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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter: Copy Dates*

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is **30 July 2012** (for the September 2012 issue). Please send any items for inclusion to Meriel Jeater at Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN, or you can email me at [mjeater@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:mjeater@museumoflondon.org.uk)

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### **LAMAS Lecture Programme 2012**

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

#### **15 May 2012**

**The Walbrook: its Archaeology and History, a Water Engineer's View,** Stephen Myers, Water Engineer & author of *Walking on Water - London's Hidden Rivers Revealed*

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### **LAMAS Local History Conference 2012**

As a result of suggestions made in the feedback from the last conference, the next LAMAS Local History conference, *A Capital Way to Go*, will be a series of talks on the remains, rituals, ceremonies and memorials of the long departed inhabitants of London and Middlesex. Speakers are being invited to cover periods and themes through the ages: from Roman cemeteries to Victorian technology, from the rituals and ceremonies of Medieval London to the Victorian memorials of Middlesex.

The Conference will take place on 17 November 2012 at the Museum of London and the Local History Publications Awards will be presented in the course of the day. There will also be displays and sales of publications by many of the affiliated societies. Full details of the conference will be published in the September *Newsletter* and will also be available on the LAMAS website. The cost of tickets this year will be a flat rate of £15 with a discounted price of £10 for 'early bird' bookings.

*John Hinshelwood, Local History Committee*

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### **Wooden Grave-board Survey: LAMAS Local History Project**

A report on the excavation at the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Bethnal Green Burial Ground at the March LAMAS Archaeological Conference included the finding of two wooden grave-boards. These were rather well carved and clearly replicated, in wood, typical headstones. In this they were unusual. More typical early wooden memorials were simple grave-boards consisting of a plank, or rail, stretching the length of the grave, supported by posts at either end (see example below). A few of these still survive, but judging from old photographs and prints they were once very common. Most have decayed having served their purpose for a century or two.



Just how far back in time they were used is unknown – most of the survivors are from the 19<sup>th</sup> century judging from the few remaining painted inscriptions on the boards. A brief survey that I made some years ago seemed to indicate that they were confined mainly to southeast England, particularly around London, though so far I have no examples from Kent and only one from Essex. The distribution is probably related to a lack of local stone, but this may not be the whole story since I have, so far, no records from East Anglia or most of the south coast.

With my interest reawakened, it occurred to me that with the help of LAMAS local historians it might be possible to determine the past distribution of wooden grave-boards in England from records of those still surviving in churchyards and burial-grounds, or shown in old photographs or prints. As a research project it can be carried out both by examining old photographs and prints (armchair research), or by visiting churchyards and burial grounds.

If you are interested, please send any records to: 7 Croft Gardens, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8EY, or email c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk. It would be useful to have:

1. Name of church or burial ground
2. Location (grid reference would be helpful)
3. Number if still present (any dates, inscription, etc.)
4. From photos (details – book, post-card, dates, etc.)
5. From prints (details – book, dates, etc.)

It is hoped to report on the progress of the survey at the coming LAMAS Local History Conference in November 2012.

*Colin Bowl*

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### **LAMAS *Transactions* Digitised**

All volumes of the *Transactions* of the society from 1860 to 2005 have now been digitised and placed on the society's website ([www.lamas.org.uk](http://www.lamas.org.uk)) in the **Archives** section. As there were gaps when no journal was produced, this means 56 volumes. More recent years will be added at intervals, maintaining a five-year 'moving wall' so that members are encouraged to use the continuing paper editions of new journals. Each volume, for a whole year, is a single PDF file. There is a separate set of contents pages for each volume, but at present you cannot download individual papers. In a future stage we will consider online indexing. But for now this charitable gesture, making a long run of our journals accessible to anybody, is among the first by a British county archaeological society. A large London archive is now at your fingertips. Any comments from members should be sent to John Schofield: [john@jschd.demon.co.uk](mailto:john@jschd.demon.co.uk)

*John Schofield, Publications Committee Chair*

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### **Rocky Reception for Relocation of the London Stone**

LAMAS members will recall a recent lecture by John Clark on the chequered history of the London stone, which was formerly set in a tiny alcove in the façade of 111 Cannon Street (the stone is counted as a Grade II\* listed building). Now Minerva, the aptly named property company which is currently redeveloping this site, wants to re-instate the stone not in its former position, but along the corner in Walbrook instead. This relocation is opposed by both English Heritage and the Victorian Society. See articles in the *Evening Standard* (23/1/12, page 25) and *The Times* (24/1/12, page 16) for more information on this issue.

*Bruce Watson*

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## **LAMAS Workshop in Conjunction with the Museum of London: Local History in Schools – The Local Historian’s Role**

The workshop will be on 17 October 2012, in the Clore Learning Centre at the Museum of London, from 2pm – 5pm (cost: £10). This workshop is intended for members of local history societies, librarians and museum workers and others who visit schools or explore historical and archaeological sites with young children and would like to exchange ideas and enhance their skills. Nicholas Garrick of Light Up Learning will explain the place of local history in the National Curriculum and will lead a discussion about what teachers would find useful and offer professional advice on preparing packages for schools. Full programme and details will appear in the September *Newsletter*. In the meantime we should especially like to hear from people with experience in this field who would be prepared to offer short contributions to the discussions. Please contact Eileen Bowlt at [c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01895 638060.

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## **LAMAS Research Fund Grants 2012**

Due to various funding requirements, including the digitisation of *Transactions*, LAMAS Council is still considering whether to offer a Research Grant in 2012/13. The decision will be made at its meeting on 14 June. Council's decision on the matter will be available on the LAMAS website after the meeting.

*Laura Schaaf, Chair of LAMAS Council*

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## **LAMAS Library Book Sale for Members**

In the January 2012 issue of the *Newsletter* there was an announcement that a sale of books from the LAMAS library would take place at the Archaeology Conference on 24 March. Unfortunately it has proved more complicated than first thought to extract the LAMAS books from the Museum of London library system due to the amount of documentation work that needs to be done. This meant that the sale did not take place as planned. However, it is intended to sell some of the books to members at future lecture meetings. A list of the available books will be posted on the LAMAS website in the News section shortly:

[www.lamas.org.uk/lamas\\_news.html](http://www.lamas.org.uk/lamas_news.html)

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## Changes to LAMAS Subscriptions

At the AGM on 28 February 2012 members voted to accept a motion to change LAMAS subscriptions with effect from 1 October 2012. Details of the new rates together with a comparison with the previous rates are shown in the following table. After the table there is an explanation of the reasons for the changes. The table and the following note was printed and handed to members who attended the AGM, to explain why they should support the change to subscription rates. The motion was passed with the unanimous support of all members present.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Nos. of members</b>	<b>Members existing rates</b>	<b>Existing income</b>	<b>Proposed new subscription rate</b>	<b>New income</b>	<b>% increase</b>
Individual	455	£15	£6,825	£20	£9,100	33.3%
Joint (same address)	53	£17	£901	£25	£1,325	47.1%
Affiliated local societies	53	£15	£795	£25	£1,325	66.7%
Corporate institutional	64	£19.50	£1,248	£30	£1,920	53.8%
Student	10	£6	£60	£6	£60	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>635</b>		<b>£9,829</b>		<b>£13,730</b>	<b>39.7%</b>

## **Financial Background and Council Review**

On looking at LAMAS accounts for last year (2010/11) one is immediately struck by the substantial loss of over £12,000. Further inspection will show this is partly because Council decided to have all the early editions of *Transactions* scanned at a cost of over £7,000. Without this item (there is a small second instalment to be paid from the current year's accounts) LAMAS would have produced a loss of some £5,000 last year, to be met from our reserves. Our biggest items of expenditure are *Transactions* and the annual Research Grant.

Our Accumulated Unrestricted funds (i.e. cash that can support current expenditure) are shown on the Balance Sheet to be just over £50,000 and so would keep us going for ten years if we kept overspending at the rate of £5,000 per year. Thus LAMAS is still able to afford its current level of activity although in practice we would not want our reserves to fall below the equivalent of one year's turnover (£20,000) as below that level the Society could become difficult to manage.

Council set up a working party to consider the best way forward. The group reviewed the Society's activities, membership events, possible savings and ways of increasing income. Council is committed to maintaining our range of activities and events including publication of *Transactions* and our membership's *Newsletter*, annual Archaeology and Local History conferences and our programme of lectures, visits and local history workshops. Council has decided to find economies in some areas where services to members will not be reduced. We aim from next year onwards to keep the cost of *Transactions* (net of the grants attracted by some papers on Archaeology) to £8,000 and to hold the Research Grant at £5,000.

It was also decided to ask the AGM to agree to make our first increase in the annual subscription since 1996. For 16 years we have held LAMAS's subscriptions at the same level and the proposed change represents an increase of just 2% per year if we had increased subscriptions each year. We are now asking single members to increase their annual subscriptions by just ten pence per week. This will go some way to reducing the drain on our reserves, but is not expected to completely cut out the deficits.

It is not practical to estimate closely the effect of the increase in subscriptions and economies in operations, and in future subscription levels will be kept under close watch by Council. In order to avoid the pain of large increases in subscriptions in the future Council has decided that LAMAS should introduce payment of subscriptions by direct debit. This will make possible small changes in subscription levels without the huge administrative burden involved in changing standing orders. Payment by direct debit has been introduced by (for example) the Friends of the British Museum in the past decade and Council feels the time has come for smaller (and much less expensive) societies like LAMAS to follow where these big societies have led.

Council hopes members will agree that it is prudent to make these changes in good time, so that LAMAS can continue to support London's archaeology and local history in the way of its proudest traditions, as well as continuing to give good service to individual members.

*Martin Williams, LAMAS Treasurer*

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## OBITUARY

### Gillian Clegg 1940-2012

LAMAS members have good reason to remember, and be grateful to, Gillian Clegg, who died in February after a long illness, characteristically cheerfully borne. Many may recall that it was Gill who had revived the society's journal *Transactions* after a period during the 1980s when it had rather languished in the doldrums. Between 1989 and 1999 she oversaw the editing and production of eleven volumes, an outstanding achievement for which she was unanimously awarded the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ralph Merrifield prize by LAMAS Archaeology Committee in 2001.

This task was one for which Gill was uniquely well qualified, of course, as she was a professional writer and editor of business magazines in her own right – always looking for the right angle, always looking to trim unnecessary literary flourishes, and always intent on producing clean copy to tight deadlines. These skills had already been put to good use in her work with the West London Archaeological Field Group, of which she was an enthusiastic and active digging member virtually from its inception in the late 1960s. The publication of introductions to the archaeology of Hillingdon (1986) and Hounslow (1991) were mere hints of things to come, however, as further works on local history and archaeology flowed from her keyboard until her death. She would have been delighted to learn of English Heritage's recent decision to stock her new book on Chiswick House and its grounds at their sales outlet on the site.

Ever inquisitive, ever keen to hear the latest gossip, always researching her next project, it was no surprise that her funeral was hugely well attended by a vast circle of family and friends, many of whom found themselves unable to fit into the Chiswick chapel. Nevertheless the occasion was a fitting, and moving, celebration of her life and its many achievements. Typically, Gill had requested a party after her funeral and her husband Patrick McHugh chose The Bell and Crown at Strand-on-the-Green, their favourite haven on the Thames. It was an occasion that she would have relished. She will be much missed, and our thoughts are with Patrick and her family at this difficult time.

*Jon Cotton*

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## ARTICLES

### Harmondsworth Barn

The Great Barn at Harmondsworth ticks all the boxes so far as LAMAS's interests are concerned – archaeology, local history and historic buildings.

It lies within a manor that is mentioned in the Domesday Book, its erection is well documented and it is undoubtedly a historic building, ‘cathedral-like’ in John Betjeman’s view. One of the rather strenuous and intellectually demanding outings organised for LAMAS members in the early days of the society’s existence, was to Harmondsworth, where the church and barn were viewed, on 4 September 1872.

The barn was built 1424-7 by Winchester College, a relatively peaceful time in Harmondsworth’s history, in comparison with the preceding turbulent period marked by murders, riots and burning of records by tenants, during its ownership by the Abbey of Holy Trinity, Rouen. The Abbey had established a non-conventional priory there by 1211. William of Wykeham purchased it in 1391 and made it part of the College’s endowment.

The barn is an aisled timber-framed structure divided into twelve bays and the roof is tiled. The timber came from Kingston-on-Thames, and was presumably floated via the Thames and the Colne to the site. William Kyppying was the master carpenter. The main posts stand on blocks of Tottenhoe stone and the arcades on a plinth made of ferrocrete, a ferruginous material that is found in the local gravels. An architectural inspection of the structure by Peter McCurdy in 1988 revealed several errors made by the original carpenters, such as a mortise for an arcade post being made on the wrong side of the aisle sill and subsequently having to be plugged.

The barn continued in use as an agricultural building until the 1970s, suffering a certain amount of vandalism and deterioration as farming in the area declined with the expansion of Heathrow Airport. Wiltshires PLC, building contractors, took over the site and in return for building permission to convert most of the farm buildings into offices, agreed to restore the barn. They commissioned the McCurdy report and an archaeological survey that was carried out by the DGLA in 1988, under the leadership of John Mills (editor of *Transactions* at the time). Several pits were dug in the earthen barn floor to a depth of 5 or 6 feet, revealing apparently undisturbed brickearth.

Sadly financial troubles led to the barn going into receivers’ hands and being bought in 2006 by an offshore company. The threat of a third runway at Heathrow, planned to run within 5 metres of the barn, compounded the problems. Holes appeared in the barn roof... the end seemed nigh. Local groups including the Hayes & Harlington Local History Society, fought to stop the runway and save the whole village as well as the barn. So far as the runway is concerned there has been a temporary reprieve and all LAMAS members must rejoice at the recently

announced news that English Heritage has acquired the Harmondsworth barn to restore and preserve it.

*Eileen Bowlt*

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## REVIEWS

### 49<sup>th</sup> LAMAS Conference of London Archaeologists, Museum of London, 24 March 2012

This year the Ralph Merrifield Award was presented to Jenny Hall and Jon Cotton, both of whom were formerly members of the Museum of London's Department of Archaeological Collections for many years.

The first speaker was **Rachel Ives** (AOC Archaeology) describing work on a private burial ground in Bethnal Green, which opened in 1840 and closed in 1855, by which time some 20,000 people had been interred here. Partial excavation of the deep shafts packed with stacks of coffins recovered 1060 individuals. The poor living conditions of the population were demonstrated by the fact that the vast majority of the deceased were juveniles (71%). **Guy Thompson** (PCA) outlined the results of his study of the redundant Great Northern Railway goods yard at King's Cross, which was constructed during 1849-51. The complex was dominated by two huge transit sheds and a granary warehouse. Under the transit shed platforms were stables for the cart horses. The depot was linked at basement level to the adjoining Regent's Canal, so it served as a hub for an integrated transport and distribution centre. Transport infrastructure was the theme of the next lecture by **Malcolm McKenize** (MOLA) summarising the waterfront excavations at Three Quays House, in the City of London. The reclamation of the Thames foreshore started with construction of the first phase of Roman timber quay during the mid-2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. The construction of the riverside wall during the later 3<sup>rd</sup> century is believed to have marked the closure of the port. The site was then abandoned until the late 12<sup>th</sup> century, when another waterfront was constructed. This was superseded by several later phases of waterfront, perhaps linked with the development of individual properties; these structures contained a number of reused boat timbers. The rubbish dumps behind these medieval waterfronts contained a large number of metal objects including jewellery, keys, pilgrim badges and tools.

The Thameslink Project excavations described by **Joanna Taylor** (OA-PCA) are gradually providing a fascinating transect across north Southwark (see 2011 review). There has been further work in the garden of the former Wheatsheaf pub in Stoney Street, which revealed, under the remains of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century cellared building, a long succession of cesspits probably dating from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Excavations along

Bedale Street revealed a short length of a large infilled ditch aligned north-west to south-east. Its earlier phase is likely to be part of Anglo-Norman burh defences and its later phase may be 12<sup>th</sup>- or 13<sup>th</sup>-century date. Excavations at 11-15 Borough High Street revealed elements of a truncated Roman masonry bath house. **John Shepherd** presented the ongoing redevelopment of the site of the temple of Mithras (discovered in 1954) in the City of London as a great opportunity to get its ex-situ remains redisplayed in a more appropriate setting.

The afternoon session was devoted to the archaeology of Roman Greater London. **Isobel Thompson** described how the late Iron Age in Hertfordshire was a period of remarkable settlement expansion. Latterly during this period a number of urban centres (*oppidum*) developed, which are interpreted as the capitals of Romanised client rulers. The best known of these urban centres is Verulamium, which during AD 44-55 acquired an incipient street grid and a bath house. There seems to have been a long process of transition from what is defined as Iron Age material culture to that which is recognised as Roman. One impact of Romanisation was the commercial production of ceramics. **Harvey Sheldon** explained how in Highgate Wood from c AD 50-60 until c AD 140-160, a variety of vessels were manufactured using local clay. **Martin Dearne** described how during the later 1<sup>st</sup> century AD Roman Enfield began as a roadside settlement to supply travellers passing along Ermine Street.

Roman Shadwell was described as an enigma by **Alistair Douglas** (PCA) as it is uncertain why, during the early 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD, a new suburban settlement developed here complete with a large bath house and a mausoleum. The answer may be its proximity to the Wapping channel, which would have allowed it to function as a port, perhaps serving as a downstream replacement for Londinium. Interestingly, the construction of the defensive river wall in Londinium during c AD 255-75 is believed to have marked the closure of the Roman port.

The 2<sup>nd</sup>-century AD corridor Roman villa at Ashtead, is being reappraised by a team from Surrey Archaeological Society led by **David Bird**. Work to date has established the nearby triangular earthworks are a hillfort of Iron Age date. It has long been suspected that this villa was a centre for the commercial production of roller-stamped box flue tiles judging by the presence of wasters discovered on site. This suggestion has now been confirmed by the excavation of a tile kiln (archaeomagnetic dating shows that it was last used during the early 3<sup>rd</sup> century).

*Bruce Watson*

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## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

***Whitechapel 1600 - 1800: A Social History of an Early Modern Inner Suburb***, by Derek Morris (2011), the East London History Society, 189 pp, £12.60, ISBN 978-0-9564779-1-0

This detailed volume explores the lives and livelihoods of the inhabitants of Whitechapel from 1600 to 1800, by taking a systematic and intensive look at a wide range of archived materials. In doing so it emphatically achieves its stated aim of providing a more rounded view of life in the area. Morris notes the tendency for historians to portray Whitechapel as a crime-ridden and shadowy place most commonly associated with certain infamous crimes, and challenges it with his research, which illustrates ‘the important role played by local entrepreneurs in London’s growing economy and world-wide trading networks’.

Starting with the history of Whitechapel, Morris uses his archival research to investigate its governance, and then the homes and living conditions of its residents, the service or manufacturing industries which they may have owned or been employed in, the markets where they worked, shopped or stole, and their public entertainments, education, religious options, legal concerns, militia service and hospitals. What emerges is a detailed, informative and engaging look at life at many different levels of Whitechapel society.

Morris clearly has a love of his subject and the potentially dry material is made entertaining and very readable. This is done with constant glimpses into the everyday concerns of Whitechapel’s rich and the ‘middling’ classes (those who pay rents of £10 or more), whose lives are recorded in lists of taxation, wills, insurance registries, personal diaries and official records, and the poor, who are recorded directly in hospital and charity admissions lists and legal records, and indirectly through details of their employment and pastimes. We learn that having a hot bath in an upper storey of one’s home could be a major logistical challenge; that people were known to erect their own street signs if they disliked the ‘official’ names; and that in a time without state police departments or hospitals, there were systems of policing based on public participation by taxpayers, and support of charitable hospitals from bequests and donations made by those financially able to do so.

The detailed appendices and lists of further reading will be of value to the student or researcher. This book is the third in the series, following *Mile End Old Town* and *Wapping*, to be followed by *Ratcliff* and *Shadwell*.

*Krissy Moore*

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***Whitton Brook, Formerly Birket's Brook – A Small River Journey Through Whitton History***, by Ed Harris (2011), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, 68pp, £4.50, ISBN 978-0-903341-87-5

At one point what is now known as Whitton Brook acted as the boundary between Isleworth and Twickenham. Since then its history has intersected with that of the area's more eccentric residents. On many occasions cited in this book, the water-way has proved its importance as a feature of Twickenham's landscape. Now, overlooked and largely overgrown, this book attempts to preserve Whitton Brook's story. Despite being a short book it is certainly thorough. The author includes various sources including 17<sup>th</sup>-century maps, geological evidence and letters from residents, and, considering their implications, he has formed from these pockets of information a persuasive narrative of the brook from prehistory right up to 2011.

Although an effort is made to set the brook's story within a wider context, this is an example of very local history. However, the sharpness of the book's focus is proportional to the author's insight into, and intimacy with, this area. This is reflected in the amount and quality of research done and also evident in his disapproving description of the brook's current state. For the most part each chapter corresponds to a different section of the brook, making it possible for the reader to either trace the water-way's previous courses or find the sections still visible. The less intrepid will appreciate just having the amount of information and pictures contained in this book in one place at last.

*Lily Aaronovitch*

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***A Grim Almanac of Georgian London***, by Graham Jackson & Cate Ludlow (2011), The History Press, 109pp, 90 illustrations, £14.99, ISBN 978-0-7524-6170-0

Almanacs normally chronicle events chronologically during one year. However this almanac charts events over the whole Georgian period, from 1714 until 1830. Due to the arrangement of the almanac, from January until December, events are arranged by date. Although this is quite logical it can appear strange at first as events will not appear chronologically by year but by day of the month so 1732 will appear after 1796, as 5 February follows 4 February!

In their introduction, the authors make it quite clear that it is impossible to fit all "grim" events into one volume and have chosen to concentrate on crime in London. There are some non-criminal events, such as the

death of Nelson, people struck by lightning or people killed by falling buildings, but all are horrible or gruesome! The research conducted by the authors has produced a large variety of crimes and catastrophes, although it is depressing to read how prevalent wife beating and assaults on children were during this time. There is also a surprising amount of body snatching and duels going on!

The authors have found many interesting and relevant illustrations to enhance the volume and the use of direct quotes from some of the contemporary journals and magazines make the book seem more realistic. This is a useful volume for the students of crime and punishment and Georgian history in general. It would have been helpful to have direct references to the sources of the quotes, but this would have made the volume much larger. It certainly gives the reader a flavour of the period.

*Diane Tough*

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## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

### Kent Archaeological Field School

#### **Summer Courses and Training Excavation 2012**

To book, contact KAFS, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP (01795 532548 or 07885 700 112); email: [info@kafs.co.uk](mailto:info@kafs.co.uk); website: [www.kafs.co.uk](http://www.kafs.co.uk)

#### **5-8 May 2012**

**Investigation and Evaluation of a Group of Bronze Age Barrows at Hollingbourne in Kent** (KAFS members fee £30 a day, non-members £35 a day)

#### **12-13, 19-20, 26-27 May 2012 & 2-3, 4-5 June 2012**

**Investigation of Faversham Roman Villa** (each weekend/Bank Holiday is £30 to members and £50 to non-members)

#### **2-5 June 2012**

**An Introduction to Archaeology** (£75 if membership is taken out at the time of booking, non-members £100)

#### **7-8 July 2012**

**Survey for Archaeologists** (Cost for the weekend is £30 for members, £75 for non-members)

#### **4-19 August 2012**

**Investigation and Excavation of Prehistoric Archaeology on the North Downs at Hollingbourne in Kent**

Beginners are welcome on the Training Course on 13-17 August, with the option to continue for further days (same daily fee applies). Experienced participants may book the days they wish (KAFS member's special fee: £30 per day, non-members £35 per day. The five-day training course is £100 if membership is taken out at the time of booking).

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

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

**9-11 May 2012**

**Timber Frame Repairs**, Richard Green (Cost: £255, Little Horkesley)

**20-22 June 2012**

**Repair and Conservation of Flint Walling**, Simon Williams (Cost: £235, Hadstock Church)

**6 July 2012**

**The Design and Geometry of Timber-Framed Buildings: A Seminar in the Lordship Barn at Writtle**, David Leviatin and Laurie Smith (Cost: £35, Lordship Barn)

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**Surrey Archaeological Society Roman Studies Group  
The Development of Industry in Southern Roman Britain**

**12 May 2012, 9.30am – 5.30pm**

**Chertsey Hall, Chertsey**

Tickets cost £15 (including morning coffee and afternoon tea). A hot lunch will be available at the Hall for approximately £8 for two courses. For more information and the booking form, please visit [www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/biennial-conference-development-industry-southern-roman-britain](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/biennial-conference-development-industry-southern-roman-britain). Papers include:

**Roman non-ferrous metal working in Southern Britain**, Justine Bayley

**The Supply of Tile to Roman London**, Ian Betts

**The Development of Iron Production in the Roman Weald**, Jeremy Hodgkinson

**Roman Leather Working**, Jackie Keily & Margaret Broomfield

**Clay, Water, Fuel: The Development of the Pottery Industries Supplying Roman London**, Louise Rayner

**The Glassworkers of Roman London**, John Shepherd

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**Syon Park Community & Training Excavation**

**25 June – 20 July 2012**

**Syon Park, Hounslow**

In partnership with the Museum of London, Syon Park and MOLA, the 2012 excavation in Syon Park will focus on the area of Sir Richard Wynne's house, close to London Road. The house featured in the Battle of Brentford (1641) and was demolished in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The archaeological investigations will provide an opportunity to investigate the remains of the house and its grounds. The site is also close to the main Roman highway leading to west Britain. It is expected that more Roman archaeology will also be unearthed. For more information please contact Kath Creed or Kate Sumnall (020 7814 5733), email:

[communityarchaeology@museumoflondon.org.uk](mailto:communityarchaeology@museumoflondon.org.uk) or visit:

[www.museumoflondon.org.uk/London-Wall/Whats-on/Adult-events/Syon.htm](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/London-Wall/Whats-on/Adult-events/Syon.htm)

**25 June – 6 July 2012 (except 1 July)**

**Syon Park Community Excavation**

The community excavation provides an opportunity for local groups and schools to come to the site for a half day session and have a go at excavating an archaeological site (2 sessions daily 10am - 12pm & 1-3pm). Cost: FREE. Minimum age: 7. Please note: the community excavation is for organised groups only (not individuals).

**9-13 & 16-20 July 2012**

**Syon Park Training Excavation**

Two structured, hands-on 5-day courses, suitable for all levels, covering aspects of site survey, excavation and recording (9am - 5pm each day). Cost: £195. Over 16s only.

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**West Essex Archaeological Group  
Archaeology Taster Weekends and Field Schools  
July & August 2012  
Copped Hall, near Epping**

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

**14-15, 21-22 & 28-29 July 2012**

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

**6-10 & 13-17 August 2012**

**Five Day Field Schools**

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**Bexley Archaeological Group  
Training Excavation  
30 July – 3 August 2012  
Near Bexley, Kent**

The training excavation will be held at our 'Autumn' site near Bexley, Kent. All excavators will have the opportunity to experience the basic main tasks associated with an excavation. Minimum unaccompanied age is 16 (with parents' consent). Cost: £150 for the week (including annual membership to Bexley Archaeological Group, insurance, Certificate of Attendance and admin). To book a place, please contact Pip Pulfer (07961 963893), email: [pipspad@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pipspad@hotmail.co.uk). For further information, visit [www.bag.org.uk](http://www.bag.org.uk).

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## **LECTURES AND EVENTS**

**Walthamstow Historical Society  
Summer Walks May – October 2012**

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

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**British Archaeological Association  
Lecture Series 2012**

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

**2 May 2012**

**Imagining Passion in Paris: A New Study of the Wall Paintings of Martyrdom in the Sainte-Chapelle, Emily Guerry**

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**Seminars in Medieval and Tudor London History  
Institute of Historical Research, University of London  
Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX**

The seminar meets at 5.15pm on Thursdays in the summer term. Please check the IHR's website ([www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars](http://www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars)) for details of rooms and locations for individual seminars.

**3 May 2012**

**'Nostra Lingua Materna': The Language of Proclamations and Readings of Legislation in London c.1415-c.1485, Dean Rowland  
Gavin Smith - Engineer of Aldgate (c.1550 – c.1604), John Gibson**

**17 May 2012**

**Urban Planning after the Black Death: Townscape Transformations in Late Medieval England, Keith Lilley**

**24 May 2012**

**'Dead Commodities'? The Painting Trade in Elizabethan London, Edward Town  
Visible Presentations: Family Portraits in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, Angela Cox**

**31 May 2012**

**Fish and Fishmongers in Later Medieval London, Justin Colson  
The Forster Family of London, Jane Williams**

**7 June 2012**

**Possibilities: The Career Path of a 15<sup>th</sup>-Century London Chaplain, Richard Berenger, Anne de Windt  
Blackberd's Treasure: A Study in 15<sup>th</sup>-Century Hospital Administration at St Bartholomew's London, Euan Roger**

**14 June 2012**

**Books in London Mercer Social Networks, Mary Agnes Edsall**

**21 June 2012**

**Oligarchs: Cloth-trading Dynasties in London and Wiltshire 1530-80, John Gaisford**

**28 June 2012**

**Privacy in Medieval London, Janet Loengard**

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

All meetings start at 5.30pm at the Institute of Archaeology, Room 612, 31-34 Gordon Square London WC1H 0PY. For further information, please contact Michael Shapland via email: m.shapland@ucl.ac.uk.

**8 May 2012**

**The Roman-Saxon Transition: New Evidence from Excavations at St Martin-in-the-Fields,** Alison Telfer

**6 June 2012**

**Rome of the Pilgrims: The City in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Centuries,** Alan Thacker

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### **City of London Archaeological Society Thames Foreshore Weekend 26-27 May 2012, 11am – 4pm**

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

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

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### **Museum of London Festival of British Archaeology: People and Pots 21 & 22 July 2012**

Join staff at the Museum of London for an exploration into the vital role that ceramics have played in the history of the capital. Discover how and why pots were made and try crafting your own. This special weekend of family activities will take place on 21 and 22 July. For more information on the events, timings and how to book, visit [www.museumoflondon.org.uk/FOBA](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/FOBA)

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## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Museum of London Our Londinium 2012 22 June 2012 - 2014**

Opening in time for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Our Londinium 2012 is the largest update to the Museum's Roman gallery since it opened in 1994 and explores the parallels between Roman London and today's modern capital. The updates range from video installations to rarely-seen Roman artefacts, including a bust of Hadrian which was found on the Thames foreshore and is now in the British Museum's collection. In addition, modern objects will show the similarities and differences between Roman Londinium and 21<sup>st</sup>-century London.

The young people curating the exhibition are part of Junction, the Museum of London's youth panel. Members of Junction worked closely with Museum of London

staff to choose objects, write text panels and commission artwork. Other young people from a number of partner organisations across London have created artistic content for the exhibition. Admission is FREE. Our Londinium 2012 is part of London 2012 Cultural Olympiad programme called Stories of the World.

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## AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

### **Acton History Group**

Events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, admission £1. Contact Secretary David Knights, 30 Highland Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698); email: info@actonhistory.co.uk; website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

**13 June 2012**

**Past Sports in Acton**, speaker TBC

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### **Barnes and Mortlake History Society**

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

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

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

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### **Bexley Archaeological Group**

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

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### **Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society**

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

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### **Camden History Society**

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

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**24 May 2012**

**Victorian Arts and Crafts Protagonists Near Queen Square**, Monica Gros-Hodge (Charlie Ratchford Resource Centre, Belmont Street NW1 8HF, 7.30-9pm)

**21 June 2012**

**Thomas Cubitt's Woburn Walk**, Rosie Caley (location TBC, 7.30-9pm)

**19 July 2012**

**History of the Cumberland Basin Allotments**, David Hannah (Cumberland Estate Tenants' Hall, 7.30-9pm)

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**Chadwell Heath Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from September to June. All meetings are held at Wangey Road Chapel, Wangey Road, Chadwell Heath, starting at 7.30pm. Enquiries to 020 8590 4659 or 020 8597 1225; email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

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**City of London Archaeological Society**

Society's meetings are held at St Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane EC3R. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Light refreshments are available after the lecture. Non-members are welcome to attend occasional lectures but are asked to sign the visitors' book and make a £2 contribution towards expenses. For further details, visit: www.colas.org.uk; email: mail@colas.org.uk; text/voicemail: 07964694128.

**18 May 2012**

**Recent excavations at Holborn Viaduct**, Dave Saxby

**15 June 2012**

**Roman Discoveries at Drapers' Gardens**, Neil Hawkins

**20 July 2012**

**Excavations 1986-88 at the London Mint**, Ian Grainger

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**Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society**

The Society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northaw Road West, Northaw, Hertfordshire EN6 4NW, near Potters Bar and Cuffley. Talks start at 8pm with doors opening from 7.30pm. Talks are free to members and £3 for visitors. For more information, contact David Freeman, Honorary Treasurer, 18 Homewood Avenue, Cuffley, Hertfordshire EN6 4QG (01707 875481); email: treasurer@cihs.org.uk

**8 May 2012**

**Thatching – Materials, Methods and the Industry Today**, Robin Webb

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**The Docklands History Group**

Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month in Museum of London Docklands, No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AL, at 5.30 for 6pm. Visitors are welcome to attend the talks, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, please call 020 7286 0196 or visit www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk

**2 May 2012**

**Piers Around the Isle of Dogs**, Hugh Lyon

**6 June 2012**

**Dock Coopers**, Chris Ellmers

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### **Edmonton Hundred Historical Society**

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

**16 May 2012**

**Lawrence of Arabia**, Maggie Radcliffe (Jubilee Hall, 7.45pm)

**18 July 2012**

**The History and Mystery of Oakfield Road, Southgate**, Geoff Jacobs (Jubilee Hall, 7.45pm)

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### **Enfield Archaeological Society**

Meetings are held at the Jubilee Hall, junction of Chase Side and Parsonage Lane, Enfield, starting at 8pm. Tea and coffee are available from 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome (£1 per person). For further information please contact Ms Angie Holmes, Whithurst, 56 Tudor Road, New Barnet, Herts EN5 5HP (020 8449 5298); website: [www.enfarchsoc.org](http://www.enfarchsoc.org)

**18 May 2012**

**19<sup>th</sup>-Century Clinker-Built Boat for 2012**, Amelia Fairman

**15 June 2012**

**Aspects of the Development of Forty Hall**, Martin Dearne

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

Evening talks are last Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Munch and Listen talks are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 12pm for 12.15pm start (except August and December). Talks are free and open to all (tea/coffee is available for a small charge). Car park on site. All meetings are held at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N17 8NU. Details of the programme are available from [www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum) or the FoBC Secretary at Bruce Castle Museum (020 8808 8772).

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

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

**23 May 2012**

**The Wars of the Roses**, Alan Smith

**27 June 2012**

**Ally Pally Prison Camp**, Maggie Butt

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### **Greenwich Historical Society**

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

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### **Greenwich Industrial History Society**

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

**15 May 2012**

**Bazalgette, Diana Rimel**

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### **Hayes and Harlington Local History Society**

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

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### **Hendon & District Archaeological Society**

Lectures are held at Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE, at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. For further information please contact Jo Nelhams, HADAS Secretary, 61 Potters Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN5 5HS (020 8449 7076); email: [secretary@hadas.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hadas.org.uk); website: [www.hadas.org.uk](http://www.hadas.org.uk)

**8 May 2012**

**Bumps, Bombs and Birds: the History and Archaeology of RSPB Reserves,**  
Robin Standing

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### **Hornsey Historical Society**

Lecture meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Union Church Hall, corner of Ferme Park Road and Weston Park, starting at 8pm. Members attend free; non-members are welcome and pay £1 entrance fee. For further information please ring The Old Schoolhouse (020 8348 8429); write to the Society at 136 Tottenham Lane N8 7EL; website: [www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk)

**9 May 2012**

**Body Snatchers, Simon Chaplin**

**13 June 2012**

**Capability Brown, Father of English Landscape Gardening, Russell Bowes**

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### **Hounslow & District History Society**

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

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### **Islington Archaeology and History Society**

Meetings are held at 8pm at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1. All meetings are free. Enquiries: 020 7833 1541; website: [www.iahs.org.uk](http://www.iahs.org.uk)

**16 May 2012**

**How Archaeology Transformed the Study of Saxon London**, Bob Cowie

**20 June 2012**

**The Lines of Communication - London's English Civil War Defences, 1642-47**,  
David Flintham

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

Meetings are held at 8pm in Mayo Hall, United Reformed Church, at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames (visitors will be asked for a donation of £1.50 towards expenses). Enquiries to 020 8547 6755; email: [kutas.archaeology@googlemail.com](mailto:kutas.archaeology@googlemail.com); website: [www.kingstonarchaeology.org](http://www.kingstonarchaeology.org)

### **Lewisham Local History Society**

All meetings commence at 7.45pm and are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way SE13. Full access for people with disabilities. Non-members welcome. For further information please contact John Savill, 82 Longhurst Road, London SE13 5LZ (020 8473 1918); website: [www.lewishamhistory.org.uk](http://www.lewishamhistory.org.uk)

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

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

### **London Natural History Society**

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

**3 July 2012**

**Umbellifers**, John Swindells (Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, 5.30pm)

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### **Merton Historical Society**

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, on Saturday afternoons. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Turner, 27 Burley Close, London SW16 4QQ; email: [mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk](mailto:mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk); website: [www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk)

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

Meetings are held in The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (except August) from 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. For further information please contact Pamela Zollicoffer, 46 Newbury Road, Bromley BR2 0QW (020 8402 4157).

**2 May 2012**

**Kent's Agricultural Building Heritage**, David Carder

**6 June 2012**

**Recent Archaeological Work in Southwark**, Christopher Constable

**4 July 2012**

**The Glassworkers of Roman London**, John Shepherd

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#### **Pinner Local History Society**

All meetings start at 8pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £2. For further information please contact Mrs Sheila Cole, 40 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7LD (020 8866 3972); website: [www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk)

**24 May 2012**

**Zoo Stars**, Jackie Russell

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#### **Potters Bar and District Society**

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

**31 May 2012**

**Churches in Norfolk**, Graham Dalling

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#### **Richmond Archaeological Society**

Meetings take place on Friday nights at Vestry Hall, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond, commencing at 8pm. For further information please contact Mrs Yvonne Masson, the Society's publicity secretary, at 65 St Margaret's Grove, East Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 1JF; website: [www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk)

**11 May 2012**

**The Playhouses of Shakespeare's London**, Julian Bowsher

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#### **Richmond Local History Society**

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

**21 May 2012**

**French Émigrés in Richmond 1789**, David King

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#### **Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society**

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

**30 May 2012**

**The History of Allotments**, David Boyle

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

Meetings are held on Mondays at 8.15pm at St Martin's Church Hall, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 admission charge). For further information please contact the society's Secretary, Susan Toms, 3 Elmbridge Close, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7XA (01895 637 134); website: [www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk](http://www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk)

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**Southgate District Civic Trust**

The Trust is a local amenity society, covering Southgate, New Southgate, Cockfosters, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Hadley Wood. It is also active in local history and publications. Open Meetings are held twice a year at the Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, Southgate, and Local History meetings are held five times a year at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill. Non-members are welcome. For further information, contact Colin Barratt (020 8882 2246); email [info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk](mailto:info@southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk) or visit [www.southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk](http://www.southgatedistrictcivictrust.co.uk)

**2 May 2012**

**Miss Cresswell's Winchmore Hill**, Stuart Delvin (Friends Meeting House, 7.30pm)

**4 July 2012**

**London's Transport**, David Clark (Friends Meeting House, 7.30pm)

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**Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society**

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

**8 May 2012**

**Further Work at Drapers' Gardens**, Neil Hawkins

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**Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines and begin at 8pm. Members free, non members welcome (£2 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 564585); email: [nick.pollard@o2.co.uk](mailto:nick.pollard@o2.co.uk); website: [www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk/friends/](http://www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk/friends/)

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**Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society**

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (visitors welcome at a charge of £1). Members' evenings are held at the same venue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. For further information please contact Mrs Sheila Lowe, 62 Walton Drive, Harrow HA1 4XA; website: [www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk](http://www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk)

**6 June 2012**

**Old London Docks**, Sally Botwright

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

The Society meets at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to May in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton. The September meeting is held in Sunbury. Any queries should be addressed to Geoff French (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), 18 Burchetts Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9BS (01932 245774); website: [www.sslhs.org.uk](http://www.sslhs.org.uk)

**15 May 2012**

**The Railway in Sunbury and Shepperton**, Nick Pollard

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### **The Thorney Island Society**

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

**4 May 2012**

**The Royal Hospital** (1.30pm)

**24 May 2012**

**Fulham Palace** (2pm)

**27 May 2012**

**The London Canal Museum and Boat Trip through Islington Tunnel** (10am)

**7 June 2012**

**Chiswick House** (2pm)

**4 July 2012**

**Fullers Brewery** (1.45pm)

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

Meetings are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8pm on the first Monday of each month from October to June, and take the form of an illustrated lecture by a guest speaker. Guests and non-members are welcome (there is a small charge). For further information please contact the Secretary, Mr R.S. Knight (020 8878 7041); website: [www.botlhs.co.uk](http://www.botlhs.co.uk)

**14 May 2012**

**Finds from the Foreshore**, Yvonne Masson

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

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

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### **Walthamstow Historical Society**

Evening talks are held at Trinity United Reformed Church, 58 Orford Road, London E17 4PS. Afternoon and Saturday talks are held at The Vestry House Museum, Vestry

Road, Walthamstow E17 9NH. Meetings are free to members (visitors pay £1.50). For further details please visit us at: [www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk)

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### **Wandsworth Historical Society**

Meetings held at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Town Hall) on the last Friday of the month at 8pm until 9.15pm (followed by tea and biscuits). For more information, visit the website: [www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk)

**25 May 2012**

**Excavations at the British Museum**, Rebecca Haslam

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### **Wembley History Society**

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

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### **West Drayton & District Local History Society**

Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Cyril Wroth (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 854597).

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### **West Essex Archaeological Group**

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

**14 May 2012**

**Origin of Our Species**, Chris Stringer

**11 June 2012**

**The Cost of Living in Rome**, Amelia Dowler

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### **Willesden Local History Society**

The Society meets on Wednesdays from September to June in The Scout House, High Road (on the corner of Strode Road), Willesden NW10, at 7.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Margaret Pratt, 51 West Ella Road, London NW10 9PT (020 8965 7230); website: [www.willesden-local-history.co.uk](http://www.willesden-local-history.co.uk)

**16 May 2012**

**London Olympics – Not 2012!**, Cliff Wadsworth

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