Issue 164 January 2022

LAMAS NEWSLETTER

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Owing to the continuing complications of living with Covid-19 the **58th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists** will be held online for the second year running, on Saturday 19 March 2022. The morning session will cover recent research, and the afternoon will feature HS2, the longest 'trench' ever dug in the United Kingdom. This coffin from St James's Gardens is one of many important discoveries.

© HS2, courtesy of MOLA Headland

CONTENTS

	Page
Notices	**2**
Reviews and Articles	**8**
Events and Exhibitions	**25**
Affiliated Society Meetings	**26**

NOTICES

Editor's introduction

This issue is the 23rd that I have edited since I became Honorary Editor in May 2014. I must confirm however that it is also the last issue that will come from me, as I am now stepping down – my intention to do so some time ago has been frustrated by having no-one available to take over. My hope had been that, before my retirement, it would have been possible to induct someone else into the mysteries of looking for words and images, gathering them in, writing articles, editing contributions, and turning pages into newsletters. It is after all those words that communicate ideas, and they may, as in TS Eliot's *Four Quartets* "strain, crack and sometimes break under the burden", but to avoid this they can be greatly assisted by the inclusion of appropriate images. My mission has been to use both to inform and entertain, and I hope that I may in some small way have succeeded.

The interlinked worlds of archaeology and local history have countless wonderful people in them, and along the way I have enjoyed renewing relationships or making new contact with many of them. This has been a real joy of the job.

Sadly, it is now time for me to move on, although I will still be available in future for help if needed. In conclusion I turn once again to *Four Quartets*, because "next year's words await another voice".

Richard Gilpin

Regrettably, without another voice, there will be no words next year.
The Society therefore asks anyone with an interest in the rewarding role of Newsletter Editor, please to email either

The Secretary: lamaskthomas@btinternet.com or
John Schofield, chair of Publications: john@jschd.co.uk

****

Newsletter: Copy Date

Please note that the final copy deadline for the May 2022 *Newsletter* is 23 March 2022. Please send items for inclusion by email preferably (as MS

Word attachments) to: **secretary@lamas.org.uk**, or by surface mail to the Honorary Secretary of LAMAS, Karen Thomas, at 58 Ashbourne Avenue, South Woodford, London E18 1PL.
It would be greatly appreciated if contributors could please ensure that any item sent by mail carries postage that is appropriate for the weight and size of the item.

****

The Newsletter by email

Once more the LAMAS *Newsletter* is being published electronically in colour, but traditional black and white copies are, for now, being printed and posted to members for whom the Society has no email address.
The Society urges any readers who are not currently receiving the *Newsletter* by email, but who wish to receive the benefits of doing so, to send their email address to: secretary@lamas.org.uk.
Please note that if you receive the digital version you will not also receive a hard copy version.

****

LAMAS 166th Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address Tuesday 8 February 2022

Notice is hereby given of the LAMAS 166th Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address to be held on Tuesday 8 February at 6.00pm. The AGM will be followed by the Presidential Address, given by Gillian Tindall. Owing to ongoing uncertainty regarding the course of the Covid-19 pandemic details of timing and venue will be published on the LAMAS website in the New Year.

The 166th AGM Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 165th AGM, 2021
3. Annual Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers and Members of Council
5. Appointment of Examiner(s)
6. Any Other Business

Copies of the Minutes of the 165th AGM, held on 16 February 2021 and the Annual Report and Accounts will be made available via email prior to the meeting. If any members not on email would like a copy, please contact the Secretary at the address given on the back page of the *Newsletter*.

Council would welcome nominations of anyone interested in becoming a member of Council. These should be addressed to the Chair at the address given on the back page of the *Newsletter*, or by email to the Secretary (secretary@lamas.org.uk) to arrive no later than Tuesday 11 January 2022.

****

A FINAL REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

This is a reminder to all members of LAMAS that 1 October marks the start of the Society's year – that is when your subscription was due to be paid for the year 2021-2022.

An exception to this are those few members who paid both for the coming year as well as the current one.

The other exception affects those new members who joined after June 2021 and whose membership is considered paid until the end of September 2022.

If you paid your subscription in the months since last 1 October (including those who are still sending their remittance to me) then you are due to pay for 2021-2022 when 1 October rolls round again!

1 October has passed, and I am still receiving subscriptions for the current year 2021-2022, for which I am grateful. **However, a number of members who were at least 2 years in default, are no longer receiving the publications and notifications that are sent out by the Society**.

So, may I request you check whether you have paid for last year 2020-2021 as well as 2021-2022. If you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification via the email address below.

I have included the information below for setting up a Standing Order for your subscription. Also a request for those using either Paypal or a Standing Order to please include your name/initial as a reference to the payee. Some people have a nickname with which I am not familiar and so for clarity please do 'introduce' yourself!

So may I appeal to all members to remember, remember 1 October and to check that their Standing Orders are correct! Any queries please get in touch via the email address below.

With many thanks
Fiona Haughey
Honorary Subscriptions and Membership Secretary
membership@lamas.org.uk

Subscriptions:

Ordinary (Individual) members	£20.00
Joint members (must be at same address)	£25.00
Student members (without Transactions)	£6.00
Corporate/Institutional members	£30.00
Affiliated local societies	£25.00

CAF Bank Limited Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00017438
Beneficiary: London & Middlesex Archaeological Society

****

58th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists

After some deliberation LAMAS's Archaeology Committee has decided to continue with the initiative established last year of holding the annual conference via Zoom, and it will be held online on **Saturday 19 March 2022.** The programme will probably include a mix of live and recorded contributions which may be subject to change but is expected to follow the order listed below. Tickets for this event will be available via Eventbrite, priced at £15. Details on how to book tickets for the conference can be found on the LAMAS website.

Morning session: Recent Work

10.45am **Set-up and Chairman's Opening Remarks including presentation of the 2021 Ralph Merrifield Award,** Harvey Sheldon, LAMAS Chairman

11.00am **The Alfred statue at Trinity Church Square, Southwark,** Chris Constable, London Borough of Southwark

11.20am **Excavations at St Lawrence's Church, Brentford,** Alex Blanks, MOLA

11.40am **Morning break**

12.00pm **The Roman cemetery at Great Suffolk Street**, Ireneo Grosso, Pre-Construct Archaeology

12.20pm **Building Bankside: preliminary interpretations on recent excavations along Park Street**, Sian Anthony, AOC Archaeology Group

12.40pm **Excavations in Southwark Street**, Antonietta Lerz, MOLA

1.00 pm **Lunch break**

Afternoon session: The archaeology of High Speed 2

2.00pm **HS2 historic environment strategy: an overview of results to date**, John Halsted and Emma Hopla, HS2/Atkins

2.30pm **The archaeology of the Dews Farm Area, Hillingdon**, Iain Williamson, Fusion

3.00pm **The Iron Age Potin Hoard, Hillingdon**, Emma Tetlow, SCS

3.30pm Afternoon break

4.00pm **Excavations at St Mary's, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire**, Guy Hunt, L-AP Archaeology

4.30pm **Excavations at St James's Gardens, Euston**, Louise Fowler, MOLA

5.00pm CLOSE

****

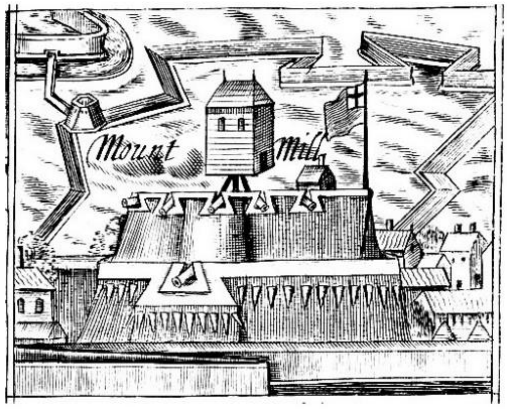
LAMAS Lecture Programme 2021-2022

The Society had been hoping to bring its lectures back to the Museum of London for the 2021-2022 season, but the future is currently uncertain.
The lectures will therefore take place from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on the following dates online only via Zoom until further notice. Members are requested to book on Eventbrite via the Society's website, https://www.lamas.org.uk/lectures.html. As usual non-members will be very welcome and there will be a charge of £2.50.
We will email members to notify any changes – please also check the website and our social media platforms. Thank you for your understanding.

11 January 2022
Hillingdon's Hidden History, Emma Tetlow, Skanska-Costain
Archaeological investigation ahead of the construction of HS2, has been ongoing from Euston to Ruislip since 2017. This lecture will focus on the results of evaluation and mitigation in the London Borough of Hillingdon which has focused largely on greenfield. Archaeological investigation across the Borough has yielded evidence from the Mesolithic to the Medieval Periods, the most significant current find is the Iron Age "Hillingdon Hoard" discovered in 2020.

8 February 2022
Annual General Meeting at 6.00pm followed by **Presidential Address**, Gillian Tindall

8 March 2022
The Civil War Defences of London: Rewriting History (and Archaeology), Peter Mills and Mike Hutchinson, Mills Whipp Projects
Over many years archaeologists in London have felt increasingly uncomfortable with the suggested lines of the Civil War Defences, which have been based on an 18th century map. Where archaeologists expected to find the defences, they were conspicuous by their absence. Historic England sponsored MWP to undertake research into the defences, examining both the archaeological and documentary evidence. The results



have been startling: almost every defensive line and fort has been misplaced. The initial results have led to a radical revision not only of the location of the defences but also their form and function. MWP will present a summary of the results (image shows Mount Mill in 1643).

12 April 2022

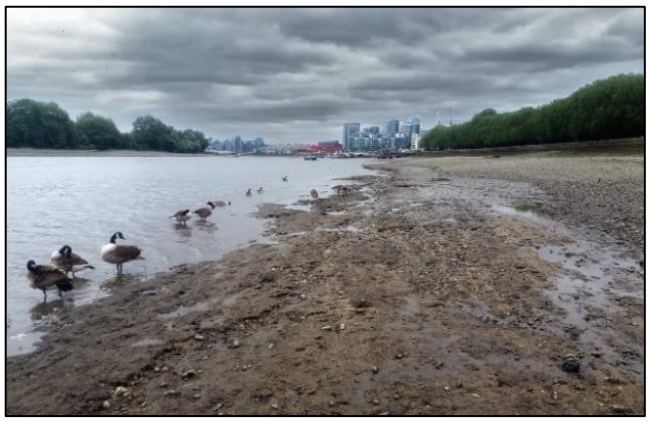
The Icehouse at Park Crescent West, Danny Harrison, MOLA

From 2015 to 2018, a standing building survey was undertaken in stages to record a near-intact late 18th-century subterranean icehouse to the rear of Park Crescent West, just to the south of Regent's Park, London. The significance of the structure as the earliest known commercial-sized icehouse of its type in England was recognised early in the investigation and in October 2015 it was designated a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The icehouse was infilled with rubble in 1961 during the post-war reconstruction of the John Nash-designed crescent, which had been irreparably damaged by bombing during the war. This infill was removed over the course of the recent investigation, revealing a substantial brick-built ice well, 9.6m deep internally, along with a subterranean entrance passageway and adjoining vault. The talk will describe the icehouse and the historical context of its construction.

10 May 2022

Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture:
Hidden depths – revealing new insights into the archaeological human remains from the London reaches of the River Thames, Nichola Arthur

Hundreds of human skeletal remains, many of which are Late Bronze Age or Iron Age in date, have been recovered from the London reaches of the River Thames over the last two centuries or so. Interpreting the presence of these remains has long posed a problem for archaeologists, and previous debates have focused on whether the majority reflect ritual deposition practices or the action of fluvial processes. This talk will explore how a large programme of research, which includes radiocarbon dating, osteological analysis, and stable isotope (δ13C, δ15N, δ34S) analysis, is revealing new insights into this assemblage and its deposition (image shows the Putney foreshore).



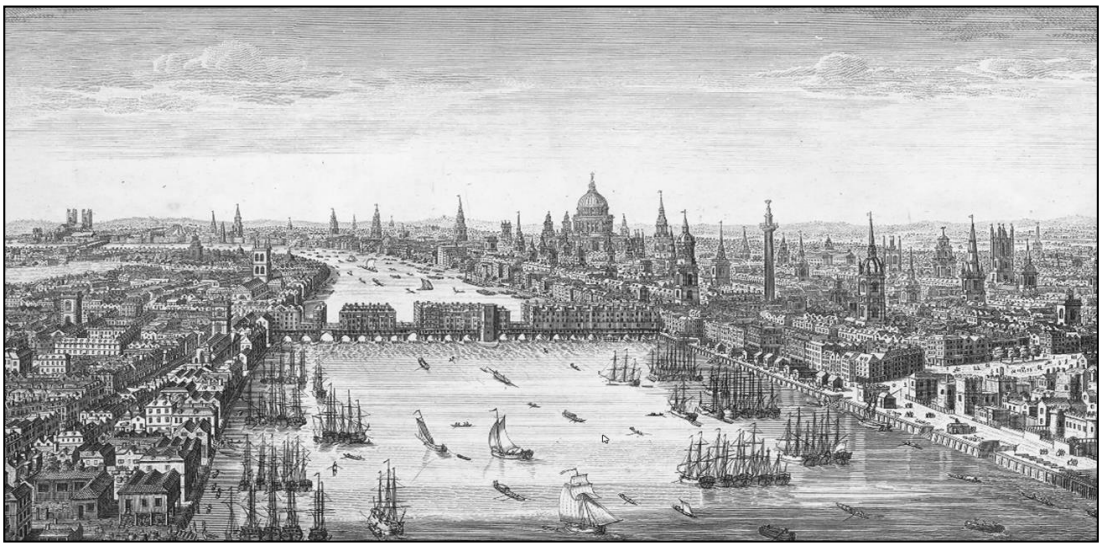
****

LAMAS *Lates*

LAMAS is intending to re-start its programme of Late Events in the Spring, when we hope the weather will improve and the virus may recede. For further details please visit the website or watch out for email updates.

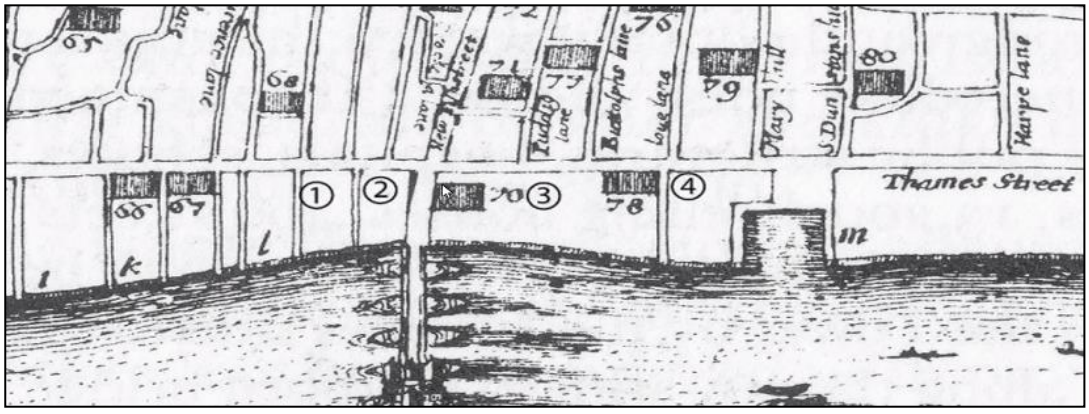
LAMAS Lectures

The first LAMAS lecture of the 2021-2022 season was **London's Waterfront 1666 to 1800: an introduction to a large project**, given by John Schofield on 12 October. During continuing uncertainty over face-to-face facilities and practicalities the Zoom webinar format was used.



Many readers will be familiar with John's authoritative understanding of the capital's waterfront through its archaeology and may indeed have encountered **London's Waterfront 1100-1666: excavations in Thames Street, London, 1974-84** written by John, Lyn Blackmore and Jacqui Pearce, with Tony Dyson, published in 2018 by Archaeopress.

John's lecture made use of these earlier discoveries as its foundation and took the subject on from the Great Fire to the Georgian period, looking at four neighbouring sites on either side of the north end of the medieval London Bridge (below).



Based on archaeological and documentary evidence he was able to show how shipping had continued to access the waterfront facilities throughout this period in order to facilitate trade and industrial activity. In a

fascinating journey to foreign parts he demonstrated how the infrastructure of the London waterfront had influenced Port Royal, at the mouth of Kingston Harbour in Jamaica, where the dock facilities were also backed by – Thames Street.

The conclusions that he drew were that the post-Fire waterfront was indeed a continuation of the previous period; that many sites had revealed a rich and urban culture; that the sites can be useful when studying how housing had been demolished in order to enable warehousing to spread; that it is possible to identify warehouses from artefacts found within them; and that evidence for the business and consequences of slavery in the City of London, while small, is growing.

His presentation was not just interesting in itself but was greatly enhanced by his imaginative use of many contemporary paintings and engravings.

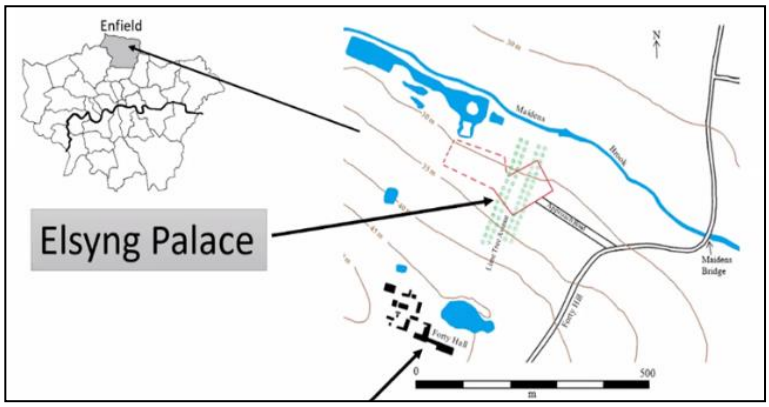
Richard Gilpin

****

LAMAS Lectures

The subject of the second LAMAS lecture of the 2021-2022 season was **The EAS and Elsyng Tudor royal palace**, and was given by Martin Dearne on 9 November as a Zoom webinar.

Martin started his address by introducing his audience to (or reminding it of) the Enfield Archaeological Society, one of LAMAS's affiliated local societies, and its wide range of activities. He swiftly moved on to Elsyng Palace and showed the location of its site (left) in what is now the public park of Forty Hall in Enfield.



In 1492 Elsyng was acquired by Sir Thomas Lovell (below), Chancellor of the Exchequer to Henry VII and Speaker of the House of Commons, and it accommodated royal visitors drawn by its proximity to the hunting grounds of Enfield Chase. It was obtained in late 1539 by Henry VIII and became one of the homes of his children Edward VI and Elizabeth (until her accession in 1558). It fell into disrepair and disuse however, was sold off by Charles I ahead of the English Civil War in 1641, and the site was eventually cleared and landscaped into pleasure grounds including a lime tree avenue.



From 1963 a number of excavations by EAS re-established the palace's location

and revealed its exceptional archaeological preservation below ground level. In 1967 the site was made a Scheduled Ancient Monument and it was only in 2004 that EAS were allowed back on site. Excavations quickly disclosed that demolition had spread layers of brickwork and gravel across the site, and that any digging had to respect a network of tangled roots coming down from the avenue trees. Another challenge was that much of the stone had been robbed out, and that most of the quality bricks had been repurposed elsewhere.

In order to establish the location and extent of the palace buildings EAS has continued its investigations into the present day, and the evidence found has led to a greater understanding of the site. It appears that the buildings identified were not the state rooms but were the kitchen, barns and food stores – the 'engine rooms' of the palace. Following a pause in activity on site during the pandemic, the volunteers of EAS were back on site in August and September this year, and the society's work goes on.

Richard Gilpin

****

LAMAS 55th Local History Conference: 13 November 2021 online
'London Overcomes':
Resilience and Recovery in the History of the Capital

The Conference was opened by **John Price**, Chair of the LAMAS Local History Committee, who welcomed members of the online audience, and introduced the speakers.

The first presentation of the day was ***'Lost angels of a ruin'd paradise'***, given by **Dr Peter Coles**, a Research Fellow in the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths, University of London. Drawing upon data and research undertaken partly for the award-winning *Morus Londinium* project, Peter's talk illustrated the extraordinary resilience of London's surviving veteran black mulberry trees. We heard about how the black mulberry was introduced to England during the early years of the Roman occupation and how it continued to be grown as an exotic, orchard tree in monastery and medieval gardens (mulberry at 12th century Lesnes Abbey, above). The story of how James I encouraged the gentry to plant thousands



of imported mulberry trees to sustain a domestic silk industry is fairly well known. What is, perhaps, less well known is that there are around 1000 mulberry trees in greater London, with more than two hundred being more than 150 years old. Peter's fascinating talk introduced us to several of these trees and revealed their great value as indicators of the capital's tangible and intangible heritage.



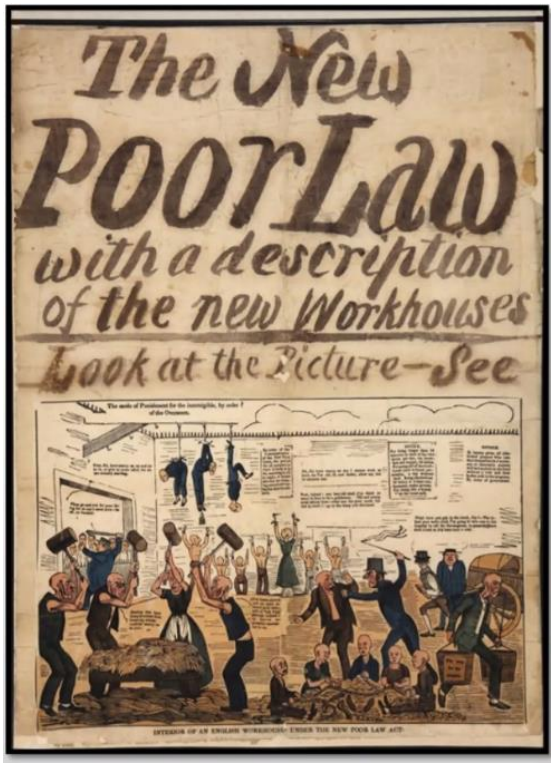
The second address was given by **Nathan Hazlehurst**, whose subject was '***Casualty Services and Civil Defence within London'***. His interest in this subject stemmed from his work in the NHS as an Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Manager, and he explained that there had been no emergency service in London until the London County Council (LCC) set up an ambulance service under the Fire Brigade in 1915. While a step in the right direction, this proved to be insufficient, and over the years the casualty services evolved – but were not properly established until 1935. They were designed to complement the peacetime services and, in the build up to World War II, became more war-specific. Reporting structures and a full range of specialist services were put in place, including First Aid posts and ambulances, and during the war temporary mortuaries were set up to cope with increasing demands. Male nurses, who in the past had largely been employed in asylums, were brought in, and the drivers of the London Auxiliary Ambulance Service were mainly women. London was made a region in its own right, with headquarters in a concrete building on the Natural History Museum site.

After the war casualty services continued to change in order to address varying requirements, and it is because of World War II that London today has competent and flexible emergency services, capable of dealing with the aftermath of train crashes and terrorist attacks.

Among conclusions that can be drawn is that the work of Casualty Services and Civil Defence, elements of which can be seen as the forerunner to today's Medical Emergency Service, were vital in saving lives and constitute an area that would benefit from further study.

The third address, given by **Dr Peter Jones** (on behalf of himself and **Professor Steven King**) was '***Shamefaced No More: Pauper Letter Writers, Resilience, and the Workhouse Experience in Poplar and Bethnal Green, ca.1860-1890'***.

Although much research had gone into poverty, little had been published about the experiences of a specific cohort of the poor: those who had been well off and secure and who had been brought low. For hundreds of years institutions had been established and maintained to cope with various categories of the poor, but not much attention had been given to the 'decayed householders', a term that referred to those whose fall had left them shamefaced at their failure. They needed help but were reluctant to access it.



The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 (right) however brought a new approach, and henceforth the scope of the workhouse was widened to include all of the poor, and 'decayed householders' found themselves mixed in with the able-bodied poor, such as vagrants and prostitutes.

In order to find out how the 'decayed' responded to this, Professor King and Dr Jones decided to read what some of them had written, and they discovered that there was an extraordinarily large body of correspondence demanding to be read.

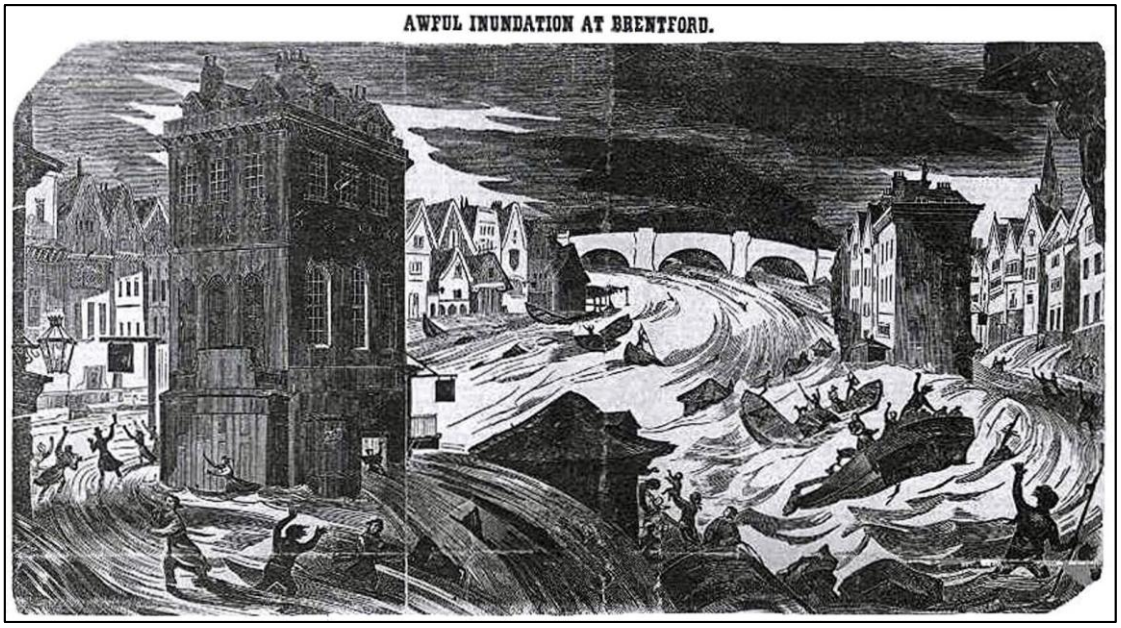
Many of those whose fortunes had declined were literate and articulate and, after initially complaining about their own treatment, some moved on to complain on behalf of others.

Of these, a number were serial complainers, such as Poplar's Frank Burge (a solicitor's clerk), who was responsible for writing six letters comprising 16,000 words, and Bethnal Green's Mungo Paumier (an ex-schoolteacher and clerk), who had written twelve letters comprising 11, 500 words.

The conclusion was that, while raising matters of genuine concern, the correspondence had given the 'shamefaced' a voice and status within the workhouse and an illusion of their own agency.

This fascinating research continues.

The last speaker before the (virtual) lunch break was **Val Bott** whose subject was '***The Brentford Flood of 1841'***.In her talk she described how on the night of 16/17 January 1841, when freezing weather was replaced by a sudden thaw and heavy rain, the lock gates of the canal and the banks of the River Brent burst, and the town of Brentford suffered from a devastating flood. Her talk, with recourse to a wide range of illustrations and articles from contemporary newspapers, revealed much about human behaviour when confronted by a disaster. As soon as the extent of the catastrophe became apparent through the darkness, the police lost no time in awakening the inhabitants, and forced their doors open if needed.



PC Smith helped by Martin Plim, a local butcher, was the hero of the night, and many others – such as the boat-boy John Jones – did all that they could to rescue people from the spreading flood waters. Immediate care and relief were organised by the heroic vicar the Rev Dr John Stoddart, who later was instrumental in setting up compensation funds for poor victims of the devastation.

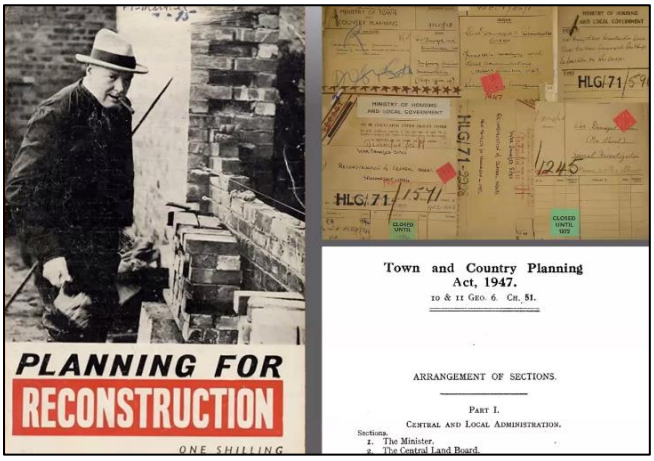
While Brentford had benefitted greatly from the more gallant side of human nature, once the waters had died down it also suffered from a less attractive aspect. In its 19 January issue The Times observed that "numbers of persons have, during the day, been conveyed by boat at one halfpenny each…for the purpose of having a nearer view of that scene of destruction", and on 22 January it noted "the canal boatmen became a 'sight' to see – their rude manners and provincial dialect afford much amusement".

The disaster had indeed revealed much about human behaviour.

Immediately after visitors had returned from their (virtual) lunch they were introduced to an online Conference innovation in which, in an attempt by organisers to replicate the opportunity usually offered by a roomful of display tables at the Museum of London, societies were encouraged to submit videos that they had made.

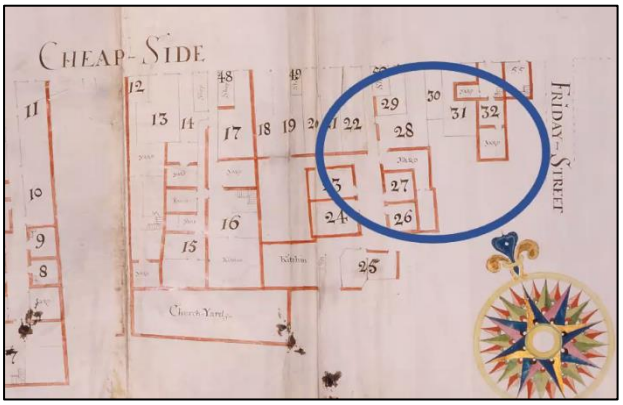
This opportunity was taken up by two societies.
Borough of Twickenham Local History Society presented a short video in which it promoted its publications, followed by another about the history of Whitton, an area north-west of central Twickenham. The main focus was on Whitton's public library, but energetic visitors were also taken on a pub crawl through the area. **Thorney Island Society**'s video provided a history of the island and the development of Westminster.

The keynote lecture was delivered by **Dr Catherine Flinn**, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and author of *Rebuilding Britain's Blitzed Cities: Hopeful Dreams, Stark Realities* (Bloomsbury, 2018).
Catherine's address, ***'Britain's Blitz and Rebuilding: Exemplary Resilience and Recovery?***', focussed on urban trauma, resilience, and recovery. She situated her talk in the aftermath of the Second World War, amidst the devastation of once beautiful cities that had suffered both the loss of infrastructure and severe economic downturn. We learned how London responded to wartime trauma (right), how it recovered and was rebuilt, and Catherine showed how a very different approach had been taken elsewhere in Europe. Most importantly for our times, we were made aware of the potential questions that might be asked and the lessons that might be learned in relation to both climate change and the Covid pandemic. Lavishly illustrated and engagingly delivered, Catherine's entertaining lecture stimulated lots of comments and questions from an enthusiastic audience.



The final paper of the day was given by Rosemary Weinstein, whose subject was '***Who hid the Cheapside Hoard?'***. In this she gave a very interesting talk about her investigations into the lives of two men who had lived near the site of the hoard, which had been buried at a time in English history when there was considerable change.
She did not say who had been the person who had buried this amazing amount of jewellery, but her searches had revealed the movements and activities of two jewellers, William Gibbon and Francis Simpson. She showed maps of the time indicating that the leasehold properties on the corner of Cheapside and Friday Street (below) in which both of these men were living belonged to the Goldsmiths' Company.

It was relevant to this day how one man had behaved about his dealings with the Goldsmiths' Company regarding the leasehold of his property. It seems that on several occasions he managed to evade payment of the lease.



Wheeler dealers have always existed and sometimes progressed up the ladder. This was so in the case of Francis Simpson. He managed to work with or in some cases avoid different factions. He was arrested before the Restoration of the Monarchy but survived and, although at one time he was not allowed in London, he was later reappointed as Royal Jeweller to Charles II.

William Gibbon who had been Treasurer of Christ Church Hospital, a charitable institution, lost all his properties in the Great Fire and died in 1679 at Christ Church Hospital where he had premises paid for by the hospital and a salary. There is a bust and a painting of him at the hospital.

The talk gave us motivation to investigate further. How did Francis Simpson manage to find ways to evade retribution? Where did the funds of both men go? Had they families? Did their property go to the Crown? Indeed, who did hide the Cheapside Hoard?

This was an enjoyable and thought-provoking talk, which encouraged listeners to investigate further.

Before closing the Conference, John Price announced the **Local History Publications Awards** for 2020 and 2021.

The Book Prize for 2020 went to Camden History Society for *How Hampstead Heath was saved: a story of 'people power'* by Helen Lawrence. Borough of Twickenham Local History Society was highly commended for *Kneller Hall: Looking Backward Looking Forward* by Ed Harris.

The Journal Prize for 2020 was awarded to Camden History Society for *Camden History Review 43,* edited by David Hayes. Hornsey Historical Society was highly commended for *Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin 60*, edited by Sandra Clark.

The winner of the Newsletter category for 2020 was Chadwell Heath Historical Society for *Newsletter – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter*, edited by Christine Wagg. Two other local societies were highly commended: Southgate District Civic Trust for *Newsletter: April, July and October 2019*, edited by Colin Barratt, and Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for *Newsletter: April, September and December*, edited by John Sheaf.

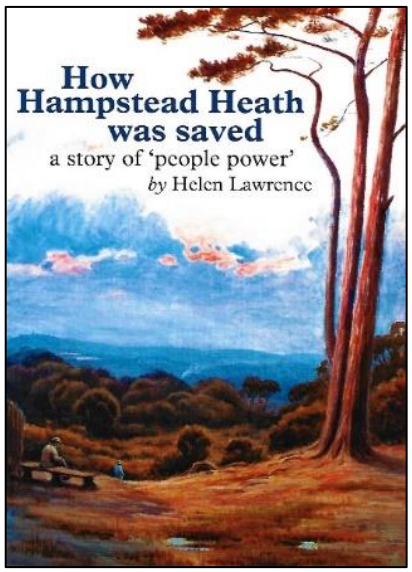
The Book Prize for 2021 went to Merton Historical Society for *Medieval Morden: The Manorial Economy 1280-1500* by Peter Hopkins.
The Journal Prize for 2021 was awarded to Richmond Local History Society for *Richmond History No. 41*, edited by Robert Smith.
The winner of the Newsletter category for 2021 was Pinner Local History Society for *Newsletter – Spring, Summer and Autumn*, edited by John Crocker and Thamar MacIver. Barnes and Mortlake History Society was highly commended for *Newsletter – March, June, September and December 2020*, edited by Paul Rawkins.

Summaries of the Conference provided by Richard Gilpin, Pat Gough and John Price.

****

The LAMAS Book Prize for 2020

The LAMAS Book Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Camden History Society for ***How Hampstead Heath was saved: a story of 'people power',*** Helen Lawrence (2019), 244x175mm paperback, 264 pages, colour and monochrome illustrations, £14.95. ISBN 978-1-913213-00-8.



It is impossible for a relatively short review to do justice to the quality of this book which, in tracing the importance of individual intervention in the preservation of a unique environment – one of the great lungs of London – more than met all the criteria laid down by the Local History Committee.
The author tells the story of the growth and conservation of Hampstead Heath from the early 17th century, when the village of Hampstead was still the home to 'poor labourers and washerwomen', and takes it through the centuries to the present day.
She shows, giving thoroughly referenced historical details, how for centuries the Heath has been a battlefield on which generations of local citizens have fought against developers, local authorities and even Parliament in order to protect the Heath from a lethal cocktail of myopic private and public greed and incompetence.
Along the way the reader encounters vitriolic character assassination, perjury, wholesale misinformation, accusations of bribery and blackmail, and a genuine pantomime villain. This was the non-resident Sir Thomas Maryon Wilson whose 'obstinacy and greed' as Lord of the Manor fuelled his determination to fight for forty years against a series of campaigns by a succession of local residents. Hopes were high when he died in 1869 and

was succeeded by his more reasonable brother, but all that happened was that the battles kept going and the threats kept changing.
The book is lavishly illustrated with maps, plans, engravings and photographs, and, while presenting a tortuous and fascinating plot, the author also offers the reader a *dramatis personae* that includes a host of extraordinary characters.
Camden History Society should be proud of this outstanding and well-printed publication: it will appeal to residents of Hampstead and to all who value courage and tenacity in the face of seemingly insuperable odds, and is the deserved winner of the 2020 Book Prize.
Borough of Twickenham Local History Society was highly commended for ***Kneller Hall: Looking Backward Looking Forward***, Ed Harris (2019), A5 paperback, 106 pages, colour illustrations, £6.00. ISBN 978-1-911145-03-5.
Richard Gilpin, on behalf of the Local History Committee.

The LAMAS Journal Prize for 2020

The winning journal announced at the Local History Conference went to Camden History Society, for ***Camden History Review 43***, edited by David Hayes, A4 paperback, 44 pages, colour illustrations, £6.95. ISBN 978-1-913213-01-5. ISSN 0305-4756.
It contained a wealth of articles covering a wide range of topics, was well-illustrated and impressively produced. Three out of Camden's six articles covered the life and times of nationally well-known people (Samuel Wesley, TS Eliot and RD Blackmore) when they were living in the Borough. This gave their authors a great opportunity to demonstrate skills in research which illuminated these people's lives, and thus contributed to a deeper understanding of them and their contribution to society whether through music or literature.
Another article covered "unrealised railway schemes" and was also of great interest, not only for its local information but for helping to develop an understanding of how proposals for new railway schemes arose in London in the 19th century. There were also two shorter articles telling the story of a show girl and a local newspaper.
The wide range of sources generally used in the substantial articles in the Camden History Review, the depth of research undertaken – and their readability – made them stand out as excellent examples of what can be achieved by local history societies, not only on a local level but with a wider application too.
The Local History Committee offers its congratulations to Camden History Society for its excellent publication.
Hornsey Historical Society was highly commended for ***Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin 60***, edited by Sandra Clark, which also gave quality coverage of a wide range of topics of interest to its local readers.
Mike Marriott, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Newsletter Prize for 2020

For the third year in succession the LAMAS Newsletter Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to the Chadwell Heath Historical Society, in this case for its ***Newsletter – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter***, Christine Wagg (ed) (2019/20), A4 stapled sheets, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.

This 10-page newsletter is produced quarterly. It contains a generous quantity of news of interest to members, including reports of recent meetings, excursions and events (both those arranged by the society and by other organisations further afield), information on forthcoming events, notices of new publications, and news of planning applications, heritage projects and proposals for commemoration. Historical features include two or three articles in each issue on topics such as local buildings and shops, personal memories of life in Chadwell Heath in decades past, and unexpected discoveries in family history research. These are interspersed with a variety of shorter and more miscellaneous snippets, such as 'then and now' pairs of photographs and historical news cuttings.

The society was founded in 1994, and the Autumn issue reports on its own Silver Jubilee celebrations, with a short account of its history. Production and design are unpretentious, but all issues are fully illustrated, with images clearly reproduced in black and white or colour as appropriate. Overall, the newsletter contains a commendable range of material to inform, intrigue and entertain members, and is a deserving winner of the 2020 prize.

Two other local societies were highly commended for their newsletters:

Southgate District Civic Trust for ***Newsletter: April, July and October 2019***, Colin Barratt (ed) (2019), A4 stitched binding, 12 or 16 pages, monochrome illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for ***Newsletter: April, September and December***, John Sheaf (ed) (2019), A4 stitched binding, 20 or 24 unfolioed pages, monochrome illustrations (colour in April issue), no price given, no ISSN.

Oliver Harris, on behalf of the Local History Committee

****

The LAMAS Book Prize for 2021

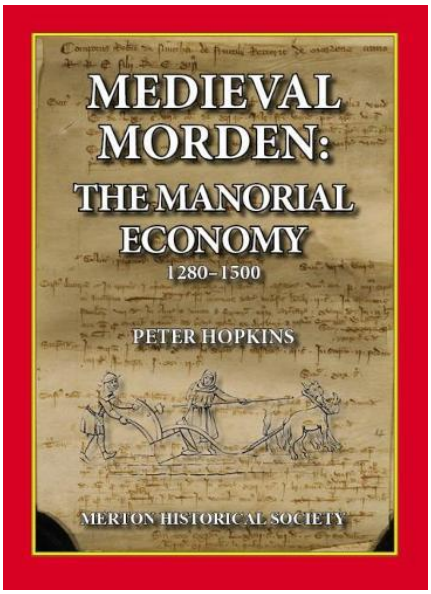
The LAMAS Book Prize announced at the Local History Conference went to Merton Historical Society for ***Medieval Morden: The Manorial Economy 1280-1500***, Peter Hopkins (2020), A4 paperback, 240 pages, monochrome illustrations, £7.50. ISBN 978-1-903899-79-3.

From an astounding wealth of archival material and available documents, Peter Hopkins has constructed a very vivid yet analytical view of life at the medieval Manor of Morden. He succeeds in extracting rich nuggets of information to show how the Manor functioned internally and demonstrates its wider relationship with the Abbey of Westminster, its

other manors and the outside world. This is a welcome, well referenced, resource using maps, illustrations and tables.

The Manor of Morden, listed in the Domesday Book, was divided into demesne land, worked on behalf of the Abbey of Westminster, and tenant land held by tenants in return for rents and services.

Between 1280-1358, the Manor of Morden, like the other estates belonging to Westminster Abbey, was primarily its source of income and the Abbey kept a watchful eye on the good running of the estate, keeping careful records covering details such as its staff, weekly rates and annual wages, repairs, "livestock accounts", produce: wheat, rye, oats, grains and fruit.



The medieval Manor of Morden faced a period of economic expansion and severe inflation that lasted from the end of the 12th century until the end of the 13th century when prices and wages more than doubled. The Great Famine of 1315-17 led to higher prices for foodstuffs. From the 1340s there was a period of general recession followed by the plague, which reached Morden just before Easter 1349.

From 1358 Westminster Abbey leased the demesne land out to tenant farmers. Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539/40 the lease for the Manor of Morden was held by the Crown until June 1553. It came into the hands of Richard Garth in March 1553/4 and stayed in the family until the late 19th century.

Lorraine Woodleigh, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Journal Prize for 2021

The winning journal announced at the Local History Conference went to Richmond Local History Society for ***Richmond History No. 41***, edited by Robert Smith. 230x150mm, 98 pages, colour illustrations, no price. ISSN 0263-0958.

This journal starts with the rediscovery of an 18th century print found in the Hearsum Collection held at Pembroke Lodge, Richmond, depicting Mr Lunardi's Ascent from Richmond in 1785. The writer investigates the role Richmond played in the history of early balloon flights. Other articles follow on Richmond's' street names and the history of Kew's Lawn Crescent. We find out about Mrs Norah Dacre Fox who entered the general election as an Independent parliamentary candidate on the single issue of "persons of enemy blood" being allowed to remain free in England just after WW1 when there was a great deal of suspicion against the local Germans. The journal also contains articles on the families of Master and Blunt with their connections to royalty and the Cambridge spy ring, the

history of St Ann's Church on Kew Green, the founding of the Richmond Society, the establishment of two new aircraft factories in 1918 and offices for the Ministry of Labour (now the site of the National Archives) in the Richmond area. The final article covers Francis Drake who, after circumnavigating the world, met with Queen Elizabeth I and shared three secrets which would make England a power to be reckoned with.

Richmond Local History Society's annual journal contains a wide selection of articles which are entertaining, extremely well referenced and easy to read. The journal format, well-chosen selection of photographs and contents are professional and well deserving of the 2021 prize.

Lorraine Woodleigh, on behalf of the Local History Committee

The LAMAS Newsletter Prize for 2021

The LAMAS Newsletter Prize for 2021 was awarded to Pinner Local History Society for its ***Newsletter – Spring, Summer and Autumn***, John Crocker & Thamar MacIver (eds) (2020), A4 paperback, colour and black and white illustrations, no price given, no ISSN.

The newsletter is published three times a year, with editions ranging from 24 to 28 pages. It contains an admirable mixture of news, reports of events, book reviews (one of which is the autobiography of Pinner's 'most famous son', Elton John), local memories, and historical research. Historical content in these three issues includes accounts of housing developments of different dates, the First World War VAD hospital at Pinner Place, and an intriguing enquiry into whether or not the Pinner Hill residence of Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's ambassador to Britain, incorporated in its staircase balustrade a swastika design.

Inevitably, the issues of 2020 reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Spring edition was distributed shortly before the declaration of the first national lockdown, and includes reports of talks and events that had taken place in the preceding months; but the Summer edition has to report the suspension of the society's meetings programme, and discusses whether the enforced cancellation for 2020 of the annual Pinner Fair nullifies its 1336 charter (the answer is no); while the Autumn edition includes on its back cover a selection of images illustrating life in Pinner under lockdown conditions.

The newsletter is printed on glossy paper, with images reproduced predominantly in black and white, but in colour on the front and back covers. This is a worthy winner of the 2021 prize.

Barnes and Mortlake History Society was highly commended for ***Newsletter – March, June, September and December 2020***, Paul Rawkins (ed) and Editorial Board (2020), A5 paperback, each issue 16 pages, colour and monochrome illustrations, no price given. No ISSN.

Oliver Harris, on behalf of the Local History Committee

****

Central London Young Archaeologists Club goes live in the City

On Saturday 25 September 2021 we were very excited to hold our first "in person" meeting since lock-down began. As we are yet unable to return to our base at Mortimer Wheeler House, eighteen members and their parents joined us for a short walk along the north bank of the Thames, exploring some of the history and archaeology of the area.

We started at the Monument and proceeded down Fish Street Hill, learning about how the Romans used revetments to support the riverbanks, constructed quaysides and built the first bridge. We heard how archaeologists excavating on the site of Regis House in the 1990s discovered three heavy lead ingots buried under the floor of a Roman warehouse bearing the name Emperor Vespasian. We wondered who buried them and why they were never reclaimed.



Our next stop was St Magnus the Martyr Church whose porch-way and churchyard were the original entrance to the old London Bridge.

We looked at number of items of historical interest in the churchyard including a fossilised wooden piling, found in 1931, said to be part of the original Roman quayside and stonework from the medieval bridge.

Inside the church we looked at the statue of St Magnus to whom the church is dedicated (left), displayed in his Viking finery, holding a model of the church and a large Viking axe. Our observant members were quick to point out that there is no historical or archaeological evidence that the Vikings ever wore horned helmets!

We then looked at the fine and very detailed model of the medieval bridge. There are said to be over 900 tiny figures on it and we had fun spotting boats trying to 'shoot the rapids', the heads of executed traitors on the stone gateway, the old houses and shops, the chapel of St Thomas Becket, and Henry V's triumphant return over the bridge after the Battle of Agincourt.

A walk along the river took us to Old Billingsgate and Custom House, sharing a little of their histories and looking at paintings and prints of what they used to look like. We also learned about the history of pilgrim badges, looking at photographs of examples, and discussing the possible reasons why so many have been found on the foreshore.

Our walk ended with a visit to the foreshore in front of Custom House, having first obtained permission from the PLA. Members were tasked with an 'I-Spy on the foreshore' exercise, hunting for pieces of pipe and pot, glass, metal, bone, shell, roof tile, worked flint and chalk (right).



Our visit coincided with events relating to the Thames Festival, so an added bonus was seeing Tower Bridge being raised and a Thames sailing barge moored nearby.

A great time was had by all, and it was so good to meet together again that we are hoping to do more short walks in the future.

Annie de Saulles

****

Social Memory and Oral Histories of the Middlesex Hospital Annex

The former Middlesex Hospital Annex on Cleveland Street, in the London Borough of Camden, is a hulking building (below) that has been a focal point of the Camden community for over 240 years. Constructed in 1775, it originally functioned as a workhouse for the parish of St Paul's Covent Garden, known as the Convent Garden Workhouse (1775-1836), and then as the Strand Union Workhouse (1836-1873), later transitioning into the Central London Sick Asylum (until 1913). Subsequently, the building became the Middlesex Hospital Annex from 1926 and was incorporated into the NHS in 1948. Although it has undergone substantial remodelling over that time, the original skeleton of the workhouse building is a rare surviving example of an 18th century London workhouse, one of only three to remain standing.



The former Strand Union Workhouse has always had strong associations with its local community. Charles Dickens spent much of his youth living a few doors down at number 22 Cleveland Street, and the proximity to the Strand Union Workhouse no doubt influenced the workhouse culture illustrated in *Oliver Twist*. Additionally, Dr Joseph Rogers commented extensively on the abhorrent conditions he witnessed within the Strand Union Workhouse and campaigned forcefully for the improved conditions

of the inhabitants, penning his *Reminiscences of a Workhouse Medical Officer*.

Since early 2020 Iceni Projects and L-P Archaeology have been undertaking extensive excavations of the former workhouse site, along with its associated burial ground where c.1,000 former inhabitants of the workhouse and local parishioners were interred between 1790-1853. The burial ground functioned at the critical juncture between the passing of the 1832 Anatomy Act, with many of the human remains displaying evidence of (potentially illegal) anatomical dissection and autopsy, no doubt associated with the numerous medical schools and hospitals in the vicinity.

In August 2021, LAMAS awarded Sarah Ricketts and Claire Cogar the 2020-2021 Research Grant to undertake an oral history project within the local Camden community, to collect stories, recollections, and social memories associated with the building at 44 Cleveland Street. We would like to focus on the period of living memory and the period when the building functioned as the Middlesex Hospital Annex (c. 1916-2005). This period encompasses a dynamic time for London, and covers the end of the First World War, the duration of the Second World War and the Blitz, the genesis of the NHS, and the modernisation of London up to the first decade of the new millennium. The collection of oral histories at this specific point in time, we feel, can provide a more nuanced understanding of this important site's latter life history, record the information for perpetuity, as well as complementing the present archaeological investigations and future publication of the results. We are particularly interested in understanding what kind of feelings the recently completed archaeological excavations are eliciting in the local community and how the oral histories can complement the archaeological findings.

We anticipate that the recollections will be collated and turned into a series of short film audio clips hosted on a bespoke website to promote the findings of the site and add to the other strands of research and public outreach that have already been produced. These include articles in *The Independent*, *British Archaeology* and *The Archaeologist*, and a series of mini research projects being undertaken by field staff in specific areas of interest relating to the present excavations.

If readers have any stories or recollections about this important building and would like to contribute to the project, please get in touch with either of us at oralhistory@iceniprojects.com.

Sarah Ricketts and Claire Cogar

****

London Archaeological Forum

CBA London's autumn London Archaeological Forum was presented by Zoom on 8 November 2021.

The first speaker to address the online audience of eighty-five was **Matt Edmonds,** who described past archaeological activity on the Holywell Priory site and gave an update on recent excavations by PCA. He gave

particular emphasis to changing interpretations of the location and structure of the Priory Church, and showed how much was being learned from excavations in the cemetery just south of the Inner Precinct boundary wall. **Alison Telfer**, in a pre-recorded video, presented results from MOLA's work investigations into multi-period roadside activity at Blossom Street, close to Spitalfields Market. Many interesting structures had emerged, including a set of five ovens, and drains in which high quality tiles had been reused to provide a watertight base. Sadly, as another result of the Covid-19 pandemic, many finds – some medieval – were still stuck in post-excavation processing and could not yet be brought into the public domain. Building on her previous work on diverse populations in Roman London, **Rebecca Redfern** offered a 'perspective on diversity in Medieval London from the East Smithfield Second Plague Pandemic [SPP] cemetery'. Analysing detailed data from over 700 graves, she gave details of her methodology and explained that, having established diversity among the 80,000 population of Medieval London, there was evidence to support a preliminary finding that people of African descent at that time were at greater hazard of dying during the SPP than Western Europeans.

The final speaker – appearing live from Australia – was **Penelope Allison**, who introduced her audience to her *Arch-I-Scan* project at Leicester University, which is investigating socio-cultural practices of eating and drinking across the Roman world through the examination of the use of ceramic fineware. In order to be able to process the huge datasets that archaeological excavations have created, the project is trialling the use of artificial intelligence algorithms and machine-learning in the areas of classification and collation. It involves state-of-the-art image-recognition, with detailed images of complete/near complete vessels and more fragmentary remains captured on hand-held devices such as mobile phones (above, right).



Richard Gilpin

****

The Virtual St Paul's Cathedral Project



In its new project, St Paul's Cathedral is to use the tools of visual and acoustic modelling to make available to scholars the experience of public worship as scripted by the Book of Common Prayer as it unfolds in real time in a re-creation of one of the most significant worship centres of the Church of England in the

early seventeenth century. It hopes that by using the St Paul's Cathedral Project, students of the English Reformation will shift their attention from debates among academic theologian (however interesting they may be) to the lived experience of corporate worship, and to the formation in Christian living it encourages. More information may be found on the Cathedral's website: https://vpcathedral.chass.ncsu.edu.

EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Society of Antiquaries

1 March 2022, 1.00-2.00 pm
The Concealment of Sacred Objects during The English Reformation: evidence of piety or protest, Bruce Watson

****

Elizabeth and Mary

The parallel lives of Queen Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots have been compared in many different media, but this exhibition at the British Library is the only one to focus on the documentary evidence that they left behind them. Some of this is the form of their own letters, while other exhibits include documents that have been written about them, portraits of them and maps from their period. There are also many objects that give depth to the exhibition, which is due to run until 20 February 2022.

Hogarth and Europe

This exhibition, which opened at Tate Britain on 3 November, shows parallels and connections that link Hogarth's oeuvre to that of European artists. It achieves this by displaying famous works from the Tate's own galleries complemented by many loan items, some of them quite rare. *Hogarth and Europe* demonstrates that, while happy to adopt ideas from Europe, he subverts them using his own uniquely British perspective. The exhibition will be open until 20 March 2022.

Local History Committee

The Local History Committee represents the interests of LAMAS's **Affiliated Local Societies**. Part of its work involves organising the Local History Conference and also the Publication Awards – for which affiliated societies submit their books, journals and newsletters.
The Committee still doesn't have as many local society members as it would like, and it would be good if it could have more. The outgoing Editor of the *Newsletter* has been a member of the Committee for some years and, if you would like to join, he would be happy for you to contact him. His email address is: rhbg.lamas@gmail.com, and his landline is 020 3774 6726.

AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Owing to the disruptive effects of COVID-19, readers are advised to check with local societies before planning visits to lectures

Acton History Group

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Church Hall, free for members, £2 for non-members. Contact Secretary David Knights, 30 Highlands Avenue, Acton W3 6EU (020 8992 8698); email: info@actonhistory.co.uk; website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

12 January 2022
Come to the White City: the exhibitions at Shepherds Bush 1908-1914, Keith Whitehouse

9 February 2022
Secret Ealing, Paul Lang

9 March 2022
Mr Gee's Llamas, Linda Davis

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings held on Mondays at 7.45pm at Harp House, 16 Helmore Road (off Goodey Road), Barking, IG11 9PH. Free to members. £2.00 to non-members. Telephone 020 8597 7210. Email: barkinghistorical@hotmail.com; website: www.barkinghistoricalsociety.co.uk

No information currently available on website

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held on Thursdays at St Mary's Parish Church, Barnes, at 8pm. The meetings are free for members (£2 for visitors). For further details please contact the Hon. Secretary on 020 8878 3756 or visit us at www.barnes-history.org.uk

20 January 2022
Early Council Housing Estates in South West London, Martin Stilwell

17 February 2022
Royal Celebrity and Scandal, Tim Millett

17 March 2022
AGM followed by **History of the Star and Garter Home**, Victoria McGrath

21 April 2022
Panorama of the Thames, Jill Sanders

Barnet Museum and Local History Society

All meetings are held in Church House, Wood Street, Barnet at 3pm on Mondays (opposite the Museum). Lectures are free for members (£2 for visitors). Contact Barnet Museum, 31 Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BE (020 8440 8066) or visit: www.barnetmuseum.co.uk for more information.

No information currently available on website

Bexley Archaeological Group

All talks are held bi-monthly in the BSCC, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 7EB, 8pm to 10.00pm. Excavations are carried out at weekends (March-November), in which membership is required to participate on site. For further information, please contact Pip Pulfer – *Principal Field Officer*: principalfieldofficer@bag.org.uk or Clare Lodge – *Public Relations Coordinator* – pr@bag.org.uk or visit our website – www.bag.org.uk. The following events are via Zoom. Non-members also welcome £5.

20 January 2022
Garderobes & Gongfermors – Going to the Privy in the Medieval Era, James Wright

17 February 2022
The Archaeology of the Thames Foreshore, William Rathouse

17 March 2022
Archaeologist John Henry Pull and his fantastic work on the Neolithic flint mines on the beautiful South Downs north of Worthing, James Sainsbury

21 April 2022
Examining late prehistoric equestrian connections between southeast Britain and Ireland, Dr Rena Maguire

---

Bromley Borough Local History Society

The Society meets once a month from September to July, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 7.45pm in the Church Hall, St George's Church in Bickley Park Road, BR1 2BE. Non-members £1.00 contribution please. The Society's website is: www.bblhs.org.uk.

4 January 2022
Darwin's Garden: a living laboratory, Pam Temple

1 February 2022
Civilian Heroism in South London, Dr John Price

1 March 2022
Bromley Welcomes Belgian Refugees, Pam Preedy

5 April 2022
The mysterious Mr Brown, Orpington's quiet philanthropist, Patrick Hellicar

---

Camden History Society

The society normally meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except August. Venues vary; non-members welcome (£2).
For further information please contact the Chair, Malcolm Holmes (01923 461343), malcolmholmes@yahoo.co.uk, or visit: www.camdenhistorysociety.org. Talks via Zoom are available free to members. Non-members are invited to join the Society.

Camden New Town History Group

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

No information currently available on website

Chadwell Heath Historical Society

Meetings are held at 7.30pm from September to June. All meetings are held at the Baptist Church Hall, High Road, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6PP. Visitors welcome £2 pp. Enquiries: 020 8590 4659/020 8597 7210; email: chadwellheathhistsoc@hotmail.com

No information currently available

City of London Archaeological Society

Lectures are normally on the third Friday in every month and take place at St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London EC3R 7NB. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. Non-members are welcome to attend lectures but are asked to make a £3 contribution to expenses. For further information see www.colas.org.uk; email: web-enquiry@colas.org.uk. Any events via Zoom, contact via the website.

21 January 2022
Recent work at Smallhythe Place, Kent, Nathalie Cohen

Docklands History Group

The Docklands History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month, except January, at the Museum of London Docklands, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, E14 4AL. Meetings start at 5.30 for 6pm and finish at 8pm. Visitors are welcome (£2). For further details see: www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk

No information currently available on website

East London History Society

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

No information currently available on website

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Talks are free to members (£1 for visitors), and are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield; at the All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton N9 and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17. Further details from Enfield Local Studies Centre & Archive, Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS (020 8379 2839); email: info@edmontonhundred.org.uk

17 January 2022, 8.00pm
Joint meeting with The Enfield Society
Morris & Company, Mark Lewis

16 February 2022, 2.30pm
The Story of the Rev Henry Hunnings, Alan Swain

The Eltham Society

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at 7.30pm at St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street. Refreshments available from 7.00pm before the talk. Non-members £2.00. Email: contact@theelthamsociety.org.uk; website: www.theelthamsociety.org.uk

3 February 2022
Blue Plaques, Alan Patient

3 March 2022
Annual General Meeting followed by **True Tales from Eltham Church and Church Yard**, Margaret Taylor

---

The EMAS Archaeological Society

Founded over 30 years ago as the University of London Extra-Mural Archaeological Society, EMAS now has a broad-based and diverse membership drawn from many walks of life. Younger people wishing to develop their understanding of archaeology or explore new areas of interest are especially welcome.
The EMAS events programme is currently in suspension, but lectures and study tours are being prepared for 2022.
For further information – or to discuss membership opportunities in the new year – please contact: theEMASsecretary@gmail.com.

Enfield Archaeological Society

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

All lecture meetings suspended

Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park

Evening talks are last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Munch and Listen talks are on the 4th Monday of the month, 12.00pm for 12.15pm start. Talks are free and open to all (tea/coffee is available for a small charge). All meetings are held at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N17 8NU. Details of the programme are available from www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum or the FoBC Secretary at Bruce Castle Museum (020 8808 8772). Car park on site.

No information currently available on website

The Friends of the City Churches

The Friends of the City Churches is an architectural heritage charity dedicated to preserving the beautiful and unique churches found within the square mile of the City of London. Its aim is to ensure that the City's churches are preserved intact for posterity and, most importantly, are kept open to visitors on a regular basis. In conjunction with the Archdeaconry of the City of London, The Friends of the City Churches publishes the *City Events* broadsheet, copies of which can be found in most City churches, libraries and the City Information Office. Enquiries about particular events should be addressed to the venue concerned. Downloads of *City Events* are available from The Friends of the City Churches' website, which is: www.london-city-churches.org.uk/

Access to these Zoom lectures is via Eventbrite, with links on the website:

20 January 2022 at 2.00pm
Lost City Churches, Signe Hoffos

16 February 2022 at 2.00pm
Introduction to Heraldry, Rowan Freeland

The Friends of Hackney Archives

Meetings, talks and walks are arranged from time to time. For information about the activities of Friends of Hackney Archives, email: archives@hackney.gov.uk; Friends' website, listing events etc: www.hackneyhistory.org; telephone: 020 7241 2886.

No events currently scheduled

The Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery

For information about the activities of Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, email: fokgc@hotmail.com; website: www.kensalgreen.co.uk
The Friends of Kensal Green offer a two-hour introductory tour of the cemetery every Sunday from the beginning of March to the end of October, and the first and third Sunday only in November, December, January and February. Tours begin at 14:00 from the Anglican Chapel in the centre of the grounds, and finish around two hours later with tea and biscuits at the Dissenters' Chapel, adjacent to Ladbroke Grove. There is no need to book regular Sunday tours, except for groups of more than ten. A suggested donation of £7 per person (concessions £5) helps the Friends to restore monuments, study the cemetery and attract visitors to Kensal Green. The following lectures will take place online with tickets at £5.00 via the website

13 January 2022 at 6.30pm
The Rise and Fall of Doctor Gully, Colin Fenn

16 February 2022 at 6.30pm
The cities of the dead: Italy's monumental cemeteries of the nineteenth century, Dr Hannah Malone

---

Friern Barnet & District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month (no meetings in July and August) at The North Middlesex Golf Club, The Manor House, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone N20 0NL, starting at 7.45pm for 8.00pm. Non-members are welcome (£2). Refreshments are available. Email: friern-barnethistory@hotmail.co.uk; website: www.friern-barnethistory.org.uk. For further details contact David Berguer on 020 8368 8314.

No events currently scheduled

Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society

There is usually a talk or a visit once a month. Visits are made to places of historic interest both within and outside the borough at varying times. For information about the activities of Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, visit the Society's website: https://fhhs.wordpress.com/

No information currently available on website

Harefield History Society

Meetings are held at the Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane, Harefield UB9 6BJ at 8.00pm on the fourth Monday of the month from September to May. Outings and other events are also arranged. Website: www.harefieldhistorysociety.co.uk

Meetings will be resumed when it is safe to do so

Hayes & Harlington Local History Society

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

No information currently available on website

Hendon & District Archaeological Society

Lectures are held on Tuesdays at Stephens House & Gardens (Avenue House), 17 East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE, and start promptly at 8.00 pm, with coffee / tea afterwards. Non-members admission: £2. Buses 13, 125, 143, 326 & 460 pass nearby and Finchley Central station (Northern Line), is a 5-10 minute walk away. For further information see the website: www.hadas.org.uk. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, lectures and the AGM at least will be held online via Zoom. Apologies to those who are unable to see the lectures while this is happening.

Hornsey Historical Society

Lecture meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Union Church Hall, corner of Ferme Park Road and Weston Park, starting at 8.00pm. A donation of £2.00 is requested from non-members. Refreshments are available from 7:40 pm. The doors close at 8:00 pm and latecomers are not admitted. For further information please ring The Old Schoolhouse (020 8348 8429); write to the Society at 136 Tottenham Lane N8 7EL; website: www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk

No meetings currently planned

Hounslow and District History Society

During the pandemic all presentations will be made remotely over the internet, hosted by the Hounslow and District History Society, using Zoom.

No further information currently available on website

Islington Archaeology & History Society

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1. A donation of £1 is requested from non-members. Enquiries: 020 7833 1541; website: www.islingtonhistory.org.uk

No information currently available on website

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF. Telephone: 01689 860939. Email: crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com. Website: http://cka.moon-demon.co.uk

No information currently available on website

Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Surbiton Library Halls, Ewell Road, Surbiton. Visitors will be asked for a donation of £2 towards expenses. Enquiries to Hon Secretary KUTAS, 21 Duffins Orchard, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 0LP, email: kutas.archaeology@gmail.com, website: www.kingstonarchaeology.org

All meetings postponed until further notice

Lewisham Local History Society

Meetings are held on Fridays at St Dunstan's College Jubilee Pavilion, Canadian Avenue, London SE6 4SW (NEW VENUE), starting at 7:45pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors welcomed, donation of £1 invited.
For further information please contact Programme Secretary Tamsin Bacchus at tamsin_bacchus@hotmail.com; website: www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

No information currently available on website

London Natural History Society

The LNHS Virtual Natural History Talk series will be continuing through 2021. The talks will take place fortnightly on Thursdays at 6.30pm up until mid-October. All of the talks are free to everyone and they are recorded and uploaded to the LNHS YouTube channel afterwards. Book talks at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484

All indoor events suspended until at least the end of 2021

Merton Historical Society

Meetings are held monthly from October until April, at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoons at St James' Church Hall, Martin Way, Merton. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Turner, 27 Burley Close, London SW16 4QQ; email: mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk; website: www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk. Walks and visits are held during the summer.

8 January 2022 at 2.30pm
William Morris and his Workers at Merton Abbey, Dave Saxby

The Norwood Society

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

No information currently available on website

Orpington and District Archaeological Society

Meetings are held in Christ Church (United Reformed), Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH, on the first Wednesday of each month (except August and January) from 8.00pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, space permitting. For further

information please contact Michael Meekums or Janet Clayton (020 8302 1572); website: www.odas.org.uk

No information currently available on website

Pinner Local History Society

All meetings start at 8.00pm. Main meetings take place in the Village Hall, Pinner. Visitors are welcome for a donation of £3. For further information please contact: Janet Brooks, 33 Holwell Place, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 1DX (020 8429 1337 and 07980 366845); website: www.pinnerlhs.org.uk. Meetings will be subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

3 February 2022
Conservation Engineering & Recovering Woolwich Arsenal Clocktower, Jez Foster

3 March 2022
Before the NHS, Research Group Presentation

7 April 2022
The Devil's Acre, Charlie Forman

Potters Bar and District Historical Society

Meetings are held in the 60 Plus Room, Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, Herts, starting at 8.00pm prompt. Visitors are welcome (admission £1). For further details please visit the website: http://www.pottersbarhistory.uk

No information currently available on website

Richmond Archaeological Society

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

14 January 2022
Gods, Heroes and Christians in the Western Viking World, Dr Chris Morris

11 February 2022
A diachronic focus on Alta, the changes through five thousand years and what they might mean, Prof Knut Helskog

11 March 2022
A Bronze Age funerary landscape and Anglo Saxon settlement and cemetery at Overstone Leys, Simon Markus, MOLA

8 April 2022
To be advised

Richmond Local History Society

Meetings are held on Mondays, if possible at Duke Street Church, Richmond, TW9 1DH at 8.00pm, or alternatively by Zoom. Visitors £4.00. Further information from the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825); email: rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk; website: http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk

17 January 2022
Meadows, Mansions and Munitions – stories and lives of Cambridge Park, Jonathan Crofts

14 February 2022
The Earl, his lover, their temple: the story of Black Jack Needham, Andrew George

14 March 2022
The history of the Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond, Laura Irwin

11 April 2022
Sculptures of Kew and beyond, Shirley Newton and Shirley Clark

---

Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Local History Society

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place at the Time and Talents Settlement, The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe, SE16 4JD, and begin at 7.15pm. Non-members welcome for a donation of £3. For more information please visit www.rbhistory.org.uk

Events currently suspended

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month from September to April at 8.15 pm at St Martins Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 admission). If the public health situation requires on-line meetings, these will take place via Zoom and start at 8 pm on the dates in the programme. For further information and updates about our plans for meetings please visit our website, www.RNELHS.org.uk.

17 January 2022
Hill of Fury, A History of Haste Hill Golf Club, Adrian Green

21 February 2022
The Restoration of Fulham Palace, Alexis Haslam, Alexis Haslam

21 March 2022
Old London Bridge and its Houses, c.1209-1761, Dorian Gerhold

25 April 2022
Introduction to Kew Gardens and their History, Mary Done

Southgate District Civic Voice

The not for profit organisation covers Southgate, New Southgate, Cockfosters, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Hadley Wood. Open Meetings are held twice a year at the Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, Southgate, and Local History meetings are held five times a year at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill. Non-members are welcome. For further information, contact Colin Barratt (020 8882

2246); email info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org or visit www.southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org. The following meeting will place by Zoom:

No information currently available on website

Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society

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

No information currently available on website

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group

Talks start at 8.00pm. Members free, non-members welcome (£2 admission). For further details please contact Nick Pollard (01932 564585); email npollard@spelthornemuseum.org.uk; website www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk. Venue: Staines Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines. For further details please check our website

6 January 2022
Beating the Bounds – from Pillar to Post, Coal Tax posts in Spelthorne, Patrick Talbot

3 February 2022
Gardams of Staines, Joan Gardam

3 March 2022
Tales of London Airport, Barry Dix

7 April 2022
The History of Kempton Park, Nick Pollard

Stanmore and Harrow Historical Society

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 8.00pm on Wednesdays, excluding July and August (visitors welcome at a charge of £3). For further information please contact The Secretary, info@Stanmore-Harrow-Historical.org.uk; www.stanmore-harrow-historical.org.uk

All talks postponed until further notice

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

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

10 January 2022
January Social

7 February 2022
Wandering Around East Twickenham in Postcards, Alan Winter

7 March 2022
Housing the Workers – the Birth of Council Housing in London 1890-1925, Martin Stilwell

4 April 2022
John Charles Buckmaster – Father of Teddington Library, Ken Howe

---

Uxbridge Local History and Archive Society

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

18 January 2022 at 2.30pm
The Great Fire of London, Jill Finch

15 February 2022
The history of Heathrow Airport, Adrian Constable

15 March 2022
My life as a journalist, Barbara Fisher

19 April 2022
The Hillingdon Coat of Arms, Tony Mitchell

Walthamstow Historical Society

Talks take place in the Large Hall in the Family Centre, St Gabriel's Church, Havant Road, Walthamstow E17 3JF (just off Wood Street.) at 7.45pm. For General enquiries please write to 55 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3DB; email: whsenquiries@gmail.com; website: www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk

No information currently available on website

Wandsworth Historical Society

Meetings held at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Town Hall) on the last Friday of the month at 8.00pm until 9.15pm (followed by tea and biscuits). All talks are being held online by Zoom. For more information, visit the website: www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

28 January 2022
12th Nick Fuentes Memorial Lecture
Crossing the Divide: Roman activity in Putney and Fulham, Alexis Haslam

---

West Drayton and District Local History Society

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from September until May (excluding December) in St Martin's Church Hall, Church Road, West Drayton, starting at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Kay Tarrant (Programme Secretary), 15 Brooklyn Way, West Drayton UB7 7PD (01895 444246).

No information currently available

Willesden Local History Society

The Society meets on Wednesdays from September to June at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, which is in Neasden Lane adjacent to the churchyard. For further

information please contact the Secretary, Margaret Pratt, 51 West Ella Road, London NW10 9PT (020 8965 7230); website: www.willesden-local-history.co.uk. All meetings currently online for members; non-members should visit the website.

No information currently available on website

LAMAS Local History Publication Awards 2022

Local Societies affiliated to LAMAS should please note that a copy of the entry form for 2022 can be found on the following page. This can be downloaded, printed and copied as required.

Any affiliated society wishing to submit a book, journal or newsletter for consideration is encouraged to print out or copy as many entry forms as it needs.

Please note that it is a condition of the Awards that a separate form is required for each publication submitted.

If any society finds itself unable to print or copy the form, please email Richard Gilpin for a digital copy: this will be sent as an MS Word attachment. His email address is: rhbg.lamas@gmail.com.

The LAMAS Newsletter is printed by Catford Print Centre, 7 Meridian Centre, Vulcan Way, New Addington, Croydon, CR0 9UG (telephone 020 8695 0101)

LAMAS Local History Publication Awards 2022

Submissions are invited for the 2022 LAMAS Local History Committee's **Annual Awards** for publications on Local History. There will be two prizes of £100: one for **books**, one for **journals**, and a prize of £50 for the best **newsletter**.

Books and journals must show evidence of original and referenced research that adds to the knowledge of Greater London. **Newsletters** must above all include news and give information on society activities and events of interest to their readers. We expect newsletters to be published at least three times a year and at least three issues must be submitted.

All entries must have been produced by LAMAS Affiliated Societies.
To be eligible, a publication must have been published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 and submitted by **31 March 2022**, and the society submitting its publication(s) must be **currently affiliated to LAMAS**.
If you wish your Society to submit one or more publications for any of these awards, **please copy the form below for each publication**, and send it with the publication to arrive with the LAMAS Local History Committee, 35 Trelawn Road, Leyton, E10 5QD, **before the closing date of 31 March 2022**.
Publications submitted for the awards will be retained by the Committee.

TO BE RETURNED BEFORE 31 MARCH 2022

To: LAMAS Local History Committee, 35 Trelawn Road, Leyton, E10 5QD
I, the Secretary of _____
submit the following publication for the LAMAS Local History Publication Awards, confirm that it was published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, and that it has not previously been submitted for a LAMAS award.
Name _____Telephone _____
Address _____
Postcode_____ Email _____

Category of Award: Book / Journal / Newsletter (delete as appropriate)
Title: _____
Author or Editor: _____