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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

Please note that the final copy deadline for the January 2019 *Newsletter* is 16 November 2018. 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.

Grants from the City of London Archaeological Trust

Just a reminder that the deadline for this year's grant applications for 2019 is Friday 21 September 2018; see www.colat.org.uk. Guidance is available from the Secretary, John Schofield, at: john@jschd.demon.co.uk

LAMAS Lecture Programme 2018-2019

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

9 October 2018

London Stone: from history to myth, John Clark, Curator Emeritus, Museum of London

In autumn 2018, the famous London Stone returns from the Museum of London to its home in Cannon Street. This talk considers what is known of its history, and how a mythology has arisen identifying it as – variously – a Roman milestone, a relic of a Roman Governor's palace, a druid altar, the 'Stone of Brutus', the City's fetish stone, a mark-stone on a ley line, or an essential element in London's sacred geometry, portending disaster if it is disturbed.

13 November 2018

The archaeology of the Greenwich World Heritage Site, Jane Sidell, Historic England

This talk will take us through the known and surviving archaeology within the Greenwich World Heritage site, from Roman remains, Saxon burials, the Queen Elizabeth oak, and the built heritage, ending with the recent discoveries in Greenwich Palace, which are shortly to go on show in the Painted Hall undercroft.

11 December 2018

The Everyday Heroes of Postman's Park, Dr John Price, Goldsmiths, University of London

The Watts Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice in Postman's Park, London, documents sixty-two individuals, largely from the Victorian and Edwardian period, who lost their own lives while attempting to save the life of another. In this talk, John will provide an overview of the monument's history as well as revealing some lesser known aspects of the everyday lives and heroic deaths of those commemorated.

8 January 2019

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

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

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

Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address, Taryn Nixon

12 March 2019

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

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

and public archaeology programme was also developed to engage staff, volunteers and visitors with the archaeology of Knole.

9 April 2019

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

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

14 May 2019

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

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

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Thank you very much for being a member of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, supporting and promoting London's heritage for the benefit of future generations.

As you may know, a new EU Regulation came into force on 25 May 2018 called the General Data Protection Regulation. The UK Government has decided that it will be incorporated into UK law. For the Society to comply with the new regulation we need to let you know what personal data we hold about you and how it is used, and to give you the opportunity to have it amended or removed.

We hold securely a record of your name, title, postal address, telephone number and email address either manually or digitally for as long as you are a member of the Society.

As you may know, we use a mailing house to post our *Transactions* to you so we provide it with your name and postal address. For members who have signed Gift Aid forms we also supply your name and address to HMRC when making a claim for tax refunds. We will not pass your personal information to any other third parties without your written consent. We will continue to send the *Newsletter* and *Transactions* to you by post. We sometimes use email to let you know of events organised by the Society or other like-minded organisations and to let you know about matters of more general concern such as heritage buildings at risk.

We only use the personal information which you have provided to us, and where the Society has a legitimate interest in doing so, or as required by law. You have a right to request a copy of the information we hold about you and ensure it is accurate. If you would like a copy of your personal information, would like it corrected or removed, or wish to object to our use of it, please contact the Society using the details in this Newsletter or on our website. You also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.

LAMAS Lates

Following the successful spring and summer Late Events, a new one has been added for the early autumn:

27 September 2018, 4.45pm. Meet the Curator. Jackie Keily will give us a personal tour of the *Roman Dead* exhibition at the Museum of London Docklands, discussing how the exhibition came about, and the issues she has confronted whilst researching and preparing the exhibition with colleagues. **Meet at 4.45 pm sharp outside the exhibition in the Museum of London Docklands.** Free to members, £5 for non-members. Please book by emailing jane.sidell@btinternet.com, or by writing to Jane Sidell, 113 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1JL.

New Members

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

Angelika Simpson, Greenwich
Alan Foster, Bicester
Joshua Frost, Tottenham
John and Jane Shemilt, Ruislip
Judith Etherton, Forest Gate

Matthew Goulden, Canterbury
Barbara Harvey, St Albans
Robert McCoy, Forest Hill
Adam Morris, Hornsey

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

Bruce Watson at the Society of Antiquaries

Bruce Watson, a well known member of LAMAS and Honorary Archaeological Editor of *Transactions*, will be speaking on the subject of *Anne Mowbray Duchess of York, a 15th century Plantagenet child burial from London* at a free public lecture at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, London, W1, from 1.00pm to 2.00pm on

Tuesday 12 February 2019. Space is limited, so pre-booking online at www.sal.org.uk is recommended.

Those who have come up to London for Bruce's address may wish to stay on for the LAMAS Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address that evening at the Museum of London (5.30pm for 6.15pm).

Fifty years of archaeology in London

As many LAMAS members will be aware, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of *London Archaeologist* magazine. In addition to the publication of a series of special issues throughout this half century, there will be a landmark conference this autumn to celebrate fifty years of archaeology in London. During this time a number of major discoveries have been made: the Roman amphitheatre, Saxon Lundenwic, the Rose and other Shakespearean theatres; there have also been significant advances in the detection, excavation analysis and processing of archaeology.

An outstanding array of speakers will include Harvey Sheldon, Peter Marsden, Jane Sidell and Jelena Bekvalec,

The conference will be held at the Waterloo campus of King's College London from 10.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday 6 October. Ticketing details and the outline programme may be found on the *London Archaeologist* website: <https://londonarchaeologist.org.uk>

***LAMAS Late* tour of the City Wall**

On 2 May, Jane Sidell led a very busy group on a tour of the northern corner of the Roman Fort and London Wall. This started with a rather lengthy handout 'for the train home', including very good illustrations taken from the London Wall Walk texts. Portents of thunder and lightning abounded but we were reassured that we would be inside for a while, which seemed odd for a walking tour of the Roman wall, but so it proved! The first stop was a rather overgrown green space on Noble Street, but this preserves a dividing junction of the Fort wall and City wall, including the internal turret of the fort at the southwest corner. Jane told us there was also a culvert through the walls but we had to take her word for it as it was sadly overgrown. We then proceeded northward into the London Wall car park, and through an unassuming doorway marked Private; this led to carefully preserved lower courses of the western gateway into the Cripplegate Fort, the only gate into Roman London that wasn't converted in the medieval period. Huge blocks of stone were used to form the gateway, and the junction between the Fort Wall and the thickening to make it the same as the City wall can be clearly seen here.

And then a long long walk to Bay 52 in the underground car park to see the most incongruous site [sight?] of the night: a small stretch of Roman wall, which Jane lovingly described as one of the better examples since it is unmodified and clearly shows the distinctive Roman characteristics of coursing, brick stringers and sandstone plinth.

The tour then emerged back into the light to see the medieval bastions beside the Museum of London, preserved through the post-medieval period through incorporation into warehouses, hence the very odd brick lining to bastion 14 below the viewing window of the museum.

Following a very ephemeral path, we made it round the corner to the Barbican Lake to see Bastion 12, very well preserved and almost to its full medieval height. The tour ended at St Alphege London Wall, recently

conserved and now part of the very successful new landscaping scheme at London Wall Place. This reunites the Wall with the street named after it, and also the Tower of St Mary Elsynge Spital, neglected and barely



visible for decades. A whistle-stop tour, but new sites and sights for many of the members (above, right), who seemed to greatly enjoy the visit.

What a load of old bollards! *LAMAS Late* visits Southwark

On a warm evening in June Chris Constable, the former archaeology officer for Southwark, led a walk from London Bridge Station around the



west side of Borough High Street, through Borough Market and into Park Street and the Tudor theatre district.

The walk started at the boundary of the Bishop of Winchester's Clink Estate and the Parish of St Saviour's, where there is a fine bollard dated to 1827, just to the west end of Southwark Cathedral, marking the lands associated with

the Warden of St Saviour's.

Cannons and 1812 'Clink' Bollards were a particular theme of the walk and we discovered one of the finest and more mysterious signs of

Bankside, marking the location of an ‘International incident’ when the good people of Southwark beat the Austrian Butcher in 1850.

The walk continued past the original site of the Globe Theatre, the Rose Theatre and the bear gardens visited by Samuel Pepys. The archaeological remains excavated under the Empire Warehouse on Bear Gardens graphically showed this violent history, consisting of the bones of dogs and other animals fed to the mastiffs that were used to bait bears and bulls.

The walk ended by one of the surviving cannons, reused as a bollard, adjacent to Southwark Bridge.

A LAMAS Late walk round Middle Temple

On a fine July evening Marion Blair, an accredited City of London guide, led a fascinating walk around Middle Temple, one of the four Inns of Court. It is an intriguing complex of buildings, lanes, courts and gardens arranged in a collegiate plan, featuring in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, Dickens’s novels and the TV series ‘*Silk*’. Marion introduced the historic buildings which are characterised by many Agnus Dei badges; gardens and courts; and told interesting stories such as the students extinguishing a fire with beer!



The Order of the Knights Templar, established to protect pilgrims to the Holy Land, first occupied the area. Disbanded in 1312, the Knights of the Order of St John took over and rented the land to lawyers. In 1608 James I issued Letters of Patent which allowed them to remain there in perpetuity.

A highlight was Middle Temple Hall, built in 1570 with its majestic double hammer beam roof and a hatch cover from the ‘Golden Hind’. It is thought that the first performance of *Twelfth Night* took place here; it was performed again in 2002 to mark the Inn’s 400th anniversary.

Kathryn Stubbs

Young Archaeologists bone up on human osteology

At the May meeting of the Central London Young Archaeologists’ Club two human osteologists from MOLA, Mike Henderson and Elizabeth Knox, delivered a brilliant session for us on what the study of human bones can tell us about the lives of people in the past. We were given a

basic knowledge of the methods and techniques used in the examination of human skeletal remains.

We were able to handle and measure parts of a replica skeleton (right) and closely observe – but not handle – real human bones.



We learned key points to look for when attempting to identify the age and gender of skeletons and about some of the diseases, such as rickets and tuberculosis, which manifest in bone.

Bones were shown with evidence of old injuries; some of these had healed (albeit leading to a life of relentless pain in some cases), but others had probably been fatal.

We are very grateful to Mike and Elizabeth who gave up their Saturday morning to deliver such an informative session.

Our Young Archaeologists and their parents/carers really enjoyed it and we all learned a lot.

Annie de Saulles

LAMAS represented at University Archaeology Day

The inaugural University Archaeology Day, the objective of which is to encourage students to choose to study Archaeology at university by raising awareness of it as a degree subject, took place in 2017. With a growing understanding of the breadth and versatility of Archaeology as a university subject, the question “what can you do with a degree in Archaeology?” was flipped on its head to become “what *can't* you do with a degree in Archaeology?”. It is, after all, a truly multidisciplinary subject, which incorporates elements of Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Indeed, when your Editor started at the Institute of Archaeology nearly twenty years ago, it was explained to him that Archaeology was a ‘borrower’ subject, taking a great deal from almost every ‘ology and ‘ography that was available.

The 2017 event was a great success, and LAMAS Council agreed that the Society should support University Archaeology Day when it was repeated in 2018 in the British Museum’s Clore Centre with the slogan “The future of our past is in your hands!”.

On 23 June, Stephanie Ostrich and Florence Laino, members of LAMAS Council, were joined by your Editor in setting up and being present at a table (right) which was groaning under material promoting the Society and its benefits to visitors, who included potential Archaeology students and teachers.



For some years LAMAS has supported Central London Young Archaeologists' Club, which used this occasion to present a colourful display on the LAMAS table promoting YAC activities as something for students to consider as part of their degree activities.

On the day, LAMAS found itself to be one of many exhibitors, including universities from all over the UK, and archaeological organisations such as the Thames Discovery Programme and Gustav Milne's CITiZAN.

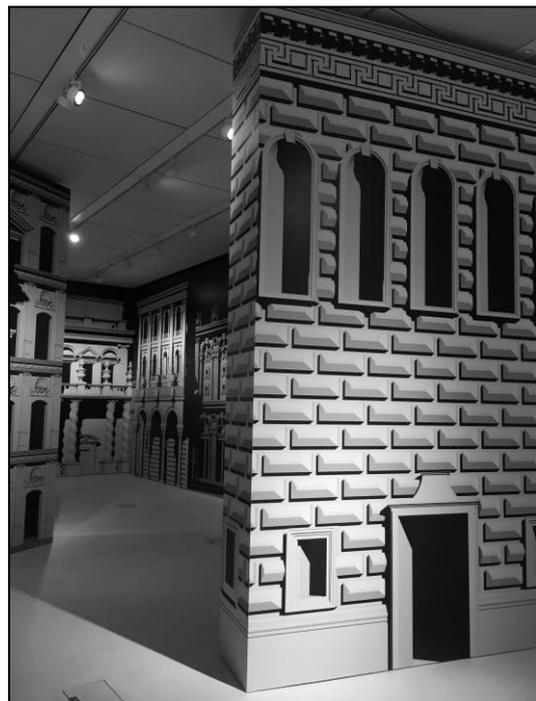
With a full programme of talks and workshops in four separate breakout rooms as well as the static displays, it proved to be a very busy and successful day for visitors and exhibitors alike. Perhaps it will soon be time to think about University Archaeology Day 2019?

Richard Gilpin

Bloomberg SPACE revisited

Many LAMAS members and friends will already have visited the London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE, some as part of the LAMAS Late event in January this year. At that time the ground floor accommodated an eye-catching inaugural installation by Isabel Nolan entitled *Another View from Nowhen*.

Things have changed however, and visitors will now encounter Pablo Bronstein's *London in its Original Splendour*, in which he has enveloped the gallery in 3D *trompe-l'oeil* wallpaper (right). The Roman structures depicted are rich in decorative and architectural motifs,



and whole buildings have been rendered in great detail. In the ‘distance’, expansive vistas appear to open up between structures, revealing wider views of this fictionalised classical cityscape. Is this how citizens in the Roman period would have seen and experienced Londinium? Visitors can make up their own minds...

This free exhibition will continue in the Bloomberg SPACE in Walbrook until 12 January 2019.

Saving the Empire Cinema, Haymarket

The Empire Cinema building on Haymarket, designed by the highly respected cinema architects Verity and Beverly, first opened its doors in 1927 as the Carlton Theatre, presenting a number of musicals. In 1928 it screened its first film before returning to stage shows, but these were not to be its future. In 1929 the building was wired for sound and went over to become a full-time cinema.

On 1 March 1954 it was taken over by 20th Century Fox and became the West End showcase cinema for its CinemaScope productions. Its ownership changed a number of times, and in 2017 under Cineworld it was renamed the Empire Cinema.



The adaptability of its structure has enabled it recently to revert to theatre, and a stage production of *Brief Encounter* (left) is due to run until 9 September 2018.

It has beautiful and largely intact interiors and, in the words of

SAVE Britain’s Heritage, “is the only place left in the West End where you can still experience authentic 1920s Hollywood glamour”.

The building is now owned by the Crown Estate and is under threat from an application it has made for a certificate of immunity from listing.

SAVE Britain’s Heritage has appealed to the Crown Estate to re-think its plans, save this very special building, and promote it as a world class venue with a fantastic history. Together with representatives of five other leading heritage organisations, SAVE Britain’s Heritage succeeded in having an open letter to the Crown Estate published in 26 June’s issue of *The Times*. It must be hoped that the Crown Estate, as custodian and owners of this rare heritage building, will withdraw its application.

Things are buzzing in Greenwich

In the course of a watching brief conducted by Pre-Construct Archaeology on restoration works at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich last year, a rather interesting discovery was made.

A sunken room was found, with its three extant walls constructed from small Henrician bricks; its neatly laid floor had been constructed from rows of over 100 tiles and 100 paving bricks.

This would perhaps have been interesting enough, but an extension to the watching brief encountered firstly a wall, then the deeper floors of parts of two vaulted cellars that would have had an internal height of about two metres.



Two of the walls were found to have niches built into them (right), and these were identified as ‘bee boles’

which, in the Tudor period, would have been used for the storage of straw or wicker beehives during the winter, in order to shelter bees from extremes of weather.

As part of the restoration works organised by the Greenwich Foundation, public access to the tiled floor and the cellars is planned so that, before long, visitors will be swarming to view the rare and royal bee boles.

Richard Gilpin

[Owing to lack of space in the January issue, this article had to be held over]

Ghost signs

The 1999 edition of *Transactions* included an article entitled *Painted Advertisements in Islington* by A D Harvey. In it the author listed and described over fifty advertisements that had been painted directly onto the sides or fronts of buildings in Islington. Such advertisements had usually been painted on buildings that were ‘already quite old, perhaps even seedy and in need of a face-lift’ and were comparatively rare in ‘areas of palatial department stores and well-built residential housing’.

This year, Sam Roberts, an historian with a special interest in ‘ghost signs’ revisited Harvey’s research and followed it up with an article that was published in the 15 February 2018 *Islington Gazette*.



He discovered that in the space of twenty years 21 out of 54 such signs had disappeared, leaving just 33 surviving, including the *Hovis* sign in Camden Passage (bottom of previous page), and the *Warings* – ‘from



London Wall’ – *Wilton Factories* sign in Shepperton Road (left). Sam explains that the former was placed by the flour miller, to show people that the bread baked in the bakery below (described as ‘an electric machine bakery’) had come from the flour that *Hovis* had supplied.

He describes the latter as “a really lovely piece of signage for a textile factory.

He is sad that the ghost signs are vanishing, since they are “quirky and important” relics of our past, and part of the area’s fast disappearing manufacturing heritage. The remaining signs are still on buildings despite there being no high profile campaigns to protect them.

As Sam points out, the borough on average is losing one of its ghost signs each year. By 2050, will there be any left?

Any LAMAS readers keen to find out more about ghost signs – and they may wish to start looking for them in their own areas – should visit Sam’s blog: ghostsigns.co.uk/blog.

Both images are by courtesy of Sam Roberts.

Richard Gilpin

London Nights

It has always seemed to your editor that if photography demands anything, it is light. Without any light, the image you capture is likely to be no more than a black shape. With low light, compromises have to be made: a slower shutter speed (with the danger of blurring), a wide open aperture (with its effect on depth of field), and the need for a tripod (which makes spontaneous photography impossible).

Light offers photographers the flexibility they need to capture an image.

That said, *London Nights* shows just what imaginative, creative and talented photographers can achieve in challenging low-light situations, using available sources of light (moonlight, street lighting, advertisement displays, floodlights – even infra red lighting) to dramatic effect.

The exhibition is in three sections.

London Illuminated (right, image recorded in appropriately low lighting) explores the bright lights of the capital and reflects on how artificial light can transform the aesthetic of the city after dark.



Dark Matters sets foot into a world of darkness and, traversing the capital's unknown, explores themes of threat, isolation and vulnerability. *Switch On Switch Off* shows people interacting with the night, following commuters on their way home, to work, and into the fast paced world of London's nightlife.

Subjects range from famous sights viewed in a new way to startling images of the everyday such as William Eckersley's 2011 *Trolleys in empty car park, CRO*. Contemporary photographs, such as Sarah Ginn's large and stunningly lit *Fabric nightclub, Farringdon, 5am, 2017*, share space with images from over a century earlier, such as the stereograph *Overlooking the Thames 11 O'clock at Night, c.1903*.

Classic photographers including Bill Brandt and Bert Hardy (of the *Picture Post*) are well-represented, and the low lighting level within the exhibition space allows all of the photographs to project themselves into the viewer's consciousness.

This is an exhibition that will appeal to visitors who love the many varied facets of London, and to those who enjoy outstanding photographic images. *London Nights* opened at the Museum of London on 11 May, and continues to 11 November 2018.

Full details of *London Nights* and admission prices can be found at museumoflondon.org.uk/londonnights.

At the time of writing, there were free high-quality complementary exhibitions both inside the Museum (*Dark Corners*) and outside on the walls of the Rotunda (*Night Visions*).

Richard Gilpin

Roman Dead

On 25 May a fascinating free exhibition opened at the Museum of London Docklands. The inspiration had been provided by Pre-Construct Archaeology's discovery of a rare Roman sarcophagus in Southwark in June 2017 (see photograph on the front cover of the January 2018 *Newsletter*).

This was opened at Mortimer Wheeler House and its contents examined. Sadly it had been disturbed by looters when it was first discovered during quarrying around AD1600, but it did contain the skeleton of a woman in her thirties (right), and scattered infant bones were discovered both inside and outside the sarcophagus, suggesting that she and her baby had died either when it was born or soon afterwards. The only contents of the sarcophagus were a jasper intaglio, featuring a satyr (a companion of Bacchus) and a tiny scrap of sheet gold jewellery; other items had presumably been looted. The centrepiece of *Roman Dead* is the sarcophagus and its lid, to which the Museum of London has added over 250 other objects from its collections in order to provide a broader context.



Skeletons and cremated remains of twenty eight ancient Londoners are on display, along with a wide range of objects buried with the dead. One of the skeletons, dated to AD300, is that of a woman of Black African ancestry, who arrived in London via the southern Mediterranean.

The base of one of the best preserved Roman wooden coffins found in London shows impressions of the occupant's ribs, spine and knee joints.



Among a number of items of jewellery, one of the highlights is a gold ring with a gemstone depicting two mice dining together (left). It was excavated in 1995 from a cemetery at Old Ford, and was found on the third finger of the left hand of a woman aged 17-22 years old. It has been suggested that this may have been a betrothal ring,

indicating that she was engaged or married. The ring shows little wear, and may have been fairly new when buried.

A significant minority of burials in Roman London are unusual, and the term 'deviant' has been used to describe those that do not match ordinary patterns, and some have been included in a special section, *Mystery Burials*. There is the skeleton of a female dog in her own grave with her skull and paws missing, yet she was wearing a collar when she was buried. A mystery indeed.

A separate area, sensitively positioned off the main route through the exhibition, is devoted to infant burials.

In conclusion *Roman Dead* is an excellent, informative, thoughtful and well-presented exhibition and, while some potential visitors may have difficulty with the concept of displaying human remains in public, no disrespect is involved, and there is much to learn here about beliefs, rituals, deaths and burials in ancient London. It continues at the Museum of London Docklands until 28 October 2018.

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Richard Gilpin

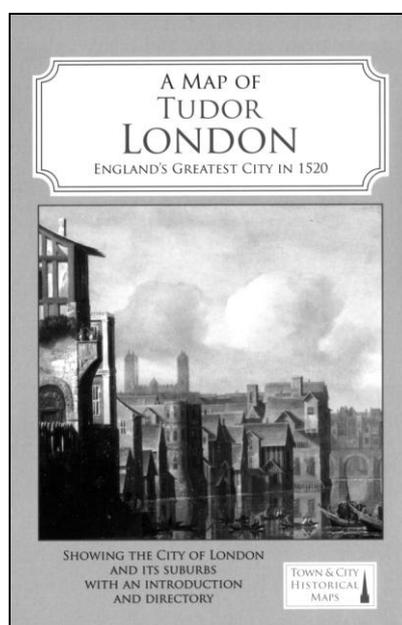
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

A Map of Tudor London: England's Greatest City in 1520, by Caroline Barron, Vanessa Harding and Nick Holder, with expert new cartography by Giles Darkes (who did the recent excellent *Historic Towns Atlas* volume on York), is a splendid fold-out map. It is a revision of one of the maps in the *Historic Towns Atlas for London* of 1989, and extends the central area of London to be mapped, which means that St Mary Spital gets in.

Many points in the original map that came in for criticism have been corrected, and parishes, the essential tool for historical researchers, are now placed on the map.

Churches, religious houses, prominent residences, company halls and public buildings are all displayed according to the latest archaeological findings, which since 1989 have been responsible for revisions to many plans. Price £8.99, this is absolutely recommended.

John Schofield



A History of Keston, by Tudor Davies (2017), published by Bromley Borough Local History Society, 245x167mm hardback, 198 pages, with colour and black and white illustrations, bibliography, and index, £12.00 from Tudor Davies, Springhill, Leafy Grove, Keston, BR2 6AH (phone 01689 855744) plus p&p £3.00 UK, £5.95 Europe.

ISBN is 978-0-9574633-2-5.

The author explains in his introduction that his theme focuses on the landscape and some of the people who helped to make the features that

may still be seen today. The copious information he provides is limited to the area within the “traditional parish boundary” of Keston. To this, Leaves Green (Parish of Cudham) has been added, owing to its close ties to Keston.

His first chapter is devoted to Keston’s archaeological evidence, but he does not introduce the underlying geology of Keston until a third of the way through the book, by which point he has already taken the reader from the 11th century to the 17th. Introducing the geology, he recognises the importance of it in understanding the present day landscape, and it might have been appropriate for this chapter to have appeared much earlier in the book.

In short, *A History of Keston* may be seen as a collection of local history essays focused on the Keston area, with many chapters describing individual histories of significant buildings and the people linked to them. These are well-researched and informative pieces, which can be accessed in any sequence, as the reader chooses. Such readers will no doubt tend to be local, but there is much in the book that will appeal to historians in other localities.

Richard Gilpin

EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

In Spitalfields, October will be Huguenot Month

The Huguenots (who were the first refugees – from the French word *réfugié*) were French Calvinist Protestants who fled France during the 16th and 17th centuries in order to escape persecution. They left under duress, by stealth, leaving behind their homes, possessions, family and friends. They came with nothing but their talent, skills and entrepreneurial spirit. They were weavers, clockmakers, silversmiths, engravers, financiers, bankers, papermakers, and their determination and commitment led them to be successful in many other professions.

While some (including the Editor’s own ancestors) settled across Europe, many of the 50,000 who came to southern England settled in Spitalfields, joining the small weaving community that had already been established.

The group *Huguenots of Spitalfields* was founded in 2013 to highlight and raise awareness of the contribution that the Huguenots have made to their adoptive country, and it has designated October as Huguenot Month, creating a wide-ranging programme of events.

These include visits to the unique and atmospheric ‘still-life drama’ of Dennis Severs’ House – a beautiful Georgian house in Folgate Street (overleaf); enjoying a Georgian-Style ‘Back in Time for Dinner’; finding out how to trace one’s own Huguenot ancestors; hearing how Queen Anne’s ladies-in-waiting prepared for her dazzling candlelit birthday ball

at the Townhouse in Fournier Street; and, while enjoying a gin and tonic, listening to Dan Cruickshank talking about Queen Mary II.

The full programme is on the Huguenots of Spitalfields website:

<http://www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org/walks-events.html>.

Richard Gilpin



AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Acton History Group

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

12 September 2018

Hanwell and Southall Through Time, Paul Lang

10 October 2018

Gunnersbury Park: the Place and the People, James Wisdom and Val Bott

14 November 2018

187 years of Mental Health Care at St Bernard's Hospital, Hanwell, Kevin Towers

12 December 2018

Gunnersbury Park Museum, its History and Volunteering, Angharad Howell

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings held on Mondays at 7.45pm at Harp House, 16 Helmore Road (off Goodey Road), Barking, and IG11 9PH. Free to members. £1.50 to non-members.

Telephone 020 8597 7210.

email: barkinghistorical@hotmail.com; website: www.barkinghistory.co.uk

3 September 2018

Everydayfutures, Verity-Jane Keefe

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

20 September 2018

The History of the Roehampton Club, Steve Riedlinger

18 October 2018

The Sheen Charterhouse, Paul Velluet

15 November 2018

Private Photography in World War One, Richard van Emden

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.

10 September 2018

Miss Marjorie Honeybourne: an Avid Local Historian, Yasmine Webb

8 October 2018

Katebrygge: 100 Years of East Barnet, Richard Selby

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

20 September 2018

Women in Ancient Egypt, Sofija Kirovski-McLean

15 November 2018

Greenwich: History Talk, Greenwich Bus Tours

Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society

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

Bromley Borough Local History Society

The Society meets once a month from September to July, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 7.45pm in the Small Hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church, on the corner of Freeland Road and Upper Park Road in Bromley. The post code is BR1 3AQ. The Society's website is: www.bblhs.org.uk

4 September 2018

Members' Evening - a chance to contribute a talk, a display or anything else, big or small, with a local historical connection. Please advise Mike Marriot - in advance if possible - if you wish to take an active part, particularly if you need any display equipment.

2 October 2018

The Sad and Mysterious Life of Amelia Dolding - inmate of Bromley Workhouse, Stuart Valentine

6 November 2018

A Kent school girl's war, Mary Smith

4 December 2018

Played in Kentish London - sporting heritage in and around Bromley, Simon Inglis

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

20 September 2018

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library

Celebrate St Pancras – the people, the place, the journey, Josie Murray

18 October 2018

Burgh House, New End Square, London, NW3 1LS

Cook's Camden: The Making of Modern Housing, Mark Swenarton

15 November 2018

Eleventh Church of Christ, Scientist, 11 Saint Chad's Street, London, WC1H 8BG

Hardship and Faith: the Experience of the First Women Members of Parliament, Robin Harragin Hussey

13 December 2018

Burgh House, New End Square, London, NW3 1LS

Käthe Strenitz's Camden and Railway Lands, Peter Darley

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

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

21 September 2018

Archaeology at Fulham Palace, Alexis Haslam

19 October 2018

Respect Your Elders: Old Swords in Anglo-Saxon England, Dr Sue Brunning

16 November 2018

A Sarcophagus and a Roman Road in Southwark, Ireneo Grosso

14 December 2018

Seasonal Social (NB this is the 2nd Friday of the month)

Docklands History Group

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

5 September 2018

Captain James Cook, 250 years, Derek Morris

3 October 2018

Dived in but was drowned: tales of waterway heroism from the Watts Memorial, John Price

7 November 2018

Historic Gravesend, Christoff Bull

5 December 2018

Christmas Social

East London History Society

All meetings are held at Latimer Congregational Church Hall, Ernest Street, E1 unless otherwise stated. Ernest Street is between Harford Street and White Horse Lane, off Mile End Road (opposite Queen Mary and Westfield College). Meetings start at 7:30pm. The nearest underground stations are Mile End and Stepney Green. Buses: 25, 205, 339 to Queen Mary College and D6, D7, 277, 323, 339, 425 to Mile End Station. Website: <http://www.mernick.org.uk/elhs/index>
email: mail@eastlondonhistory.org.uk

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.

18 September 2018

Palaeography, with particular reference to Genealogical Research, Elizabeth Danbury

16 October 2018

Croydon Minster: more about people than the building, David Morgan

20 November 2018

Armistice Christmas, Barbara Elliott

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.

8 September 2018

Aladdin's Cave, Julian Pooley

10 November 2018

Freemen of the City of London & Liverymen of the Stationers' Company, Andrea Cameron

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

8 October 2018

Burial Clubs – the Unfriendly Societies, Audrey Collins

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.

6 September 2018

The Great Exhibition, Jeff Page

4 October 2018

Investigating Legal Records, Dr Nick Barrett

1 November 2018

Researching before Parish Records, Ian Waller

6 December 2018

Christmas on the Home Front, Mike Brown, followed by a social get together for drinks and nibbles

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>

19 September 2018, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Jubilee Hall

To be confirmed

21 November 2018, 2.30pm, Jubilee Hall

They Came in their Millions: The Forest Excursionists, Dr Chris Pond

19 December 2018, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Jubilee Hall

Christmas Traditions, Howard Whisker

Wine and nibbles will be served

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

6 September 2018

Cheese and wine

Enfield Archaeological Society

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

7 September 2018

Exploring the material culture of Roman London, Michael Marshall

12 October 2018

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

9 November 2018

Walbrook Mithras Temple reconstruction, Sophie Jackson

Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park

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

Friends of Hackney Archives

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

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

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

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

Friern Barnet and District Local History Society

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

26 September 2018

Hendon School Excavations, Don Cooper

24 October 2018

The History of Almshouses, Simon Smith

28 November 2018

***Coast and Sea* – a film about Britain's Past**

6 December (Thursday) 2018

St John's Church Hall, Friern Barnet Road

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

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

24 September 2018

A Personal History of Harefield, Nick Hardy

22 October 2018

Old Maps and a Fishing Dispute, Keith Percy

26 November 2018

The Industrial Revolution, Martin Davies

Hayes and Harlington Local History Society

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

Hendon & District Archaeological Society

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

9 October 2018

Unrolling Egyptian mummies in Victorian London, Gabriel Moshenska

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 (020 8570 4264) or Liz Mammatt (020 3302 4036). Website: www.hounslowhistory.org.uk

25 September 2018

Hounslow in Postcards, Mary Marshall

30 October 2018

London Roadhouses in Fact and Fiction, Dr Michael John Law

27 November 2018

Dr John Langdon Down and Normansfield Hospital, Ian Jones-Healey

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

19 September 2018

Festival of Britain 1951 – the Leftovers, Rob Kayne

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

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

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

13 September 2018

Merchants, Military Men and Migrants – Incomers to London and the south-east in the Romano-British period and later, Dr Judie English

11 October 2018

Godalming late Saxon and Early Medieval Cemetery at Priory Orchard, Rob Poulton

8 November 2018

The Tin Tabernacles of Surrey, Gerry Moss

13 December 2018

Annual General Meeting

Lewisham Local History Society

Meetings are held on Fridays at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way SE13 6BT, starting at 7:45pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors welcomed, donation of £1 invited. For further information please contact Programme Secretary Tamsin Bacchus at tamsin_bacchus@hotmail.com; website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

28 September 2018

Deptford's Royal Victoria Yard and the Victualling of the Navy, Susan Littledale

26 October 2018

The unexpected presence and position of Africans in Tudor society, speaker to be confirmed

30 November 2018

A journey down the New Cross Road, Malcolm Bacchus

14 December 2018

Pre-Christmas Show and Tell

London Natural History Society

Indoor meetings usually consist of talks, slide shows or discussions. Most indoor meetings are held in Imperial College (off Exhibition Road), London SW7 2AZ. Visitors are welcome. A charge may be made on the door. For further information please visit website: www.lnhs.org.uk

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.

Wednesday 19 September 2018

Visit to Kneller Hall (Military School of Music)

Fee £5: book with Bea Oliver on 020 8330 2002. Visitors need ID for security.

13 October 2018

Update and research on recent finds on the Thames, Bob Wells

10 November 2018

AGM followed by The History of Ely's Store, Michael Norman Smith

8 December 2018

Puppetry, Dr Chris Abbott

The Norwood Society

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

20 September 2018

Brixton Market, Bill Linsky

18 October 2018

Conservation in Croydon, Sane Roberts

15 November 2018

Beulah Spa, Stephen Oxford

20 December 2018

Social Evening

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

5 September 2018

Members' Talks

3 October 2018

Peeking into the Past: A Glimpse of the Black Death at Smithfield, Don Walker

7 November 2018

A Look Down the Line – Tales From the Orpington to Sevenoaks Railway, Patrick Hellicar

6 December 2018

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 £3. For further information please contact:

Mrs J Brooks, 224 The Ridgeway, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7DB (020 8424 8445); website: www.pinnerlhs.org.uk

6 September 2018

Bertram Park of Eastcote: Professional Photographer and Amateur Rose Expert, Philip Toms

4 October 2018

Pinner's Old Roads and Paths: Tracks, Travellers and Tarmac, Research Group Presentation. *Last year's snow-blighted presentation, re-scheduled*

1 November 2018

Watford's Bronze Age Hoard, Laurie Elvin

6 December 2018

West Hertfordshire in the Footsteps of Herbert Tompkins, Brian Thomson

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>

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

14 September 2018

From roundhouses to workhouses: recent work in London, Dr Helen Chittock

12 October 2018

The Beaker Burial Project, Dr Neil Wilkin

9 November 2018

'In this Heath hath many camps bin pitched': The West London Landscapes Project, Jon Cotton

14 December 2018

The River Thames – another viewpoint, Dr Fiona Haughey

Richmond Local History Society

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

17 September 2018

Richmond in the 1870s, Simon Fowler

8 October 2018

The 300th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Royal Hanoverians at Richmond and Kew, Susanne Groom

12 November 2018

Time to Thank Them – the story of the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD),

John Drewry

10 December 2018

The History of the Museum of Richmond, Rebecca Arnott

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

26 September 2018

The Gruesome History of Bodysnatching, Robert Stephenson

31 October 2018

What About The Workers? Some Aspects of the Staff of Southwark Park

1869-2018, Pat Kingwell

28 November 2018

Albert McKenzie, Paul Keefe

12 December 2018

Biscuits, Chocolate and Jam, Jennie Howells

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.

17 September 2018

The Story of Thames Watermen, Pat Hilbert

15 October 2018

AGM and Old Houses of Uxbridge, Tony Mitchell

19 November 2018

From Blackwall to Bishop Rock - Britain's historic lighthouses, Tom Nancollas

17 December 2018

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

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

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

Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8.00pm on Wednesdays, excluding July and August (visitors welcome at a charge of £3). For further information please contact The Secretary, info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk; www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk

5 September 2018

Clivedon and The Astors, Sandra Mooney

3 October 2018

Halloween, Marilyn Macey

7 November 2018

The Eileen Burgin Lecture: Historic Greenwich, Diane Burnstein

21 November 2018

The Dukes of Chandos, Eileen Bostle

5 December 2018

Christmas Social

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

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

1 October 2018

Frederick W Payne and the Changing Face of Funerals, Brian Parsons

5 November 2018

War Memorials of World War One, Richard Flenley

3 December 2018

The Alan Urwin Memorial Lecture: The Life of Jane Seymour, Alison Weir

Uxbridge Local History and Archive Society

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

Walthamstow Historical Society

Talks take place in the Large Hall in the Family Centre, St Gabriel's Church, Havant Road, Walthamstow E17 3JF (just off Wood Street.) at 7.45pm. For General enquiries please write to 55 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3DB; email: whsenquiries@gmail.com; website: www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk

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

West Drayton & District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from September until May (excluding December) in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Kay Tarrant (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 444246) or website: <http://westdraytonlocalhistory.com>

Willesden Local History Society

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

19 September 2018

An Evening with Brent Archive

17 October 2018

History of a House, Linda Davies

21 November 2018

First World War in Willesden, Margaret Pratt

12 December 2018

Christmas Event

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