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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Dates

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 17 November 2010 (for the January 2011 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 2010

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

19 October 2010
Dreams for Dinner: The Natural and Social History of Nightshades, Dr Sandra Knapp, Curator, Natural History Museum (joint lecture with London Natural History Society)

16 November 2010
Volunteer Inclusion Programme: Inclusive Archaeology at the London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre, Glynn Davis & Adam Corsini, Archaeological Collections Officers, LAARC, Museum of London

14 December 2010
How the Portable Antiquities Scheme is Changing Our Understanding of Roman Coin Use in Britain and London, Sam Moorhead, Finds Adviser for Iron Age & Roman Coins, Portable Antiquities & Treasure Department, British Museum

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Milk Street Mikveh Goes on Display in the Jewish Museum

LAMAS members may recall that in an article in Vol. 52 of the Society's *Transactions* it was stated that the dismantled medieval Milk Street Mikveh (Jewish ritual bath) from the City of London was then seeking a suitable home. After some years of languishing in crates at LAARC, Eagle Wharf Road, this search is now over as on the 17 March 2010, England's only surviving medieval Mikveh went on display in the newly enlarged Jewish Museum, 129-131 Albert Street, Camden Town, London. Visit the website to learn more about the new museum: www.jewishmuseum.org.uk

Bruce Watson

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LAMAS Local History Conference

The theme of the Local History Conference this year, on 27 November, is 'London Under Attack: Wars and Insurrections'. A booking form is included within this *Newsletter*. The conference is returning to the Museum of London. We are sorry to say that the ticket price this year will not include an afternoon cup of tea as refreshments have to be provided by the new catering facilities in the Museum. Picnic spaces are available for those bringing their own refreshments.

Ticket prices are the same price as last year i.e. £8 for LAMAS members and £10 for everyone else. The price on the day will be £10 for everyone regardless of LAMAS membership. Tickets may be booked online via the Local History Conference page on the LAMAS website (www.lamas.org.uk) or by post using the booking form to: Local History Conference, 22 Malpas Drive, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 1DQ. Please remember to include a stamped addressed envelope.

As usual affiliated societies will be able to book a table to display their publications etc. Only 20 tables will be available, one per society, on a strictly first come, first served basis. To book, contact the Local History Secretary (email: johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com or 9 Umfreville Road, London, N4 1RY).

John Hinshelwood

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Nicholas Fuentes 1934-2010

Members of LAMAS will have been greatly saddened to learn of the death of one of our Vice-Presidents, Nicholas Fuentes, at Kingston Hospital in May. With his passing another formative chapter in the capital's archaeology has closed, for London archaeologists have good reason to be grateful to Nick for the foundations he and others laid in the

1960s and 1970s at a time when archaeology was struggling to come to terms with the helter-skelter pace of modern redevelopment.

Having already formed an Archaeology Group from amongst Wandsworth Historical Society (WHS) members by the autumn of 1962, Nick (then Farrant) – along with Brian Philp – was contacted by Peter Marsden to help uncover the remains of a major Roman bath complex at Huggin Hill one frenetic August Bank Holiday weekend in 1964. This exercise led in turn to the founding of the City of London Excavation Group, later to become CoLAS in 1967. Nick, who was working full-time at the Bank of England at the time, regularly deputised for Peter in the City at weekends as well as directing his own excavations in Putney. He also led a team working under the LAMAS aegis at the Esso Oil Terminal, Bedfont in 1971-2.

Retirement from the Bank in 1981 allowed Nick to take up full-time education, which culminated in the award of a degree from the Institute of Archaeology, University of London. He was a keen member of the Ermine Street Guard, and founder and Chairman of the Roman Army Research Group of London. He also served two terms as Chairman of the WHS from 1982, and was an influential advocate for the establishment of a local museum in Wandsworth – pressure that eventually bore fruit in 1987 with the launch of displays in Putney Library (following various vicissitudes the re-vamped Wandsworth Museum is due to re-open in the former West Hill Library later this year).

There is little doubt, however, that one of his major achievements – and the one that many will best remember him for – was the establishment of the *London Archaeologist* magazine. The objectives of *LA* were clearly set out in its first edition in Winter 1968: 'to publish interim reports and other suitable papers on the archaeology and allied history of the London region, to promote cooperation between societies, to provide an independent forum for discussion and to attract more of London's population towards having an interest in the past.' Nick successfully edited the magazine into the mid-seventies, and managed to secure articles from most of the leading London archaeological practitioners of the day. Only serious illness in 1997 finally forced him to relinquish his role as Managing Editor.

His attitude to archaeology, and indeed to life, is perhaps best summed up by the closing paragraph of his paper 'Beginning Archaeology in London' in the Spring 1969 edition of the *LA*: 'The hunter of the grail is earnestly recommended to join his local society and to be prepared to play his part … He should also join … his county society which needs

and deserves as much help as possible'. No one could ever accuse Nick of having shirked his duty in either regard.

Our sympathies go out to his wife Pamela Greenwood and son Alexander, who stood shoulder to shoulder throughout Nick's long illness and who provided him with unfailing comfort and support.
Jon Cotton

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REMINDER: LAMAS Research Fund

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2010. For information on how to apply, please visit our website: www.lamas.org.uk or contact Jackie Keily (jkeily@museumoflondon.org.uk; tel. 020 7814 5734).
Barney Sloane and Jackie Keily, LAMAS Research Fund Co-ordinators

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LAMAS on London's Timeline

Many LAMAS members will have visited the magnificent new Galleries of Modern London at the Museum of London, which opened earlier this year. Visitors may have noticed the Timeline, which is a rail around the inner wall of the new galleries showing a small space for each year between 1666 and 2012. Many institutions and private individuals have already contributed £5,000 each towards the cost of the new galleries, to 'own' the year which is significant for them. Their name is shown alongside the year, together with a caption explaining the significance.

As a mark of appreciation of the close association which LAMAS has with the Museum of London, LAMAS Council felt we should take the opportunity to purchase the year of our founding, 1855, on the Timeline. As well as publicising the Society it will be a way of acknowledging our thanks for the substantial help which the Museum and its staff have given to LAMAS over many years and continue to give. This includes the use of the Lecture Theatre for our two annual conferences and venues for Council and Committee meetings. Additionally, the Museum hosts our lecture series and provides accommodation for our library, business records and publications. Council took this decision after careful discussion and a vote which excluded the Museum of London staff who are members of LAMAS Council.

We are hoping that in a few weeks our text will be engraved on the 1855 panel and the founding of LAMAS will be proudly commemorated alongside the many other events significant to Londoners.
Laura Schaaf (Chair of Council) & Martin Williams (Treasurer)

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Victoria County History in Westminster – Get Involved

Get involved in new research for the Victoria History of Middlesex in Westminster where, following a funding crisis, work is restarting thanks to the support of Councillor Judith Warner, elected Lord Mayor of Westminster on 19 May 2010. At her election, the Lord Mayor made the exciting announcement that she would be supporting the County History Trust, which holds VCH Middlesex funds, as one of her three mayoral year charities. Everything raised during that year will fund research for our second Westminster volume, *VCH Middlesex 14 – The City of Westminster: Local Government and Social Life*, and contribute to the third volume of the set, on the physical growth and economy of the City.

Volume 14 focuses on the complexities of Westminster's local government and the social life of the local community. Work is about to start on Local Government, and we would like to involve experienced historians as volunteer researchers, following a successful model used in other VCH counties. There are many aspects that may interest LAMAS members, from the history of individual theatres, schools and municipal buildings to the provision of vital public services, and the development of charities. Our plan will be available on the VCH website (www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk) by September, and LAMAS members who would like to participate in research or fundraising are welcome to contact me: elizabeth.williamson@sas.ac.uk (020 7862 8777).

The first volume in our Westminster series, *VCH Middlesex 13 – The City of Westminster: Landownership and Religious Life* (2009) is the result of remarkable new research by former County Editor, Dr Patricia Croot. Boydell & Brewer are offering discount for LAMAS members until 31 December 2010. The offer price is £71.25 instead of £95, the offer code 10200. Order by phone (01394 610600), fax (01394 610316), email: trading@boydell.co.uk or online: www.boydellandbrewer.com. Postage is UK £4.00 per copy (up to £12.00 maximum), rest of the world £6.50 per copy (up £20 maximum).

Elizabeth Williamson, Executive Editor, Victoria County History

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Grants: City of London Archaeological Trust

The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) awards small sums towards all kinds of archaeological work in the City of London and its environs (out to the M25). It favours archive, research and publication work; educational and volunteer groups; exhibitions and documentary research when part of an archaeological project. It does not fill any gap left by a developer. The closing date for applications this year is 15 October; the meeting to decide the grants will be in December, and the

awards are available for one year only from 1 April 2011, so careful planning is required. Details, including application forms, are on the website www.colat.org.uk; guidance is also available from the Secretary, John Schofield: john@jschd.demon.co.uk.

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LAMAS Local History Workshop: 2 October 2010

The first Local History Workshop in March was a great success and well attended by thirteen people from eight affiliated societies. A further half-day workshop has now been arranged, at the Museum of London, for 2 October 2010, to explore the use of spreadsheets for historical research. The workshop will consist of a series of activities to familiarise people with the use of spreadsheets: as a simple database; to organise and present data in different ways; to display data in graphical form; to perform simple statistical analysis.

There will, again, be no admission charge for LAMAS members or those sponsored by an affiliated society. The number of places available is limited to 16, and several places have already been taken up by people attending the last workshop. If you would like to come along please get in touch quickly with the Local History Secretary (email: johnhinshelwood@btinternet.com or 9 Umfreville Road, London, N4 1RY). Places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

ARTICLES

A Newly Discovered Memento of Old London Bridge from Borough High Street, Southwark

During standing building recording of 26 Borough High Street, Southwark, a rectangular block of Portland ashlar was noticed in the rear portion of the building and recovered for study. This recording work was undertaken during 2010 by Museum of London Archaeology staff before the building's demolition and subsequent archaeological investigation of the site to allow the construction of the new Thameslink viaduct.

Set in the external face of the ashlar block is a small over-painted and only partly legible inscription. The gist of this inscription is that this particular block was built into a house constructed by Giles Berrett and laid by his son Crawford Berrett in 1832 and that this masonry had been taken from 'Old London Bridge, built …, taken down 183…, by Act of Parliament 1823'. The size and geology of this block suggests that it was part of the ashlar facing London Bridge after it underwent a series of modifications during 1757-62.

The demolition of Old London Bridge in 1831-32 sparked a lot of public interest in its history and the sale of numerous mementos including furniture apparently made out of its timbers. Some of the buildings which were constructed out of stone salvaged from the old bridge, including Warden church tower (1836) on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent and the warehouse at Beaumont Quay (1833), Essex, possessed inscriptions proudly explaining the origin of their fabric (see Watson, B, *et al* (2001) *London Bridge: 2000 years of a river crossing*, MoLAS monograph, pg 168-69). Surviving fragments of Old London Bridge in North Southwark today include an alcove at Guy's Hospital and the royal arms of George II (1727-60) removed from the Stonegate and now reset in the façade of the King's Arms public house in Newcomen Street. However, this example from Borough High Street is the first example in Southwark of a single stone from the old bridge being set in a new building as a memento.
David Sorapure and Bruce Watson, Museum of London Archaeology

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BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Priest and the Playwright, by M F Brown (2009), Pen Press, 182 pp, £7.99, ISBN 978-1-906710-63-7

This book is about the unlikely friendship between American socialite and writer Pearl Craigie, and a Scottish Catholic priest, William Brown, who established St Anne's church in Vauxhall in 1903. The back cover of the book describes Brown as 'reserved' though perhaps this should be 'forthright'. He was active in several ecclesiastic and other welfare bodies. Pearl Craigie was an American living in London, writing novels and plays for London theatres.

Their friendship was the stronger as both had converted to Catholicism. It was marked by almost daily correspondence, which Margaret Brown's book follows, adding explanatory detail and touches of hindsight; but mainly leaving their letters to speak for themselves. As well as adding to the history of Vauxhall, I can recommend the book as a good read.
Richard Buchanan, Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

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Horace Walpole and the Berry Sisters, by John Beardmore (2010), Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, 32 pp, £3, ISBN 978-0-093341-820-0

Focusing on the relationship between the multitalented Horace Walpole and the dynamic Berry Sisters (Agnes and Mary), this book presents an insightful glimpse into society, snobbery and friendship at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th centuries. Based on Beardmore's talk on

the subject, his notes have been elaborated on by Ken Howe, producing an informative and approachable read.

The friendship between Walpole and the Berry sisters lasted just eight and a half years (between October 1788 and Walpole's death in March 1797) yet from it the two Berry sisters (who came from an unremarkable background) managed to cement themselves as London's social elite for the remainder of their lives. Beardmore explores how a seemingly incongruous grouping of two young ladies in their twenties and a bachelor in his seventies blossomed into such a close friendship. Much of the narrative on the Berrys' lives is interspersed with insightful and charming extracts from their letters, and the course of their lives is well researched, with particular attention paid to the relationship between the Berry sisters and their potential suitors, and the effect this had on their relationship with Walpole.

It is undeniable that the elder Berry sister, Mary, took centre stage over her younger sister Agnes, yet both were held dear to Walpole, who nicknamed them 'my twin wives'. After his death Mary published many of Walpole's papers and letters, and also began to publish volumes herself. By the 1820s the Berry sisters were famous, holding dinner and tea parties for well-respected and remarkable people such as Charles Dickens. Neither of the sisters, nor Walpole, ever married, perhaps explaining why this friendship, though lasting such a short time, had such an impact on their lives.

Olivia Stocker

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

Museum of London
Adult Archaeology Courses

All courses are held at the Museum of London. For more information see the 'Courses' page on the Museum of London website:
www.museumoflondon.org.uk/courses

4 September 2010
The Art of Archaeological Illustration (flint tools), Sandra Rowntree (10.15am). Fee: £40. Duration: 6 hours. Book via Museum of London Box Office: 020 7001 9844

27 September 2010 – 28 March 2011
Discovering Archaeology: Studying the Past, Hedley Swain (6.30pm, 2 hours, 22 sessions). Fee: £600 (£300 concs). Book via Birkbeck: 020 7631 6651

6 October 2010 – 30 March 2011
Kings Over Everything: The Archaeology of Britain Within the Roman Empire, Harvey Sheldon (6.30pm, 2 hours, 22 sessions). Fee: £600 (£300 concs). Book via Birkbeck: 020 7631 6651

6 October 2010 – 30 March 2011
London Bodies: An Introduction to the Study of Human Skeletal Remains, Victoria Yorke-Edwards & Brenna Hassett (6.30pm, 2 hours, 22 sessions). Fee: £600 (£300 concs). Book via Birkbeck: 020 7631 6651

4 October – 13 December 2010
Roman and Saxon London, Robin Densem (6.30pm, 2 hours, 10 sessions). Fee: £300 (£150 concs). Book via Birkbeck: 020 7631 6651

13 September – 11 October 2010
Hidden Treasures: An Amble Through the City's Past, Cwti Green (2pm, 2 hours, 5 sessions). Fee: £35 (£14 concs). Students need to enrol at City of London Community Education Centre, 99 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0TZ (020 7608 2753).

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Council for Kentish Archaeology Conference
Roman Villas in Kent and Surrey
23 October 2010, 2pm – 5.30pm
Canterbury Christ Church University

A joint conference with Surrey Archaeological Society at The Old Sessions Lecture Theatre, Canterbury Christchurch University, North Holmes Campus, Canterbury. Cost: £5. Tickets are available from C.K.A, 7 Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8HP (please include an SAE). For more information visit www.the-cka.fsnet.co.uk. Talks include:

Introduction to Surrey Villas, David Bird
Abinger Roman Villa, Nikki Coward & Emma Corke,
Ashstead Roman Villa, David Bird
Rescuing Roman Villas in Kent, Brian Philp

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Institute of Archaeology Conference
Local Churches and Lordship in the European Middle Ages
13-14 November 2010

Tickets cost £25 (£10 students) and can be booked via email (lordlychurches@gmail.com) or online via a booking form: www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/events/conferences/lordship-2010. The conference will be held at the Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY. Talks include:

Minor Elites and their Role in the Growth of Parish Churches and Funerary Monuments in the Anglo-Norman Period, Aleksandra McClain
Churches and Lordship: Western Normandy 1000-1200 AD, David Petts
London Churches and the Developing Urban Landscape, Nathalie Cohen
Scale, Power and Church Foundation: Comparing Early Medieval Britain and Ireland, Sam Turner
Archaeological Indicators in the Study of Early Medieval Churches, Alexandra Chavarría
Lordly Tower-Churches in the Anglo-Saxon Landscape, Michael Shapland
Church Manor Relationships: An Anglo-Saxon Perspective, Andrew Reynolds

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Early Textiles Study Group Conference
Colours
19 & 20 November 2010
Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, London

Cost: £50 per day (£30 students) or £85 for both days (£50 students). For tickets write to: Helen Persson, Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL or email h.persson@vam.ac.uk, or visit www.earlytextilesstudygroup.org. Talks include:

Advances in Knowledge of Colour in Textiles up to AD 1600, Dominique Cardon
Analysis of Natural Colorants at the British Museum, Thibaut Deviese
Colour in Late Antiquity and Spanish Muslim Textiles, Ana Cabrera Lafuente
Medieval Colour Terminology, Lisa Monnas
Dyes in Danish Early Iron Age Textiles, Margarita Gleba
New Colours for the Norwegian Migration Period, Sunniva Wilberg Halvorsen
The Colours of Hallstatt Textiles: Investigation of 3000 Years Old Dyeing Techniques, Regina Hofmann de Keijzer
Analysis of Dyes in Ancient Textiles, Richard Laursen
Romans are Red! Elaine Norbury

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Surrey Archaeological Society Autumn Conference
Building Materials: The Research Framework
20 November 2010, 9.30am – 4.30pm
The Dixon Hall, Leatherhead

Cost: £8 in advance or £10 on the day. Tickets are available from: SRF Conference 2010, Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3SX (please send a cheque and an SAE). The conference will be held at The Dixon Hall, The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8AH. Talks include:

Historic Window Glass, David Dungworth
Timber and Wood Used in Roman to Saxo-Norman Buildings, Damian Goodburn
Timber Frames in Houses, Martin Higgins
Lime and its Uses, Bob Bennet
Wealdon Stone, Roger Birch
Bricks and Tiles, Phil Jones
Decorative Tiles, Encaustic to Tudor, Margaret Broomfield

LECTURES AND EVENTS

Institute of Archaeology & British Museum
Medieval Seminars

All meetings start at 5.30pm at the Institute of Archaeology Room 612. For further information, please contact Michael Shapland via email: m.shapland@ucl.ac.uk

20 October 2010
The Archaeology of Aethelred the Unready, Simon Keyes

9 November 2010
Of Towns and Trinkets: Metalwork in Viking-Age Lincoln, Letty Ten Harkel

30 November 2010
How Typical is Lyminge? Defining Monastic Settlements in the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Kent, Gabor Thomas

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Orpington and District Archaeological Society
Scadbury Manor Open Weekend
11 & 12 September 2010, 2-4.30pm
Scadbury Park, Chiselhurst

Visitors to the Open Weekend can follow a self-guided trail around the moated manor site, see ODAS's excavations, explore the foundations of the Tudor kitchens and Great Hall, see the World War II defences, and – new this year – a restored shepherd's or gamekeeper's hut which belonged to the estate in the 19th century.

Access is from the public footpath around the estate. The entrance to the site is where the footpath passes the moated site. There is some limited parking at the site for elderly/disabled visitors: apply with SAE to ODAS, 27 Eynsford Close, Petts Wood, Kent BR5 1DP. For more information about ODAS and Scadbury see www.odas.org.uk.

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St George's German Lutheran Church
London Open House Weekend
Free Opening
18 & 19 September 2010, 10am – 4pm

For more information, please contact Historic Chapels Trust, St George's German Lutheran Church, 55 Alie Street, London E1 8EB (020 7481 0533) or email chapel@hct.org.uk. To find out more about the properties you can visit on London Open House Weekend, visit the website: www.londonopenhouse.org

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Institute of Archaeology
Leverhume Lecture Series
Palaeolithic Resource Use and Technology

All lectures will take place on Mondays at 4pm in Institute of Archaeology Room 612. Contact Louise Martin for further information: louise.martin@ucl.ac.uk

11 October 2010
Hunters of the Late Lower Palaeolithic: Cooperative Hunting and a Disctinct Pattern of Meat Sharing, Mary Stiner

25 October 2010
Cave Bears and Neanderthals, Mary Stiner

1 November 2010
Ornamentation as Information Technology, Steven Kuhn

15 November 2010
Division of Labour and Diet Diversification in the Mediterranean Palaeolithic, Mary Stiner

6 December 2010
Production and Loss of Diversity Among Palaeolithic Technologies, Steven Kuhn

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Harrow Museum
Tuesday Talks Programme 2010

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.

14 September 2010
The Life of Jessie Matthews, Mavis Wright

28 September 2010
The Glories of the Nile – Egyptian Temples, Dr Freddie Hicks

12 October 2010
How Harrow Became Metroland, Oliver Green

26 October 2010
The History of the Fight Against Infectious Diseases, Kevin Brown

9 November 2010
Story of the Snapshot, Tony Earle

23 November 2010
Sir Christopher Wren, John and Jo Brewster

7 December 2010
Comedy and Music, Robert Lowe

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Surrey Industrial History Group
Industrial Archaeology Lectures 2010
Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford

Lectures are on Tuesdays from 7.30-9.30pm. Single lectures are open to all at £5 each on the door. To enrol for the whole course of ten lectures (five more in Spring), send your details and a cheque for £40 (SyAS/SIHG members £35), made payable to SIHG, by 21 September 2010 to Bob Bryson (SIHG Lectures), 6 Wychelm Rise, Guildford GU1 3TH (01483 577809).

28 September 2010
Watches in England, the First Hundred Years, 1580-1680, David Thompson

12 October 2010
The Cable Ships of Turnchapel, John Avery

26 October 2010
Replicating British Army Aircraft No. 1, David Wilson

9 November 2010
Robert Stephenson – Eminent Engineer, Michael Bailey

23 November 2010
Start, Stop and Start Again: Building the Oxted Line (Croydon to Oxted) in 1865-67 and 1880-84, Paul Sowan

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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. Website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

8 September 2010
International Friendship League at Peavehaven, Pam Matthews

13 October 2010
Heathrow: Iron Age to Jet Age, Nick Pollard

10 November 2010
Victorian South Acton, Linda Davies

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at Harp House, 16 Helmore Road (off Goodey Road), Barking IG11 9PH. Bus no. 62 stops nearby. It is a short walk from Upney Station. Free to members, £1.50 to non-members. Email: barkinghistorical@hotmail.com; tel. 020 8597 7210 or website: www.barkinghistory.co.uk

6 September 2010
Barking Park Restoration Project, Mike Levett and team

4 October 2010
Creekmouth: Barking's Lost Village, Linda Rhodes

1 November 2010
The Bayeux Tapestry, Brian Burton

6 December 2010
Old Time Music Hall, Chris Sumner

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

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

16 September 2010
The Suffragette Movement, Irene Cockcroft

21 October 2010
A Workshop Culture – Two Centuries of Artists and Craftsmen at the Hammersmith Riverside, Jane Kimber

18 November 2010
1897 – The First Motorcycle Races at Sheen House, Garth Willson

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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.

13 September 2010
A Brief History of Pantomime, Marlene McAndrew

11 October 2010
Whatever Happened to William the Bastard? Lucy Johnston

Bexley Archaeological Group

The Group is open to all likeminded people encouraging those with disabilities to take part in 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.

20 September 2010
Hogarth's House: Refurbishment, Re-Opening and the Future, John Collins

18 October 2010
J. M. W. Turner and Twickenham, Catherine Parry-Wingfield

15 November 2010
Brentford and Strand on the Green from Samuel Leigh's Thames Panorama, 1830, Val Bott & Janet McNamara

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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. For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Jane Ramsay (020 7586 4436) or visit: www.camdenhistorysociety.org

16 September 2010
History and Use of Ordnance Survey Maps, Alan Godfrey (Charlie Ratchford Resource Centre, Belmont Street London NW1

14 October 2010
Subterranean Secrets of London, Antony Clayton (Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT)

18 November 2010
The Many Lives of the St Pancras Almshouses, John Malpass (The Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place WC1)

16 December 2010
A Grand Merchant Taylors' Feast in 1607, Ann Saunders (Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT)

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 4659 or 020 8597 1225 or email: chadwellheathhs@hotmail.com

15 September 2010
Coffee Houses, Coffee Shops, Coffee Stalls and Coffee Bars, Marlene McAndrew

20 September 2010
Essex Villages, Fred Feather

17 November 2010
Hainault Forest, Georgina Green

City of London Archaeological Society

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

17 September 2010
Excavations at Holywell Priory, Shoreditch, Hana Lewis

15 October 2010
Excavating a Greek Theatre in the Crimea, Edith Hall

19 November 2010
The Roman Cemetery at 28-30 Trinity Square, Southwark, Douglas Killock

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Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society

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

14 September 2010
60163 – The Peppercorn A1 Tornado, John Rawlinson

12 October 2010
200 Years of Much Hadham Forge, Robin Webb

9 November 2010
Something Concrete, David Render

14 December 2010
The Development of the Local Water Supply from the Mid-1850s to the Present Day, Nigel Rhodes

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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, for a donation of £2. For further information and membership details, please call 020 7286 0196.

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

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

15 September 2010
Livery Companies, Murray Craig (7.45pm)

20 October 2010
Coffee Houses, Coffee Shops, Coffee Stalls and Coffee Bars, Marlene MacAndrew (7.45pm)

16 November 2010
English Towns, Graham Dalling (2.15pm)

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.

17 September 2010
Recent Archaeological Work in London, English Heritage

15 October 2010
Current Life in Enfield Local History Archive, John Clark

19 November 2010
Prescott Street E1 Excavations and Roman Cemetery, Guy Hunt

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).

22 September 2010
The Palace of Westminster, Peter Horsfall

27 October 2010
'Ally Pally' in Postcards, Hugh Garnsworthy

24 November 2010
A Short History of Pantomime, Marlene McAndrew

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).

21 September 2010
Industrial Action at United Glass, Scott Reeve

19 October 2010
Croydon Canal, Paul Sowan

16 November 2010
Grieg's Wharf, John Grieg

Hayes and Harlington Local History Society

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

21 September 2010
Through the Arch: A Look at Historic St Bernard's Hospital, Hanwell, Paul Lang

19 October 2010
The Headmasters' Diaries, Dr Triplett's School, Chris Berridge

16 November 2010
An Employment Carried on by Profane Workmen: Brick Making in Hayes and District in the 19th Century, Peter Hounsell

14 December 2010
Hailstones and Other Happenings, Ken Pearce

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 October 2010
Behind the Scenes on Time Team, Raksha Dave

9 November 2010
Archaeology and the Olympics, David Divers

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

8 September 2010
Ally Pally: A Place on the Hill, Jim Lewis

13 October 2010
Doing the Business: the Story of the Markfield Beam Engine, Ken Brereton

10 November 2010
Woodlands and Commons in the London Area, Colin Bowlt

8 December 2010
The History of Christmas Cards, David Groen

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 or visit the website: www.iahs.org.uk.

15 September 2010
Sir George Radford and the First British Delegation to Budapest, Thomas Lorman

20 October 2010
Ancient Buildings in Islington, speaker tba

17 November 2010
Maps and Mapping, speaker tba

15 December 2010
40 years of the Camden History Society, John Richardson

Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society

Meetings are held at 8pm in Mayo Hall, United Reformed Church, at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames (visitors will be asked for a donation of £1.50 towards expenses). 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 or e-mail: kutas.archaeology@googlemail.com.

Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

Meetings are held at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton E10 6EQ and at St John's Church Hall, E11 1HH, corner of Leytonstone High Road and Church Lane. For further details please contact Maureen Measure, Secretary, L&LHS, 020 8558 5491 or email measure@btinternet.com.

21 September 2010
Delane's War, Tim Coates (Leyton Sixth Form College, 7.45pm)

14 October 2010
Storytelling in the African-Caribbean Oral Tradition, Jane Grell (St John's Church Hall, 7.45pm)

3 November 2010
Leyton Orient Football Club, Colm Kerrigan & David Chapman (Leyton Orient Supporter's Club, Leyton Orient Stadium, Oliver Road, 7.45pm)

London Natural History Society

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

14 September 2010
The Natural History Museum, The Darwin centre and Diptera, Erica McAlister (Neil Chalmers Lecture Theatre, Darwin Centre 2, Natural History Museum, 6pm)

6 October 2010
150 Years of the Peppered Moth Melanism Story, Raymond Uffen (6.30pm)

13 October 2010
The Flora of Queen's Wood, Highgate: Continuity and Change in an Urban London Woodland, David Bevan (SALC, 5th Floor, Sherfield Building, Imperial College, 6.30pm)

19 October 2010
Dreams for Dinner: the Natural and Social History of Nightshades, Sandra Knapp (joint meeting with LAMAS, Clore Learning Centre, Museum of London, 6.30pm)

3 November 2010
Trees of Britain and Ireland. The New Tree Book, Edward Milner (SALC, 5th Floor, Sherfield Building, Imperial College, 6.30pm)

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) or visit the website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

24 September 2010
Lal Mohun Ghose and Indian Nationalism in Deptford, Ray Thatcher

29 October 2010
Policing in Lewisham: Some Memories, David Michael

29 November 2010
The New Cross Speedway, Norman Jacobs

17 December 2010
Some Pubs in Lewisham, Neil Pettigrew

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. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Turner, 27 Burley Close, London SW16 4QQ, email mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk or visit www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

16 October 2010
Liberty's at Merton, David Luff (Christchurch Hall, Colliers Wood, 2.30pm)

4 December 2010
The Princess and the Brewer: Their Duel for Richmond Park, Max Lankester (Raines Park Library Hall, 2.30pm)

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 Pamela Zollicoffer, 46 Newbury Road, Bromley BR2 0QW (020 8402 4157).

1 September 2010
The Maunsell Sea Ports, Frank Turner

6 October 2010
Excavations at Drapers' Gardens in the City of London, James Gerrard

3 November 2010
Gasholders: Works of Art and Engineering, Malcolm Tucker

Pinner Local History Society

All meetings start at 8pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. History Circle meets in the Arnold Room at the Methodist Church, Love Lane. 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) or visit www.pinnerlhs.freeserve.co.uk

2 September 2010
The More: Rickmansworth's Lost Castle, Heather Falvey (Main)

7 October 2010
Louis Davis of Pinner, Stained Glass Artist, Peter Cormack (Main)

4 November 2010
London's Commons and Woodlands, Colin Bowlt (Main)

15 November 2010
Pinner's Donkey Derby, Bernard Harrison (History Circle)

Potters Bar and District Society

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

28 September 2010
Barnet at War 1939 – 1945, John Heathfield

29 October 2010
Thomas Telford: Engineer and Visionary, Runnalls Davis

25 November 2010
Queen Elizabeth Girls' School, Jennifer Johnson

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 or visit the website: www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk

10 September 2010
Clay Tobacco Pipes from London, Peter Hammond

8 October 2010
Early Roman Quarrying and Building Stone, Kevin Haywood

12 November 2010
Neanderthals in Sussex, Matthew Pope

10 December 2010
Two Viking Sites in Orkney, Quoygrew and the Borough of Deerness, James Gerrard

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Richmond Local History Society

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

11 October 2010
Brentford and Strand on the Green from Samuel Leigh's Thames Panorama, 1830, Val Bott & Janet McNamara

8 November 2010
The Secret History of Kensington Palace, Lucy Worsley (7.30pm start, no coffee, ticket only – part of Richmond Book Now Literature Festival)

13 December 2010
Fun and Games from Ham to Barnes, Murray Hedgecock

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/

29 September 2010
History of the East London Line, Nisha Childs

27 October 2010
Cemeteries of South London, Brian Parsons

24 November 2010
Sewerage in London: Past, Present and Future, John Greenwood

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

20 September 2010
Saxon Rural Settlements in the London Region, Robert Cowie

18 October 2010
Vehicle Manufacture in Hillingdon, Tony Beadle

15 November 2010
'Good God! Women!' Suffragettes in a Military Hospital, Jennian Geddes

20 December 2010
Ian Tait's Ruislip in the 1920s, Eileen Bowlt

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.

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

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

12 October 2010
Recent Work on the Shakespearean Playhouses of London, Julian Bowsher

9 November 2010
A History of Glass Making on the Thames Southbank, David C Watts

14 December 2010
Sources for Fraternalism and Freemasonry in South London, Len Reilly

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Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at the Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines and begin at 8pm. Members free, non members welcome (£1 please). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 561585), nickpollard@o2.co.uk.

9 September 2010
Spelthorne in Old Newsreels, Nick Pollard

7 October 2010
Woking Palace Excavations, Rob Poulton

4 November 2010
Two Local Artists – Mary Stella Edwards and Judith Ackland, Alice Eden

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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 (visitors 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 Sheila Lowe, 62 Walton Drive, Harrow HA1 4XA.

1 September 2010
Forty Years of KODAK, Tony Earle

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), visit www.streathamsociety.org.uk or email secretary@streathamsociety.org.uk.

6 September 2010
A History of Du Cane Court. Land Architecture, People and Politics, Gregory Vincent

20 September 2010
Blake, Van Gogh, Pissaro and Markino. Four Artists with Lambeth Connections, Nilu York

4 October 2010
From Minister to Morley. Music Making in Southwark and Lambeth, Len Reilly

18 October 2010
The Elephant and Castle, Stephen Humphrey

1 November 2010
The Southern Electric Railway, Neil Lloyd

16 November 2010
Going to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Lisa Wright

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 in Sunbury. Any queries should be addressed to Geoff French (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), 18 Burchetts Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 9BS (01932 245774) or visit the website: www.sslhs.org.uk

21 September 2010
Sunbury in Old Photos, Colin Squire (Sunbury Sports Club, Lower Hampton Road, Sunbury)

12 October 2010
The Tudor Kitchens at Hampton Court, Marc Meltonville

16 November 2010
The Great White City Exhibition, Ann Wheeldon

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 www.botlhs.co.uk

4 October 2010
The Coloured Mass: Art and Artists in the Twickenham Area, David Allan

1 November 2010
1536: The Year that Changed Henry VIII, Suzannah Lipscombe

6 December 2010
Elizabeth's Women, Tracy Borman

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 or visit www.eddiethecomputer.co.uk/history

21 September 2010
Borough War Memorials, Josh Martin

19 October 2010
The Old London Docks and New Docklands, Sally Botwright

16 November 2010
Uxbridge in Words and Music, speaker tba

Walthamstow Historical Society

Evening talks are held at The Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre, 1a Warner Road, Walthamstow E17 7DY. Afternoon and Saturday talks are held at The Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, Walthamstow E17 9NH. Meetings are free to members. Visitors are welcome but we ask for £1.50. For further details please visit us at www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org

16 September 2010
Radical Walthamstow, Roger Huddle (7.30pm)

14 October 2010
From Battleships to the Olympics, Peter Lawrence (7.30pm)

11 November 2010
London and the Great War, David Evans (2.30pm)

16 December 2010
Magic Lantern Show, Gary Heales (2.30pm)

Wandsworth Historical Society

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

24 September 2010
Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton: Review of Oral History Project 1945-2000, Gordon Jones

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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). Please note: the Society's *Journal* is available for £1.30, including postage, from Brian J. Page, Flat 82a, Weavers House, New Wanstead, London E11 2SY (07889 834833).

Wembley History Society

Meetings take place once a month in the church hall adjoining St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Kingsbury NW9 8SZ, 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.

17 September 2010
Brent Fruit Trees and Orchards, Leslie Williams

15 October 2010
Gilbert and Sullivan – Their Lives and Music, Robert Lowe

19 November 2010
The Wenbley History Society Collection Project – an Update, Gillian Spry

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West Drayton & District Local History Society

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

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 7.45pm. New members welcome. For further information, please contact Anne Stacey, 20B Grove Hill, South Woodford E18 2JG (020 8989 9294).

13 September 2010
Archaeology of the Thames, Natalie Cohen

11 October 2010
The Glassworks of Roman London, John Shepherd

8 November 2010
An Archaeologist in Libya, Tim Reynolds

13 December 2010
The Pagan Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Mucking, Sue Hirst

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

15 September 2010
A Cultural History of South Kilburn 1910-2010, Tina Ramdeen

20 October 2010
Neasden, Len Snow

17 November 2010
The Beeson Family of Harlesden, Margaret Pratt

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