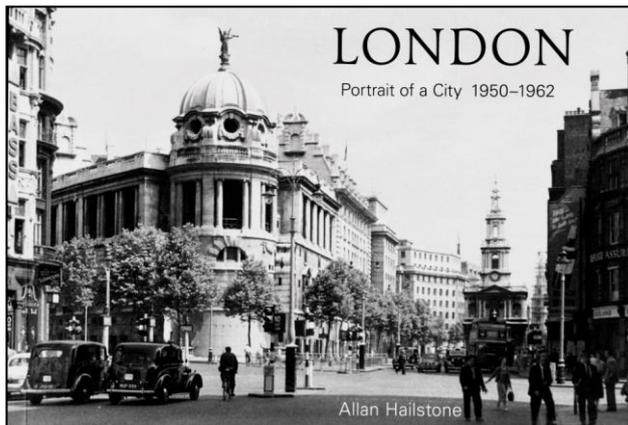
Postman's Park. In *Heroes*, the author expands on his previous work, and offers a detailed description of each individual's act of heroism, together with their family and work background.

Although each incident is unique, Price gives structure to the book by grouping them under nine broad headings, beneath which he then provides a vast amount of extremely detailed information. Where Watts, in his tablets, gave "just enough information to fascinate but insufficient to elucidate", Price, in giving the stories of these otherwise ordinary people, answers a thousand unspoken questions about the Everyday Heroes of Postman's Park.

Along the way, he proposes that the subject of one tablet (The Rev. G. Garnish) represents an elaborate Victorian hoax, and he advises, with some vigour, that the most recent one (installed in 2009) should not have been placed in the Memorial at all. G.F.Watts had a detailed plan of 120

tablets, to carry the details of 120 cases. The Memorial is not a collection of “vacant lots waiting for cases to fill them”, but is merely incomplete. This book is a joy for a reviewer, in that every aspect is of the highest quality: meticulous research presented with warmth and compassion, well-produced, with references, a bibliography and an index.

London: Portrait of a City 1950-1962, by Allan Hailstone (2016), published by Amberley Publishing, 168x246 mm paperback, 128 pages, 130 illustrations in black and white, £14.99. ISBN 978-1-4456-5528-4.



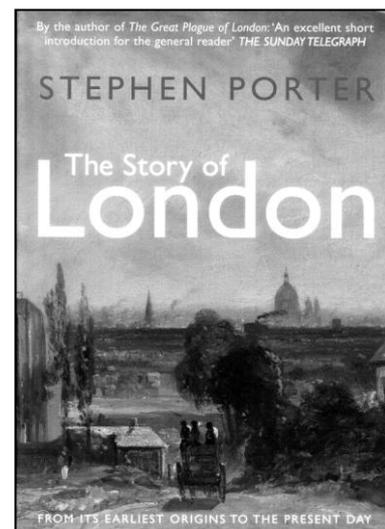
This is essentially a high quality photograph album of London in the fifties and sixties, with detailed captions giving context to the illustrations. The subject of every one of the images, ranging from world famous monuments to lesser known back streets, could have been seen by someone walking

through the capital during this period, and the whole book would be of great interest to LAMAS members – and others – planning to attend the November 2016 Local History Conference *Walking Through London's History*.

The Story of London, by Stephen Porter (2016), published by Amberley Publishing, 235x165 mm paperback, 96 pages, 75 illustrations in colour and black and white, £9.99. ISBN 978-1-4456-4585-8.

This book, the latest in Stephen Porter's series on London's History, is a concise introduction to the story of London, and takes the reader on a journey through time, from the foundation of Londinium by the Romans in the middle of the first century, through Anglo-Saxon turmoil, civil war, plague and fire to sophisticated Georgian terraces and architecture. It takes us through Victorian empire and up to the development of the financial towers of Canary Wharf.

The author, Stephen Porter, well known to London historians, spent seventeen years working for the Survey of London until his retirement.



He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Royal Historical Society, has held several research posts at the University of Oxford, and has lectured on London History at the Museum of London. He has also authored many other books on the history of London.

In the *Story of London* he has brought together his knowledge and experience to write an evocative, tight, descriptive and pacy series of stories about London's turbulent past. Jumping straight into the founding of the capital by the Romans he focuses, I think correctly, on the development of the core city and its outward expansion over time. His book includes many stories covering economic, social and cultural forces that have shaped our capital. These stories will be familiar to most LAMAS members but, as an introduction to the story of London for the general reader, this is an excellent and absorbing read.

Roger Chapman

London's Lord Mayors: 800 Years of Shaping the City, by Emma Hatfield (2015), published by Amberley Publishing, 234x156mm hardback, 304 pages, 33 illustrations in black and white, 36 in colour, list of Lord Mayors and list of London Sheriffs, bibliography, £20.00. ISBN 978-1-4456-5029-6.

This book takes the reader on a journey through eight centuries of the City of London, linking Lord Mayors to events of significance. In doing so, it follows a similar path to that trodden by Valerie Hope in her book *My Lord Mayor – Eight Hundred Years of London's Mayoralty*, which was published in 1989 by the Corporation of London. Curiously, it does not feature in Emma Hatfield's bibliography.

The narrative includes many transcriptions from contemporary accounts, documents and ballads, and provides much information that will interest readers from London and beyond. The illustrations are printed on art paper and bound in as two sections within the text.

There is much that is good here, but unfortunately the book seems to have been put together without suitable editing. As a result the text includes a number of errors that should have been identified and corrected before it went to press.

Examples include 'John Stowe' (should be Stow); 'John Philpot' (Philipot); 'London School for Boys' (City of London School); and 'Thomas Carpenter' (John Carpenter). Furthermore two chapter headings have been transposed: the title of chapter 6 ('Pomp and Pageantry') should clearly have been applied to chapter 7, while the title of chapter 7 ('An Expanding Empire') should have been applied to chapter 6.

Also regrettable is the surprising absence of an index – a useful feature of the Corporation of London's 1989 book. An index really is something that one would have expected the author or publisher to provide in a volume of

this kind. Without such a tool, the reader has no alternative but to work through the author's narrative, and is denied the opportunity to look up a subject or reference of personal interest.

While the inaccuracies mentioned – and there may be more – may be of no concern to some readers, there will be others who will feel that this book would have been much improved if its preparation had been carried out with greater attention to detail.

EVENTS

Gresham Lectures 2016-17

Dr Simon Thurley CBE, visiting Gresham Professor of the Built Environment will be presenting a series of four lectures at the Museum of London.

2 November 2016

Saving the Twentieth Century

7 December 2016

Tough Choices: Heritage or Housing?

1 February 2017

Perfection or Pastiche? New Buildings in Old Places

8 March 2017

The Value of Heritage and the Heritage of Value

7 June 2017

Fifty Years of Conservation Areas

Simon Thurley will be presenting this lecture with Desmond Fitzpatrick and Lester Hillman.

All of the above lectures will be held at the Museum of London from 6pm to 7pm, and seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Acton History Group

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

14 September 2016

Aviation in Acton, Paul Lang

12 October 2016

Susan Smee – Pioneer Actonian and Councillor, Jonathan Oates

9 November 2016

'We Loved Acton' group talk, Jeff Bridle

14 December 2016

David Garrick, Frances Hughes

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

5 September 2016

Post-war prefab homes, Jane Hearn

3 October 2016

Shetland: the windswept isles, Rosemary Rogers

7 November 2016

London: a city in turmoil, Nick Dobson

5 December 2016

History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Jolanta Jagiello

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

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

15 September 2016

Rosslyn Park Rugby and the Great War, Stephen Cooper

20 October 2016

Richmond's Poppy Factory, speaker TBA

17 November 2016

The Archaeology of London's River, Jon Cotton

15 December 2016

Christmas Party. Charles Hailstone's Christmas Cards, David Deaton

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.

12 September 2016

Chipping Barnet War Memorial, Dennis Bird

10 October 2016

The development of the English country house: medieval to 20th century, Pamela Wright

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: martinbaker@btinternet.com; website: www.bag.org.uk

22 September 2016

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

17 November 2016

St Mary's Spitalfields burials, Don Watson

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

15 September 2016

Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre

History of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Victoria Cranna

17 November 2016

Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre

Filmed in Camden, Danny Nissim

15 December 2016, 07:00pm

Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT

Images of Camden Past and Present, Gillian Tindall

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

20 September 2016

Humphry Repton of Hare Street near Romford, Georgina Green

18 October 2016
Edith Cavell, Bob Rush

15 November 2016
Hainault Farm airfield, John Barfoot

20 December 2016
Christmas programme - quiz and buffet

City of London Archaeological Society

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

16 September 2016
The King's Observatory: The quest for Shene Charterhouse and an old latrine,
Bob Cowie

21 October 2016
Quarrying and selective deposition in Roman Ewell, Alexis Haslam

18 November 2016
And did those in ancient times... The early human occupation of northern Europe, Dr Nick Ashton

9 December 2016
Seasonal Social

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

13 September 2016
The secret listeners of Trent Park, Dr Helen Fry

11 October 2016
Forensics in the police, Chris Truran

8 November 2016
Annual General Meeting and Watercress Line steam trains & boats, Paul Russenberger

13 December 2016
Cigarette Cards and Leefe Robinson, David Marks

East London History Society

All meetings are held at Latimer Congregational Church Hall, Ernest Street, E1 unless otherwise stated. Ernest Street is between Harford Street and White Horse Lane, off

Mile End Road (opposite Queen Mary and Westfield College). Meetings start at 7:30pm. The nearest underground stations are Mile End and Stepney Green. Buses: 25, 205, 339 to Queen Mary College and D6, D7, 277, 323, 339, 425 to Mile End Station.

East Surrey Family History Society

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

20 September 2016

From Bat boat to Red Arrows, David Hassard

18 October 2016

My ancestors in the Royal Navy, Paul Blake

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.

10 September 2016

Two Twentieth Century Resources: the Lloyd George Domesday & National Farm Survey, Paul Blake

12 November 2016

Tracing Ancestors who fought in two World Wars, Simon Fowler

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

1 September 2016

Mapping your Ancestors, John Hanson

6 October 2016

The Dark Side: Victorian Underworld, Ian Waller

3 November 2016

To be confirmed

1 December 2016

Seeing it through their songs, Michael Gandy
Social History followed by **Christmas evening**

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>

21 September 2016, 7.45 for 8.00 pm

Re-building St Paul's Cathedral after The Great Fire of London, Dr Neil Houghton

22 October 2016, 9.45am to 4.30 pm

Day Conference

The Changing Face of Local History – EHHS 80th Anniversary

16 November 2016, 2.15 for 2.30 pm

Another Kind of Life: Dickens and the Theatre, Dr Tony Williams

21 December 2016, 7.45 for 8.00 pm

Seasonal Meeting

The Eltham Society

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

email: contact@theelthamsociety.org.uk; website: www.theelthamsociety.org.uk

Enfield Archaeological Society

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

9 September 2016

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

14 October 2016

Verulamium Revealed, Kris Lockyear

11 November 2016

Presidential Address

Roman Pottery Making in Highgate Wood: Archaeology and Experiment, Harvey Sheldon

Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park

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

Friends of Hackney Archives

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

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

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

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

Friern Barnet and District Local History Society

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

28 September 2016

The Cinema Museum, Martin Humphries

26 October 2016

Queens of Henry VIII, Gary Fisher

23 November 2016

Upstairs at The Gatehouse: Highgate's Theatre, John Plews

7 December 2016

Christmas Party

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

11 October 2016

Women in medieval London, Professor Caroline Barron

8 November 2016

The Cheapside Hoard, Hazel Forsyth

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

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

27 September 2016

The Centenary of the Indian Gymkhana Club, Hounslow: 1916 – 2016, Sutantar Soni

25 October 2016

An American President in Ealing (John Quincy Adams, American Ambassador in London), Mary Woods and Duncan Cameron

29 November 2016

The Syon Abbey Herbal 1517: the Last Monastic Herbal in England, John Adams

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

21 September 2016

Islington and the International Brigade, Richard Baxell

19 October 2016

Six hundred years of the Old Red Lion, Damien Devine

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

Brambletye, Westerham Road, Keston

Sunday 25 September 2016, 11.00-16.00

Roman Tombs: special Open Day with guided tours, finds and graphic displays. Pedestrian access only. Park at Keston Ponds or Heathfield Road car parks. Bus routes from Bromley 146 and 246. Information: KARU 01689 860939 or email crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com

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

30 September 2016

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

28 October 2016

The Thames Discovery Programme, Elliott Wragg

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

21 September 2016, St John's Church Hall

Londoners and the preservation of open spaces, Mark Gorman

19 October 2016, St Mary's Parish Hall

An overview of immigration for Black History Month, Martin Spafford

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.

15 September 2016, 10.45 for 11.00am

Visit to Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2A 2LL

Cost £10 per person. Other people may join us for the tour. Book at
mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

8 October 2016, 2.30pm, Christ Church Hall, Colliers Wood

Brief History of the Crystal Palace, Michael Gilbert

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

7 September 2016

Saxons at The Adelphi, Strand, Dougie Killock

5 October 2016

The Ancient Garden, Russell Bowes

2 November 2016

Agricultural Practices in Medieval Kentish Marshlands, Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh

7 December 2016

Annual General Meeting

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

1 September 2016

From Finsbury Park to the Frontline: A Story from The Great War, Doug Kirby

6 October 2016

Elizabeth Rogers of Eastcote House: an 18th Century Lady of Property, Eileen Bowlt

3 November 2016

Elsbeth McClelland and Pinner's Suffragettes, Thamar MacIver

1 December 2016

A century of caring: St Vincent's Hospital, Jacquie Scott

5 January 2017, 10.30am

Cassiobury – The Ancient Seat of the Earls of Essex, Paul Rabbitts

Potters Bar and District Historical Society

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

20 September 2016

In the Footsteps of the Famous in High Barnet, Paul Baker

20 October 2016

The Potters Bar Zeppelin, Arnold Davey

17 November 2016

Potters Bar in World War 1, Terry Goulding

6 December 2016

Christmas Social with light refreshments

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

9 September, 2016

Mummification in Bronze Age Britain, Dr. Tom Booth

14 October, 2016

Archaeology of the Thames, Jon Cotton

11 November, 2016

Recent Projects on London's scheduled monuments, Jane Sidell

9 December, 2016

By the banks of the Walbrook – excavations at the site of the Crossrail Broadgate Ticket Hall - total Bedlam!, Alison Telfer

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

10 October 2016

An Unexpected Adventure – West Horsley Place, Bamber Gascoigne

14 November 2016

The Men of The Alberts and The Poppy Project, Valerie Boyes

12 December 2016

Christmas Party and How the View of the Thames from Richmond Hill Influenced the English Landscape Movement, Jason Debney

Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society

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

28 September 2016

Dangerous Women, Charlotte Bill

26 October 2016

The Great Plague and Samuel Pepys, John Norton-Doyle

30 November 2016

The Many Histories of Holy Trinity Church, Rotherhithe, Ed Aldred

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.

19 September 2016

Meet the Huguenots, Charlie de Wet

17 October 2016

AGM & 2000 years of Road Signs and some local ones, Simon Morgan

21 November 2016

What shaped Pinner before the Railways, Pat Clarke

19 December 2016

Christmas Meeting for RNELHS Members

Southgate District Civic Trust

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

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

Lectures are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Housing Co-operative, 106 The Cut SE1, (direct entrance from the raised walkway), almost opposite the Old Vic. Coffee or tea and biscuits are available from 7.00 pm. Visitors are welcome but are asked to contribute £1 towards expenses. For further details

please contact Richard Buchanan, 79 Ashridge Crescent, Shooter's Hill, London SE18 3EA; email: RichardJBuchanan@aol.com. For enquiries please call 020 8764 8314.

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

8 September 2016

The Fordbridge Centre, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 2PU
Spelthorne Film Locations, Nick Pollard

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

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>

3 October 2016

One Thames or Two, Jonathan Cotton

7 November 2016

Kingston Aviation Centenary Project, David Hassard

5 December 2016

The Alan Urwin Memorial Lecture

Christmas in the Trenches, Nick Dobson

Uxbridge Local History and Archives Society

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

Walthamstow Historical Society

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

Wandsworth Historical Society

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

www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

30 September 2016

Henry Smith - 17th century man of business, moneylender and philanthropist,
Lucy Lethbridge

28 October 2016

An Archaeological talk, subject to be confirmed

25 November 2016

Members' Evening Short talks by members

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 September 2016, Sunday 11am to 4pm
Queens Park Day

21 September 2016

Grunwick Anniversary, Pete Firmin

19 October 2016

Clitterhouse Farm, Roger Chapman

16 November 2016

The Willesden Green Cat Mosaic, Debra Collis

14 December 2016

The WLHS Christmas Event: Sounds of the Sixties

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