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NOTICES

Newsletter: Copy Dates

The copy deadline for the following issue of the *Newsletter* is 4 August 2008 (for the September 2008 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 2008

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.

8 May 2008
The Historic and Architecture of Clerkenwell: A Summary of the Survey of London's Findings, Colin Thom, Senior Historian, Survey of London, English Heritage

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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 2008/2009 fund.

How much will the fund be and who can apply?
The fund level for the year 2008/2009 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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CBA London – Progress Report

In January a first meeting took place of prospective trustees of the Council for British Archaeology's new London Regional Group. Harvey Sheldon attended as representative of LAMAS. The Chairman of the new

group is Andrew Dismore MP (MP for Hendon), the Vice-Chairman Don Cooper (Hendon and District Archaeological Society), the Secretary James Doeser (Institute of Archaeology, UCL), and the Treasurer Sheila Broomfield (currently Chairman of SCOLA).

The letter from LAMAS and the other county societies asking for assurances that CBA London would not erode established publications or organise conferences that would compete with our own was received favourably – but we have had no formal response to that letter as yet. By the time you receive this *Newsletter* the Group will be advertising for new members – the status of existing members of the two neighbouring CBA groups (Mid-Anglia and South-East England, whose boundary up to now has been the Thames) seems still to be unclear. There will be an optional joint subscription to CBA London and the *London Archaeologist* magazine.

The Executive Committee of SCOLA (Standing Conference on London Archaeology) has yet to make a decision about its own future. A decision that SCOLA will be wound up will only be made if the Committee is convinced that the new body can and will meet the aims for which SCOLA was originally established. We await more information on promised CBA London new initiatives. Meanwhile LAMAS can look forward to working with the new body.
John Clark

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Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service Webpages

The Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service now has its own pages on the English Heritage website. These can be found at: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.8900 or search on 'English Heritage' and on the home page, under 'Research and Conservation', click on *Archaeology and Buildings*, and from there click on *Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service* at the foot of the left-hand links column. The website will focus on archaeology in London, and the work of GLAAS and English Heritage (London Region). It will include news and events, recent discoveries, planning advice, GLAAS publications (the *Annual Reviews*, old *Quarterly Reviews*, summaries of site reports and *Standard Guidance Papers*), ideas for active participation in archaeology and useful links.

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Livesey Museum Closure

Southwark Council voted to close the Livesey Museum for Children, only 21 days after the staff heard of its threatened closure (it closed to the

public after 1 March). This must be one of the fastest closures of an established public museum ever. The process has been scandalous. The campaign to save the Livesey continues so we are still appealing for your support. This includes continuing to publicise and sign the petition and make your feelings known to Southwark Council and DCMS about the process of closure. The key task now for core supporters is to constitute ourselves and seek charitable funding, as we are proposing to run the Museum for the community, if we can save the building from being sold. We're hoping our children's delegation and support from DCMS and local MPs will help in that process of negotiation.

You can follow progress on the blog, which will have more information in time, http://savethelivesey.blogspot.com and on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8314768438. Any ideas or offers of help are very welcome and should be addressed to Bridget McKenzie (Friends of the Livesey Museum for Children and Director of Flow Associates, 07890 540 178, www.flowassociates.com).
Bridget McKenzie

MINUTES

Minutes of the LAMAS Annual General Meeting
Terrace Room, Museum of London, 20th February 2008

On platform: President: Simon Thurley (ST), Chairman: Eileen Bowlt (EB), Hon Treasurer: Martin Williams, Hon Secretary: Jackie Keily (JK) (taking minutes).

Approximately 60 members attended

1. Apologies: Rupert Morris, Kate Sutton, Laura Schaaf, Patricia Clarke, Jon Finney, Natalie Cohen, John Schofield, Roy Stephenson, June Stubbs

2. Minutes of AGM 8th February 2007: Cecil Cherns proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted; this was seconded by Joanna Clark. The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Report and Accounts: The 152nd Annual Report was circulated to members. EB summarised the main points. It had been a successful year and membership had stabilised. The lecture series moved to the Terrace Room at the Museum of London as a temporary measure during the building work that is taking place at the Museum of London. Cheryl Smith had organised a very varied and enjoyable series of lectures. The numbers attending the lectures had varied but were now

increasing, helped by our new publicity officer, Mark Service. EB thanked both CS and MS for all their hard work.

All the committees had been very busy this year and EB thanked them for their assistance in the running of the Society. The Annual Conference of London Archaeologists in March was well attended. The Local History Committee conference had also drawn a large audience and included the presentation of the Annual Publications' Award. EB noted the important contribution made by the Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee. The Publications' Committee had been revived and was looking at the possibility of restarting Occasional Papers. In addition, the website is now under new management and has had a complete re-design. Lynn Pitts had produced Volume 56 of *Transactions* in the autumn and Meriel Jeater had continued to edit the *Newsletter.* Both were thanked for their work. Membership was 624 compared to 632 in the previous year. EB reported that all in all this had been a very successful year and congratulations were due to all those who had worked so hard on the society's behalf, both on Council and in the various Committees.

MW reported on the Society's finances. Thanks were given to Alan Buss for examining the accounts and to Patricia Clarke for her work on subscriptions. There had been a slight operating loss in the last year, which had been expected. Subscriptions were slightly down but more Gift Aid forms had been collected which was good. Less had been spent on *Transactions* this year and other costs had been fairly well controlled. There had been grants to assist other publications and also the Research Fund grant (which had been awarded to Peter Rowsome to aid his work on the Roman map of London). All in all the Society's funds were in good shape.

Questions from the floor:
Andrew Selkirk asked if the time and location of the meetings could be added to the website? JK agreed that this would be done immediately.

Cecil Cherns asked why the Archaeological Conference had been more expensive this year? MW replied that this was due to the Museum of London Lecture Theatre (which had been free) no longer being available and that the Museum in Docklands lecture theatre was now used, which had to be paid for.

Andrew Selkirk informed the Treasurer that the Hendon and District Archaeological Society had moved money into Charifund, which had proved a very successful move. MW will look into this further.

Meriel Jeater proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts should be adopted; this was seconded from the floor and carried. ST expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Treasurer, both of whom do an excellent job.

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. ST thanked all those who had served for the last year and, in particular those who were standing down, Rupert Morris, Stuart Forbes and Nick Holder.

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

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

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

Cheryl Smith (Lectures)	Tim Carew
Meriel Jeater (*Newsletter*)	Karen Thomas
Barney Sloane	John Schofield
John Clark	Graham Javes
Roy Stephenson	

ST asked that the society's gratitude be recorded to all the officers and members of Council.

The following members were proposed for election to Council (proposed by Council; seconded by Colin Bowlt) and unanimously elected:

Laura Schaaf — Kathryn Stubbs

Ann Hignell was co-opted onto Council to represent the Local History Committee and Natalie Cohen was co-opted onto Council as Hon. Archaeology Editor.

5. Appointment of Auditor(s): Council proposed Mr Alan Buss as the Honorary Examiner. No other nominations were received. Mr Buss was unanimously elected. ST thanked Mr Buss for his work on last year's accounts.

6. Election of President: EB noted that this was ST's last AGM as President and thanked him on behalf of both the Council and members for his support and encouragement. The Society had been honoured to have so illustrious a figure as President, particularly over the 150th Anniversary celebrations. In particular thanks were offered to ST for his presidential addresses, all of which had been thought provoking and interesting. Council then proposed Caroline Barron as President and she was duly

elected. CB thanked the Society and reminded those attending that she had been a member since 1962 and also had taught ST when he was an undergraduate. She regularly attended the Society's meetings, enjoyed its publications and encouraged her students to publish in *Transactions*.

ST replied that he would continue to enjoy the Society and its publications and apologised for his inability to attend the Local History Conference, which had been due to matters out of his control (a fatality on the train line from Norfolk).

7. Any other business: ST thanked Joanna Clark for the refreshments and declared the AGM closed.

ST then gave his final Presidential address, 'Is London's Past Finished? And Does Anyone Care?'

REVIEW

Review of 45th LAMAS Conference of London Archaeologists Museum in Docklands 5 April 2008

The conference commenced with Nick Bateman's lecture (MoLAS: *The Olympics: the First Fruits of Fieldwork).* On site of the 2012 Olympic Park is a deeply buried prehistoric landscape. Since the Mesolithic when our ancestors started to hunt and fish in the area, people have used the natural river channels of the River Lea for drainage, transport, water supply and latterly as a source of industrial power. From the Saxon period the surrounding marshes have been drained and farmed. Work to date has revealed a range of discoveries including a 19th-century skiff, medieval drainage channels and Late Bronze Age crouched burials.

Slumbering under the 18th-century park at Syon Abbey, Richmond, are the remains of the only medieval Bridgettine nunnery in England (founded in 1415 and finally closed in 1559). The nunnery was a rich foundation and possessed a church of palatial proportions. Since 2004 Harvey Sheldon (Birkbeck College: *Syon Abbey: Recent Work*) has directed the annual London University Training Dig here, uncovering elements of the nunnery foundations and later gardens.

Andrew Westman (MoLAS*: Investigating Standing Buildings: Cops and Dossers in Edwardian London*) demonstrated how much we can learn from the study of vanishing buildings. He started by considering the complex of police buildings along King's Cross Road. This began in 1841 with the erection of the Clerkenwell Police Court, a modest residential-style building, rebuilt in 1860. Then in 1903-1906, a much larger new Magistrate's Court was built next door. This building was a masterpiece of architectural evolution in terms of the criminal justice

system in the way it created a carefully controlled and regulated environment. A quite different but equally regulated environment was the Lord Rowton's poor man's hotel at Newington Butts, Southwark, constructed in 1897 to provide cheap digs for 900 working men.

Sophie Jackson (MoLAS: *Work in the City and Beyond in 2007*) listed some the recent highlights of fieldwork, starting with Holywell Priory (established *c.*1150, suppressed 1539) where excavations were carried out in advance of the East London Line extension. Work revealed two in-situ column bases belonging to the 13th-century nunnery church, and part of a Roman period cemetery. At the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, evidence revealed both 1st-century AD occupation and early Saxon burials. Further work at Walbrook House (previously reported here in 2007) revealed a sequence of late 1st-century AD buildings erected on part of the reclaimed marsh. At New Change, evidence of Bronze Age activity was found. At 29-33 King Street more fragments of what appears to be a series a Roman temples flanking the *via decumana* were found. At 8-13 Lime Street masses of colourful painted wall plaster depicting candelabrum, goldfinches and grapes were uncovered. The medieval period was represented by investigations of the City ditch at St Bartholomew's Hospital, the Old Bailey and Heron Tower. The medieval port was re-examined within trenches dug around the footprint of two recent developments, which revealed fragments of waterfront structures.

Tim Bradley (PCA: *Excavations at Drapers' Gardens*) described the most impressive London find of 2007: the hoard of twenty 4th-century Roman copper- and lead-alloy vessels recovered from a timber-lined well in the upper Walbrook area of the City of London (see *British Archaeology* Jan/Feb 2008). Under the 1960s tower block at Drapers' Gardens was a well-preserved, waterlogged early Roman landscape, which included five mid-1st-century infant burials, a wooden door, a trackway and a series of wooden buildings, including one with a well-preserved plank floor. A wealth of finds included a brown bear skull.

The afternoon session was a tribute to Harvey Sheldon and featured a selection of articles from the forthcoming volume - *Londinium and Beyond: Essays on Roman London and its Hinterland for Harvey Sheldon.* This CBA Res Rep (No156) will be published in July 2008, but it is available now at a pre-publication price of £28 (visit www.britarch.ac.uk/pubs or call Central Books: 0845 458 9910).

Barney Sloane (*Picturing Roman London*) looked at how our ancestors from 1672 onward illustrated a variety of discoveries showing changing concepts and styles of presentation. Hedley Swain and Tim Williams (*The Population of Roman London*) looked at the issue of demographic

reconstruction. They concluded that the average population of Londinium (including extra-mural suburbs) was in AD 60 *c.*9,306 people; in AD 100 -120 *c.*25,844; and in AD 200 *c.*30,632. Ralph Jackson (*Imagining Healthcare in Roman London*) conjured up some scary notions of surgery being largely carried out with kitchen tools by the untrained. John Shepherd (*Glass in Roman London*) reviewed the evidence for production of glassware and also the recycling of waste material. Richard Reece (*Satellite, Parasite or Just London?*) asked whether urban centres need a motive/function to be established. Do they need to collect taxes sustain themselves as 'satellites' or are they 'parasites' that survive only by means of external subsidy and civic investment and fail once this support is withdrawn?
Bruce Watson

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

New MoLAS Publications

Full details of all MoLAS publications can be seen on their website: http://www.museumoflondonarchaeology.org.uk

Burial at the site of the parish church of St Benet Sherehog before and after the Great Fire: excavations at 1 Poultry, City of London, by Adrian Miles, William White, with Danae Tankard

Roman waterfront development at 12 Arthur Street, City of London, by Dan Swift

Late 17th- to 19th-century burial and earlier occupation at All Saints, Chelsea Old Church, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, by Robert Cowie, Jelena Bekvalac and Tania Kausmally

The London Guildhall: an archaeological history of a neighbourhood from early medieval to modern times, by David Bowsher, Tony Dyson, Nick Holder and Isca Howell

A Roman drainage culvert, Great Fire destruction debris and other evidence from hillside sites north-east of London Bridge: excavations at Monument House and 13–21 Eastcheap, City of London, by Ian Blair and David Sankey

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New Wall Map of London in 1520

The best map of medieval London is to be found in the Historic Towns Atlas volume, *The City of London from Prehistoric Times to c.1520* edited by Mary Lobel and published by the Oxford University Press in

1989. That volume has for a long time been out of print and virtually unobtainable on the second-hand market. The Historic Towns Trust has now made an agreement with Old House Books of Moretonhampstead in Devon to produce an affordable wall map of the 1520 map (approximately 2'6" x 3' 6") which will be in full colour and will include a booklet gazetteer of all the streets and places named on the map. The map will be available in September 2008 and will cost only £9.99. Old House Books publish other historical maps of London including *The Great Fire of London map of 1666* and *London Street Maps of 1863*. For a full list of all the Old House Books historical maps, and information about how to order the medieval London map, visit their website: www.OldHouseBooks.co.uk

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- **Studies in Early Medieval Coinage 1**, edited by Tony Abramson. Normally £40.00, special price £30.00
- **The Archaeology of Kent to AD800**, edited by John Williams. Normally £25.00, special price £18.75
- **Medieval Clothing and Textiles 4**, edited by Robin Netherton & Gale R. Owen-Crocker. Normally £30.00, special price £22.50
- **Britons in Anglo-Saxon England**, edited by Nick Higham. Normally £50.00, special price £37.50

Contact Boydell and Brewer on 01394 610 600 and quote reference 08063/400.

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The Greville Estate: The History of a Kilburn Neighbourhood by Marianne Colloms and Dick Weindling, Camden History Society, 2007, £7.50, 112 pages, 8 maps, 29 illustrations, ISBN 978 0 904491 68 5

This well-researched and interesting book tells the story of a part of Kilburn that has not been examined in detail before. The opening chapters provide the reader with a general historical background. Situated near St John's Wood, North London, we learn of the first recorded settlement of 'Cuneburn' by Godwyn, a hermit, during the early 12th century, and the

establishment of a small order of Benedictine nuns at Kilburn Priory. Subsequently, we are guided through the transformation of the small rural hamlet into a fashionable 18th-century resort, its further development as an exclusive residential retreat during the 19th century, and the re-development of much of Kilburn during the 20th and 21st centuries.

'The Greville Estate' refers to land purchased by the aristocrat and speculator Fulk Greville-Howard, who leased two plots to property developers in 1819. One of the developers, George Pocock, set out to create country villas for wealthy London businessmen and their families. The result was a thriving 19th-century community whose streets, houses and residents are the main focus of the authors' research. In many cases the authors have been successful in determining the identities of a succession of occupants of a particular property.

Victorian Kilburn attracted scores of artists, writers, actors and musicians, as well as businessmen, solicitors, clerks and shop workers. Illustrious residents included George Orwell, artist Sir Francis Dicksee, *Punch* cartoonist Lewis Baumer, John Spedan Lewis (founder of the John Lewis Partnership), music hall star Belle Bilton, H. G. Wells and A. A. Milne.

The book charts the rise and fall of a Victorian neighbourhood in what is perhaps a familiar tale. By the beginning of the 20th century, a number of streets in the poorest part of Kilburn were in a sorry state. At the same time, some of grander properties were becoming too costly to run as single homes, and many were subdivided into flats. The area also suffered significant bomb damage during the Second World War. During the postwar period, the rising need for social housing meant that many buildings were bought by property developers only to be demolished and turned into blocks of flats, thus changing the character of the area forever.

The Greville Estate is well illustrated with a number of clearly reproduced maps, advertisements and historical photographs of Kilburn and of persons known to have lived here. It would certainly be of interest to anyone who is looking to discover more about Kilburn's past, and in particular the intriguing characters who have shaped its history.
Stephanie Bowry

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

Finds Research Group Conference: Life in Fragments
Hampton Court Palace
17 & 18 May 2008

What stories do we get from collections of artefacts, and are they true? An exciting programme of speakers and tours is being finalised - details will be available shortly. Entrance to the Palace and Palace grounds will be free for those attending (open until

6pm). Members will be free to explore the Palace for the remainder of the afternoon and staff will be on hand in the Tudor kitchens to answer questions.

Conference fee is £5 per person. If you would like to book a place, please contact Jane Cowgill, 25 Main Street, South Rauceby, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 8QG.

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Birkbeck College Archaeological Walks in London

These three guided walks will introduce the Roman and later archaeology of London. All walks are conducted by Harvey Sheldon, BSC, FSA and Robin Densem, BA and cost £20 each. You should be prepared for hours of walking (beween 11am and 4pm) and admission costs are not included. To enrol by telephone call 020 7631 6651 quoting the relevant course code.

17 May 2008
Lundenwic and Westminster
Course code FFAR026N ACS

21 June 2008
Medieval City of London and Monastic Precincts
Course code FFAR028N ACS

7 June 2008
Royal Greenwich
Course code FFAR027N ACS

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Birkbeck College Archaeology Summer Schools

These two Archaeology Summer Schools explore the Prehistoric and Roman settlement of Southern Britain through museums, monuments and classroom teaching. Led by accomplished archaeologists you will gain knowledge of sites and their setting, the material culture of the past and the changes of the landscape over thousands of years. These modules complement the Birkbeck Faculty of Continuing Education archaeology courses offered at Syon House, Brentford. The courses are:

12 May 2008 – 16 May
Revealing Prehistoric Britain, £185

19 May 2008 – 23 May 2008
Revealing Roman Britain, £185

For further details, please contact Nafsika Vlassis at the Archaeology Desk on 020 7631 6627 or e-mail archaeology@fce.bbk.ac.uk

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Birkbeck College Summer Programme

9 June, 16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July 2008
Syon House Archaeological Training Excavation

Students are invited to enrol onto the Syon House 2008 training excavation. Birkbeck are offering five similar excavation courses, each one lasting for one week, Monday to Friday, 9.30-5pm beginning June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7 2008. These five-day courses provide training in archaeological excavation and recording techniques. No experience is necessary, and places on the training excavation are open to beginners as well as those more experienced in archaeology. Fee: £185 per week. Course code FFAR085U ACB. Call 020 7631 6651.

30 June to 4 July 2008
Syon House Archaeological Geophysics Week
This course, which will be held at Syon House, will introduce a range of geophysical techniques used in current archaeology. This is a practical course that will collect and process data with the aim of providing information about the location and nature of buried features. The five-day course will provide familiarisation with a range of geophysical techniques and the associated instruments and equipment. Fee £185, course code FFAR135U ACB. Call 020 7631 6651.

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Kent Archaeological Field School

17 – 18 May 2008
Roman Roads in Kent

24 – 26 May 2008
Introduction to Archaeology

14 – 15 June 2008
Landscape Archaeology

28 – 29 June 2008
Surveying for Archaeologists

12 – 13 July 2008
Prehistoric Kent

23 August – 7 September 2007
Excavations at Blacklands

To book and for more details of field trips, a full course list and KAFS membership, see the website: www.kafs.co.uk or e-mail info@kafs.co.uk.

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Aqua Britannica – A Day Conference on Water in Roman Britain
Surrey Roman Studies Group of Surrey Archaeological Society
Chertsey Hall, Chertsey, Surrey.
31 May 2008
This one-day conference will explore key aspects of the availability, technology, use and religious functions of water in Roman Britain. Cost £12, lunches available. For details of speakers and topics please call Surrey Archaeological Society on 01483 532454 or check the website at www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

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Conference: The Temple Church in London
Courtauld Institute of Art, Kenneth Clark Lecture Theatre
9.45am – 6.15 pm, 14 June 2008
Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the grant of the Temple's Charter by James I, the conference is held in association with an exhibition at the Temple Church from 31 March to 15 June (for which see www.templechurch.com for details).

To book a place: Please send a cheque for £15 (or £10 concessions and Courtauld staff and students) made payable to 'Courtauld Institute of Art' to: Research Forum Events Coordinator & Administrator, Courtauld Institute of Art Research Forum, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 0RN, clearly stating that you wish to book for the 'Temple Church conference'. For credit card bookings call 020 7848 2785/2909. For further information, email: ResearchForumEvents@courtauld.ac.uk

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The Bayeux Tapestry
British Museum
15 – 16 July 2008

This conference seeks to highlight recent and new research on the Bayeux Tapestry, and to disseminate those findings to a wider audience, in the hope of furthering discussion, debate and the sharing of ideas about this unique textile.

The fees for this conference are £10 a day or £15 for both days. Please send a cheque (payable to The British Museum), together with your contact details, to Dr Michael Lewis, Portable Antiquities and Treasure, British Museum, London WC1B 3DG.

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Copped Hall Trust Archaeological Field School
11 – 15 August and 18 – 22 August 2008

Continued excavation of a sequence of Tudor and medieval grand houses at Copped Hall on the edge of Epping Forest, Essex. For the last five years the CHTAP has held training digs for beginners but this year the dig will be confined to people who have already learned the basic techniques of archaeological excavation and recording. The cost will be £100 per week, excluding accommodation. For further information see www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk or phone Mrs Dalton on 01992 813 725 or e-mail pmd2@ukonline.co.uk.

LECTURES AND EVENTS

The Women's Library Lectures

13 May 2008, 6.30pm
'Women Ninety Years On': A Quiet Revolution, Rt Hon Shirley Williams
Price: £7.50 (£5 concs)

14 June 2008, 2pm
An Army of Banners, Elizabeth Crawford

To book a place at a lecture, call 020 7320 2222 or e-mail moreinfo@thewomenslibrary.ac.uk giving your name, the events you want to book and a contact number so they can call you back.

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Museum of London
National Archaeology Week: Fun and Games!
18 – 20 July 2008

To celebrate this Olympic year, the Museum of London is hosting a weekend of family activities, tours and talks looking at games and sports throughout history. Become an ancient athlete and try your hand at all sorts of games, handle sporty objects from the Museum's collections and investigate the skeletons of Roman and medieval Londoners with possible sports injuries. Discover the archaeological secrets behind the preparations for London's 2012 Olympic Games.

LECTURE: 18 July
Preparing for 2012 - East London Archaeology, Kieron Tyler **(3pm – Museum of London Terrace Room)**

FAMILY EVENTS: 19 – 20 July
Including Roman games and soldiers, medieval bowmen, demonstrations on making medieval ice skates, lamp making, giant games, art activities and object displays. Also! Take a tour of the amphitheatre at the Guildhall Art Gallery, led by a museum curator: 12.30pm and 2.30pm (60mins – meeting in the foyer of the Museum of London **-** *advance booking required*).

For more information and to book, call the Museum of London Box Office on 0870 444 3850 or see their website www.museumoflondon.org.uk

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Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, Kent
Special Events for Children

National Archaeology Week - Sunday 20 July 2008
Meet Secundus, a Roman soldier and Agrippina, a rich Roman lady
Displays on the life of a solider at 10.30am and 2.30pm and on home life in the villa at 11.30am and 3.30pm. All the family can join in. Entry £2.00 / £1.00.

All Wednesdays in August
Find out about the villa-house and farm and handle Roman artefacts. Join the Roman Villa quiz and win a villa badge. Sessions start at 10.30am and 2.30pm each day.

All Fridays in August
Find out about Roman pots and have fun making your own 'Roman' mini pot. 10.30am -1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm. Just pop in during these times.

Further information from Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, 11 Penshurst Green, Bromley, BR2 9DG. Tel 020 8460 1442.

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Free Group Guided Tours at All Hallows by the Tower
Discover the chilling connections between the oldest church in the City and the Tower of London, from where the beheaded bodies of the infamous were brought. See our rare Grinling Gibbons font cover, Roman pavement, Saxon arch, medieval brasses and the staircase that Samuel Pepys climbed to watch the Great Fire of London in 1666. Visit the fascinating Crypt Museum that contains Shackleton's crow's nest, archaeological artefacts and a Knights Templar altar. Tours in the church, and walking tours on a variety of themes, take place throughout the year and can be booked on the number below. Helen Elletson, Curator and Education Officer, All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3R 5BJ. Tel: 020 7481 2928. Email: helen@ahbtt.org.uk Web: www.ahbtt.org.uk

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GALLERIES AND EXHIBITIONS

The Women's Library Exhibition
What Women Want
1 May to 13 September 2008
What have women fought for, longed for and achieved? How much have their aspirations changed? Historic photographs, documents, posters and ephemera from

The Women's Library collections bring to life the struggle for political representation and equality at work, and reveal unexpected insights into the worlds of leisure, beauty and home. An impressive display of original suffrage parade banners marks the 100th anniversary of the 1908 suffrage marches. For more information call 020 7320 2222 or visit www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk.

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BDA Dental Museum
A Bite of the Past
21 February to 16 May 2008

This small exhibition provides a rare opportunity to see material from the Centre for Human Bioarchaeology at the Museum of London. The BDA Dental Museum tells the fascinating story of how people have (or haven't!) looked after their teeth in the past. From 19th-century dental floss to toothache cures, clockwork drills to toothpaste adverts, there is more to discover than you might imagine. The Museum is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm; other times by appointment. Admission free. Contact Melanie Parker, Museum Education Officer, BDA Dental Museum, British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8YS. Tel. 0207 535 5860. Fax. 0207 935 6492. www.bda.org/museum

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Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre
"Little Italy" Exhibition
2 June to 27 September 2008

This exhibition will tell the fascinating story of London's original "Little Italy", the Italian quarter in Holborn. It will cover the history of the community from its origins in the early 19th century, through its height in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, up to its decline after the Second World War. Venue: Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, 2nd Floor, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London. Opening hours: Monday 10.00am-7.00pm, Tuesday 10.00am-6.00pm, Thursday 10.00am-7.00pm, Friday 10.00am-6.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm. Admission free. For more information contact: Tudor Allen, Senior Archivist (020 7974 6342) tudor.allen@camden.gov.uk, Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA.

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Jack the Ripper and the East End
Museum in Docklands
15 May – 2 November 2008

Museum in Docklands is returning to the scene of London's most infamous crimes in 'Jack the Ripper and the East End', the first exhibition to explore the Jack the Ripper murders and their enduring legacy. Step back in time to the labyrinth of late-Victorian Whitechapel, and uncover the human stories behind the sensational reports and explore the lives of the victims, witnesses, suspects and police, and the world they lived in. **Tickets** (including entry to the Museum in Docklands): £7 (£5 concs). Due to the sensitive nature of the exhibition, it is not recommended for children under 12.

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The Big Smoke
Foyer Display, Museum of London
1 July - 21 September 2008

This small display looks at the history of smoking in the capital over the last 400 years, in the light of the recent ban on smoking in public places. It charts the changing attitudes towards smoking and looks at the effects of the ban on London today. Listen to the views of Londoners as they voice their opinions on the smokefree legislation and add your own to the display.

LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Acton History Group

Events on the second 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 May 2008
Tour of the Seven Stations in Acton, Don Kennedy

11 June 2008
Talk on Kew Palace Restoration, Rod Titian

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.

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held at Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, SW14 at 8pm on the third 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.

12 May 2008
Donovan's Hertfordshire, John Donovan

9 June 2008
Pre-Reformation Survivals in Parish Churches in England, Graham Javes

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Bexley Archaeological Group

All meetings are held at Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. For further information contact the Chairman, Mrs S Schnaar, 66 Newstead Road, Lee, London SE12 0TB, email: bag.editor@dsi.pipex.com or see the website: www.bag.org.uk

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.ChiswickW4.com and search for 'local history'.

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).

22 May 2008
'Good God! Women!' Suffragettes and the Endell Street Military Hospital, Jennian Geddes (Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3)

26 June 2008
New Photographs of the Kings Cross Area, Angela English (St Pancras Old Church)

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

21 May 2008
1066: Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask, Julian Whybra

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.

16 May 2008
Recent Finds at New Change and the Cheapside Hoard, Dave Saxby

20 June 2008
Reconstructing the Tudor Kitchens at Hampton Court – Experimental Archaeology at Work, Marc Meltonville

18 July 2008
The City of London Cemetery and Crematorium – its Past and Future, David McCarthy

Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society

The society meets at Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northlaw 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.

13 May 2008
The Severn Valley Railway, Caroline Rawl

The Docklands History Group

Meetings during 2008 will be held on the first Thursday of every month in the Museum in 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). Forthcoming talks are:

1 May 2008
The Life of a Ship's Pilot, Captain Bill Wells [Trinity House and then PLA pilot]

5 June 2008
Early Cargo Handling and Labour Management at the West India Docks 1802 – 1840, Chris Ellmers

3 July 2008
AGM followed by short talks by members

7 August 2008
J & R Starbuck Ships' Chandlers, Brian Starbuck

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Evening meetings assemble at 7.45pm for 8pm; daytime meetings run from 2.30pm until 4pm. Further details may be obtained from the Local History Section at the Town Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 (020 8379 2724).

21 May 2008
The National Census, a House in Clerkenwell, Marlene MacAndrew

18 June 2008
The History of Silver Street, Enfield, Harold Noble

16 July 2008
The Cuffley Story, Pat Kline and Michael Clark

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, (£1.00 per person). For further information please contact David Willis, Secretary, 43 Millers Green Close, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 7BD.

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

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).

28 May 2008
Donovan's Hertfordshire, John Donovan

25 June 2008
Comic and Satirical Postcards, Hugh Garnsworthy

Greenwich Industrial History Society meetings

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).

20 May 2008
Merryweathers – Fire Engine Manufacturers of Greenwich, Neil Bennet

10 June 2008
The Industrial Museum of the Lee Valley, Lindsay Collier

15 July 2008
Early Steam Ships and the City Canal, Roger Owen

23 July 2008
The Impact of the Railways on Greenwich, Hugh Lyon

21 October 2008
The Royal Victualling Yard, Deptford, Janet Mcdonald

11 November 2008
The PLA and Greenwich, James Trimmer

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

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, Ms Mary Rawitzer, 8 Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, London N6 5SF (020 8340 7434).

13 May 2008
Finds from Roman London, Angela Wardle

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

14 May 2008
The History of Television at Alexandra Palace, John Thompson

11 June 2008
British Royalty Through the Ages, Frank Bayford

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.

21 May 2008
A Wesleyan Talk, Rev Jennifer Potter

18 June 2008
Seven Parishoners of Stratford Atte Bow – 700 Years of Life in Bow, Rev Michael Peet

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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.

8 May 2008
Holmbury Hill and Camp, Rose Hooker

12 June 2008
London's Archaeology, Hedley Swain

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.

London Natural History Society

Unless otherwise stated meetings start at 6.30pm and are held at Small Chapel, King's Cross Methodist Church, Crestfield Street, London WC1. Tea and coffee making facilities. Toilets. Visitors are very welcome at all meetings. For further information visit www.lnhs.org.uk/program.htm

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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).

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 6QE (020 8540 6656).

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 Cilla Mann, 16 Southfleet Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9SL (01689 857643).

7 May 2008
Decadence to Dire Straits – A Skeletal Account of Life and Death in Early Modern London, Tania Kausmally

4 June 2008
Recent Work in the City of London, Sophie Jackson

2 July 2008
Causewayed Enclosures in Kent, John Hammond

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

1 May 2008
Harrow's Heritage: A Progress Report, Amy Burbage (Main)

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 John Scivyer (Hon. Sec.), 9 Hill Rise, Potters Bar EN6 2RX (01707 657586).

29 May 2008
St Alban's Abbey Past and Present, Pamela Martin

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.

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/

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 meeting 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.

6 May 2008
Heart of Empire: The Story of a (London) Street Corner, Elaine Beckett

20 May 2008
Beneath City Streets: London's Unseen History, Peter Lawrence

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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 Quaker Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill, London. 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).

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.

13 May 2008
A Year in Southwark's Archaeology, Chris Constable

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).

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.

4 June 2008
The History of Kenwood, Philip St. Pride

Streatham Society

Meetings are held on the 1st 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).

19 May 2008
A History of the Domestic Kitchen, Brian Bloice

2 June 2008
Streatham, Past and Present, John Brown

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).

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.

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

Meetings are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, at 8pm on the 1st 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, 14a Enmore Gardens, East Sheen, London SW14 8RF (020 8878 7041).

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.

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).

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).

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 Hon. Secretary, Mrs Pam Carter, 84 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0AX (020 8205 3263).

16 May 2008
The Valley Farm Estate, Kingsbury, from 1930 to the Present Day, Phillip Grant

20 June 2008
Songs of Transport, Terry Lomas

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).

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 the Membership Secretary, Viola Parr, 6 Vine Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG1 2QH (020 8514 2767)

12 May 2008
The Archaeology of the Olympics Site, Gary Brown

9 June 2008
Egypt and Canaan, Rachel Sparks

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, 24B Lushington Road, Harlesden, London NW10 5UU (020 8965 7230) or visit: www.willesden-local-history.co.uk

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The Mayhew Homes – Then and Now, Sue Barrett

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