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## NOTICES

### *Newsletter*: Copy Dates

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 3 August 2009 (for the September 2009 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

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### LAMAS Lecture Programme 2009

All meetings take place at the Museum of London on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the Terrace Room – refreshments from 6pm. Meetings are open to all; members may bring guests, and non-members are welcome.

**14 May 2009**
**Islington's Remembrance Project – Residents and Conflict in the 20th Century**, John Shepherd, Project Manager, Islington Book of Remembrance Project

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### Local History News

**Conference**: This year's Local History Conference will take place on 21 November, at the City of London School for Girls. The topic will be *London's Open Spaces*, but the final title and contents have still to be decided. Tickets will be £8 for members of LAMAS and £10 for others, but Affiliated Societies will be able to send two delegates at the reduced price, as before.

**Workshops**: The Local History Committee is considering setting up occasional workshops (on topics such as Enclosures, Hearth Tax, etc.) where delegates from Local History Societies doing research on such topics could benefit either from comparison with other areas, or where a unified approach to the methods used would improve the final results.

Any members of Affiliated Local History Societies interested in such a workshop are asked to contact the Secretary, Ann Hignell, whose details are given below.

**Publications Award**: Members of Affiliated Societies are reminded that the closing date for submissions for the 2009 Award for publications on a Local History topic is 31 May. The prize will be £100. To be eligible the book or pamphlet should be a stand-alone item: it can be large or small, but must show original research and add to the general knowledge of Greater London. It can be either published by an Affiliated Local History Society, or self-published by a member or members of that Society, between January 2008 and January 2009. The LAMAS Local History Committee received an impressive selection of entries for last year's Award, and hope that similar submissions will be received this time. An application form has been issued to all Affiliated Societies, but additional copies and further information can be obtained from the Committee Secretary:
Ann Hignell, Sec. LAMAS Local History Committee, 24 Orchard Close, Ruislip, Middx. HA4 7LS, or at annhignell@waitrose.com

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## Important Announcement: LAMAS Research Fund

The Research Fund is a modest sum granted annually to support research into the archaeology and history of London and Middlesex. We would now like to invite applications for the 2009/2010 fund.

### How much will the fund be and who can apply?

The fund level for the year 2009/2010 has been set by Council at £5000. Applications are invited for all or part of this sum. The fund is open to all full individual members of the Society.

### What can the fund be used for?

The fund can be used to support specific projects of almost any type, which relate to the core objectives of the Society as set out in our Constitution. Archaeological applications must also fit within the Research Agenda for London (REF), and show that the research is **not** that which should have been funded through other means, particularly through development control conditions (such as are applied through PPG16), or as part of a previously agreed Scheduled Ancient Monument Consent, for example. For historical research projects, favour will be given to those projects focused on landscapes, districts, monuments, or buildings over biographical or other approaches. Specific educational fieldwork projects may also be supported (such as a Young Archaeologist's Club, or National Archaeology Days).

**How does one apply?**
Applicants will need to write a **Project Design** to set out the following:

- Succinct and clear summary of the work – what it is going to achieve and why it is important? (project objectives)
- Statement of how it meets the Constitutional criteria (and for archaeology, the Research Agenda) (project context)
- Who is going to do the work and when (project team and timetable)
- What tasks the work entails (a method statement)
- What we can expect the report to contain in terms of text, illustrations and figures, including an estimate of word count (synopsis)
- How much is being asked for and how it is being allocated (project costings)

Applications must be **received** by Council by no later than 30 September each year. Decisions will be made during October, and successful applicants notified by letter on or around 1 November (Council will notify all applicants of their success or failure, and give general reasons. Council's decision is **final**). The work must be undertaken and completed within 10 months and submitted to be **received** by Council by 31 August of the following year. The project submissions will be appraised by Council in the September of each year, and, assuming the work is of the expected form and quality, cheques issued to cover the grant on agreement of sign-off.

Full details can be found on our website: www.lamas.org.uk or from Jackie Keily (jkeily@museumoflondon.org.uk; tel. 020 7814 5734).
*Barney Sloane and Jackie Keily, LAMAS Research Fund Co-ordinators*

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## SCOLA

At the AGM of SCOLA on Monday 16 March, the following motion was put to the members present: That the Standing Conference on London Archaeology be dissolved. After the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities £1,000 should be given to the London Archaeologist to enable the Publications Prize to continue; £2,500 should be given to the City of London Archaeological Trust; and the remainder of the Standing Conference's assets should be transferred to the London Group of the Council for British Archaeology. The existing officers and Committee should continue in order to carry out this resolution and should then disband.

The motion was passed on a show of hands, with one abstention. As directed, the officers are now finalising the accounts and approaching the Charity Commissioners to complete the formalities of dissolution. One

final meeting of the Committee is planned for mid-April to approve the officers' actions. Following payment of a number of outstanding sums, it is likely that there will be about £6400 remaining in SCOLA's reserves - on the basis of the AGM resolution, just under £3000 of this would be allocated to CBA London. James Doeser (CBA London's Secretary) was asked what other funding had been promised for CBA London. He reported that this now includes £5000 from CBA itself (for one year) and £3500 from the Society of Antiquaries.

On the conclusion of the business of the AGM Dennis Turner gave a talk about the history of SCOLA from its inception to the present, including valuable advice as well as warnings for the new CBA group!
*John Clark*

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## The Thames Discovery Programme

Building on initiatives pioneered by the Museum of London's Thames Archaeological Survey (1995-99) and the Thames Explorer Trust's innovative education projects, the Thames Discovery Programme aims to communicate an understanding and informed enjoyment of the historic Thames to the widest possible audience. This ambitious project is hosted by the Thames Estuary Partnership, in the University College London Environment Institute, and the Thames Explorer Trust with generous support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Other partners include the Museum of London, English Heritage and the UCL Institute of Archaeology.

Over the next three years, archaeologists from the programme will survey 20 archaeological sites along the tidal Thames. This will be supported by the work of the Foreshore Recording and Observation Groups (FROG), who will monitor the surveyed sites for changes, as the daily tides scour away the remaining archaeological features. The FROG will be made up of volunteer members of the public, who will be trained in foreshore recording techniques, health and safety and digital recording by the TDP team.

We are running a regular programme of FREE training events for anyone interested in joining the Thames Discovery Programme as a FROG member, interested in getting involved in background research, joining in with our public events or just to find out more about the Programme. More detailed information can be found on our comprehensive project website www.thamesdiscovery.org

We run the FROG training events on a three-monthly cycle, with an introductory evening, followed by a classroom-based Day 1 training

event and a foreshore-based Day 2 training event, around a month after the Day 1 training. You can find out more about how to sign up for the events at the next introductory evening on 1 May (from 6 to 8pm), at LAARC, Mortimer Wheeler House, 48 Eagle Wharf Road London N1 7ED. If you would like the team to give an introductory talk to a group or society, please get in touch with us at enquires@thamesdiscovery.org. All the Thames Discovery Programme events are suitable for anyone over the age of 18.

The Thames Discovery Programme is a great opportunity for members of the public to get involved in one of the most exciting archaeology projects in London. Our outreach work will also involve school groups, student research projects, opportunities for work experience, displays, exhibitions, lectures, site visits and an annual conference.

*Nathalie Cohen and Lorna Richardson*
*Thames Discovery Programme*

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## Are London's Conservation Areas 'At Risk'?

English Heritage is launching a national survey of Conservation Areas. London has approximately 955 Conservation Areas – details are held by councils and can usually be found on their websites.

English Heritage has asked every Local Authority in the country to fill in a questionnaire for each of their Conservation Areas as part of the first nationwide census of their condition. The results will be announced and a campaign will be launched on 23 June to help councils, communities and individual residents to care for these special places.

Conservation Areas identified as at risk will be added to the Heritage at Risk register, published annually by English Heritage. The register helps everyone to prioritise action, direct resources to areas of need and focus attention on saving the best of the past for the future. Eventually it will make England the first country in the world to have a comprehensive picture of its heritage at risk and the necessary understanding to save it.

Many Conservation Areas have local amenity societies or residents' groups which perform a valuable role in protecting the special character of the place where they live for everyone's benefit. English Heritage wants to hear about major successes and might feature your local amenity society in their campaign booklet and on their website. To receive information on the Conservation Areas at Risk campaign, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/conservationareas

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## *London Archaeologist* Back Issues Now Online

The archive of the London Archaeologist is now accessible online through the Archaeology Data Service:
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/london_arch/
It consists of all the articles that have appeared in the periodical between 1968 and 2005 (volumes 1 to 10). Published by the London Archaeologist Association since 1968, the periodical covers every significant archaeological discovery in the capital, including excavation reports, finds studies, environmental reports, exhibition and book reviews, news and commentary. More recent volumes can be obtained from the London Archaeologist website (http://www.londonarchaeologist.org.uk/).

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## MINUTES
## Minutes of the LAMAS Annual General Meeting
## Terrace Room, Museum of London, 19 February 2009

**On platform**: President: Prof Caroline Barron (CB), Chairman: Eileen Bowlt (EB), Hon Treasurer: Martin Williams, Meriel Jeater (MJ) (Acting Secretary, taking minutes)

Approximately 45 members attended

**1. Apologies**: Hon Secretary: Jackie Keily, June Stubbs, Ann Hignell, Laura Schaaf

**2. Minutes of 152nd AGM 20 February 2008**: Cecil Cherns proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted; seconded by Brian Warren. The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. Annual Report and Accounts**: EB thanked Jackie Keily for producing the annual report, and thanked members of Council, including the President, members of the committees, the *Transactions* editor and the *Newsletter* editor, for all their hard work on behalf of the Society.

The 153rd Annual Report was circulated to members. EB summarised the main points. The lecture series had continued to be held in the Terrace Room at the Museum of London. Cheryl Smith had organised a very varied and enjoyable series of lectures. The joint lecture with Natural History Society had been very successful and it was hoped that this would continue.

Membership stood at 658, with 45 unpaid. EB encouraged members to get friends and colleagues to join. The benefits included lectures, *Transactions* and the two annual conferences.

All the committees had been very busy this year. The Annual Conference of London Archaeologists in March was well attended. Work was continuing on the South Mimms Castle project, which the LAMAS Archaeology Committee was promoting. The Local History conference had also been very successful. It was noted that the Historic Buildings Committee was now undertaking site visits and was seeking new members to look at planning applications and to help with their important work.

MW reported on the Society's finances. Thanks were given to Stuart Forbes for examining the accounts and for stepping in at short notice to do so. Income and expenditure showed a surplus of £40. Income was, in general, up a little and subscriptions were also up a little. Expenditure was slightly less. However, the lack of the Museum of London lecture theatre for conferences did mean that the Society had to spend more than usual on hiring alternative venues. Overall, the Treasurer felt that the accounts were healthy and noted that the Society had £80,000 in accumulated funds. MW also thanked the Membership Secretary, Patricia Clarke, for her work on subscriptions, the conference organisers, Karen Thomas for her work in selling LAMAS' publications.

CB thanked EB and MW for their generous support of the Society.

Joanna Clark proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts should be adopted; this was seconded by Nick Holder and carried.

**4. Election of Officers and Members of Council**: A list of Officers and Council members for election and re-election was circulated with the agenda. CB thanked John Clark and Barney Sloane, who were standing down (JC will continue for the moment as LAMAS representative to SCOLA; BS will continue as a member of the Publications Committee and the Research Fund Committee).

It was agreed that the following officers of Council be elected *en bloc*; all were proposed for re-election by Council and seconded by Rita Ensom and unanimously elected:

Chairman: Eileen Bowlt
Hon. Secretary: Jackie Keily
Hon. Treasurer: Martin Williams

It was agreed that the following members of Council be elected *en bloc*; all were proposed for re-election by Council and seconded by Rob Whytehead and unanimously elected:

Cheryl Smith (Lectures)
Tim Carew
John Schofield
Meriel Jeater (*Newsletter*)
Karen Thomas
Graham Javes

Kate Sumnall Laura Schaaf
Roy Stephenson Kathryn Stubbs
Nathalie Cohen (Hon. Archaeology Editor)

The following members were proposed for election to Council (proposed by Council; seconded by Colin Bowlt) and unanimously elected:
Hedley Swain Jane Sidell Don Cooper

Ann Hignell continues to represent the Local History Committee on Council.

**5. Appointment of Auditor(s):** Council proposed Mr Stuart Forbes as the Honorary Examiner; seconded by Graham Javes. No other nominations were received. Mr Forbes was unanimously elected.

**6. Any other business**: Nick Holder asked for LAMAS views on the CBA London/London Archaeologist link up. EB asked John Clark to comment. JC spoke as LAMAS representative on SCOLA. SCOLA is voting in March on whether to wind up and pass the baton to CBA London. Don Cooper, Chair of CBA London, is now on LAMAS Council. SCOLA has come up with a programme for winding up and deciding what to do with its remaining funds. It would like the SCOLA archaeological publications prize to continue and it is hoped that CBA London will undertake this. The CBA Chair and Secretary went to the previous LAMAS Archaeology Committee meeting and it is hoped that a memorandum of understanding will be produced between the two organisations, and possibly also plans for joint future work and events. The joint membership offer for CBA London and *London Archaeologist* has encouraged new LA subscribers.

Don Cooper reported that CBA London is very keen to have a good relationship with LAMAS.

CB emphasised that LAMAS has the added attraction of being about both history and archaeology. CB then thanked Nick Holder for his question and declared the meeting closed.

CB then gave a fascinating first Presidential address, 'Surviving the Reformation in London: the case of Thomas Salter'

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## REVIEW

### LAMAS 46th Conference of London Archaeologists held at Museum of London Docklands, 14 March 2009

The conference opened with the presentation of the Ralph Merrifield Award to Chaz Morse and Lorna Richardson of LP Archaeology for the

web-based public outreach programme that accompanied the Prescot Street excavation. For details see either http://www.lparchaeology/prescot or the *London Archaeologist* 2008 Vol. 12, No. 2.

Appropriately Chaz Morse was the first speaker on the Prescot Street excavation at Aldgate, within the east London Roman cemetery. There were a number of inhumation burials and one unusual chest cremation, which contained three glass vessels including a plate. There was also a burial placed on a tile and stone platform, a very unusual practice. During the 15th century a huge gravel pit was dug across the site. The backfill of this pit contained a vast amount of well-preserved leather shoes.

Next Derek Renn on behalf of LAMAS recounted his ongoing quest to publish the late John Kent's 1960-67 excavations at South Mimms Castle, Hertfordshire. The earthworks of this 12th-century motte and bailey castle still remain intact, so further fieldwork is a possibility. It is believed that this castle possessed a keep that was entered via a passageway at basement level.

The Romans in Brentford was the theme of Bob Cowie's (MOLA) lecture. During 2004-08 at Syon Park elements of a rural roadside settlement including its ditched fields were uncovered.

Sophie Jackson (MOLA) gave a whirlwind tour of work in the City of London and beyond. A length of the 3rd-century AD Roman riverside wall was revealed at Riverbank House, Swan Lane, a site previously redeveloped in 1981. Finds from the site included a spectacular 14th-century lead openwork devotional panel depicting the life of the semi-official St Thomas of Lancaster. At Cannon Street station a series of small trenches on the site of the monumental Roman palace confirmed the western extension of various features recorded during the 1960s development of the station. Bucklersbury House, the site of the 1954 discovery of the Temple of Mithras was evaluated revealing that parts of the temple foundations remain intact. However, more importantly this proposed development is a wonderful opportunity to examine the unexcavated temple portico along the site's eastern boundary. At 20 Fenchurch Street a late Roman masonry cellared building was found and more of the Neronian fort was discovered nearby at Plantation Place. Excavations at Crosby Square, formerly the site of the 15th-century mansion known as 'Crosby Place' (dismantled in 1909 and rebuilt in Chelsea), have revealed elements of the cellars of this mansion, plus a Roman D-shaped plunge bath. Work at Mariner House found elements of the church of the Crutched or Crossed Friars (est. *c* 1265). At Tower House a forgotten length of the Roman city wall was uncovered. At 4 Bankside in Southwark a revetted ditch and various brick-lined cesspits

revealed masses of 16th- and 17th-century finds including a bowling ball. Work at 10-14 Upper St Martin's Lane has revealed more evidence of Middle Saxon 'Lundenwic'. Excavations at 150 High Street Stratford found the imposing brick foundations of an 18th- and 19th-century tidal mill. A community archaeology project at Baker's Row, Stratford revealed part of the guesthouse or gatehouse of the Cistercian Abbey of Stratford Langthorne (1135-1538).

Simon Davis (MOLA) described the discovery of a medieval tidal mill on Greenwich peninsula (tree-ring dated to 1194). The foundations of this timber-framed building and its drive wheel were remarkably well preserved due to a build-up of fluvial sediments. The drive wheel would have possessed an estimated 60 paddles.

The afternoon session started with David Fellows (English Heritage) talking about the Chiswick House gardens regeneration project. This Palladian villa was constructed in the 1720s, next to a Jacobean mansion, which was demolished during the late 18th century, when the villa was extended. Work on the site of the new marquee and café has revealed elements of the Jacobean house (see *Current Archaeology* No. 223).

Emma Dwyer (MOLA) described recording iconic buildings, which makes you reconsider your definition of modern heritage. The 1936 Sports Pavilion on East Hackney Marshes (rebuilt 1953) was a very unassuming complex of buildings, but the history behind their construction and the struggle to preserve this area of open space for public usage was fascinating. However, this struggle has now been lost as the area is going to be redeveloped as a coach park for the 2012 Olympics. In complete contrast was the history of the Astoria Theatre, Charing Cross Road, which started life in 1893 as a warehouse; in 1927 it became a cinema and ballroom and in 1968 was converted into a theatre.

Julian Bowsher (MOLA), a principal author of the forthcoming volume on London's playhouses, summarised the results of his research. The most recent discovery has been part of the brick foundations of a playhouse simply known as 'the Theatre' at Shoreditch, which was demolished in 1598 (see *Current Archaeology* No. 225). This discovery had already inspired proposals for the construction of two replicas (*Times* 7/3/09, pg 32) and a visit from Sir Ian McKellan (*Times* 20/3/09, pg 26).

Ben Ford (Oxford Archaeology) described the excavations within the inner courtyard at Hampton Court Palace, where elements of the moated manor or 'camera' (est. *c* 1160) belonging to the Knights Hospitaller were found. Structures examined included a large aisled hall or barn of late 13th- or 14th-century date. Evidence of fire damage may relate to the documented damage during 1353.

John Schofield described how his ongoing research on the archaeology of the pre-Great Fire St Paul's Cathedral has allowed the compilation of a new plan of the Norman Cathedral (est. 1087) (see *London Archaeologist* 2008/9 Vol. 12, No. 3). This imposing building had a Latin cross ground plan. The cathedral choir was extended eastwards during 1259-1314. In 1332 a cloister and chapter house was added to its southern side and in 1440 a second cloister was added to its northern side. During 1632-42 a portico was added to the western end of the cathedral.
*Bruce Watson*

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## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

***Reappraisal of the Battle of Barnet,*** by B. Warren (2009). Potters Bar Historical Society. 44pp. 1 illustration. 20 maps. Price £2 plus £1 p&p. Available from Mrs Mabel Hammett, 4 Heath Cottages, Heath Road, Potters Bar EN6 1LS

The battle, fought in the vicinity of Barnet on 14 April 1471 between Edward IV and Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, has provided historians with grounds for speculation about the exact position and layout of the field for centuries. Many questions remain unanswered. Why has a relatively small area, trampled by some 24,000 fighting men (the number is conjectural) and where some 3000 are thought to have died, thrown up so little in the way of skulls, bones, armour and weapons? Where exactly did the chapel stand that early sources say was erected for masses and prayers to be offered for the repose of the souls of the dead?

Brian Warren has lived near the site for over 60 years and has examined an impressive array of documents, maps of all periods and the changing geology of the area, part of which was taken into the Wrotham Park estate, created by Admiral Byng from 1750. Another portion became farmland after Enfield Chace was enclosed in 1777. He suggests that many artefacts could have been lost during the enclosure. He concludes that the battle was fought north of the generally accepted position on Hadley Green. Read the book to find out his reasoning.
*Eileen Bowlt*

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### *The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*
### Special Offer for LAMAS Members

The latest edition of *The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*, edited by David Hey, is now out. It contains over 2000 A-Z entries from 'adoption' to 'World War records', thematic articles, detailed appendices and suggestions for further reading. It advises how to research your

family tree using the internet and details the full range of online resources available. LAMAS members are offered a 25% discount (bringing the price down to £18.75) if they order directly from Oxford University Press, quoting the reference AROCFLH09. To order, call 01536 741017. Offer ends 31 May 2009.

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## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

### Bexley Archaeological Group Training Days and Excavation

**9 May 2009**
**Artefact Illustration Workshop**, Jane Russell (10am – 4.30pm)

**3 – 7 August 2009**
**Training excavation**
Novice excavators from members and outside the Group are welcome to join the BAG Annual Training Excavation Week at their ongoing site in Bexley, Kent. The minimum age for participants is 16 (with parents' consent). All excavators will have the opportunity to experience the main tasks associated with an excavation under the supervision and guidance of the Field Officers from the Field Unit of Bexley Archaeological Group. Tasks carried out include trowelling, finds processing, surveying, drawing and field-walking. Fees: £80 for 5 days for non-members. This includes annual membership to Bexley Archaeological Group, insurance, Certificate of Attendance and admin.

For further information on the workshop or the excavation, please contact Pip Pulfer (07961 963893) pipspad@hotmail.co.uk (for the workshop) or pips-pad@tiscali.co.uk (for the excavation).

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### Copped Hall Trust Archaeological Project: Dig and Field School 10 – 14 August & 17 – 21 August 2009

The Copped Hall Trust Archaeological Project (CHTAP) was set up, with the support of the West Essex Archaeological Group (WEAG), to investigate the remains of a Tudor grand-house. In previous seasons an intriguing sequence of brick walls and foundations overlain by the landscaped gardens of the 18th-century house has been uncovered. The excavations will continue in 2009.

The 5-day Training Dig, for beginners only, will be held in the week starting Monday 10 August. Participants will learn about: tools and their use; excavation methods; archaeological surveying; written and drawn recording; finds and finds processing. Talks will be given on related subjects but most of the instruction will be 'hands on' and in the context of actual excavation. A special bonus is the architect's tour of the 18th-century mansion, which is currently being restored.

The 5-day Field School, for people already familiar with the basic techniques of archaeological excavation and recording, will start on Monday 17 August. A small number of places may be available for those who have attended the first week's training dig but priority will be given to more experienced diggers who are keen to develop their existing skills under expert supervision, and those returning to Copped

Hall from previous years' digs. No formal teaching sessions are planned for this week, but for those interested there are likely to be opportunities to take part in a geophysical survey, photographic recording and environmental archaeology.

Attendance certificates will be awarded at the end of the course. Costs will be £140 for the training dig week (WEAG members £130); £90 for the field school week (WEAG £80). Tea/coffee/water will be provided, as will all tools except a digging trowel, but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

If you wish to come, please fill in the form available online (www.weag.org.uk) and return it to Mrs Pauline Dalton, Roseleigh, Epping Road, Epping, Essex, CM16 5HW. For further information about the project see www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk or www.weag.org.uk, phone Mrs Dalton on 01992 813725, or email pmd2@ukonline.co.uk.

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**Museum of London Docklands**
**Gresham College Conference:**
**The Tudor Port of London**
**16 May 2009, 10am – 5pm**

2009 marks the centenary of the Port of London Authority (PLA) and the 450th anniversary of the Elizabethan Port Reforms that established the shape of working London's harbour until the 19th century. This conference presents an overview of the Tudor Port, the success of which depended on men like Thomas Gresham. The papers will provide an archaeological focus on the harbour, its building, its shipping and the evidence for traffic trade. There will also be an opportunity to see a new display concerning the remains of an armed Elizabethan merchantman, the 'Gresham Ship', discovered in the Thames in 2003.

Admission is free by advance ticket only, booked from Gresham College by telephone (020 7831 0575) or email: enquiries@gresham.ac.uk.

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**Nonsuch Gold at Bourne Hall**
**Study Day 18 July & Site Tours 19 July 2009**

Five hundred years since Henry VIII became king, and fifty since Nonsuch Palace was uncovered, this special study day explores the wealth and power of Tudor palaces. The programme features Martin Biddle, excavator of Nonsuch, and will include a showing of recently re-discovered film footage of the 1959 dig.

10.30am **Royal Splendour at the Court of Henry VIII: Furnishing the Royal Palaces**, Maria Hayward (University of Southampton)

11.10am **'*No Lesse Delectable*' - Oatlands Palace and the Emergence of the Tudor Country House**, Rob Poulton (Surrey County Archaeological Unit)

11.50am **Richmond: '*The Mirror and Pattern of all Palaces of Delight*'**, Bob Cowie (Museum of London Archaeology)

12.30pm **'Every Nook and Corner of the Palace': Tudor Archaeology at Hampton Court, 1885-2009**, Kent Rawlinson (Historic Royal Palaces)

1.10pm LUNCH

2.00pm **Diana, Deer and Daffodils: the Landscape History of Nonsuch Park**, Jeremy Harte (Bourne Hall Museum)

2.40pm **Nonsuch Mansion**, Gerald Smith (Friends of Nonsuch)

3.20pm TEA

3.50pm **The Excavation of Nonsuch Palace 1959**, a film by Geoffrey Walker (Epsom Cine & Video Society)

4.20pm **Reconstructing Nonsuch**, Martin Biddle (Hertford College, Oxford)

5pm CLOSE

Tickets: £15 for the study day only; £20 for the whole weekend including site visits. Available from the Friends of Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF. Contact the Museum on 020 8394 1734; email JHarte@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

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**Kent Archaeological Field School**
**Summer Courses and Training Excavation 2009**

**11-12 & 18-19 July 2009**
**Landscape Archaeology Course**
This course is spread over two weekends. The first weekend will cover the following subjects: field walking; archaeology; aerial photography; maps; local history and place names. The second weekend will involve the excavation and recording of a bank and ditch boundary at Radfield in Kent. Cost per weekend: £60 (KAFS members); £70 (non-members).

**31 August to 18 September 2009**
**Summer Training Excavation at Bax Farm**
Since 2007 the Kent Archaeological Field School have been excavating the remains of a Roman bath house at Bax Farm in Teynham. Cost per day: £20 (KAFS members); £30 (non-members). To book, contact KAFS, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP (01795 532548), website: www.kafs.co.uk or email: info@kafs.co.uk.

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## LECTURES AND EVENTS

**British Archaeological Association**
**Lecture Series 2009**
Meetings are held at 5.00pm 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.

**6 May 2009**
**Nottingham Castle: '*A Noble Pallace of the Duke of New Castle*'**, Trevor Foulds & Paul Drury

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**Victoria County History**
**Locality and Region Seminar**

**19 May 2009**
**Cultural Relations between London and Provincial England: Portraits, Painters and Publics in Early Modern England**, Professor Robert Tittler (5.15pm)

Senate House, Room N336 (North Block, 3rd floor). Wine and nibbles will be served. For further details visit: www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk.
Senate House can be accessed via Malet Street or Russell Square. Nearest underground: Euston, Goodge Street, Holborn, King's Cross, Russell Square.

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**Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery**
**Kensal Green Cemetery Open Day**
**4 July 2009, 11am – 5pm**

Principal events typically include: cemetery tours with a general introduction to Kensal Green; catacomb tours of the vaults beneath the Anglican Chapel; specialist tours; Friends' bookstall at the Anglican Chapel; children's face painting and dress-up with costumes for Victorian Mutes and Mourners; display and motorcade of classic hearses from the Classic Hearse Register; displays and stalls from other cemetery societies, local history groups and specialists in services of particular interest to the friends of historical cemeteries.

Tour tickets are sold on the day at the booth on the porch of the Anglican Chapel; early booking is strongly advised as tours usually sell out by early afternoon. Cemetery tours cost £3 per head, start at the steps of the Anglican Chapel, and last about an hour; catacomb tours cost £2 per head, start at the door of the Anglican Chapel, and last about 30 minutes. Please note that cemetery tours are suitable for all ages, but children under the age of 12 are not allowed in the catacomb. For more information see the FKGC website: http://www.kensalgreen.co.uk/

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**City of London Archaeological Society**
**Archaeology at the Tower of London**
**25 & 26 July 2009**

Join CoLAS for their annual event on the Thames foreshore at the Tower of London. See what archaeological treasures you can find! For more information, see the CoLAS website: www.colas.org.uk or email mail@colas.org.uk.

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**Museum of London**
**Festival of British Archaeology**
**18 July – 2 August 2009**

The Museum of London and Museum of London Docklands will be holding a series of adult and family events, for the Festival of British Archaeology, called '*Thames treasures: London's river revealed*', looking at the Thames and its archaeology and history.

Lectures, curator tours and foreshore walks will take place over the first two weeks of the festival, leading up to a weekend of family events at both museums on 1 and 2 August.

At Museum of London Docklands, visitors will be shown how to build a coracle (small boats made from animal hide) and a wooden paddle using ancient techniques. In addition, you can make a nautically-themed Roman lamp or construct a miniature boat to race in the Mudlarks' Gallery! For younger children there will story-telling sessions about London Bridge and an under-5s activity looking at journeys by boat. There will be an opportunity to explore the Port of London Authority Archive and meet other organisations connected to the river, such as the Thames Discovery Programme and the River Police.

At the Museum of London, members of the Thames and Field Club will be showing some of the many objects they have found on the Thames foreshore, the Museum's conservators will explain how materials such as leather and wood are so well preserved by the river, and there will be object handling sessions of Thames finds from the London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre (LAARC). Osteologists will reveal some of the fascinating skeletal remains from the river, including prehistoric skulls showing evidence of injuries from weapons. The team behind London Archaeologist magazine will be talking about the exciting finds they have published over the years, many of which are on display in the Museum. Children can listen to tales of Hindu discoveries from the river or the life of Tamsibuga, an Iron Age woman from the Thames valley. At both museums, members of the Thames Discovery Programme will be explaining their work to record the fragile archaeology of the Thames and giving visitors the chance to identify objects found on the foreshore.

Further details of all these events will be posted on the Museum of London website: www.museumoflondon.org.uk. Call the Booking Office for more information: 020 7001 9844.

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**Harrow Museum**
**Tuesday Talks Programme 2009**

**12 May 2009**
**The Future of Bentley Priory**, Erica Ferguson

**26 May 2009**
**The Timber Framed Buildings of Middlesex**, Pat Clarke

**9 June 2009**
**The Reeve's Tale**, Hugh Granger

**23 June 2009**
**Do You Remember?**, Mavis Wright

**7 July 2009**
**40 Years at Kodak**, Tony Earle

**21 July 2009**
**Sweeny Todd: Fact and Fiction**, Colin Oakes

**4 August 2009**
**Southwark Cathedral**, John & Jo Brewster

**18 Aug 2009**
**War and Medicine**, Kevin Brown

Talks are held in Harrow Museum's 500-year-old tithe barn, Pinner View HA2 6PX. They start at 2pm and last one hour, £3 per person. For more details, call 020 8861 2626 or 020 8863 6720, email harrow.museum@harrow.gov.uk or see their website: www.harrow.gov.uk/museum.

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## LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Acton History Group

Events on the 2nd 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, Tel: 020 8992 8698. Email info@actonhistory.co.uk.

**10 June 2009**
**The Life and Legacy of George Peabody**, Christine Wagg

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### Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road (off Movers Lane), Barking. Buses 287, 368, 369 and 887 stop nearby. Free to members, £1.50 to non-members. Email barkinghistorical@hotmail.com or telephone 020 8597 7210.

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### Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held at Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, SW14 at 8pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September to April (with a break in December). 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

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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 for more information.

**11 May 2009**
**Hell Upon Water: The Infamous Prison Ships of England 1793-1815**, Paul Chamberlain

**8 June 2009**
**Foul Deeds and Suspicious Deaths in Barnet, Finchley and Hendon**, Nick Papadimitriou

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### Bexley Archaeological Group

The Group is open to all likeminded people encouraging those with disabilities to take part in the archaeological activities. Anyone may participate in whichever level they want, from a person with just general interest to the experienced field worker. 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 or see the 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 meets monthly, on Thursday nights. Venues vary from month to month so please check under individual entries. For further information please contact Miss J. Barraclough (the society's Publicity Officer), 13 Rackstraw House, 40 Primrose Hill Road, London NW3 3AB (020 7483 2484) or the Camden Local Studies Centre at Holborn Library (020 7413 6342).

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**Chadwell Heath Historical Society**

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3rd 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 0013 or email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

**20 May 2009**
**Music Hall and Variety Portraits**, David Padwick

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**City of London Archaeological Society**

Society's meetings are held at the hall of St Katherine Cree Church, Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3DH. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Lectures usually last about an hour with questions following. 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 or email: mail@colas.org.uk.

**15 May 2009**
**The London Priory of the Hospitallers**, Pamela Willis

**19 June 2009**
**Playhouses of London**, Julian Bowsher

**21 August 2009**
**Algeria before Islam**, Ian Jones

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**Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society**

The society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northaw Road West, Northaw, Hertfordshire EN6 4NW. The village is 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) or email: treasurer@cihs.org.uk.

**12 May 2009**
**Metropolitan Railway Electric Locomotives and their Association with History**, Terry Lomas

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### The Docklands History Group

Meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of every month in the 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, which are usually illustrated, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, contact the Hon. Secretary: John Gamet, 39 Oakfield Lane, Keston, Kent BR2 6BY (01689 851982).

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### Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Talks are free to members, and are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane (at the junction with Chase Side), Enfield, at the Charity School Hall, Church Street, Edmonton N9 and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N17. There is a charge of £1 per head for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the Local History Section at the Town Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 (020 8379 2724) or email: edmontonhundred@freeukisp.co.uk.

**20 May 2009**
**Secrets of Nature. How the Wildlife Film was Developed in Southgate**, Tim Boon (7.45pm, Jubilee Hall)

**19 June 2009**
**Commemorating Geoffrey Gillam**, Ian Jones (7.45pm, Jubilee Hall)

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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 David Willis, Secretary, 43 Millers Green Close, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 7BD.

**15 May 2009**
**Prescot Street E1 Excavations and Roman Cemetery**, Guy Hunt

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### The Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

Lectures are held in the Dissenters' Chapel at Kensal Green Cemetery (entrance from Ladbroke Grove only). Parking is available outside the cemetery main gate on Harrow Road, NW10. The nearest underground is Kensal Green. Visitors are welcome. Price £2 for members, £3 for non-members. Refreshments are available. For further information please contact the programme organiser Robert Stephenson, (020 7602 0173) fokgcevents@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.kensalgreen.co.uk

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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 292 7328).

**27 May 2009**
**The R.A.F. Museum**, David Keen

**24 June 2009**
**The History of the Holiday Fellowship**, Colin Liversidge

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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).

**12 May 2009**
**Gilbert's Pit**, Paul Sowan

**23 June 2009**
**System Building on the Morris Walk Estate**, Lorna Coventry

**21 July 2009**
**Discoveries on the Foreshore**, Thames Discovery Programme

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### Hayes and Harlington Local History Society

Most meetings are held at Hayes Library, Golden Crescent, Hayes, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and begin at 8pm. Further information from the Secretary, Mr John Walters, 7 St Jerome's Grove, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2PJ (020 8561 7555) or email chris.berridge@blueyonder.co.uk

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### Hendon & District Archaeological Society

Unless otherwise indicated, lectures and meetings are held at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, London N3, at 8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Stephen Brunning, 1 Reddings Close, Mill Hill, London NW7 4JL (020 8959 6419), membership@hadas.org.uk.

**12 May 2009**
**The Guildhall Roman Amphitheatre**, Francis Grew

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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 (a short walk from the Old Schoolhouse, the Society's HQ on Tottenham Lane), 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 or visit www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk

**13 May 2009**
**From Crouch Hall to Gin Lane**, Ruth Hazeldine

**10 June 2009**
**The History of Churchyards**, Michael Worms

## Hounslow & District History Society

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, starting at 8pm. For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Mr R. Ferguson, 219 Staines Road, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 9EB (020 8890 5078).

## 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.

**20 May 2009**
**Supporting Community Archaeology**, Suzie Thomas

## Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Upper Hall, United Reformed Church at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames (vistors will be asked for a donation of £1.50 towards expenses). Processing and cataloguing of excavated remains and museum collections takes place every Thursday (10am) at the North Kingston Centre, Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 5PE. Enquiries to 020 8547 6755.

**14 May 2009**
**The Gunpowder Industry in Surrey**, Alan Crocker

## Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

Meetings at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton E10 6EQ begin at 7.30pm. Meetings at St John's Church, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane begin at 8pm. Light refreshments are served 45 minutes before the talks.

**20 May 2009**
**19th-century Writing Slopes**, Peter Chamberlain

## 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. It is a short walk from Kings Cross and St Pancras stations along Pancras Road. Visitors are very welcome at all meetings. For further information visit www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm

**3 June 2009**
**Dragonfly Identification Workshop**, Steve Brooks (6.30pm, Camley Street Natural Park)

**27 June 2009**
**Botany for Beginners**, Mark Spencer (11am – 4pm, Camley Street Natural Park)

**30 July 2009**
**Identifying Docks and Willowherbs**, Geoffrey Kitchener (6.30pm, Camley Street Natural Park)

**18 August 2009**
**Conyza and Other Asteraceae**, Mark Spencer (Camley Street Natural Park, 6.30pm)

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### 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 King, 44 Le May Avenue, London SE12 9SU (020 8857 1819).

**22 May 2009**
**Restoring Boone's Chapel**, Charlie Mackeith and Madeleine Adams

**26 June 2009**
**Zeppelins and Gothas over London, 1915-18**, Gordon Dennington

**17 July 2009**
**Sex and Scandal in Sydenham**, Steve Grindlay

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### Merton Historical Society

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, on Saturday afternoons during the winter months and on Friday evenings during the autumn and spring. There are also regular workshop sessions to share current research. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Sheila Harris, 100 Canon Hill Lane, London SW20 9ET (020 8540 6656).

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### Orpington & District Archaeological Society

Meetings are held in The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington, on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except August) from 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. Coffee and biscuits are served at the end of each meeting, for which a donation is invited. For further information please contact Brenda Rogers, 5 Lodge Crescent, Orpington, Kent BR6 0QE (01689 827213).

**6 May 2009**
**An Island Apart? The Archaeology of Ireland**, Sarah McCarthy

**3 June 2009**
**Only a Trademan**, David Birch

**1 July 2009**
**Bromley's Art Collection**, Marie-Louise Kerr

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### Pinner Local History Society

All meetings start at 8pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. History Circle meetings are held in the Arnold Room at the Methodist Church, Love Lane. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £1. For further information please contact Beryl Newton (Secretary), 2A Willows Close, Pinner HA5 3SY (020 8866 3372) or visit www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk

**21 May 2009**
**West House**, Martin Verden

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**Potters Bar and District Society**

Meetings are held at the Sixty Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, starting at 8pm prompt. All are welcome. For further details please contact Richard Lee (Hon. Sec.), 38 Ladbrooke Drive, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1QR (01707 652975).

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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.

**8 May 2009**
**London Before London: Reconstructing a Palaeolithic Landscape**, Caroline Juby

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**Richmond Local History Society**

All meetings are held at Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, at 8pm. Coffee is available from 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome, admission £1. For further information please contact the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825) rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk

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**Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Group**

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: http://kingstairs.com/rotherhithe/

**28 May 2009**
**HMS Belfast, Past and Present**, Barbara Ockenden

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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) or visit: www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk

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**St Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society**

Tuesday meetings are held in St Albans School and start at 8pm. Friday meetings are held in the College of Law, Hatfield Road, and start at 7.45pm. They are open to all members of the society. Non-members may attend two meetings as guests.

**12 May 2009**
**The Palace at Kings Langley: History and Archaeology**, Richard Boustred

**19 May 2009**
**Totternhoe Stone: the Quarries, the Masons and the Buildings**, Joan Curran

**29 May 2009**
**The Restoration of Kew Palace and Queen Charlotte's Cottage**, Lee Prosser

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**Southgate District Civic Trust**

The Trust is a local amenity society covering Southgate, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, New Southgate and Cockfosters. It has active local history and publications groups. Meetings are held at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, London N21. There is a small charge for some meetings. Non-members are welcome. For further information please contact Geoffrey Bone, The Tower, Quakers Walk, London N21 2DE (020 8360 2289).

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**Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society**

All lectures are held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at 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.

**12 May 2009**
**Entertainment in South London – its History and Architecture**, Brian Bloice

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**Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group & Friends of Spelthorne Museum**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines and begin at 8pm. Members free, non members welcome (£1 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 561585).

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**Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society**

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month to which visitors are welcome at a charge of £1. Members' evenings are held at the same venue on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For further information please contact Mrs Sylvia Baker on 020 8907 5727.

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**Streatham Society**

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at "Woodlawns", 16 Leigham Court Road, London SW16, starting at 8pm ("Woodlawns" is a 5-minute walk up Leigham Court Road from Streatham High Road, nearest transport Streatham Hill BR station). Admission is free. For further information please contact Brian Bloice (020 8764 8314). Streatham Society is on the Internet: www.streathamsociety.org.uk (or email secretary@streathamsociety.org.uk).

**15 May 2009**
**Ernest George, Streatham's Gentleman Architect**, Brian Bloice

**2 June 2009**
**Bygone Streatham**, John Brown

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**Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society**

The Society meets at 8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to May in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton. The September meeting is held on the 2nd Monday at St Mary's Hall, Green Street, Sunbury. Any queries should be addressed to Geoff French (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), 18 Burchetts Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9BS (01932 245774).

**19 May 2009**
**Old Films of Sunbury and Shepperton**, Nick Pollard

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**The Thorney Island Society, Friends of St James's Park and The Green Park**

Meetings are held at various historical locations where members listen to a talk by an expert in a relevant field of interest and are able to ask questions. For further information please contact the Chairman June A. Stubbs, 39 Westminster Mansions, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BP, www.thethorneyislandsociety.co.uk

**21 May 2009**
**7 Hammersmith Terrace, W8** (11.00am, £12 per ticket)

**18 June 2009**
**Hyde Park Barracks and Stables** (9.45am, £8 per ticket, meet at Ceremonial Gates)

**27 June 2009**
**Open Day: The Thorney Island Society Archives** (4.00 – 7.00 pm, free, 10 Old Pye Street, SW1)

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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 or visit our website http://www.botlhs.co.uk

**11 May 2009**
**Birket's Brook: A Small River Journey**, Ed Harris

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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 unless otherwise stated. For further information please contact Mr K. R. Pearce, 29 Norton Road, Uxbridge UB8 2PT.

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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 10pm).

**29 May 2009**
**The Thames Discovery Programme**, Natalie Cohen

**26 June 2009**
**Historic Clapham**, Michael Green

**31 July 2009**
**St Bride's Crypt Population: Much to Aspire To!**, Jelena Bekvalac

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**Wanstead Historical Society**

Meetings are held in the Warren Hall, Chapel Path, Cambridge Park (at the rear of Cambridge Park Methodist Church, Wanstead), on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7.30pm with all talks starting at 8pm. Our meetings are open to visitors

for a charge of £2 per meeting. For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Mr Mark Galloway, 52 Eastbourne Road, East Ham E6 6AT (020 8471 1171).

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**Wembley History Society**

Meetings take place once a month in the church hall adjoining St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Kingsbury NW9, starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Pam Carter, 84 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0AX (020 8205 3263) or e-mail Philgrant69@aol.com.

**15 May 2009**
**My Anglo Indian Childhood**, Lorna Thompson

**19 June 2009**
**All Aboard for 'Appy 'Ampstead!**, Terry Lomas

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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 Miss K. J. Tarrant (Programme Secretary), 86 Castle Avenue, Yiewsley, Middlesex UB7 8LQ (01895 444246).

**26 May 2009**
**The History of Feltham**, Andrea Cameron

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**West Essex Archaeological Group**

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

**11 May 2009**
**A New History of Roman Britain from Coins?**, Sam Moorhead

**8 June 2009**
**Death in Ancient Egypt**, Kathryn Hoare

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**Willesden Local History Society**

Unless otherwise shown, the Society meets on Wednesday 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) or visit: www.willesden-local-history.co.uk

**20 May 2009**
**Marylebone to Manchester**, Peter Rousselange

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