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Suffolk House, 127-129 & 131 Great Suffolk Street: Excavations of intercutting grave cuts in the west-central part of the open area of excavation. The excavation was carried out over an eight-week period during the summer of 2020 and uncovered a Roman cemetery spanning the 1st to the 4th century AD. A total of 64 inhumation and 5 cremation burials were recorded, together with evidence of the manipulation of human remains.

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NOTICES

Editor's Introduction

This issue is the 1st I edit as the new LAMAS Honorary Editor. I should like to take this opportunity to: firstly, thank Richard Gilpin for editing the prior twenty-three issues – and for his support whilst I get accustomed with the process and the structure of the Newsletter. Secondly, to thank Karen Thomas for standing in as temporary driver and Editor of the Newsletter on Richard's retirement and for her input and co-editorship of this Issue 165 – therefore I can't take all the credit for this initial first effort. And, thirdly, to LAMAS Council for supporting my application to become the new Newsletter Editor – their welcome and all the background guidance and support. I will continue Richard's mission to inform and entertain on both the archaeological and local history fronts, and offer a new voice behind the words in this and in forthcoming years.

A little bit of background: I am an environmental archaeologist by trade, but have an additional interest in local history. The former, specialising in palaeoenvironmental micro-fossil analysis (pollen, micro-fauna, and markers for human and environmental changes) and geoarchaeology. The latter, particularly *history from below* and the investigation of ordinary people and places where exceptional events occurred which were triggered by far from *ordinary* folk, along with the hidden histories of people and place – whose voices lay dormant in organisational archives or an old cardboard box squirreled away for years in the attic.

I was introduced to LAMAS by a colleague. As a result, I attended several pre-Christmas 2021 lectures, and was so impressed and so enjoyed the events and their content, the rest as they say … is history (and of course – archaeology). So, here goes …

Jane Wheeler

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Newsletter: *Final Submission Date*

Please note that the final copy deadline for the September 2022 *Newsletter* is ***22 July 2022***. Articles, news, and items for inclusion will be happily received prior to the July deadline. Please send items for inclusion by email preferably (as MS Word attachments – any structural/layout queries email

me and I will try my best to make the process as easy as possible) to: **newsletter@lamas.org.uk**

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By surface mail to the Honorary Editor of LAMAS, Dr Jane Wheeler, at 2 Old Farm House, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1DU. Contributors should ensure that items sent by the postal service carry the appropriate postage for the weight and size (envelope category) for the item. Thank you.

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The Newsletter by email

The LAMAS *Newsletter* is currently being published electronically in colour, but traditional black and white copies are, for the time being, still 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.

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Lorraine Piercy

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time member Lorraine Piercy. Lorraine was the Branch Manager of Harefield Library until her retirement thirteen years ago, having started as a Children's Librarian. As well as a dedicated promoter and facilitator of children's reading, she was an enthusiastic story-teller (as seen in this photograph) and a stalwart of the Harefield History Society. Lorraine also supported her husband Keith's research into the Harefield Enclosure Award and historical maps of the parish, amongst others. Her love of archaeology meant she was also a regular attendee of LAMAS meetings especially the annual Archaeology Conference, and invariably had a kind and supportive word to say about the Society. Our sincere condolences are sent to Keith, son Stewart and their family.



In recognition of the pleasure and stimulation that membership of the Society gave to Lorraine, we have received a generous donation of £5,000 towards our work from Lorraine's estate. We are incredibly grateful to her husband Keith for this donation and will ensure that this sum is put to good use.

Harvey Sheldon and Carolynne Cotton

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City of London Archaeological Trust Grants 2022

The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) invites applications for small to medium grants to support archaeological work in the City and its environs, as in previous years. The grants will be available for one year only from 1 April 2023. The application process has changed in one respect. The deadline for applications is now Friday 26 August 2022, and the meeting of CoLAT to decide the grants will be held in early December. This extended period (one month longer than in previous years) is because CoLAT will be asking its archaeological scrutineers to make a first assessment of each application, and the applicant may then be asked to improve their submission - *if* improvements can be suggested. The formal date for the final application will be Thursday 13 October - the deadline also for each applicant to arrange for a reference by an outsider to be sent to CoLAT. Full guidelines, which must be followed, can be found on the CoLAT website, www.colat.org.uk (where previous recipients and their grants are listed); or general enquiries can be made to the Secretary, John Schofield, john@jschd.co.uk.

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A FURTHER "FINAL" REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

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

An exception to this is the few members who paid for both 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 the Membership Secretary) then you are due to pay for 2021-2022 when 1 October rolls round again.

Membership subscriptions are still being received (and welcomed) for year 2021-2022. **Members who were at least 2 years in default - are no longer receiving publications and notifications sent out by the Society**. **Please check whether or not you have paid for last year 2020-2021 as well as for 2021-2022. If you are unsure - do not hesitate to contact the Membership Secretary for clarification via the email address below.**

If you wise to pay and set up a Standing Order for your subscription. The details are provided below. Also, a request for those members using either Paypal or a Standing Order - please include your 'formal' name/initial as a reference to the payee. As opposed to a nick-name.

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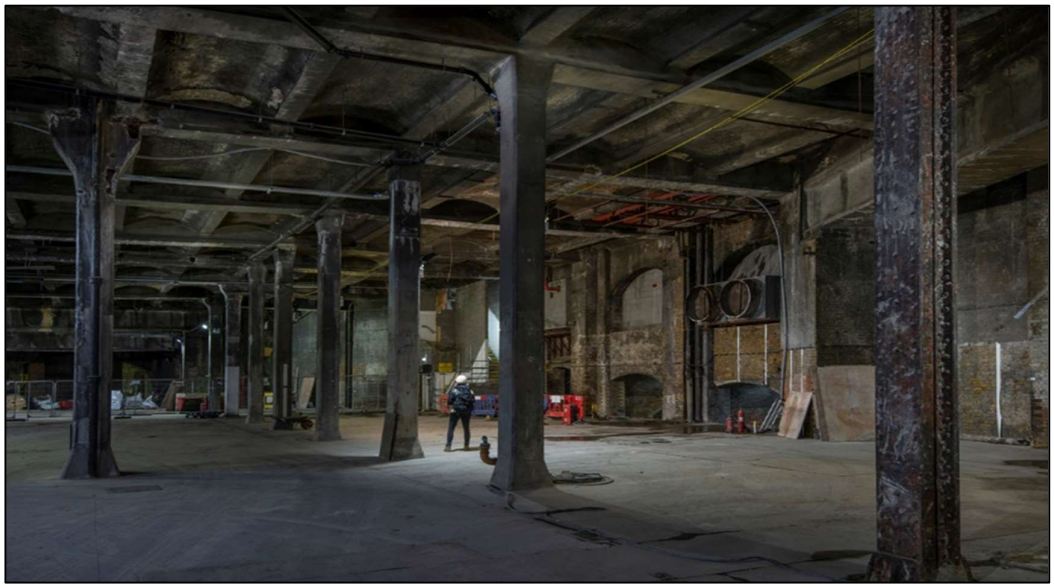
ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS 2022

Alex Werner's talk on the relocation of the Museum of London, and its forthcoming transformation into The London Museum, replaced the usual Presidential Address of the Annual General Meeting on 8 February.

Alex's talk took us on an excursion of the development of the new museum, the planned site and eventual museum displays at West Smithfield. He began by explaining why the museum decided to move from its London Wall site. In 2015, the museum undertook an option appraisal of the London Wall site and the West Smithfield site. Three options were considered: renovate at London Wall, rebuild at London Wall, or move to West Smithfield. West Smithfield was selected as it offered a vibrant location, remarkable historic buildings, a larger site with excellent transport links.

The two buildings at West Smithfield that will form the new museum come from different historical phases of the market's operation. Architecturally, they look and feel very different. The General Market, designed by Sir Horace Jones, dates from the 1882-83. It is a complex building surrounded by over 40 small houses on four sides. The interior space has a series of substantial wrought iron 'Phoenix' columns supporting the roof structure and the central dome (below).





Beneath the market lies part of the Great Northern Railway Company's Farringdon Road Goods Depot (above). This is a vast space, especially noteworthy for its view onto the Snow Hill tunnel with Thameslink trains passing through the middle of the new museum site.

The Poultry Market, built in 1961-63, replaced a Victorian building destroyed by fire. Designed by T. P. Bennett and Son with structural engineers Ove Arup and Partners, it is noteworthy for its spectacular concrete shell paraboloid roof and its extensive basement cold stores.

In terms of the organising principle for the new museum's content, three distinct lenses were formulated – 'Time', 'People' and 'Place'. However, as the understanding of the potential of the two buildings increased, an organising principle focussing on 'Time' emerged. Each of the six spaces in the new museum have been allocated their own distinct temporal marker, with 'Our Time' and 'Past Time' in the General Market; and 'Imagined Time', 'Deep Time' and 'Temporary Time' in the Poultry Market. Between the two buildings, West Poultry Avenue would become the main entrance of the museum, with West Smithfield to the south and Charterhouse Street to the north. This entrance space was given its own temporal indicator of 'Real Time' as it was envisaged it would maintain its characteristics as a public thoroughfare, and also be open earlier and later than the rest of the museum.

The talk focused on the Past Time displays, which were advancing rapidly with eight teams of curators, and audience and interpretation leads, developing the different areas. A number of artist impressions, prepared by the designers Atelier Brückner, were presented, showing how the displays would look within the historic railway goods depot below the General Market. 'London's Story' inhabits the central space of Past Time - with four distinct separate experiences (called 'Expanding Moments') leading off it (see over).



These are ‘Before London’, ‘Roman Shop and Home’, ‘Great Fire’ and ‘Votes for Women’. A fifth space focuses on the Goldsmith’s trade and displays the Cheapside Hoard. At the far end, three further display areas were sited, ‘London Life’, ‘Physical City’ and ‘the City Machine’ where the trains passing through the museum can be viewed.



The talk concluded with an explanation of a 360° curation, another concept of the new museum - the aim being to display objects in surprising ways across the whole site (right). Cumulatively, it is hoped the concepts of the new displays will express something of the personality of London. Some exhibits will help visitors make sense of the buildings and their histories, offering echoes from the past. Other displays will place objects from the museum’s London Collection in memorable juxtapositions with the architecture.

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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 of this association remains uncertain. The lectures will therefore take place from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on the following date online only **via Zoom** until further notice (see over). 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 is a charge of £2.50. We will email members to notify any changes – please also check the LAMAS website and our social media platforms. Thank you for your on-going understanding.

We hope to reschedule Danny Harrison’s Icehouse at Park Crescent Lecture in due course.

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).



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LAMAS *Lates*

LAMAS is intending to re-start its programme of Late Events soon when the weather improves and the COVID virus recedes. For further details please visit the website or watch out for any email updates.

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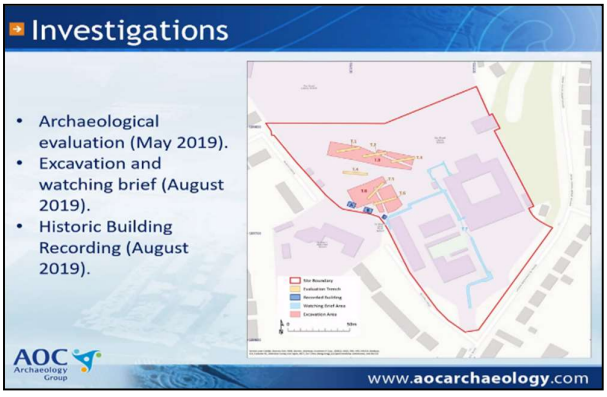
LAMAS Lectures

The subject of the third LAMAS lecture of the 2021-2022 season was **Where practice trenches meet Roman ditches: Roman and wartime archaeology at Royal Liberty School, Havering**, and was presented as a Zoom webinar by Helen Chittock and Les Capon.

Helen started by describing the site, which is in the grounds of the Royal Liberty School, formerly Hare Hall, close to Romford in Essex. The school and its playing fields stand in an area of flat and open land. She explained that the lecture related to investigations in 2019 by AOC Archaeology Group (right) which focused on three parts of the site. These provided evidence of Roman use, the hosting of a World War I practice trench,



and showed how standing buildings on the site may have offered some protection to civilians and the military during World War II. Roman evidence included pottery and CBM, and its context near to masonry buildings, and the Roman road from London to Great Yarmouth, implied its use as a settlement.

Les Capon described the excavation of zigzag trenches that had been cut into the school's playing field and noted that, although their use of Hare



Hall by the Artists Rifles Regiment (a mixture of creative men such as actors, artists, musicians and poets, and a unique unit of the Army that will amply repay a few minutes of research) was well documented, the reopened trench was sadly notable for an absence of artefactual evidence. One of his slides showed soldiers of the Regiment working on similar practice trenches at Gidea Park (above left), not far away. He then moved on to detailing three standing buildings, the first and second of which were of substandard brickwork. These were interpreted as World War II blast shelters for up to thirty people. The third was built of cast concrete reinforced with iron bars and may have been used as a fortified observation post. None would have survived a direct hit.

Many thanks to Helen, Les and AOC for uncovering, recording and presenting yet more pieces of London's multi-period jigsaw.

Richard Gilpin

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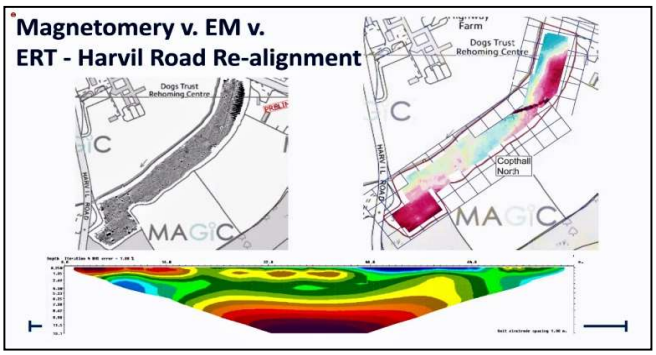
Emma Tetlow gave the fourth LAMAS Zoom webinar lecture of the 2021-2022 season (and first in the New Year) on the subject of **Hillingdon's Hidden History**.

Following an introduction by Harvey Sheldon, Emma described the evaluation and mitigation of archaeological sites in the Hillingdon area that had been made possible by the construction of HS2. She then explained how the Skanska, Costain and STRABAG (SCS) joint venture had needed to comply with the government's Legislation for the Management of



Cultural Heritage, and detailed relevant legal requirements. She also outlined the project's Knowledge Creation Objectives, added a chronology of finds across the area, and compared the use of Magnetometry,

Electromagnetic Methods (EM) and Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) at Harvil Road (left).

The Palaeolithic landscape was discussed, and long blade lithic artefacts were seen as evidence for occupation in the Mesolithic; there was also evidence for what may have been a Bronze Age roundhouse.

Emma then moved on to the discovery of the Hillingdon Hoard. During the night of 27 August 2020 and into the next morning it rained heavily, and it



was noticed that a collection of small, metal discs had been washed from the soil. These were identified as potin coins from the Iron Age. Analysis showed that some had come from places as far apart as Marseille and Kent, offering significant variations and evolution of style (above).

Turning to the Medieval period, a Hertfordshire Ware kiln and a contemporary well were evidence of industrial activity and, in an overview of the West Ruislip Golf Course – where LIDAR had shown ridge and furrow cultivation, Emma described the site as a unique Medieval landscape. She also observed that the Hillingdon area in general had produced an unusual amount of environmental (including palaeoecological and palaeoentomological) evidence.

Richard Gilpin

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The subject of the fifth LAMAS lecture of the 2021-2022 season was **The Civil War Defences of London: Rewriting History (and Archaeology)** by Peter Mills and Mike Hutchinson.

The presentation was given as a Zoom webinar, with Peter and Mike taking turns to present the results of their Historic England-funded research.

Their starting point was a map created in 1738 by George Vertue (see over), which, mimicking a rough woodcut map, purported to show the location of the Civil War defences of London. When Peter and Mike looked for evidence however, they discovered that Vertue – working eighty years after the end of the conflict – had faked his evidence in order to create a forgery, which for centuries was widely accepted as a true record.

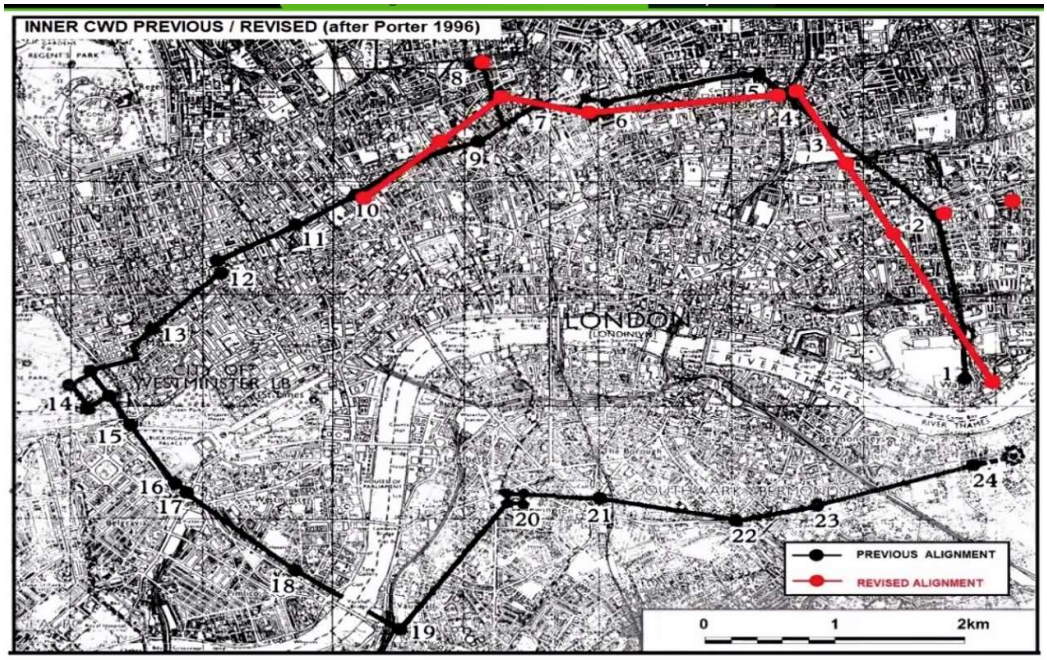
In order to discover where the fortifications may actually have been, the two of them decided to work their way along a conjectured line of the defences (below), using evidence from topography, archaeology, and from other documents as their sources. They started in the east with the Wapping Fort and worked anti-clockwise, examining possible fort sites at

Whitechapel, Mile End, Royal London Hospital, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, Hoxton, Mount Mill, New River Head, Angel, Gray's Inn Lane and Southampton, and looking at the links between them. In so doing they amassed a great deal of evidence, much of which was presented during their lecture.



George Vertue's 1738 'fake'.

Peter and Mike are confident that their revised alignment is the most accurate representation of the defences currently available but, if more information comes to light, it will be incorporated into their work for Historic England.



Mike and Peter's conjectured and revised line of Civil War defences.

They are now examining evidence for the defences south of the river, and this work may also result in a revised alignment.

Readers who would like more information than could be included in the lecture may wish to access Peter Mills's excellent exposition of preliminary results, published on pages 59-67 of *London Archaeologist*, Winter 2021, Volume 16 Number 3.
Richard Gilpin

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LAMAS 58th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists: 19 March 202 (held online) A Review

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This year's conference was held online due to the continuance of the Covid situation. It is planned to upload some of the lectures to YouTube at a future date.

Presentation of the 2021 Ralph Merrifield Award

The morning session began with the 25th presentation of the 2021 Ralph Merrifield Award, which was jointly awarded to Kate Sumnall (Museum of London curator) and Andy Peachy (Archaeological Solutions) for the 'Havering Hoard: A Bronze Age Mystery' exhibition at the Museum of London Docklands (for further details see *British Archaeology* 2020 no 172. pp. 34-41; and *London Archaeologist* Spring 2020, pp. 342-44).

Morning Session - Recent Work

The Alfred statue at Trinity Church Square, Southwark **by Chris Constable (London Borough of Southwark).**

Conservation work on the imposing statue of King Alfred which stands outside Trinity Church (built 1823-4) has revealed that it is actually a bizarre combination of elements from two separate male and female figures.

This 2.6m high statue was placed here shortly before 1831 soon after the garden in which it stands was completed.



(Left: King Alfred's statue surrounded by scaffolding after restoration outside Holy Trinity Church in Southwark (Photo: © Chris Constable).

The lower portion of the statue is made of Bath Stone and was derived from a twice life-sized 2nd century AD statue of the Roman goddess Minerva - which raises questions as to where and when this ancient sculpture was first discovered. The top portion (1.1m) of the figure is made of Coade Stone, however as the whole statue was covered in a coat of

lime mortar, until it was conserved its geology was obscured. It is believed that the top portion of the statue depicting the bearded Saxon king was produced by the prolific sculptor James Bubb, who in 1822 had produced a very similar statue of Alfred as one of a pair for inclusion in the façade of Manchester's new Town Hall (completed in 1824). Interestingly, the statue of Alfred that Bubb initially produced for Manchester Town Hall was apparently deemed too large. So, he might have had a surplus sculpture for sale about the time Trinity Church Square Garden was being laid out.

Excavations at St Lawrence's Church, Brentford **by Alex Blanks (Museum of London Archaeology – MOLA).**

Excavations to the east and south of this historic parish church have examined a large portion of its 'old' burial ground, which was in use from approximately the 12th century until 1884, and the 'new' area of the cemetery that was in use from 1884 until 1973.

All burials less than 100 years old were removed by a specialist exhumation company, with 660 of the older burials being selected for osteological examination. Preliminary results show that 71% of these burials were aged under 50, roughly one third of these individuals were sub-adult, one third female, and the remaining third male. Interestingly in the 26-35 years age group women significantly outnumbered men - perhaps due to fatalities linked with childbirth. Within the new burial ground were stacks of wooden coffins, which included some well-preserved examples of furnishings including breastplates and grips. Personal effects from the Victorian and later burials included vulcanite false teeth, spectacles, and from children's graves a blue glass bead bracelet, porcelain dolls and toy soldiers. The earliest activity on site consisted of a length of double ditch, apparently of Roman date.

The Roman cemetery at Great Suffolk Street **by Ireneo Grosso (Pre-Construct Archaeology).**

This site lay within the cemetery located to the south of the Roman settlement in Southwark (see front page). The earliest graves, plus some scattered cremations and pits date from the late 1st or early 2nd century AD. Burials continued until the late 3rd or 4th century. Throughout the usage of the cemetery the preferred grave orientation was north-east to south-west. Interesting features included an adult coffin burial dating from the late 1st century which contained a lining of powdered chalk. Several clusters of intercutting graves appear to be deliberate suggesting that people may have sought burial in a particular spot or 'family plot'. There were two examples of decapitated burials. Whilst the significance of this rite is uncertain, it may have been connected with acts of separation or confinement - rather than execution. Grave goods included ceramic vessels, a glass bottle, a lead alloy jug, and a jet bead bracelet.

Building Bankside: preliminary interpretations on recent excavations along Park Street **by Sian Anthony (AOC Archaeology Group).**

Refurbishment of the 1980s Financial Times building close to the southern end of Southwark Bridge revealed evidence for the post-medieval reclamation and development of this stretch of Bankside, which was surrounded by Tudor and Stuart bear gardens and playhouses.

It appears that during the 16th century the foreshore peat deposits were initially reclaimed by the construction of a revetment consisting of a mass of densely packed timber piles on which horizonal planks were laid - presumably to support a masonry river wall.

Later revetments were a more conventional design with wooden tiebacks. By the late 17th or 18th century brick buildings were being constructed and hollowed elm log water pipes installed.

Latterly, the site was occupied by warehouses with massive masonry foundations.

Excavations in Southwark Street **by Antonietta Lerz (MOLA).**

Fieldwork at Landmark Court has revealed the southern continuation of two adjacent complexes of high-status Roman buildings previously examined in 1980-86 (see *LAMAS Trans.* 43, 1992, pp.3-191) and subsequently in 1993-4 at Redcross Way (site codes RWT93 and RWG94).

During the mid-1st century AD, a series of three parallel north-south aligned masonry walls (10m apart) were constructed, presumably to delineate property boundaries.

By the late 1st century or early 2nd century these walls had been demolished - with the eastern one being reused as part of the foundations of a clay and timber building with a least four rooms. On some internal faces of the walls the basal portion of the painted wall plaster decoration survived, consisting of red and white horizonal bands. Nearby dumps of collapsed painted wall plaster included a wide range of colours including flowers and a compass design for stylised flowers or rosettes, providing some idea of the decorative scheme above dado level.

Two of these rooms had gravel floors, a third a mortar floor, and the fourth mortar bedding for a red tessellated pavement with a largely destroyed central black and white mosaic panel.

Further west was part of another multi-room masonry building with two relatively intact polychrome mosaic floors - which have now been lifted for display.

The smaller mosaic (measuring 1.2m square) is of 2nd century date. Its decoration consists of two large stylised flowers set in circles surrounded by bands of guilloche decoration. The larger mosaic, which was located in an adjoining room (measuring 3.5m square) is of 3rd century date. Its

decoration consists of five square geometric panels containing stylised flowers surrounded by lines of a twisted rope pattern or guilloche decoration, while the intervening spaces are infilled with diamonds and Solomon's Knots.



(Right: The larger of two relatively intact Roman mosaics discovered at Landmark Court, Southwark (MOLA image in the public domain).

It appears that these three mosaics were located in the dining rooms of two adjacent upmarket town houses, occupied by wealthy families who were either Roman or embraced a Roman lifestyle.

Afternoon Session - High Speed 2

HS2 historic environment strategy-an overview of results to date by John Halsted and Emma Hopla (HS2/Atkins).

The construction of the first phase of HS2 from London to the Birmingham area provides archaeologists with a unique opportunity to study a 140 mile or 225km long transect across southern England's historic landscape. This investigation of the historic environment had three aims: knowledge creation; community engagement; and, skills development.

The first aim was achieved by a comprehensive survey programme of the new railway line involving geophysical survey, LiDAR (for terrain modelling), window sampling, hand-augering, plus monitoring geotechnical boreholes and test pits. This data was used to produce deposit models which were then used to target evaluations and excavations. Deposit modelling was particularly valuable in areas like the Colne valley where there is a considerable depth of complex alluvial deposits.

Fieldwork produced many new discoveries. Mesolithic flint scatters were encountered in the Colne valley and elsewhere. The Neolithic and Early Bronze Age was mainly represented by ceremonial and funerary monuments. The impression is that contemporary settlement during this period was mobile. Attempts were made to locate new settlement sites by selectively sieving plough soil for worked flints. However, outside the Colne valley this methodology produced poor results. At Wellwick Farm in Buckinghamshire a timber circle, probably of Late Neolithic date, was discovered. Several Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age pit alignments represented land allotment. The Iron Age saw the development of large and complex enclosed agrarian settlement sites, such as Thorpe Mandeville in Buckinghamshire and Wormleighton in Warwickshire. Such sites occur

every few km along some sections of the HS2 route indicating a high density of settlement. Many of these Iron Age sites fall within the timeframe of the Roman period. At Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire a Saxon great hall was discovered.
Medieval settlement was best represented by a moated site at Coleshill in Warwickshire, which also possessed an impressive Tudor formal garden. Post-medieval archaeology was dominated by the excavation of the 19th century Park Street burial ground in Birmingham and another at St James's Gardens at Euston, but other discoveries included the 1837 round house engine shed at Curzon Street Station in Birmingham.
The fieldwork is now almost complete and a programme of post-excavation assessment has started, which will be followed by analysis and publication via a variety of media, and the deposition of the archives online with the Archaeology Data Service.

The archaeology of the Dews Farm Area, Hillingdon **by Iain Williamson (Fusion).**

This 30ha site is located on the eastern side of the Colne valley. Extensive trial trenching and hand sieving of selective plough soil revealed, to the south of Dews Lane, flint scatters of Late Mesolithic and/or Early Neolithic date. This lithic assemblage was dominated by waste flakes. It appears that the local flint cobbles were intermittently used by mobile groups over a long period of time to produce cores and blades as very few tools were discovered.
There were two truncated late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age 'burnt mounds' - probably saunas or cooking places. There was an Iron Age enclosure, perhaps used for penning livestock and various field ditches of Late Iron Age and Roman dates. A Roman period enclosure produced Alice Holt/Farnham Ware, Oxford colour-coated ware, and Portchester 'D' ware - confirming that its occupation continued until the 4th century AD.

The Iron Age Potin Hoard, Hillingdon **by Emma Tetlow (Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture).**

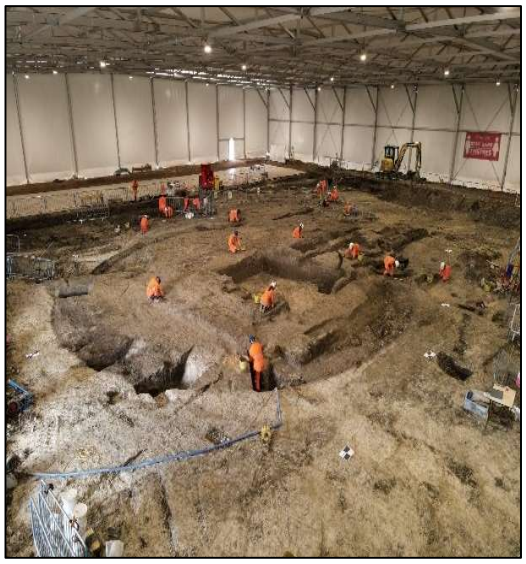
On the morning of the 28 August 2020 a routine safety inspection of archaeological trenches in West Ruislip after heavy rain revealed that erosion had unexpectedly uncovered a hoard of later flat linear potin coins of mid-1st century BC date.
There were at least 25 complete coins and many more fragmentary examples. It is estimated that at least 329 coins were originally present. The presence of sprues should how these early coins were cast in linear strips within clay moulds. In the absence of any nearby contemporary settlement these coins may represent a votive offering.
This particular type of potin coin is most commonly found in Kent and the Thames valley.

Excavations at St Mary's, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire **by Guy Hunt (L-P Archaeology**).

This isolated medieval church was abandoned in 1886, and in 1966 its ruins were demolished.

Between 2018 and the end of 2021 the entire church and its surrounding cemetery were excavated, offering a unique opportunity to comprehensively investigate a historic church and its environs.

The earliest feature on site was a truncated circular mound possibly of prehistoric date reused as a Roman mausoleum, and encircled by a circular ditch. The backfill of this ditch contained the fragmentary masonry busts of a man, a woman and a child - possibly representing a family group, plus a glass cinerary urn, a prone adult burial, and a purse full of 3rd-century AD coins.



In the 12th century a small church, perhaps originally a manorial chapel, was built over the Roman structure.

The church subsequently underwent various enlargements before eventually being abandoned in the Victorian period. Within and around the church were some 3,200 burials dating from between the 12th century and 1900. All of which were excavated. This amazing sequence of activity raises several questions.

(Above: The circular Roman ditch around the remains of the 'probable' mausoleum discovered under St. Mary's Church. The protective canopy which enabled work to continue in all-weathers was state-of-the-art and allowed a successful outreach project to be offered to the local community and visitors (Photo: © L-P Archaeology).

Firstly, the Norman church appears to have deliberately located on top of a centre of pagan funerary activity. Was this to 'Christianise' a pagan monument? There are other examples of Christians choosing to take over pagan monuments, for example at Knowlton in Dorset, where a ruined church is located inside a Neolithic henge monument. Bede (book 1, chapter 30) records that in AD 601 Pope Gregory in his letter to Abbot Mellitus, who was about to join Augustine in England as a Christian missionary, recommended a policy of taking over rather than simply destroying pagan 'temples' to establish religious continuity.

Secondly, the Roman statues had been decapitated and broken up indicating iconoclasm had taken place.

Excavations at St James's Garden, Euston **by Louise Fowler (MOLA).**
The London terminus of HS2 will be on the site of the former burial ground of St James's, outside Euston Station. This site was established in 1788 by the parish of St James, Piccadilly, and by the time it closed in 1853 (according to the burial registers) some 61,000 people had been interned here. Later, the disused burial ground was converted into a public garden, and in 1887 its eastern end was lost when Euston Station expanded. Documentation shows that the burial ground was originally arranged into four distinct zones. The westernmost zone closest to the chapel (built in 1791) was occupied by the 'rich', the second zone by the 'middle class', the third by the 'working-class', and the fourth or easternmost zone by the 'poor' and paupers. In death, as in life, status and wealth mattered. Due to the vast number of interments encountered a sampling strategy was adopted with many burials either receiving a summary osteological assessment or being immediately reinterned at Brookwood in Surrey. Over 40,000 burials were removed from the site of which some 11,000 were archaeologically recorded, but only some 4,700 individuals have been retained for detailed osteological study.



(Above: Excavating St. James's burial ground (photo: © MOLA).

In terms of palaeopathology: 25% of the sampled burials were sub-adult, 27% male, 30% female, and the remaining population was of uncertain age and gender. Due to the level of the water-table coffin furniture wood and textiles were well-preserved. Grave goods included a pair of woollen slippers belonging to William Page (died 1825), silk ribbons, satin bonnets, and floral tributes. Over 1,700 metal breastplates were recovered, many of which are legible. One famous individual already identified was Captain Matthew Flinders (died 1814) who in 1802-3 undertook the first circumnavigation of Australia. This is an ongoing community archaeology project which invites volunteers to transcribe the online burial registers (see https://molaheadland.com/become-a-citizen-scientist-and-unlock-the-stories-of-st-jamess-burial-ground/ - for details). The registers are detailed, listing the name, addresses and ages of the deceased, plus the precise location of their graves. There is clearly a lot of scope for researching the lives of these named individuals.

Summaries of the conference papers presented have been produced by Bruce Watson.

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Central London Young Archaeologists Club's visit to the Amphitheatre



In November 2021 the club visited the Roman amphitheatre under the Guildhall Art Gallery. Although Zoom sessions had been enjoyed by members and their families, everyone was keen to get back meeting in person - and there was a good turnout.

We were met in the Guildhall Yard by Andrew Lane, Education Officer at the amphitheatre. Andrew set the scene by explaining how the amphitheatre was discovered and pointed out the 80m-wide curved line of dark stone set into the yard that delineates the outer perimeter.

We then entered the art gallery and Andrew asked us to count the stairs as we descended to the amphitheatre. He asked us to estimate how far below the current street level the amphitheatre is situated and one of the Club's bright young members accurately calculated about 6 metres. Andrew then explained what was likely to have taken place in the amphitheatre - public events, animal fighting, executions and, of course, gladiatorial combat. He pointed out the room adjacent to the entrance where it is thought wild animals were held before being released into the arena. We also looked at the well-preserved remains of a drain.

After the talk we had a very interesting object handling session where members and their parents/carers could closely examine Roman artefacts associated with the amphitheatre and the surrounding area. These included Samian ware sherds, an amphora handle, part of a mortarium, oyster shells, and coins.



The members' favourite object was an oil lamp in the form of a foot wearing a sandal. At first, they couldn't guess what it was used for, but got there after a little prompting! Another popular exhibit was a replica of a Roman soldier's helmet.

Annie de Saulles

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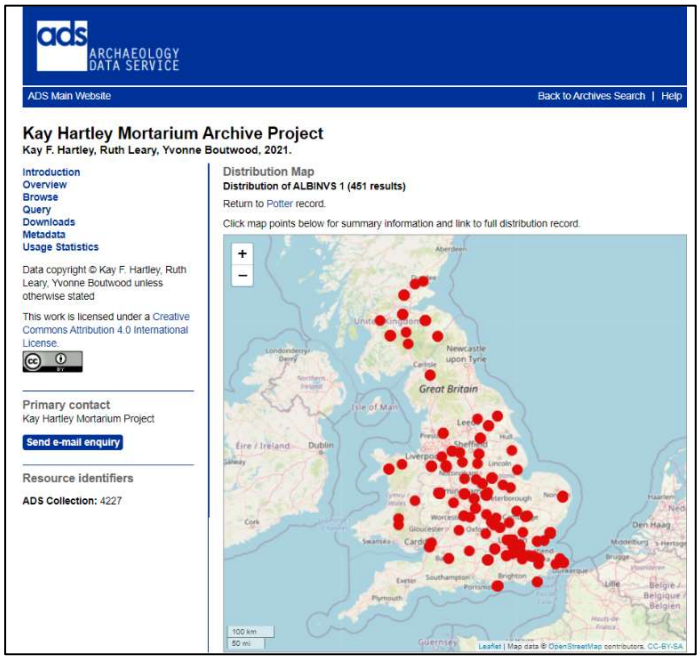
The Kay Hartley Mortarium Archive



Kay Hartley is a leading international scholar in mortarium studies. Since 1956 she has compiled a large archive covering all aspects of mortarium studies including rubbings of stamps, records of their findspots, fabric etc. The archive includes stamp rubbings, cards recording data for each stamped sherd, drawings of some stamps and many of the vessels. This is a paper archive and formed Kay's working archive for personal use. It is only through Kay's generosity that we have access to them. The primary aim of the project is to secure the archive in a digital format for the use of other scholars. The website is hosted by the Archaeology Data Service ADS. The first phase of work is now live on the internet. This initial stage of the project makes available digital scans of the archive recording cards Kay uses and the digital data for potters working in the industries based at Verulamium with the related industry in London, at Mancetter-Hartshill, and in Lincolnshire – with scans of the best rubbings of the stamps of these potters. It is possible to search and filter the data, download the rubbings, and see distribution maps of each potter, plus datasets behind the website. The project is ongoing with the intention to add further industries and potters to the site as Kay's archive of stamp rubbings is imported and the data made fully available. The project has been funded by grants from Historic England, The Roman Society, the Haverfield Bequest, and the Study Group for Romano-British Pottery.



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EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

The World of Stonehenge – British Museum

The exhibition at the British Museum runs until the 17 July 2022. *Informed by ground-breaking recent archaeological and scientific discoveries, the exhibition offers new insight on one of the world's great wonders, to bring the story of the monument into sharper focus*. Tickets cost £20. Members and under 16s are free.

Gold – British Library

This exhibition examines how gold has elevated art in books and manuscripts from around the world. It showcases the specialist techniques that were used to handle the precious metal and items from the British Library's collection that are hundreds of years old. The exhibition runs from 20 May to 2 October 2022. Tickets cost £8, members are free (and concessions are available).

Fragmented Illuminations: Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Cuttings at the V&A (Rooms 88A-90)

This exhibition features highlights from the Museum's collection of over 2,000 cuttings from medieval and Renaissance manuscripts, exploring the types of books they came from and the 19th-century contexts in which they were cut up and collected. The exhibition runs until 5 June 2022. According to the website – tickets are free.

Please check the respective websites for availability and bookings for visiting slots as visitor numbers continue to be restricted due to the on-going Covid situation.

London and Londoners, 1500-1720
8 September 2022

In-person conference hosted by the Centre for Renaissance & Early Modern Studies at the University of York

Scholars are continually finding interest and enjoyment in the study of England's metropolis. To misquote Samuel Johnson, 'When an academic is tired of London, they are tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford'. Though scholarship has been written on London for generations, the city still draws in the researcher. Each new construction alters our perspective, whether that be using new sources, applying different methodologies, reframing old questions, or asking new ones. The conference provides a chance to re-evaluate past understandings and take stock of the landscape as it is now.

The conference seeks to examine the future of London's historiography and how it has transpired to date. Current scholarly interest especially lies in race, gender, sexuality, disability, as well as the geographical and digital 'turns'. This conference also draws on new perspectives of older questions of class, community, and identity. Encouraging work from across disciplines including history, literature, history of art and archaeology. As well as those listed above, topics could include, but are not limited to:

- Women, gender, sexuality
- Institutions
- Place, space, and the built environment
- Civic culture and identity
- Family and community
- Trade and work

For further information, if you are visiting to North Yorkshire in the early autumn and would like more details about the conference and its location etc.

Contact Jess Ayres or Joe Saunders : londonandlondoners@gmail.com.

Research papers are welcomed.

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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 former 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. Richard's email address is: rhbg.lamas@gmail.com, and his landline is 020 3774 6726.

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AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS

Owing to the continuing disruptions as a result of COVID-19 Newsletter 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

8 June 2022
AGM and **Lady Frances Pierrepoint,** Kyria-Josephine Sewell

14 September 2022
History of the Cinema in Acton and Ealing, Andrew Woodyatt

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

No information currently available on website

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. Register for all talks via the website. Non-members also welcome £5.

19 May 2022 – (via Zoom)
Revisiting Lullingstone Roman Villa, Dr Anne Sassin

16 June 2022 – (Face to Face)

Severndroog Castle, Ian Small Community Liaison

21 July 2022 – (Face to Face)
The Faestendic of Joydens Wood: Early Medieval Earthworks and the Stories We Tell About Them, Ethan Doyle-White

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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

3 May 2022
The Richardsons of Ravensfell and Bromley House, Vanessa Ashbee

7 June 2022
The Cemeteries of South London, Brian Parsons

5 July 2022
Hitting the Heights: A history of the Crystal Palace area, Richard Watkins

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Camden History Society

The society normally meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except August. Venues vary; non-members welcome (£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 Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/chhistorical

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.
No information currently available on website

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 4.30pm for 5.00pm and finish at 6.45pm. Visitors are welcome (£3). For further details see: www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk

4 May 2022
Tales from the Thames: an oral history of the Thames Lightermen, Film

8 June 2022 (second Wednesday)
St Katherine's Before the Docks, Derek Morris

6 Jul 2022
AGM and Development at Battersea, Sally Mashiter

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

18 May 2022, Jubilee Hall, 8.00pm (Doors open at 7.30pm)
Picture Shows Before Cinema, Professor Ian Christie

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

5 May 2022
Lost Rivers of London, Roger Squires

9 June 2022
Fans from the Royal Courts – a brief history of the European folding fan, Mary Kitson

7 July 2022
Ten Tudor Queens – part 1, Nicholas Henderson

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 has now been fully reinstated and includes:

- **Evening lectures in central London (Free to members)**
- **Hotel-based study tours in the UK and beyond**
- **Day trips, typically starting from central London**
- **Museum visits**

Lectures are given by experts in their field, and tours, trips and visits are professionally guided. To find out how to join EMAS or for more information, visit: emasarchaeology.org or contact: secretary@emasarchaeological.org

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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

10 June 2022 – (please check website to see if this will be in person or on Zoom) Enfield's Other Palace, the Archaeology and History of a town centre manor house, Ian Jones.

Friends of Bruce Castle Museum and Park

Friends of Bruce Castle Evening talks usually take place on the last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Munch and Listen talks are usually on the last 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). Please see website for details: https://www.brucecastle.org/whats-on/talks

At the moment talks are generally a hybrid combination of actual and virtual, via Zoom link. Both actual and virtual attendance should be booked in advance unless otherwise stated. Details of the programme are available from the website: https://www.brucecastle.org/whats-on/talks or phone Bruce Castle Museum (020 8489 4250). Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N17 8NU. Car park on site. (SATNAV for car park N17 7AA entrance on Church Lane).

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.

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.

It is advisable to book via the website.

Tickets are £12 per person (concessions £8) which 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

19 May 2022 at 6.30pm
The History of Kensal Green Cemetery and its Mausolea, Henry Vivian-Neal

23 June 2022 at 6.30pm
Waking a Sleeping Giant: Restoring the heart of Britain's oldest hospital, Will Palin

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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.

25 May 2022
Friern Barnet on Film

22 June 2022
Amy, Wonderful Amy (Amy Johnson), David Keen

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 7.30pm on the fourth Monday of the month from September to May. Outings and other events are also arranged. Website: www.harefieldhistorysociety.co.uk

23 May 2022
The Music Capital of the World, EMI Archive Trust

Hayes & Harlington Local History Society

Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month, except in December when it is on the second Tuesday, at Botwell Green Library, Leisure Centre, East Avenue, Hayes UB3 3HW. Please note that the start times vary according to the season. For updates of the programme of activities, please register your email address with Mr Robin Brown, 107 Wentworth Crescent, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1NP (email hayescanal@hotmail.co.uk).

17th May 2022 - 7pm
Scenes and Stories - sharing the experiences of 'Walking, Talking and Explorations' through Park Royal (west London) - from rural through industrial to creative, Joanna Dudzinska

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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 these virtual lectures while this is happening.

No information currently available on website

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 **Currently all lectures are held on Zoom and are for members only.**
Check website for news of in person meetings resuming.

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 beyond April currently available on website

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Islington Archaeology & History Society

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

www.islingtonhistory.org.uk Details of meetings can be found on the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/IslingtonHistory/events

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: www.karu.org.uk Twitter: @CroftonVilla Instagram:@crofton.roman.villa

22 May 2022 11.00am – 4.00pm
Open Day Keston Roman Tombs, Brambletye, Westerham Road, Keston
Pedestrian access only. Parking at Keston Ponds/Heathfield Road
Free entry - no booking needed - donations welcome.

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 2022. The talks will take place fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.00pm 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

19 May 2022
Habitat Talk: The Thames, Wetlands and Aquatic Habitats, Mark Spencer

16 June 2022
Habitat Talk: Streets, Railways and Brownfields, Mark Spencer

7 July 2022
Microworld: How microfossils unravel ancient natural histories, Anke Marsh

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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.

13 June 2022 at 11.00am
A Visit to Watermen's Hall 16-18 St Mary at Hill, Billingsgate, London EC3R 8EF. Guided tour £15 per person. **Booking essential** – email mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

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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

4 May 2022
Members Talk – The Mills of the River Cray and the River Darent, Janet Clayton and Ann Russell

1 June 2022
Excavation at Clitterhouse Farm, an Anglo-Saxon farm on the doorstep of Brent Cross, Roger Chapman

6 July 2022
Recent Excavations at Roman Ewell, Rebecca Haslem

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.

12 May 2022
AGM followed by **Grim's Dyke: the story of a house and its inhabitants,** Claudia Mernick

2 June 2022
Commuting from Edwardian Pinner, Thamar MacIver and Michael Mendelblat

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Potters Bar and District Historical Society

Meetings are held in the United Reform Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, starting at 8.00pm prompt. Visitors are welcome (admission £1). For further details please visit the website: http://www.pottersbarhistory.uk

23 May2022

The de Havilland Sea Venom: restoring a wooden aeroplane, Alistair Hodgson.

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

13 May 2022

National Trust sites in London, Nathalie Cohen, followed by the Annual General Meeting

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Richmond Local History Society

Meetings are held on Mondays, if possible at Duke Street Church, Richmond, TW9 1DH - at 8.00pm, and streamed via 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

16 May 2022

AGM followed by **Tribune Tales: some history stories from our local online newspaper,** Simon Fowler

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Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Local History Society

The series of lectures below will take place at Canada Water Theatre, 21 Surrey Quays Road, Rotherhithe SE16 7AR - just by Canada Water station (Jubilee Line and Overground) and begins at 7.30pm. Booking is essential at www.rbhistory.org.uk or by phone 020 8692 4446. Non members pay £3.75 which includes a glass of wine at the interval. For more information please visit the website www.rbhistory.org.uk

Mayflower 400 Christopher Jones Lectures (rescheduled from 2020)

25 May 2022

The Women of Jamestown and Plymouth: Radically Different Beings, Jennifer Potter

29 June 2022

The Making of the Mayflower Myth and Christopher Jones, Rita Cruise O'Brien

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Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

From autumn 2022 we are changing the day and time for our meetings to facilitate a safe return to in-person events. From September 2022 to April 2023 meetings will be held on usually the third Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm at St Martins Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 admission). If COVID-19 restrictions require on-line meetings, these will take place at the same times and dates via Zoom. For further information about the activities of the Society and updates

about our plans for meetings please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@rnelhs.uk) or visit our website www.RNELHS.org.uk

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Southgate District Civic Voice

We are a civic society in the western half of the London Borough of Enfield, which covers Southgate, Southgate Green, Cockfosters, New Southgate, Oakwood, Palmers Green, & Winchmore Hill. Open Meetings are normally held twice a year in the Walker Hall, Waterfall Road, Southgate and Local History Meetings are held twice a year at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill. Non-members are welcome (£2 admission). 2022 is our 60th Anniversary and we will be celebrating this in October. For further information visit our website: www.southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org or email us on info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org

10 May 2022
Local History Meeting: A Spoonful of Sugar, Joe Studman

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: Spelthorne Museum, Elmsleigh Road, Staines TW18 4PH.. For further details please check our website

16th May 2022 - AGM

Stanmore and Harrow Historical Society

Meetings are held at the Wealdstone Baptist Church, High Road, Wealdstone, at 2.15pm 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

18 May 2022 - AGM

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

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

9 May 2022
AGM - followed by A Short Talk on Boats between Hampton Court Bridge and Platts Eyot, Hampton in old images, John Sheaf

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

16 May 2022 Quiz evening in Watts Hall

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; Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pg/walthamstowhs/events

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

No information currently available on website.

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
These meetings will be the first Face to Face meetings since Lockdown.

18 May 2022
Postcards of Old Willesden, Irina Porter

15 June 2022
AGM

20 Jul 2022
Roundwood Park to Willesden Bus Garage, Guided Walk by Irina Porter. **NB** *this starts at 6.00pm*

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