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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Date

The copy deadline for the next *Newsletter* is 18 March 2016 (for the May 2016 issue). Please send items for inclusion by email preferably (as MS Word attachments) to: **rhbg.lamas@gmail.com**, or by surface mail to me, Richard Gilpin, Honorary Editor, LAMAS *Newsletter*, 84 Lock Chase, Blackheath, London SE3 9HA. It would be greatly appreciated if contributors could please ensure that any item sent by mail carries postage that is appropriate for the weight and size of the item.

So much material has been submitted for this issue that some book reviews have had to be held over until the May 2016 issue.

Marketing and Publicity Officer

LAMAS is seeking a bright, efficient and enthusiastic person to become its Marketing and Publicity Officer.

The Society has 650 members world-wide, including many archaeologists, historians and conservationists, and plays a leading role in the protection and preservation of London's heritage. Through its publications, lectures and conferences LAMAS makes information on London's past accessible to a wide audience. This interesting and varied job will involve the promotion and marketing of all of the Society's activities and especially publications, at events and online. The officer will be responsible to Council and make periodic reports to it. Experience of online marketing would be useful but is not necessary. Enthusiasm for London's archaeology and history is essential. The job is unpaid and honorary, as are those of all of the Society's officers.

For further details, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Karen Thomas, kthomas@mola.org.uk.

New members welcomed by the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Local History Committee extends a friendly welcome to members who would like to join the committee, either as the

representative of their affiliated Local History Society or as an individual member of LAMAS. The Committee meets three times a year and in between meetings members carry forward its decisions.
Some members of the Committee have left and although some new members are joining the Committee, LAMAS is still keen to increase its size in order to ensure that it is as representative as possible of the Greater London area.
If you are interested in joining – or know of anyone in your society who would like to join the Committee – please get in touch with John Hinshelwood on 020 8348 3375 (johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com) or Eileen Bowlt on 01895 638060 (c.bowlt@tiscali.co.uk).

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LAMAS Lecture Programme 2016

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

12 January 2016
100 Minories - a multi period excavation next to London Wall, Guy Hunt L - P: Archaeology.

9 February 2016 (6.15pm, refreshments from 5.30pm)
Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address: **'Sights most strange': tourists in medieval and early modern London**, John Clark

> 'I pray you, let us satisfy our eyes
> With the memorials and things of fame
> That do renown this city.'
> (Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*).

But visitors to London were being shown its 'memorials and things of fame' long before Shakespeare's time.
This talk will consider some of the early 'sights of London' that they saw, from the Bosse of Billingsgate to the Great Whalebone in Whitehall. What were they? Why were they thought interesting? What were visitors told about them? (There is nothing new about 'tourist-lore', the apocryphal tales and legends told to tourists.)
And what were the visitors' reactions?

8 March 2016
The Cuming Museum in Southwark, Judy Aitken, Heritage Manager London Borough of Southwark

12 April 2016
Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture: Neolithic ditches, Middle and late Bronze Age enclosures at West Drayton, Peter Boyer, Senior Archaeologist, Pre-Construct Archaeology

10 May 2016
Archaeological Investigations and Crossrail, Jay Carver, Project Archaeologist, Crossrail

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LAMAS 160th Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address Tuesday 9 February 2016

Notice is hereby given of the LAMAS 160th Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address to be held on Tuesday 9 February at 6.15pm in the Clore Learning Centre at the Museum of London, London Wall. Light refreshments will be available from 5.30pm. The AGM will be followed by the Presidential Address by John Clark, entitled **'Sights most strange': tourists in medieval and early modern London**. Minutes of the 159th AGM, held on 10 February 2015, will be available.

The 160th AGM Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 159th AGM, 2015
3. Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers and Members of Council
5. Appointment of Examiner(s)
6. Any Other Business

Council would welcome nominations of anyone interested in becoming a member of Council. These should be addressed to the Chair at the address given on the back page of the *Newsletter*, or by email to the Secretary (kthomas@mola.org.uk) to arrive no later than Tuesday 12 January 2016.

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LAMAS Annual Conference of London Archaeologists 2016

The LAMAS Annual Conference of London Archaeologists will be held on **Saturday 19 March 2016** at the Museum of London, London Wall. The programme and application form are in the pull-out centre spread.

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Threats to local museums and heritage services in London

In this period of 'austerity', as local authorities face pressure to make ever deeper cuts in their spending budgets, it seems that some authorities may regard museums, archives and other heritage services as an easy option

when planning economies. LAMAS views the situation as serious. Indeed, our Archaeology Committee has for some time had 'Threats to museum services' as a regular item on its agenda.

Recent cases to have come to our notice include Enfield, where the Council has plans to make most of the museum and local studies centre staff redundant, to restrict access to the archives, to close half of the museum space and to curtail its exhibitions and events programme; and Bromley, closing the museum at Orpington Priory and planning to sell the historic building on the open market. Not all is bad news – Southwark is pushing ahead with plans for the rebuilding and development of the Cuming Museum, and Kingston's new History Centre seems to have had good reviews. Other developments seem enigmatic – what are the implications for the future of moving Wandsworth's museum staff and collections to the Battersea Arts Centre? But any planned changes may involve hidden threats.

People in the locality are likely to be the first to realise what is planned. And councils will of course be more willing to take notice of local views – those of their tax-payers and voters. Local protests have failed to save Bromley Museum, but there is an ongoing campaign in Enfield. However, there will be circumstances when support from an outside body can assist, reminding the council that there is a wider interest in and concern for the history of their locality, and that they have responsibilities beyond the borough boundary.

I wrote on behalf of LAMAS to Enfield Council, joining our voice to those of CBA London and the Regional Museum Development Service. In the case of Bromley, we heard about the situation too late to comment.

LAMAS Council and our Committees usually work on a three-monthly cycle of meetings, and although we can take emergency action between meetings (as we did in the case of Enfield) clearly the sooner we are alerted to a potential problem the better.

If you, as a member of LAMAS, or your local society become aware of plans by your borough council or other authority that seem to endanger the institutions that preserve your local heritage – whether they involve a museum, archives, a local studies library, or conservation staff within a planning department, for example – we would be most grateful if you would keep LAMAS informed.

You can contact me, as President, or our Chair of Council, Colin Bowlt, or our Secretary, Karen Thomas, or the relevant Committee – you will find all our contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

John Clark, President of LAMAS

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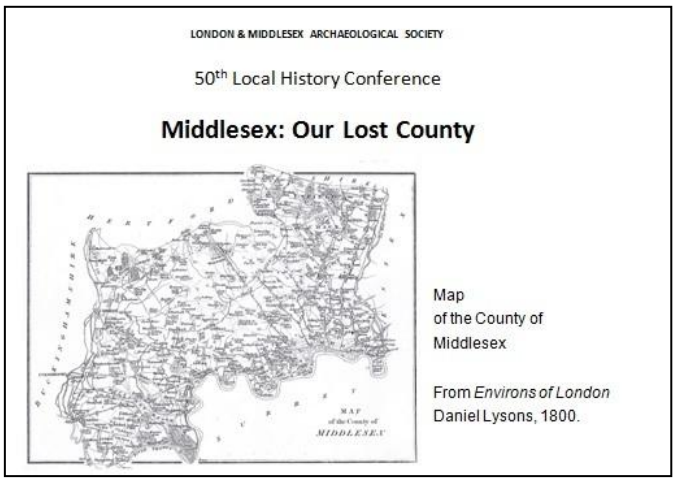
LAMAS 50th Local History Conference: 21 November 2015
Middlesex: Our Lost County



In opening the Conference **John Clark**, President of LAMAS, paid tribute to one of his predecessors, Michael Robbins, born one hundred years ago. In 1953 Robbins published ***Middlesex,*** described as the most comprehensive history and description of an English county ever attempted in a single volume. But he should also be remembered for his work in reviving the moribund Middlesex VCH project in the 1950s, and as Chairman of the Middlesex VCH Council steering the project through the abolition of the County of Middlesex in 1965, and ensuring continued funding from the new London Boroughs that replaced it.

The first talk of the Conference was ***Middlesex from first reference to Domesday Book*** by **Pamela Taylor**, Historian and Archivist. Her starting point was the Anglo-Saxon city of Lundenwic; this was the first to come under the control of the East Saxons, but by 700 AD it was ruled by the kings of Mercia. The first written mention of Middlesex relates to a grant of land near Twickenham from the Mercian King to the Bishop of London. Middlesex and Lundenwic were right on the border between Mercia and the East Saxons, so perhaps granting land to the Church separated the two kingdoms. In the Mid 9th century Viking raids meant that for a time the area came, on and off, under Viking rule until the reign of Edward the Confessor, when London became the permanent capital of England. At about this time the county system was reorganised under the command of a sheriff, and each shire was divided into hundreds. When Westminster Abbey was founded, land in Middlesex such as Greenford, Staines and Chalk Hill was given to the Abbey. William the Conqueror continued this policy by granting Harmondsworth to the Church. Pamela concluded that "it was never possible to separate Middlesex from London".

The second talk of the day was from **Jacqui Pearce**, a Senior Specialist in Post-Roman Pottery for Museum of London Archaeology, whose subject was ***'Made in London: a review of ceramic manufacture in Middlesex from the Middle Ages to the 19th century'***. Jacqui delivered a detailed and comprehensive whistle-stop tour of ceramic manufacture in Middlesex and the London area from the Middle Ages through to the nineteenth century. Her highly engaging talk covered red and grey earthenwares, slipwares, stonewares, tin-glazed wares, creamware and even some fascinating early experiments to manufacture porcelain. As Jacqui explained, the foundations of work such as hers are, of course, archaeological, but she also illustrated the necessity of employing historical and documentary evidence alongside the archaeology. For example, although the 1998-2004 excavations at Moor House on London Wall did not reveal remains of kilns, evidence from documents including John Stow's *Survey of London* (1603) suggested that a potter called Richard Dyer was active in the area making, among other things, 'fire pots' which were effectively small braziers. Given that pottery manufacture was a dangerous and unpleasant industry, it is intriguing to discover it in being undertaken in what was, at that time, a densely populated area. Jacqui's talk was copiously illustrated with wonderful colour images of finds and excavation sites as well as maps and contemporary photographs of surviving sites such as the bottle kiln on the New King's Road in Fulham. This was a highly entertaining and very informative talk, combining expert information with huge enthusiasm for the subject.

The morning ended with the presentation of the **2015 Local History Publications Awards** by John Clark, President of LAMAS. The book prize went to Harefield History Society for *Mapping an English Parish Before 1860*, by Keith Piercey. The Journal Prize was awarded to Hornsey Historical Society for *Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin 55*, edited by Albert Pinching.

The first speaker after lunch was **Dr Robin Eagles**, Senior Research Fellow, History of Parliament Trust, and editor of Wilkes's diaries. In presenting his subject, ***'Profligate in principle as in practice'? John Wilkes and elections in Middlesex 1768-1790***, he succeeded in giving a lively talk, tinged with humour, in which he uncovered the complexities of his subject's character. John Wilkes (1725-97) clearly had charisma. Edward Gibbons said "his character is infamous, his life stained with every vice and his conversation full of blasphemy and bawdy", although he considered him to be a wonderful companion. Wilkes was certainly a man of contrary principles. He was a radical, and stood for parliamentary reform and the end of corruption in political life, yet got into serious

financial difficulties through buying electoral support (£4000 of it) in the early 1760s. He was MP for Middlesex from 1774-90.
He fought for the freedom of the press and successfully obtained for journalists the right to report parliamentary debates. These were significant achievements. In Hogarth's famous cartoon, he is depicted holding a banner emblazoned 'Wilkes and Liberty'. He became the darling of the London mob, yet he had no sympathy with its members' economic woes, identifying instead with the 'middling sort' – the urban tradesmen, who wanted to see Parliament cleared of placemen and pensioners, shorter parliaments and a pro-American policy. During the Gordon Riots he helped the militia against the mob, and by 1790 was so unpopular that he withdrew from the poll. He was associating with William Pitt and his policies and had become 'almost respectable'.

The next speaker was **Charlotte Scott**, Head of Collections at the London Metropolitan Archives, whose subject was ***'A Cinderella Service': the Middlesex County Council 1889-1965***.
Much of the emphasis of her address was on the changes that had taken place in Middlesex between 1889 (when the County Council was established) and 1965 (when its responsibilities were taken over by the Greater London Council). This was a period when local government was "in constant flux". The population rose dramatically, particularly in the 1920s. This was due to adult migration drawn by new light industries, many of which had their premises in iconic Art Deco buildings. There was a huge increase in road building including the North Circular, Western Avenue and the Great West Road. Services came under strain, and when the Mogden Sewage Treatment Works was built it was the biggest and most modern in Europe. A huge post-War programme of school building was undertaken, more schools being built in Middlesex than anywhere else in the country.
A trip through local government might not normally set the pulses racing, but Charlotte Scott succeeded in giving the audience a talk that was not only educational but also entertaining.

The final speaker was **John Hinshelwood** of LAMAS who, in his well-illustrated talk on ***'A Vision of Middlesex': the North Middlesex Photographic Society's contribution to the photographic record of England***, considered the contribution of the North Middlesex Photographic Society to photographic records. These late 19th and early 20th century enthusiasts, led by Henry Fincham, aimed to record buildings and other objects of historical or archaeological interest. The collection of about a thousand prints was given to Hornsey Library, which in 2000 passed it to Hornsey Historical Society.

In the same period, members of the National Photographic Record Association, founded by Sir Benjamin Stone in 1897, were busy roaming the country taking pictures of buildings, monuments and customs of historical interest. Quite full written records accompanied some pictures. This collection went to the British Museum and onward to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Contributions came from professional and amateur, male and female, photographers, and some thirty-seven pictures are common to both collections.

There was time to see only a few examples. They were, obviously, full of interest, but they also showed exactly how valuable the work was in sometimes providing the sole record of the many buildings and scenes that have subsequently been destroyed or vanished.

Summaries of the Conference provided by Diane Tough, John Price, Eileen Bowlt, Richard Gilpin and Pat Clarke.

The LAMAS Book Prize

The LAMAS Book Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Harefield History Society for ***Mapping an English Parish Before 1870: A History of Harefield in Middlesex Through Maps***, by Keith Piercy (2015), Harefield History Society, A4 landscape, 116 pages, colour illustrations, no price given, ISBN 978-0-9931962-0-1.

In his study, Piercy has creatively and meticulously documented the history and development of Harefield as shown by maps and plans, and successfully achieves his aim to 'emphasise a greater balance between the history of the maps and the history of the place'. After a short but comprehensive introductory chapter on the use of maps as historical evidence, the history of Harefield is documented and explored through eight chapters, each broadly focussing on a different type of map. Sixteenth-century county maps, eighteenth- and nineteenth-century estate maps, enclosure maps, tithe maps, Ordnance Survey maps and even obscurities including maps of roads, canals and railways, are all discussed and analysed to shed light on the paradox of this rural parish on the edge of a major urban conurbation. Each chapter is generously illustrated with detailed colour photographs of the maps in question and the ring binding means that the book is as useful and practical to use as it a pleasure to read and browse. This was a worthy winner of the 2015 prize.

Three other books were shortlisted:

Albert Betts: Mortlake's Artist, David Deaton (2014), Barnes and Mortlake History Society, 23.7cm x 23.7 cm, 84 pages, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, ISBN 978-0-954-2038-8-7.

As the title suggests, this is a collection of sketches by the relatively unknown artist Albert Betts who, around the turn of the twentieth

century, produced pen and ink drawings of buildings and landscapes in the parish of Mortlake. The book brings together examples of Betts' work held by Barnes and Mortlake History Society with collections in the Richmond Local Studies Centre and the Surrey History Centre. Deaton has provided a comprehensive and much needed biography of Betts as an introduction to the volume and this is followed by thirty-four exquisitely reproduced drawings, each of which is accompanied by a page of detailed and informative contextual commentary about the subject of the drawing and the local history. Those who know the area will be fascinated by drawings of locations including Mortlake High Street, the Bootmakers' Almshouses, Sawyer's Lodge in Richmond Park and the Black Horse pub, which is Betts' only known drawing outside of the ancient parish of Mortlake. However, the work provides a fascinating portrait of this lesser-known artist and his work, and this beautifully and artistically crafted hardback book will most certainly appeal to a range of audiences beyond the Barnes and Mortlake area.

In Search of Merton Priory's Granges, Janette Henderson (2014), Merton Historical Society, A4, 70 pages, colour illustrations and maps, no price given, ISBN 978-1-903899-69-4.

This book is based upon the author's dissertation for an MA in Landscape Archaeology at the University of Bristol. Merton Priory, which was one of the largest and most influential monasteries in southern Britain, has already been relatively well documented but this detailed and scholarly study attempts to identify what, if anything, survives of the estimated ten granges belonging to the priory. Granges were, essentially, monastic farms controlled by a team of lay brethren, and most resembled contemporary manor houses of the day. Utilising document research, site studies, photographic recording and earthwork surveys, Henderson meticulously documents her search for evidence of the granges and concludes that, of the ten properties initially identified, only Upton Grange and Tollsworth Grange have survived to any great extent. Again, this thorough and copiously illustrated paperback volume will undoubtedly appeal to those with an interest in the area around Merton, but the academic rigour and methodical research will also make this book an excellent resource for local historians more generally.

London's Sailortown 1600-1800, by Derek Morris and Ken Cozens (2014), The East London History Society, A4, 207 pages, black and white illustrations, £12.60, ISBN 978-0-9564779-2-7.

This excellent volume provides 'a social history of Shadwell and Ratcliffe, an early modern London riverside suburb'. The authors challenge well-established stereotypes about the area and, through close and analytical engagement with family-based groups of merchants in the eighteenth century, they reveal the centrality and importance of local

networks to national and international trade and British maritime supremacy. As Jerry White has highlighted in his preface to the volume, Morris and Cozens' works are 'a labour of love' and this study of Shadwell and Ratcliffe is certainly no exception. A full range of topics have been thoroughly researched and meticulously documented, from basics such as local governance through to international trade, local employment, religion, education and crime. This is, though, very much a social history and the study is engagingly populated throughout with people from all walks of life, going about their daily business in a vibrant and colourful neighbourhood. Anyone with even a passing interest in the social history of London will find this generously proportioned paperback a stimulating read, but with a very informative glossary, numerous indexes to various topics, and extensive lists of further reading, this book will undoubtedly continue to provide a valuable point of reference as well as an entertaining and informative read.

John Price, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Journal Prize

The LAMAS Journal Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Hornsey Historical Society for ***Bulletin 55***, edited by Albert Pinching (ed) (2014), Hornsey Historical Society, A4 paperback, 32 pages, colour, price £6.50, ISSN 0955 8071.

The bulletin of the Hornsey Historical Society was the outright winner. It included studies marking the centenary of the beginning of World War I, featuring an account of Conscientious Objectors and how they were dealt with by the Hornsey Military Tribunal. A member of the Archive Team describes their project 'Researching the dead of the First World War' in a way that might encourage readers from other societies to start similar projects. The Bulletin carries reviews of books of local interest and has a Letters page, as well as Notes and Queries. Its three column layout (as used by A4 journals such as *British Archaeology* and *London Archaeologist*) and appropriate type size made it easy to read, and the overall presentation was excellent.

The following two journals were shortlisted for the prize:

News Views Research Newsletter, 123, 124, and 125, Barbra Lanning (ed) (2014), Pinner Local History Society, A4 paperback, 24 pages in each newsletter, colour cover, black and white text, no price given, no ISSN.

These three Newsletters, submitted as a single entry, provide general information about the Society, but members also contribute items of personal research, such as an item on a muster held at Harrow Weald in August 1914, based on the memories of the writer's father, then a schoolboy. Lord Montgomery, a Lieutenant at the time, was in charge of

one of the Platoons. Another vignette discusses Joseph Plaut, a Jewish opera singer, who took refuge in Harrow during World War II. These lively Newsletters were lavishly illustrated and well presented, but the single column layout across an A4 page created quite a long journey for readers travelling along one line and then moving down to the next.

Journal 2014, Brian Grisdale (ed) (2014), Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society, A4 paperback, 34 pages, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.

This journal from the Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society celebrates the beginning of the Society in 1964, as the result of concerns about the demolition of significant historic houses in the neighbourhood. Ironically, one of the articles concerns a community 'dig' on the site of one of them, Eastcote House. A photograph shows a length of wall of Tudor brick, with part of an 18th century extension at one end and the flints that are thought to be the base of the original late medieval house at the other. The quality of research was high, and readability was good.

Eileen Bowlt and Richard Gilpin, on behalf of the Local History Committee

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The 350th Anniversary of the Great Plague of London

2015 produced a bumper crop of national anniversaries ranging from Magna Carta to Waterloo, which rather overshadowed one important London anniversary: the Great Plague of 1665. During this fateful year, according to the published Bills of Mortality, 97,306 Londoners died; of these deaths 68,596 were attributed to plague. However, these published figures are considered to be an under-representation of the actual death toll. Also while it is widely believed that all these unfortunate people were killed by bubonic plague, the similarity of its symptoms to epidemic typhus should not be forgotten (See Cummins, N. Kelly, M. & O'Gráda, C. 2013 'Living Standards and Plague in London 1560-1665' University College Dublin Centre for Economic Research Working Paper Series WP13/08, available online for details).



In August 2015 MOLA archaeologists excavating part of the former Bedlam burial ground in the City of London (close to Liverpool Street Station) in advance of the construction of a new Crossrail station uncovered a mass grave (right) containing about 45

individuals (MOLA website 12/8/15 ‘Crossrail mass burial pit may be from Great Plague’; *The Times* 13/8/15 ‘Mass grave of Great Plague victims unearthed by Crossrail dig’).
These individuals had all been interred within wooden coffins which had been stacked very closely in rows within a clearly defined pit, implying that they had been buried hastily as a single event. Nearby was a headstone bearing the tell-tale inscription: ‘1665’. It is hoped that scientific investigation of these mass burials will help determine their cause of death and confirm if they died during the Great Plague. Recently study of 14th century plague burials discovered at Charterhouse revealed the DNA of *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium which causes three related epidemic diseases known as bubonic, septicaemic and pneumonic plague (see *LAMAS Transactions 64*, page 296).
As for 2016, it brings the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London: this conflagration will be discussed in several forthcoming articles in *LAMAS Transactions 66*. To commemorate this event the Museum of London has already produced a multi-media walking MP4 tour exploring the locations connected with the Great Fire of London.
Bruce Watson (photo © Crossrail)

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London’s oldest prisons could be transformed into new housing

The threats to the capital’s architectural heritage are many and varied, but it appears that the high site value of a number of our 19th-century prisons may tempt the Home Office into selling them off for upmarket housing, which would help offset the cost of building replacements. Potential candidates for closure are Brixton (the oldest, built in 1820 as a house of correction, it became a women’s prison in 1853 and was extended in 1898), Holloway (1851), Pentonville (1842), Wandsworth (1851) and Wormwood Scrubs (1874) all of which are situated in ‘expensive residential districts of the capital.’



For example, Pentonville in Islington has a potential site value of about £208 million and Wormwood Scrubs in Hammersmith (right) a value of about £440 million. However, these valuations are based on the assumption that the total area of each site will be redeveloped for private housing, which seems unlikely. Parts of these historic prisons have Listed Building status including the gatehouse at Wandsworth, the clock tower at Brixton, some cell blocks at Wormwood Scrubs and the chapel wing at Pentonville. One possibility is that the listed parts of these prisons could be retained and converted into

apartments. Another possibility is that the façades of some the prisons may be retained.

The first of these London prisons to close is expected to be Holloway, during 2016. It was originally built by the City of London between 1849 and 1851 to hold men, women and juveniles, and was only taken over by the state in 1877. Since 1902 it has only housed women, and was extensively rebuilt between 1975 and 1985. Sadly, this redevelopment involved the destruction of the imposing mock-medieval, Victorian gatehouse.

Bruce Watson

Sources: 'Gove plans to make millions by closing Victorian prisons' *Times* 10/11/15; 'Osborne spares the police after terror warnings' *Times* 26/11/15 and Byrne, R (1989) *Prisons and punishments of London*.

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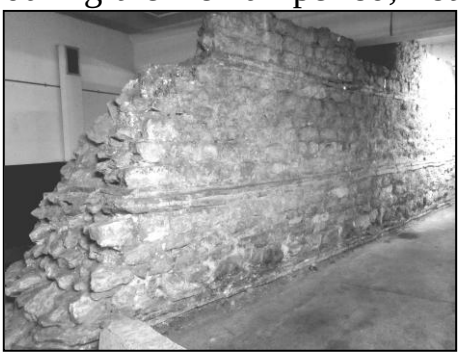
CBA London Roman Wall Walk

On 26th August, after a previous attempt by CBA London's Becky Wallower to arrange this event had fallen foul of striking transport workers, Jane Sidell (Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Historic England) was finally able to lead a group of CBA London members on a walking tour of the north-west corner of the Roman fort and wall.



After the group had initially assembled at the Museum of London, a short walk led to the first item on Jane's itinerary, in Noble Street. The focus of attention was the remains of an internal turret at the junction of the curved south-west corner of the fort and the western extension of the town wall (right). It was here that in 1949 the existence of the fort was confirmed.

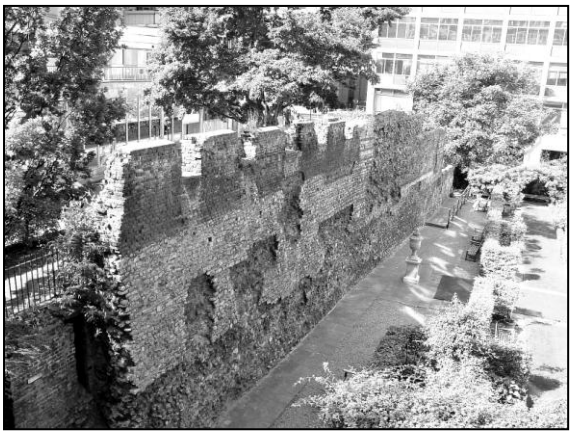
The tour then headed under ground, where the standing remains of the fort's west gate continue to survive in a closed area to the west of the car park beneath the present-day road named London Wall. The remains give a fascinating insight into construction techniques used during the Roman period, not least being the way in which the fort wall was thickened when incorporated into the defences of Londinium around AD 200.



Further east but still within the car park, the group were led to one of the surviving parts of Roman London's northern town wall. For the thousands of people walking overhead the structure (left) was hidden from view, but beneath the ground,

exposed to pollution on a daily basis from cars and motor cycles coming in and out, it is a regular sight for City commuters.

Three of the wall's bastions (including the spectacular Cripplegate Bastion, which marks the north-west corner of the fort) were next on the itinerary, and the walk ended in the garden of St Alphage Churchyard, where a section of the medieval wall with Tudor brickwork battlements (right) survives.



Something that became clear throughout the walk was the extent to which the surviving parts of the wall – in common with many of the country's ancient monuments – are in increasing need of conservation. This is a massive challenge as funding for such work becomes more difficult to obtain.

One of Jane's responsibilities at Historic England is to raise awareness of the threats to England's heritage, and none of those on the CBA London walk will have been left in any doubt that without conservation, many of the sections of the wall and its associated structures – having survived for nearly two thousand years – will not be around in two thousand years' time without extensive (and expensive) intervention.

Richard Gilpin

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European Award for The Young Archaeologists' Club

At the Annual General Meeting of the Council for British Archaeology on Monday 9th November, the Young Archaeologists' Club, York, was presented with a European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award.

This prize, which was launched in 2002, celebrates and promotes best practice in heritage conservation, management, research, education and communication, and in this way contributes to a stronger public recognition of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for Europe's society and economy.

The citation for the Young Archaeologists' Club, which was awarded its prize in the Education, Training and Awareness-Raising category, stated that "the Jury were impressed with the successful achievement over many years of a simple yet vital role – to enthuse young people about archaeology and the past. The dedication that goes into the planning of activities and longer-term structure of the organisation is truly noteworthy



and it is no surprise that a high percentage of members go on to study archaeology and work in this field... the Young Archaeologists' Club is an outstanding achievement in education, which is particularly important when opportunities in this subject within the school curriculum are limited".

Readers of the Newsletter (with or without children) are welcome to visit the Young Archaeologists' Club website: www.yac-uk.org, where they can find information about the clubs that operate in the LAMAS area. These include Bexley, Central London, Fulham Palace, London Camden, Runnymede and Spelthorne.

Richard Gilpin

(who, as well as being editor of LAMAS Newsletter, is also a volunteer with Central London YAC)

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Spitalfields suburb 1539-c1880: Excavations at Spitalfields Market, London E1, 1991-2007, by Chiz Harward, Nick Holder and Nigel Jeffries, with many specialist contributors (2015), published by MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) as MOLA Monograph 61, A4 hardback, 384 pages, fully illustrated in colour, French and German summaries, bibliography, index, CD-ROM of tables and meta data, £35.00. ISBN 978-1-907586-29-3.

The 1991-2007 Spitalfields Market excavations were arguably one of the most significant archaeological projects in Britain. The site, a substantial part of which lay within the priory and hospital of St Mary Spital, covered an area of approximately four hectares (about ten acres).

As work progressed, evidence was found for a Roman cemetery, the medieval priory of St Mary Spital and its churchyard, and the remains of hundreds of houses from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

Two of the three principal parts of *The Spitalfields suburb* feature chronological narratives of the development of the suburb of Spitalfields from the late 1530s to c1660 and the redevelopment of Spitalfields from the 1660s to the 19th century. The third part describes early aspects of the modern suburb.

As well as giving an account of the Spitalfields Market excavations, the authors have linked archaeological discoveries to documentary evidence

in order to produce an archaeological and social history of the changes that have taken place on the site over a period of 350 years.

Owing to the large amount of post-excavation data captured, the decision was made to focus the analysis (of pottery, glasswares, clay tobacco pipes and other domestic items) on properties with large numbers of such finds, many of which could be linked to properties and households in the Spitalfields area for which there was a significant amount of documentary evidence. This "household archaeology" approach was intended to reconstruct and better understand the lifestyles of the occupants of the properties.

The authors have succeeded in their objective of using this approach to reconstruct the social history of the suburb's properties, and have produced a book that will satisfy any reader with an interest in the archaeology and social history of London.

A more detailed review will be published in *Transactions 66*.

Three companion volumes cover different aspects of the market excavations: the osteology of the priory's medieval cemetery (Connell et al, 2012); Roman Spitalfields (McKenzie and Thomas, in preparation); and the medieval priory of St Mary Spital (Harward et al, in preparation).

Richard Gilpin

LECTURES

The University of London Extra-Mural Archaeological Society (**EMAS**) is organising the following Friday lectures at 7.00pm at The Museum of London (Clore Learning Centre). Entry is Free for members of EMAS and LAMAS.

15 January 2016
The Town that calls itself a Village: Archaeology in Ewell, Surrey, Jon Cotton

29 January 2016
Were there Celts in Britain?, Scott McCracken

Archives for London is organising the following Thursday lectures at 6.00pm at the London Metropolitan Archives (Huntley Room). Non-members £6.00. Advance booking essential. email: jeff.gerhardt@cityoflondon.go.uk

7 January 2016
Collecting Troublemakers for 100 years: Special Collections at Bishopsgate Library, Stef Dickers

4 February 2016
The Society of Genealogists and Family History Research, Else Churchill

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AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Acton History Group

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

13 January 2016
Ferris Brothers, The Globe Cinema and the Ferris Archive, Brian Ferris

10 February 2016
The Small Mansion, Gunnersbury Park, David Bush, and **The Large Mansion and more recent developments**, Vanda Foster

9 March 2016
Little Ealing Group: "An American President in Ealing – John Quincy Adams" – how the book evolved, Paul Fitzmaurice

13 April 2016, 5.30 pm
Walk in Little Ealing with members of the Little Ealing Group – meet 5.30pm outside Northfields Station. Ends at The Plough pub.

11 May 2016, 5.30-7.30pm
Circular Walk in Bedford Park with David Budworth – meet at 5.30pm at the corner of The Avenue and Bath Road, just outside the west end of St Michael and All Angels. Ends at The Tabard pub.

Barking and District Historical Society

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

1 February 2016
The Barking and Dagenham Mobile Museum, Verity-Jane Keefe

7 March 2016
Working lives3, members of the society share memories of their time at work

4 April 2016
To coin a phrase: a light-hearted look at the origins of some of the expressions in everyday use, Meryl Catty

9 May 2016
AGM followed by **Barking Hospital and its grounds**, Eric Feasey

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Barnes and Mortlake History Society

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

21 January 2016
Richmond Park in the Two World Wars, Diana Loch

13 February 2016 (Saturday), Barnes Methodist Church at 2.30pm
Blue Plaques in London, Cathy Power

18 February 2016
AGM followed by **The Life of John Dee**, Nicholas Dakin

17 March 2016, St Mary's Church, Barnes at 8.00pm
Handel and the Composers of Barnes, part of the Barnes Music Festival

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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.

11 January 2016
Photographic history of Charing Cross Road, Rob Kayne

8 February 2016
Jean Rhys: A woman in the attic, Jackie Leedham

14 March 2016
Eleanor Rathbone, Susan Cohen

11 April 2016
Remembering 'Bungo'. An appreciation of the life & career of Field-Marshall the Viscount Byng of Vimy, William Franklin

9 May 2016
Dickens. The man and his work, Paul Baker

Bexley Archaeological Group

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

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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 3rd 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

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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.

21 January 2016
Camden Local Studies Library and Archives Centre
Dinosaurs in Crystal Palace Park, Professor Joe Cain

18 February 2016
Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 1LT
Treasures of the National Gallery, Susan Jenkinson

17 March 2016
Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre
Artistic symbolism in the Suffragette movement, Irene Cockroft

21 April 2016
Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 1LT
Roger Fry and the Omega Workshops, Frances Spalding CBE

19 May 2016
Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre
An accident in Cat's Meat Square, Ruth Richardson

Camden New Town History Group

Camden New Town is north of Camden Town, in the London Borough of Camden. Meetings of this group of local residents are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Irish Centre in Camden Square.
email: maillist@camdennewtown.info; website: www.camdennewtown.info.

Chadwell Heath Historical Society

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

19 January 2016
"Serving with the Colours" – How Peabody tenants went to war in 1914, Christine Wagg

16 February 2016
The Merchant Navy in WWI, Keith Langridge

15 March 2016
Copped Hall: The Mansion and the Gardens from 1150 to date, Peter Dalton

19 April 2016
Dorothy L Sayers – The Bluestocking and the Aristocrat, Janet Seward

17 May 2016
The Moat Farm Murder 1899, Martyn Lockwood

City of London Archaeological Society

The society's meetings are held at St Olave's Church Hall, Mark Lane EC3R 7BB. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Light refreshments are available after the

lecture. Non-members' admission: £2 (please sign the visitors' book). For further details, visit: www.colas.org.uk; email: mail@colas.org.uk.

15 January 2016
The Temples and Gods of Roman London, Dr Dominic Perring

19 February 2016
COLAS AGM and Lecture (to be announced)

Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society

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

12 January 2016
Will it fly?, Martin Kellett

9 February 2016
The Sydney Harbour Bridge, Colin Davies

8 March 2016
Brooklands into the 2nd century, Tim Morris

12 April 2016
The Energy Crisis, Dr John M Hodgson

10 May 2016
Coming to a railway near to you, Roger Ford

East London History Society

All meetings are held at Latimer Congregational Church Hall, Ernest Street, E1 unless otherwise stated. Ernest Street is between Harford Street and White Horse Lane, off Mile End Road (opposite Queen Mary and Westfield College). Meetings start at 7:30pm. The nearest underground stations are Mile End and Stepney Green. Buses: 25, 205, 339 to Queen Mary College and D6, D7, 277, 323, 339, 425 to Mile End Station.

14 January 2016
London's Rebel Footprints - the stories of grassroots movements for change from the 1830s to the 1930s, David Rosenberg

18 February 2016
A Tour of Tower Hamlets in the 18th Century, Jane Cox

17 March 2016
The Gentle Author's Cries of London, The Gentle Author

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.

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.

The **Southwark** branch meets on the 2nd Monday of alternate months in Southwark Local History Library, 211 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JA. Meetings start at 12 noon.

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

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

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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

3 March 2016, 8.00pm
Christchurch Hall, Eltham High Street
AGM followed by **Ireland's little island**, Neill Trueman

Enfield Archaeological Society

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

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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; website: www.hackney.gov.uk/c-archives-friends; telephone: 020 7241 2886.

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

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

Friern Barnet and District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month 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. There are no meetings in July and August. Email: friernbarnethistory@hotmail.co.uk; website: www.friernbarnethistory.org.uk. For further details contact David Berguer on 020 8368 8314.

27 January 2016
Garden Cities, David Berguer

24 February 2016
Time for Tea: a History of Tea Drinking in London, John Neal

23 March 2016
Archaeology, Robin Densom

27 April 2016
A Greenspaces Walk, Mike Gee

Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society

For information about the activities of Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, email: fhhslist@gmail.com.

Harefield History Society

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

Hayes and Harlington Local History Society

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

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Hendon & District Archaeological Society

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

12 January 2016
Royal Palaces of Enfield, Ian Jones

9 February, 2016
Medieval Middlesex: The Archaeological Remains, Adam Corsini

8 March, 2016
Crossrail Archaeology Project, Jay Carver

10 May 2016
Hadrian's Wall: Life on Rome's northern frontier, Matt Symonds

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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 £1.50 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

13 January 2016
The Friern Hospital Story, David Berguer

10 February 2016
Darling Daisy, Dr Neil Houghton

9 March 2016
Another Kind of Life: Dickens & the Theatre, Dr Tony Williams

13 April 2016
Shakespeare's Curtain Theatre, Julian Bowsher

11 May 2016
The Day Peace Broke Out, Mike Brown

Hounslow & District History Society

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Road, Hounslow, TW3 1UL, starting at 7.45pm, non-members £2.00. For further details contact Andrea Cameron (0208 570 4264) or Liz Mammatt (020 3302 4036). Website: www.hounslowhistory.org.uk.

26 January 2016
Le Village Belge sur la Tamise: Belgian Refugees in Twickenham in World War One, Dr Helen Baker

23 February 2016
The History of Staines Linoleum, Nick Pollard

29 March 2016
Ciné film of Heston, Hounslow, Isleworth and Osterley, Andrea Cameron

26 April 2016
AGM followed by **The Origins of Hounslow Town and the Bath Road**, James Marshall

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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.

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

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Lewisham Local History Society

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

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Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

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

14 January 2016, Leyton Sixth Form College
An archaeological talk, Les Capon

11 February 2016, St John's Church Hall
'Forbidden Love and Broken Hearts', Georgina Green

16 March 2016, St John's Church Hall
A talk, Alice Mackay

20 April 2016, St Mary's Parish Hall
'Buckhurst Hill - the development of a nearby suburb', Lynn Haseldine-Jones

18 May 2016, St John's Church Hall
AGM followed by **Leytonstone and the First World War**, Graham Millington

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London Natural History Society

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

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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.

16 January 2016
'Recent Researches', talks by a number of members

13 February 2016
'Cheam Pottery', Clive Orton

12 March 2016
'The Syon Abbey Herbal AD 1517 – the last Monastic Herbal in England', John Adams

9 April 2016
'The Wanborough Hoard', DI Alan Bridgman

The Norwood Society

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

Orpington & District Archaeological Society

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

3 February 2016
Sir Cloudesley Shovell and The Longitude Act, Peter Daniel

2 March 2016
Recent Discoveries including concrete sound mirrors found at Fan Hole, Mike Clinch

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Pinner Local History Society

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

7 January 2016, 10.30am
Memories of the Queen's Coronation, Terry Jenkins

4 February 2016, 10.30am
My Life in the Foundling Hospital School, Lydia Carmichael

3 March 2016
Shops in Pinner, Research Group Presentation

7 April 2016
From Hobble Skirts to Puttees: Humour in the First World War, Geraldine Beare

28 April 2016
AGM followed by **The History of the Pinner Hill Estate**, Jo Crocker

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Potters Bar and District Historical Society

Meetings are held in the 60 Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, starting at 8.00pm prompt. Visitors are welcome (admission £1). For further details please contact email: pbdhs.sjb@btinternet.com; website: www.pottersbar.org/historicalsociety.

22 January 2016:
'Elstree Studios over the last hundred years', Bob Redmond

16 February 2016
'The Listeners of Trent Park', Ms Helen Fry

18 March 2016
'The Railways and the Suburbs', Michael Massey

21 April 2016
AGM followed by **'Dame Alice School'**, Dave Connatty

19 May 2016
'Magna Carta', Gary Fisher

Richmond Archaeological Society

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

8 January 2016, 7:30pm
New Year Social Event and talk the restoration of the Temparate House, Kew Gardens, Susan Rhodes

12 February 2016
'Lawrence of Arabia's War' (an archaeologically and anthropologically informed military history), Neil Faulkner

11 March 2016
Rendlesham rediscovered: an East Anglian royal settlement of the time of Sutton Hoo', Prof Christopher Scull

8 April 2016
Neanderthals of La Manche: New Research from the Channel, Dr Matt Pope

13 May 2016
The Maya Collapse: Myth or Reality?, Prof Elizabeth Graham

Richmond Local History Society

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

11 January 2016
Virginia Woolf and Richmond, Talk, Frances Spalding

8 February 2016, St Anne's Church Kew
Johan Zoffany in Kew, Frances Hughes

14 March 2016
Bat and Ball in Richmond - a history of local cricket, Murray Hedgcock

11 April 2016
The 100th Anniversary of Richmond's Star and Garter Home, Dr David Blomfield

16 May 2016
AGM and **Richmond Screen**, a special screening of highlights from the Borough's collection of historic films

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Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place at the Time and Talents Settlement, The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe, SE16 4DJ, and begin at 7.45pm. Non-members welcome for a donation of £2. For more information please visit www.rbhistory.org.uk.

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.

18 January 2016
The US Presence in Ruislip, Sean Kelly

15 February 2016
St Vincent's: 100 years of caring, Jacquie Scott

14 March 2016
A History of Winsor & Newton: Artists' Colourmen, Ian Garrett

18 April 2016
Watford after the Dissolution: the Royal Manor of Watford, Pat Simpson

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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.co.uk

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Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

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

12 January 2016
The Surrey Docks Farm Project, Germander Speedwell

9 February 2016
From the Dark to the Light. Crime and Prostitution, Pubs, Cinemas and Circuses – 200 years of Waterloo life, Chris Everett

8 March 2016
Solent and Thames Watermills, David Plunkett

12 April 2016
Symposium – a group of short talks by up to four speakers

10 May 2016
Antiquarian Finds from the Thames, Jon Cotton

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

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

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Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society

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

6 January, 2016
The Isle of Wight, Dr Isobel Thompson

3 February, 2016
The Underground at War, David Burnell

2 March, 2016
Wren's St Paul's at 300, Vivien Kermath

6 April, 2016
John Betjeman's London, Colin Oakes

4 May, 2016
AGM

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

Lectures are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8.00pm on the first Monday of each month from October to May. Guests are welcome (£2.50). For further information please contact the Secretary, Ms Rosemary McGlashon (020 8977 5671) or visit our website http://www.botlhs.co.uk

4 January 2016
Social Evening: A Surprise from Dr French

1 February 2016
All Hallows – A City of London Church in Twickenham, Kathryn Elliott

7 March 2016
Hampton Wick – Brick by Brick, Ray Elmitt

4 April 2016
Twickenham's Marvellous Musical Maestros – Weston & Lee, Paul Barnfield

9 May 2016
AGM followed by some short talks

Uxbridge Local History and Archives Society

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

19 January 2016, 2.30p.m
Randall's Stores, Kate Randall

16 February 2016
Curiosities of London, Sally Botwright

15 March 2016
Old Postcards of Uxbridge, Ken Pearce

19 April 2016
Uxbridge Characters, Tony Mitchell

17 May 2016
AGM and **Social Evening**

Walthamstow Historical Society

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

14 January 2016, 19.45
Britain's Post – War Prefabs, Elisabeth Blanchet

11 February 2016, 19.00 William Morris Gallery
Edward Lloyd – 'The Penny Blood King', Sarah Lill

18 February 2016, 19.45
The Siege of Sidney Street, 1911 - Edwardian Terrorism, Jef Page

17 March 2016, 19.45
The History of the Foundling Hospital, Jane King

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

29 January 2016
6th Nick Fuentes Memorial Lecture
The Late Roman Cemetery at Trinity Street, Southwark, Douglas Killock

26 February 2016
The first saints in Clapham - radical puritan merchants in the 17th century, Timothy Walker

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West Drayton & District Local History Society

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

26 January 2016
Paddle Steamer the Medway Queen, Pam and Mark Bathurst

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My 20 Years as a Gazette Reporter, Barbara Fisher

29 March 2016
Historic Houses in the Borough of Hounslow, Christine Diwell

26 April 2016
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