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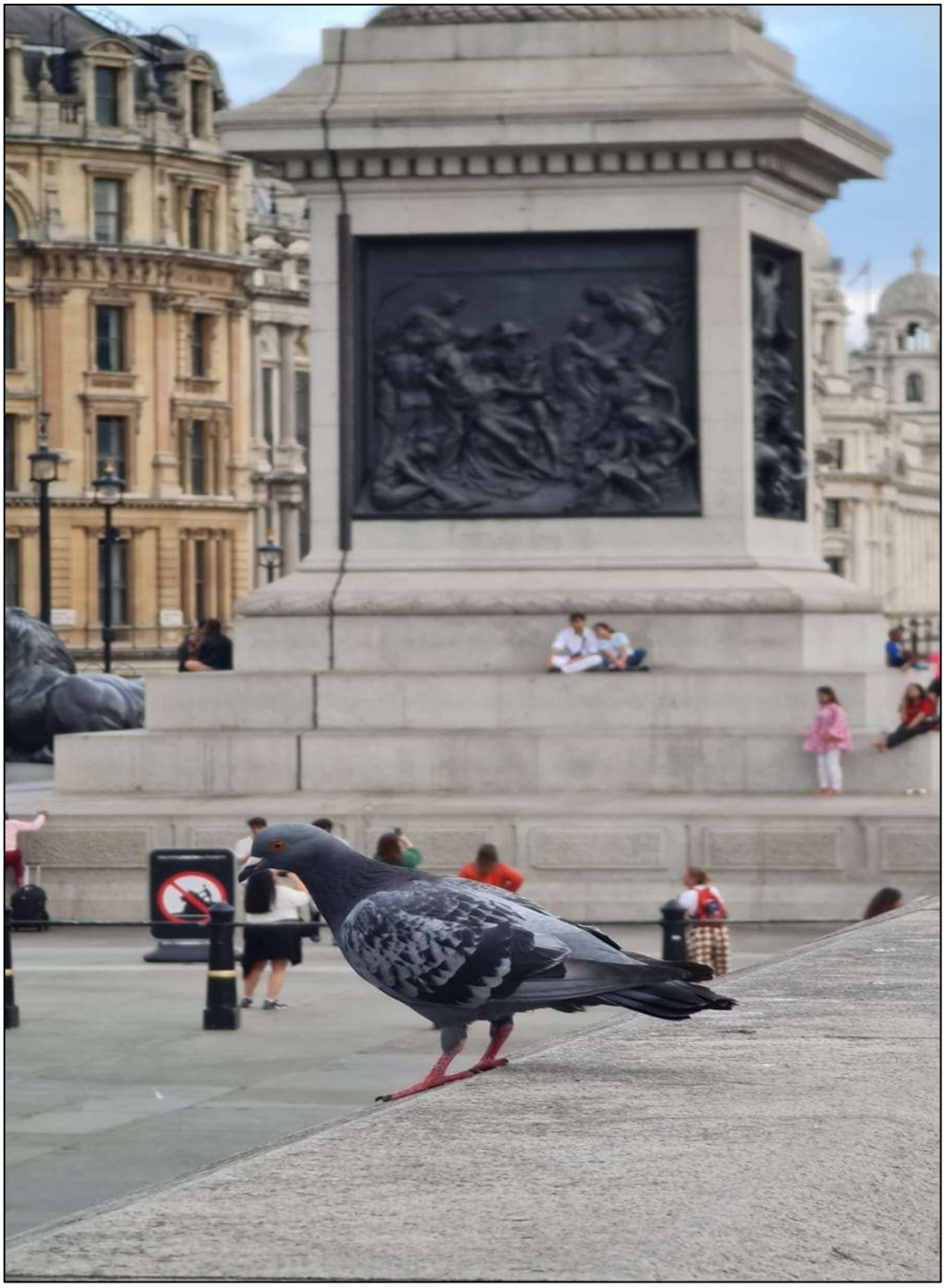

Due to the fountains in Trafalgar Square being under repair this summer and covered, the usually density of pigeons has been noticeably thin on the ground.

Photo. H. Khandryha.

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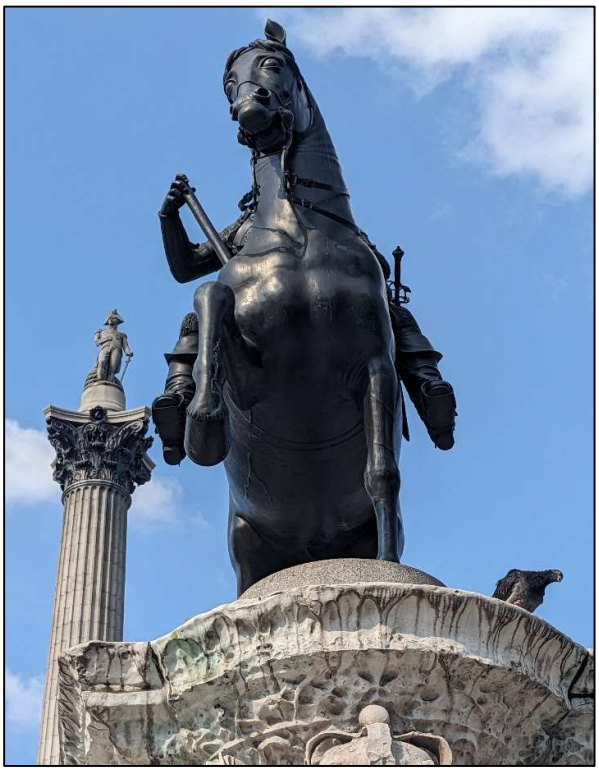
Editor's Introduction



Charles I in Trafalgar Square is London's oldest bronze statue. Nelson overlooks the square. 'Peekaboo' said the pigeons. ***Photo: M. Wheeler.***

I have never liked birds flying around in clouds or packs around my head. The flapping and the diving particularly of pigeons have made me avoid places such as Trafalgar Square since a youth. There is no specific phobia for the fear of pigeons which is subsumed by the wider 'ornithophobia'.

So, what did the Romans ever do for us? Introduce pigeons? No. That's a myth. The ancestors of the modern domestic pigeon were already present in Britain prior to the Roman invasion of 43AD. However, the Romans

used pigeons as messengers and for food, contributing to their domestication and increased numbers.

The feral ones we see today loitering around public spaces usually containing monuments, and people keen to feed them, began to become noticeable in London during the 19th century. This influx coincided with urbanisation, population growth, and the increasing availability of food sources in the metropolis. The abundance of municipal and ever-heightening buildings mimicked their natural and preferred cliff-like habitats. Public feeding of pigeons became common by the later 19th and early 20th centuries, especially in places like Trafalgar Square where large flocks gathered. Food availability increased their population. The increase in numbers throughout the 20th century now defines them as a feature of London's wildlife. They have become somewhat iconic and part of London's identify.

I remember Nelson at the top of his somewhat murky column when I was a kid. As recently as 2006 Nelson's Column has been spruced up to remove years of grime, pollution, and pigeon droppings. The latter contain uric acid which is corrosive to stone and metal. For me *Columba livia* don't do it! I associate them with fungi, bacteria, parasites and other pathogens – their splat something I don't associate with culture and identity. Although I am told it is lucky! If I had to come up with an alternative London icon – what would it be? Who would it be? Last Friday there was a queue of tourists standing in line to take their selfies next to and in an empty Giles Gilbert Scott red phone box (just opposite Trafalgar Square). Not a pigeon in sight. However, the central square was cordoned off to show a boxing match stream the following night. No food source – no pigeons.

So, I list some London icons. Black Hackney cabs. Nelson's Column. Landseer's lions? Tower Bridge. Red double-decker buses – the great Routemaster. Big Ben (correctly the Elizabeth Tower). The various Guards (and their respective regiments) with their sustainably sourced bearskin hats at Buckingham Palace and Whitehall. A London Bobby in Peeler uniform. The Underground roundel or Harry Beck's 1931 Tube map. The ravens of the Tower of London. The Tower of London. St. Paul's dome. Dick Whittington (thrice Mayor of London) and his faithful feline. However, the majority of places on my list (other than means and modes of transport and perhaps an old school London Bobby) are associated with colonial Britain. So, the 'city dove' or 'street pigeon' may be a truer cultural icon than I initially thought. See pages 7-8 for the latest Museum of London relaunch for the new London Museum due to open at the Smithfield Markets site in 2026.Plus the new logo. Ceci n'est pas un pigeon. Or is it a paradox?

Jane Wheeler

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Newsletter: *Next Submission Date – December 2024*

Final copy deadline for the January 2025 *Newsletter* is ***Friday 20th December 2024***.

Articles, news, and items for inclusion may be submitted, and welcomed, prior to this cut-off date before the Christmas break. Note – this is a tight turnaround for the first edition of 2025. Send items for inclusion by email as MS Word documents with pictures either in the same Word document, or as additional pages. Avoid sending all copy etc. as an email. Text font is ***Times Roman 14'*** (not justified and spacing x 1) to: **newsletter@lamas.org.uk And please, no PDFs or email links.**

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LAMAS Newsletter by email in PDF format

The LAMAS *Newsletter* is now published electronically in colour (in PDF format) and emailed to members. Printed black and white paper copies are still printed and posted to members for whom the Society has no email address. Members who are not currently receiving the *Newsletter* by email, and wish to receive it in PDF format, notify the Hon. Secretary: **secretary@lamas.org.uk**

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LAMAS Membership - A new year is starting 2024/25

October is the start of a new LAMAS year, and subscriptions for the LAMAS year 2024/25 are due on 1st October 2024. Subscription rates have not changed. Members who have set-up standing order have nothing to do!

This year's membership subscriptions are:

Ordinary (Individual) members	£20
Joint members (must be at same address)	£25
Student members (without Transactions)	£6
Corporate/Institutional members	£30
Affiliated local societies	£25

A letter (if I do not have your e-mail address) or an email will be sent out in early October with details of your current membership. If you have not received either a letter or email by mid-October, or if there are any mistakes in your membership details, let me know, preferably by email: membership@lamas.org.uk

If you do not have access to email, my postal address is on the last page of the LAMAS Newsletter.

John Shemilt, LAMAS Membership Secretary

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LAMAS 58th Local History Conference – 16th November 2024
10.15am - 5.30 pm
Wilberforce Room, Museum of London Docklands E14 4AL

Fashion, Clothing and Textiles in London History

Please join us at the Museum of London in Docklands, for the 2024 Local History Conference on the theme of Fashion, Clothing and Textiles in London History.

Doors open at 10.15am with an opportunity to browse local history displays and stalls by societies. The conference itself will begin at 11.00am and finish around 5.30pm.

We have assembled a fantastic programme of speakers covering a wide and varied range of topics:

- Artemis Alexiou, Advertising Corsets: Dress Advertisements in the Late Nineteenth-Century Feminist Periodical the Women's Penny Paper / Woman's Herald, 27 Oct. 1888– 23 Apr. 1892.
- Aidan Jones, Fashion and the embodiment of regality: 'like talking to St Paul's Cathedral'
- Hannah Wroe, Selling British Fashion: The Rise and Fall of The British Model House
- Sage Foley and Steph Haire, The Uncovering Dressmakers Project
- Laura Wilson, A History of textiles in the London Borough of Newham
- Caroline Ness, Selling Mid-Twentieth Century London Couture: 'Mattli of Mayfair'
- Keren Prothero, 'The New Chintz Tradition', modernity in floral textile design in London in the 1960s

Local societies requiring a free exhibition table should e-mail Pat Gough, p.gough489@btinternet.com, before 1 November, with the name of the society and a contact address, email, or telephone number. For societies booking exhibition tables, access to the Museum on the day will be available from 9.00am.

In order to support societies with exhibiting at the conference, we are able to provide one free admission ticket for your society, so that the organiser of your exhibition does not have to pay. If you would like to receive a free ticket along with your table booking, please e-mail John Price, johnprice.historian@outlook.com to arrange that.

The LAMAS Publications Awards for 2023 will be presented at the Conference.

Lunch time refreshments may be bought from the Museum's cafés and bar or from the many local establishments around Docklands. **Afternoon refreshments** (included in the ticket price) will be provided in the museum.

Tickets will be available to purchase via the LAMAS Eventbrite website. https://www.lamas.org.uk/conferences.html

Ticket prices:
Early-bird tickets (purchased online before 1 November 2024) = £15.00
Standard tickets (purchased online after 1 November 2024) = £17.50
Last-minute tickets (purchased in person on the day, subject to availability, cash only) = £20.00

John Price

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More changes at London Metropolitan Archives: Rebranding

In July, an email was sent to 'valued friends of LMA with some exciting news':

"It is a summer of significant changes here at London Metropolitan Archives, including a new name for our service. Today, as part of the City of London Corporation, we are the second largest archive service in the UK, recording the history of the capital from 1067, preserving and sharing the stories of Londoners, businesses, charities, hospitals, schools, community groups and many others.

At the end of 2022, we held a series of workshops with our staff group and commissioned surveys with current and potential users of our service. Potential users thought we might be the archive of the Metropolitan Police, Metropolitan Line or London Metropolitan University. It was also clear that the word 'metropolitan' has fallen out of everyday use. We have therefore concluded that a change to our name is an important part of our vision 'to open London's history to the world', making our services and collections open and accessible to everyone and on **5 August we will change our name from 'London Metropolitan Archives' to 'The London Archives'.** We hope that our new name, and the work that follows to promote the new brand, will make a positive contribution in increasing awareness of our sector, and the fabulous archive services across London and the UK. Changing our name is just part of our work to open the extraordinary collections in our care and build a service which reflects London's diversity today.

We are developing a new website, a new digital home for The London Archives, which will provide clear information about our services, exhibitions and events, and share range of engaging content about the

collections, with the aim of inspiring experienced and new researchers alike. **Our schools program** will relaunch in September, building on well-established work with local schools to develop new sessions which immerse students in the history of the city and give them an exciting grounding in archives, preservation and the importance of our recorded memory. Also launching in September, **our new events program** will offer a wide range of opportunities to engage with the archives including lunchtime and evening sessions."

Submitted by John Schofield

To summarise changes to date - readers and researchers with a long memory will remember that in 2006 the Corporation of London Record Office in Clerkenwell was rebranded as the London Metropolitan Archive. It has now been rebranded 'The London Archive'. According to an article in the *Times (1*6/7/24) this latest change is because some people think that the archive is connected with other organisations including the Metropolitan Police, the London Metropolitan University and the London Underground's Metropolitan Line! See above! Personally, I would have thought that the word 'archive' was a bit of a give-away concerning its function, but what do I know about marketing?

Bruce Watson

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London Museum New Brand

The Museum of London now rebranded the London Museum for its relaunch and opening in 2026 has a new image and tag.



The museum this summer revealed its new brand. The new name London Museum will be a museum for and of the city – not simply about its history. To ensure stakeholders are aware of the rebrand, Nicola Jones, Chief Financial Officer, London Museum, issued a notice re new brand. On 24th July 2024 London Museum became officially 'London Museum'. This is the working name of The Board of Governors of the Museum of London (a charity registered as 'Museum of London' with charity no. 1139250.

Not only has the name of the museum been changed but the logo of Dick Whittington and his cat has also changed. To embed the relaunch of the museum and the new pigeon brand, the LM tag, plus an underlying splat of gold glitter is now the new logo. As Sharon Ament, Director of London Museum, responded to negative feedback on various webchats: "The pigeon and splat speak to a historic place fill of dualities, a place where the grit and the glitter have existed side by side for millennia".

The rebrand was led by Uncommon Creative Studio and involved consultation with 500 Londoners and tourists to identify a new icon for London life. The studio's co-founder, Nils Leonard, said: "We wanted more than a new identity for this amazing museum, we wanted to find a new icon for London itself. … Something honest, something remarkable. After extensive research the answer had been strutting around in front of us the whole time. You can find it in the grit and the glitter, proud in every borough, and now immortalised in this identity. We wanted the pigeon to also become a reflection of the diversity and constantly changing beauty of the city".

See Geraldine Kendall Adams article:
https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2024/07/take-splat-london-museum-unveils-pigeon-and-poo-logo.

Jane Wheeler

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Update on the Holocaust Memorial

The last update reported that the High Court had quashed the planning permission for the Holocaust memorial and learning centre to be built in Victoria Tower Gardens on the grounds that an Act of 1900 which requires the land be maintained as a garden open to the public. Instead of considering a new site, the former Conservative government introduced a bill to repeal that statutory protection. Petitioners against the bill were heard in a committee in the House of Commons, which lacked the power to make significant amendments but criticised the lack of consultation about the site, the uncertainty about the cost, and the inadequate consideration of security.

The bill completed its Commons stages in May, was carried over to the new Parliament and has been re-introduced by the new Labour government. There is likely to be stronger opposition in the Lords than there was in the Commons. Second reading in the Lords was set for 4th September, and will be followed by committee hearings where petitioners against the bill will be heard. If the bill is passed, it is not clear whether there will need to be a new planning application and another planning

inquiry, but a new application seems likely. The estimated cost is now £138.8 million plus contingency of £51.8 million, making a total of £190.6 million.

Dorian Gerhold

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Follow submissions by the Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee

The Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (HBCC) of LAMAS monitors, and when necessary, comments on applications for Listed Building Consent in the London boroughs. While the LAMAS website is currently being redesigned the committee is using a page on the site of the City of London Archaeological Trust, CoLAT – see www.colat.org.uk/LAMAS. This presents copies of the submissions to borough planning departments about proposed developments of all kinds.

At the end of August, thirteen cases are listed and you can download the LAMAS submission on each one. See what LAMAS is doing in your borough.

Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee

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Save Brick Lane – Update



Saif Osmani of the Save Brick Lane coalition. ***Photo by Christopher Spring © Social Street CIC*** *whitechapellondon.co.uk/save-brick-lane-truman-brewery-development*

The SAVE BRICK LANE project to protect Spitalfields from aggressive development plans by the Truman Brewery continues. However, the Brewery is escalating their ambitions. The Truman Brewery is now working on a new planning application for multiple corporate-style office blocks extending across the entire brewery site on both sides of Brick Lane. This compromises the heritage of this historic site and ignores the needs of the local population for housing. In response to the SBL campaign, Tower Hamlets Council has commissioned a Masterplan that will reflect the needs of the community. If the brewery's proposal for a corporate plaza can be halted – this alternative plan can be enacted. To challenge this SBL will be relaunching their campaign with a new exhibition and website.



The Save Brick Lane launch at 25 Princelet Street. ***Photo: www.inspiringcity.com***

A crowdfunding campaign is also underway see:
www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-brick-lane.

The SBL campaign is a coalition of local community groups including Bangladeshi East End Heritage Society, East End Preservation Society, East End Trades Guild, House of Annetta, Nijjor Manush, Spitalfields Life and Spitalfields Trust.

Information from the Crowdjustice.com site and inspiringcity.com

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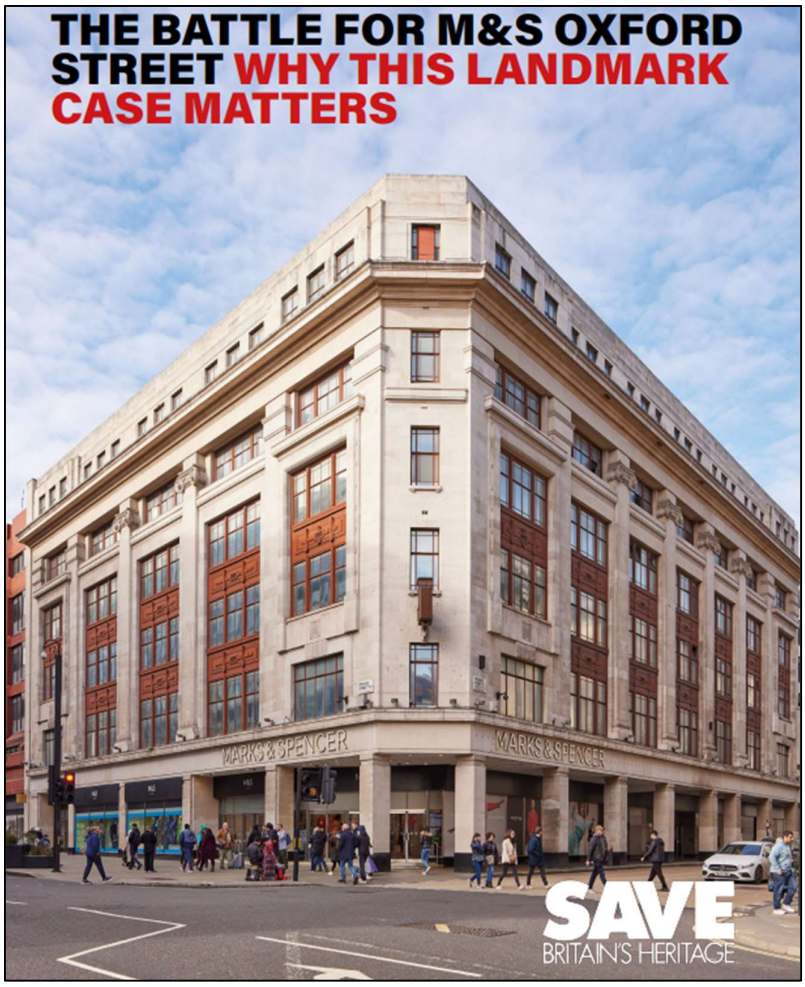
Update on the M&S story – Oxford Street

Bill Bryson and George Clarke are among leading figures urging Angela Rayner to save the M&S Oxford Street site. The writer and architectural broadcaster, along with Kevin McCloud and London Eye designer Julia

Barfield are among a host of architects, developers, historical and sustainable building experts urging the Government to save M&S Oxford Street – and send a powerful message that Britain's disposable attitude to buildings is over. An open letter organised by SAVE Britain's Heritage and the Architects' Journal are calling on the Communities Secretary to reject M&S's controversial proposal to demolish its flagship 1930s building near Marble Arch and replace it with a 10-storey office block.



Front cover SAVE Britain's Heritage report *savebritainsheritage.org*

In May the re:store design ideas competition jointly held by SAVE and the Architects' Journal demonstrated a wide range of progressive and forward thinking ways to re-use and adapt the M&S building commercially. The competition received entries from architectural practices across the UK showing what is possible and offering insight into distressed department stores on every high street that could be repurposed and extended.

See: www.savebritainsheritage.org

Jane Wheeler

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LAMAS Lates

Notifications of Lates events (as they are organised) and booking will generally be via email. Keep an eye on your inboxes!

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DigiLAMAS Needs You!



As many of you know, LAMAS is procuring a new website and is aiming to become a wee bit more modern. This is going to involve some work, and given my well-known technological competencies, I'm recruiting assistance. Digi-LAMAS is the umbrella term for the working group that has thought about this before, and will be reconvened permanently

I'm looking for Mechanics and Authors. Mechanics will be trained in how to upload content and modify the website. This will involve regular but quick bursts of activity. Authors will be those who supply content, whether it be the events, newsletters, minutes of meetings, letters etc. Each sub-committee will need to nominate an Author and ideally a Mechanic. We need both authors and mechanics for our social media too.

We are spending a lot on the website and I'm keen we keep feeding it and buffing it, so it continues to sparkle. Please consider volunteering and if you know other stars, please get in touch with them and send them my way. Digi-LAMAS will mainly operate virtually, but I would suggest meeting once or twice a year (there will be refreshments including crisps/mince pies) for a review and look ahead.

With many thanks for your support!

Jane Sidell

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LAMAS Lecture Programme 2024 - 2025

The lectures will take place from 6.30pm - 7.30pm: see below for lecture details and dates. Refreshments will be available from 6pm.
The lectures will be hybrid, held in person and on Zoom. Members do not need to book if attending in person. To attend on Zoom members are requested to book on Eventbrite via the LAMAS website - https:/www.lamas.org.uk/lectures/html. The Eventbrite booking will be 'live' approximately two weeks before each lecture.
Non-members are very welcome. There is a charge of £2.50 for non-members attending either in person (please note we are only able to accept cash) or attending on Zoom.
Please check the LAMAS website and social media for details on the lecture location.

October 8th 2024
Les Capon, AOC Archaeology
'Friends, Romans, Country House: lend me your labour! Preliminary results from a series of community excavations at Cranford Park, London Borough of Hillingdon'



Photo: *AOC Archaeology.*

This lecture presents the initial results of a series of community excavations undertaken at Cranford Park over the course of four years, by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of the London Borough of Hillingdon's community archaeologist Paul McGarrity.

The excavations took place in the grounds of a former country estate associated with a post-medieval stately home - the below-ground remains of which were investigated during this project.

The history and archaeology of Cranford extends well beyond this time period, however: the earliest written reference to the settlement dates to the late Saxon period, whilst excavations revealed evidence indicative of an even deeper past that includes earlier prehistoric, Iron Age and Roman activity.

November 12th 2024

Tim Allen, Oxford Archaeology

'New light on the medieval and post-medieval manor at Headstone, Middlesex'

An archaeological watching brief at the Scheduled Monument of Headstone Manor by Oxford Archaeology provided unexpected evidence of the medieval kitchen and a range of other demolished buildings on the moated island.

In the Outer Court, the watching brief uncovered buildings known from historic maps of the site, and also ponds and waterlogged timbers that were previously unknown.



Photo: *Oxford Archaeology.*

December 10th 2024

Dr Chris Constable, Borough Archaeologist, LB Southwark

'The Southwark Deep Shelter, from tube line to nuclear Armageddon'



This talk presents the history of the Southwark deep shelter, possibly the largest civilian air raid shelter constructed during WW2 using disused tube tunnels under Borough High Street. The talk examines the development, planning and use of the shelter during the war and proposals for its post-war use as a nuclear shelter and its fate. The rediscovery of the shelter has been somewhat of a surprise that an enterprise of this scale had been forgotten, and its rediscovery as archaeology on two sites and the survival of fabric within a prominent Southwark listed building adds to its interest.

January 14th 2025

Natalie Cohen, National Trust

'''The Fishful Thames'': Fish and Fishing on the River Thames'

Decades of investigation on the banks of the Thames have revealed evidence for fishing practice along the river over hundreds of years.

This talk will discuss the archaeological evidence for this activity through time and briefly examine the iconography and presentation of fish and fishing, focussing on the medieval period.



Photo: *Natalie Cohen.*

February 11th 2023 AGM and Presidential Address
Please note that the AGM will start at 6pm and the Presidential Address will follow.

Vanessa Harding, Emeritus Professor of London History, Birkbeck, University of London
'Mapping early Tudor London'
This lecture follows on from last year's in which I explored mapping medieval London, with special reference to the Historic Towns Trust's map of London c. 1300, published in 2019. This year I will discuss early Tudor London, using HTT's map published in 2018. This shows London c. 1520, when it was still a 'medieval' city: the monasteries and friaries had reached their final form, before the destruction and repurposing of the Dissolution; the Guilds or Livery Companies had flourished and put down roots, building impressive halls for entertainment and business; the growing legal profession had colonised the city's western suburb. Visitors marvelled at London's wealth, and especially its famous bridge.

Mapping early Tudor London is a question of navigating the profusion of written and archaeological sources, and establishing what was there before the dramatic changes brought by the Reformation and enormous economic and population growth in the later 16th century.

March 11th 2025
Andrew Mayfield Community Archaeologist, The Royal Parks
'Community Archaeology in a Royal Park' (Greenwich)
The talk will focus on my role as community archaeologist for the Greenwich Park Revealed project. This is a multi-million-pound National Lottery Heritage Fund scheme, to restore and conserve Greenwich Park. I have been working on sites across the park, from Saxon Barrows to a Magnetic Observatory and from an air raid shelter to a Charles II landscape!
The talk will cover the history and archaeology of this much-loved park.

April 8th 2025
Jacqui Pearce, Senior Specialist - Medieval and Later Ceramics and Finds, MOLA
'Bartmann Goes Global! How German stoneware travelled round the known world in the 16th/17th century'
The phenomenon of the Rhenish stoneware Bartmann jug is the subject of a major collaborative Anglo-German research project.
This talk highlights the wealth of information that can be derived from their study, throwing light on their development, typology, trade networks, marketing, influence, usage and global reach.

May 13th 2025

Prehistoric Society and LAMAS Lecture Shane Maher, Pre-Construct Archaeology

'Hunter Gatherers in Tottenham'



Photo: *Pre-Construct Archaeology.*

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) undertook an excavation on land at the Welbourne Site (Plot C), Tottenham Hale Centre, London Borough of Haringey between November 2019 and March 2020. Three Early Mesolithic lithic scatters of high density were found stratified in the upper horizon of the Enfield Silt brickearth.

Each scatter sub-assemblage appears to be of Deepcar-type, a chrono-cultural tradition with a floruit in the 9th millennium BC. There is a notable association of typical Deepcar-type microliths with rarer forms of isosceles triangle and this may point towards a distinct facies of the Deepcar chrono-cultural grouping.

Each scatter comprised discrete areas of flint knapping i.e. the working of nodules into cores and production of blade/bladelet/flake tool blanks and their waste, as well as production of core tools (axes/picks). Much of this activity seems to have occurred around surface hearths evident from dense areas of burnt worked flint in each scatter.



Photo: *Pre-Construct Archaeology.*

Tools were manufactured and or/maintained at the site with identifiable activity zones for hunting toolkit maintenance, probable butchery and other resource processing and wood working. More recent excavations at the Ferry Island site, some 400m to the southeast, have revealed similar scatters suggesting that this part of the Lea valley may have been a possible focal area for Mesolithic activity.

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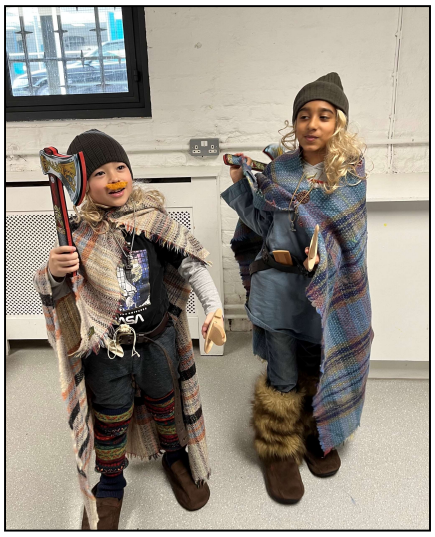
News from the Central London's Young Archaeologists Club

For the April meeting of the YAC we revisited the Viking era 'Striking Vikings' – how did the Viking invasion affect Britain?

Members took part in two activities. In the first they were given a selection of pages from a motoring atlas of England and asked to circle modern-day settlements with a Viking origin (i.e., place names ending in 'by', 'garth', 'gate', 'holm(e)', 'kirk', 'thorp', 'thwaite' and 'toft'. It became apparent that the north and east of the country had been settled by Vikings. The concentration of Viking places names correlating with the area known as the Danelaw. Our second activity was a fun game "Dress a Striking Viking".



Two "Striking Vikings".

There is a lot of archaeological evidence that Vikings enjoyed board and dice games – hand carved dice and playing pieces have been found at many burial sites. Vikings also cared about their appearance. Many combs have been found, but there are few visual representations of what Vikings looked like and how they dressed. We know they groomed and plaited their hair and beards and may have taken more baths than the Anglo-Saxons! We combined these elements into a fast-moving game where dice were rolled to win items of clothing to dress a Viking. For an added twist each team had two clues written in runes which had to be deciphered in order to get two important accessories for their Viking (a wooden comb and a Thor's hammer necklace). Everyone had a lot of fun!



In May YAC members had the opportunity to get some real hands-on digging experience in Greenwich Park. As many of you will know, Greenwich Park is the site of two scheduled ancient monuments. A Roman temple and an Anglo-Saxon cemetery. A large mound in the east of the park, called Queen Elizabeth's Bower, was the site of the temple from around AD40 to AD45. The site has been excavated several times in the past – latterly by TV's Time Team in 1999. Recent advances in archaeological imagining indicated there may be more to be found, so a new excavation took place in May of this year.

The excavation was monitored by Community Archaeologist Andrew Mayfield who is based in the park. Excavations and finds-washing were both undertaken by YAC members, Archaeology students from UCL, local community volunteers, and children from local schools. Our members found fragments of building material, pottery, and the odd nail – all dating to the Roman period. The range of finds suggests that there was another building on the temple site. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are hoping to be invited back in 2025 if the excavation continues. Fingers crossed!



Image: © MOLA.

In July the club visited the London Mithraeum. Before entering we met on Walbrook to set the scene. We imagined what the area would have looked like when the Romans first arrived, using the wonderfully illustrated MOLA publication *Archaeology at Bloomberg* to help us. Members used I-Pads to find out more about the objects on display (like this tiny amber amulet) before descending down through the layers of time to see the remains of the temple itself.

Annie De Saulles

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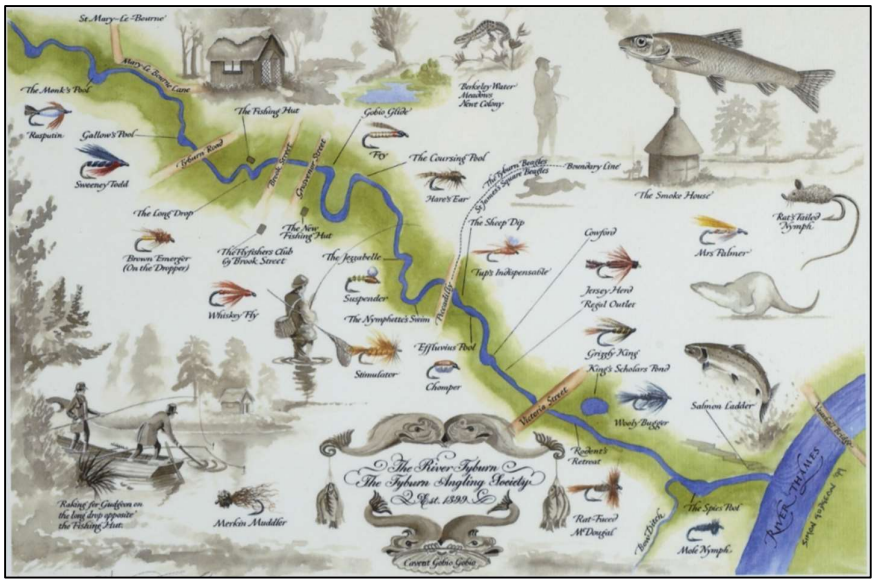
Secret Rivers – The Tyburn

The Tyburn Angling Society was formed in the 1990s with the aim of restoring the Tyburn as a natural river. The charming map produced in 1999 by Simon Gudgeon shows how the restored river might look.



Source: *Museum of London Docklands – Secret Rivers Exhibition 2019.*

Bruce Watson

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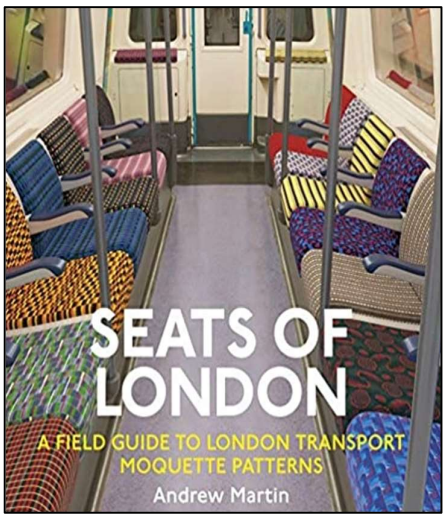
Book Reviews

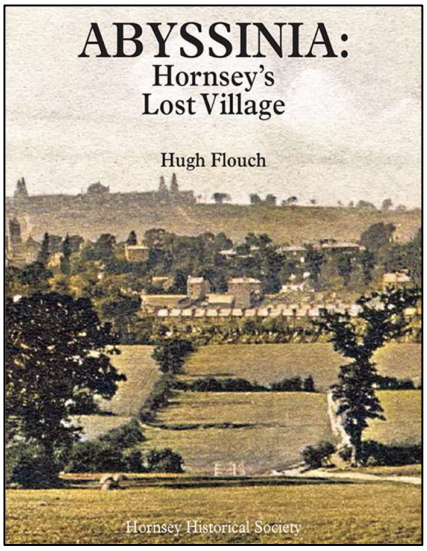
Seats of London: A Field Guide to London Transport Moquette Patterns **by Andrew Martin. (Safe Haven Books) paperback RRP £14.99.**



Published back in 2019 in association with the London Transport Museum which has a comprehensive moquette archive. Andrew Martin's guide looks at all patterns from the first horse drawn bus to the latest Tube.

Moquette, that carpet-like itchy fabric, covering the seats we sit on is bright, colourful, changes with the times and fashion. This book is a colourful and brilliantly illustrated guide to all of those patterns through time.

Abyssinia: Hornsey's Lost Village **by Hugh Flouch. (Hornsea Historical Society) paperback £18.50. Available online: hornseyhistorical.org.uk/Abyssinia-hornseys-lost-village** *or from* **the society's Old Schoolhouse premises.**



A lavishly illustrated study of the development and social history of the small enclave of six residential roads that was called Abyssinia for its first quarter century – before being renamed Hornsey Vale. The enclave was demolished in 1968 to make way for the building of Hornsey Girls School. The book tells the story of a working-class settlement in the midst of a middle-class community of the fringes of London. Based on fresh research this micro-history has a relevance beyond the locality for British 19th century social and political historians.

Not only does it tell the story of the transformation of Hornsey from a Middlesex village into a London suburb, it sheds unexpected light on Victorian social and also racial attitudes.

Jane Wheeler

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EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS
Please check the respective websites for availability and bookings.

Silk Roads Exhibition
British Museum (entrance in the Great Court)
Room 30, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG
Until 23rd February 2025 10.00am – last entry 15.50pm
Entry: £22 – members and under 16s free
(booking slots see: ticketing.britishmuseum.org/silk-roads)

The exhibition focusses on the period AD500 to AD1000 (the so-called European Dark Age which was far from dark). Even far-flung Britain was connected to this global network in the Saxon period. The British Museum is working with 29 national and international partners to present objects from many regions and cultures alongside those from its own collections. From Tang Chinese ceramics to Indian garnets found in Suffolk, the astonishing reach of the Silk Roads network is revealed.

Monet and London: Views of The Thames
Courtauld Gallery
Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 0RN
Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries, Floor 3
until 19th January 2025 10.00am – last entry at 17.15pm
Adults £10 (under 18s and universal/pensions credit free)
(timed tickets (booking essential) check website for late night openings)

Claude Monet stayed in the capital three times between 1899 and 1901. Some of Monet's lesser-known works depict the Thames and are full of atmosphere, mysterious light and radiant colour. This series of paintings depicts Charing Cross Bridge, Waterloo Bridge and the Houses of Parliament. This is their first outing as a UK exhibition subject – they have been brought together for the first time in 120 years after their inaugural exhibition in 1904.

Open Fridays at the Society of Antiquaries
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BE
now open most Fridays (during term-time) and is welcoming visitors to its Burlington House premises 10.00am 'til 15.30pm (check the website sal.org/event/open-Friday)
Free on selected Fridays - Tours are NOT bookable in advance

Drop in and enjoy a visit to the lower ground floor on the Burlington House premises and learn about the history of the society, the rooms, and the collections. Popular staircase tours take place at 12pm and 2pm (subject to availability) and last 40 minutes.

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AFFILIATED SOCIETY MEETINGS 2023

Newsletter readers are advised to check with local societies before planning to attend lectures. Please check websites to ensure events are running.

Acton History Group

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Church Hall, Acton free for members, £2 for non-members. Contact email: actonhistorygroup@hotmail.com; website: www.actonhistory.co.uk

9 October 2024
Postcards of Hayes and its environs, Paul Lang

13 November 2024
West Middlesex Hospital – Celebrating 100 years, Christine Diwell

11 December 2024
Acton Pubs, Bob Surtees

Barking and District Historical Society

Meetings held on Mondays at 7.30pm at Harp House, 16 Helmore Road (off Goodey Road), Barking, IG11 9PH. Free to members. £3.00 to non-members.
Telephone 020 8597 7210.
Email: barkinghistorical@hotmail.com; website: www.barkinghistoricalsociety.co.uk

2 September 2024
The Dagenham Girl Pipers, Linda Rhodes

7 October 2024
The Tudors: how the Welsh rebels became English kings, Nathan Amin

4 November 2024 – 90th Anniversary Talk
Barking Town: 1934-2024, Bill George

2 December 2024
Christmas Traditions and Cake Tasting, Ellen Owen

Barnes and Mortlake History Society

Meetings are held on Thursdays at St Mary's Parish Church, Barnes, at 8pm unless otherwise stated below. 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

19 September 2024
The Kit Kat Club, Ophelia Field

17 October 2024
From Finsbury Park to the Front Line, Doug Kirby

21 November 2024
Bomb Disposal in WWII, Chris Ransted

12 December 2024
Lord Desborough: Titan of the Thames, Peter Williams

Barnet Museum and Local History Society

All meetings are held in St John the Baptist Church, Wood Street, Barnet at 3pm (unless otherwise stated) 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.

14 October 2024
The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade – What's Barnet got to do with it? Dennis Bird

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Bexley Archaeological Group

Talks are currently a mix of face-to-face at the Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club, 19 Station Road, Sidcup, DA15 7EB and Zoom between 8pm to 9.00pm. Excavations are carried out at weekends (March-November) and membership is required to participate on site. For further information, please contact Clare Lodge –:*Principal Field Officer and 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.

Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society

The Society holds hybrid talks at the Chiswick Memorial Club, Bourne Place, W4 2EL and via Zoom. All talks are on the 3rd Monday of the month and begin at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome and details of the talks will be available on the Society's website at https://brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk.

21 October 2024
Talk by Historian, Novelist and former Soldier Charles Cordell (including book signing)

18 November 2024
The Sanderson Design Group Homecoming: Voysey, Sanderson & Chiswick, Caitlin Stracey, Archive Manager

16 December 2024
The Temples of Industry Project: Firestone, Trico and AEC, Ishwari Giga, Curator at Gunnersbury Park Museum

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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 £2.00 contribution please. The Society's website is: www.bblhs.org.uk.

5 November 2024
They Flew from Biggin Hill – the stories of some WWII flying heroes, Aden Lane

3 December 2024
The Former Archbishop's Palace at Otford, Rod Shelton

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 only. Non-members are invited to join the Society.

9 October 2024 Zoom talk only
The Bedford Theatre, Camden Town, Danny Nissim

21 November 2024 – Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library
Street Name Plates of Camden, Simon Morris

5 December 2024 – Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library
On the Beat from Bloomsbury to Fitzrovia, Chris Foster

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 from 7pm.
email: maillist@camdennewtown.info; website: www.camdennewtown.info

16 October 2024
The Hardy Tree, Lester Hillman

20 November 2024
The New River, Chris Foster

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, a short walk from the Chadwell Heath Elizabeth Line station. Visitors welcome £3 pp. Enquiries: 020 8597 7210; email: chadwellheathhistsoc@hotmail.com
Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/chhistorical/

17 September 2024
Ghosts and Graves in Barking and Dagenham¸ Linda Rhodes

15 October 2024
The Buildings of Ongar, Anne Padfield

19 November 2024
The Charity School at Romford, 1710-1834, Giles Drew

17 December 2024
Christmas Programme: MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

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.

Also on Zoom, prior booking required. Contact via the website www.colas.org.uk; email: colas_outreach@yahoo.co.uk

18 October 2024
Merchants, Fishermen, Ferrymen, Bargees and a Seagull. Life and Work in Roman Pisa, Ian Jones, Chair, Enfield Arch. Soc.

15 November 2024
81 Newgate Street: The Former GPO Site Revisited, Kathy Davidson, PCA

13 December 2024: Seasonal Social

Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society

The Society holds a number of live events on a variety of topics at various locations and Zoom talks from October to April each year. Details can be found on their website at https://cnhss.co.uk/ The following live talks take place in the Small Hall at East Croydon United Reformed Church, 86 Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CR0 5LP from 7.45pm.

Zoom talks for non-members require booking by emailing cnhss.info@gmail.com at least 24 hours before the lecture quoting the reference/s shown below.

28 October 2024
Engineering Through History, Laurence Scales

Edmonton Hundred Historical Society

Meetings are held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except August – occasional joint meetings with other societies may be on different days. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

Non-members welcome £2

16 October 2024 at 8.00pm
AGM

20 November 2024 at 3.00pm
Walk with the Admiral, Richard Thomas

18 December 2024 at 3,00pm
Seasonal Social with festive refreshments and Films from around the Edmonton Hundred, Colin Barrett

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The Eltham Society

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place at 7.00pm at the Woodcroft Club, Eltham High Street. Non-members £2.00.

Email: contact@theelthamsociety.org.uk website: www.theelthamsociety.org.uk

16 October 2024 – a public talk, cost £7 pp
Why Re-read Jane Austen, Prof Alan Downie

7 November 2024
I died in hell – they called it Passchendaele, Nick Dobson

5 December 2024
Eltham High Street – north side, John Kennett

Enfield Archaeological Society

Meetings are either held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane, Enfield EN2 0AJ (doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start) or online via Zoom (indicated below) - the link will be available on the society website www.enfarchsoc.org the day before.

11 October 2024
Newgate Street Excavations, Kathy Davidson

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
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 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 £10) which helps the Friends to restore monuments, study the cemetery and attract visitors to Kensal Green.

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.

23 October 2024
Robert Paul Films, Ian Christie

27 November 2024
The Fire of London, Peter Mansi

4 December 2024
Christmas Dinner – prior booking required

Hayes & Harlington Local History Society

Most meetings are held at Botwell Green Library, Leisure Centre, East Avenue, Hayes UB3 3HW on the third Tuesday of the month, 2pm for a 2.15pm start. 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

15 October 2024
Agriculture Through the Ages, Anthony Smith, poet and urban rambler

19 November 2024
Rediscovering Hayes in words and pictures, Joanna Dudzinska, urban explorer, Ealing Walking Talking and Exploring

10 December 2024 (NB 2nd Tuesday)
Women and Children in the South Acton Laundries, Patrick Russel, Historic House guide (TBC)

Hendon & District Archaeological Society

Lectures are held on Tuesdays in the Drawing Room, Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE, and start promptly at 8.00 pm, with coffee / tea afterwards (cash only). 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

8 October 2024
Beacon of the Past Hillforts Project, Wendy Morrison, Chilterns Heritage and Archaeology Partnership

13 November 2024
TBA

Hornsey Historical Society

Lecture meetings are held online via Zoom at 8.00pm. Links will be sent to members by email.

11 October 2024
Past and Present: Victorian Theatre at Alexandra Palace Theatre, Dr Roger Hancock

8 November 2024
Charles Roach Smith, Dr Michael Rhodes

13 December 2024
A Very British Art Form: The Story of Pantomime, Malcolm Jones

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Hounslow and District History Society

Meetings held in person are at Hounslow United Reform Church (114 Hanworth Road, Hounslow, on the corner of Chapel Road, TW3 1UF) on the last Tuesday of the month or on Zoom (see below) and commence at 7.30.pm. Non-members visiting are invited to pay £2.00 at the door. Non-members who wish to be added to the society's Zoom log-in list for a particular talk should contact ajmarshall54@gmail.com

29 October 2024
Sir Joseph Bazalgette and the Great Stink, Stephen Fielding

26 November 2024 – via Zoom
Siblings, Spies and Civil War: the Percy Family at Syon House during and after the English Civil War, Howard Simmons

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Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society

Meetings are generally on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in St John's Church Hall, off High Road Leytonstone (between the new Aldi and the church), E11 1HH. Free to members, non-members pay £2.00. Doors open 7.15pm (refreshments available for a small donation). For more information see the website at http://www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk/events.html or contact Maureen Measure, email measure@btinternet.com.

16 October 2024
Slave Trade, Abolition and Leytonstone House: the Samsons, the Buxtons and Black History, Claire Weiss, Peter Ashan and Geoff Nicholls

20 November 2024
Authentick Memoirs of the Wicked Life and Transactions of Elizabeth Jefferies, the Wood Street murder of 1751, Dr Neil Houghton

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London Natural History Society

The LNHS Virtual Natural History Talk series will take place fortnightly at 7.00pm. All of the talks are free to everyone and they are recorded and uploaded to the LNHS YouTube channel afterwards. **Booking is essential** at:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484
For a full range of Natural History talks see the website above

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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. Buses 164 and 413 stop in Martin Way (in both directions) immediately outside. Parking in adjacent streets is free. For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Turner, 27 Burley Close, London SW16 4QQ, mhs@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk
Website: www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk.

12 October 2024
History of Dogs of London, Chris Burton

9 November 2024 AGM followed by
Member's Talks

14 December 2024
West Barnes and Motspur Park 1930-1940, Toby Ewin

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 (£2) but please check the website at www.odas.org.uk before attending in case of last-minute changes.

For further information please contact Michael Meekums or Janet Clayton (020 8302 1572).

6 November 2024
The Challenges Facing Britain's Historic Churches, Philip Rutnam, Chair of the National Churches Trust

4 December 2024
AGM

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.

7 November 2024
The History of Ruislip Lido and its Railway, David Ray

5 December 2024
Pinner's Old Timber Framed Houses, Patricia Clarke

Richmond Archaeological Society

Talks are now in person at the Richmond Library Annexe, Quadrant Rd, Richmond TW9 1DH, usually on the second Friday in the month. Doors open 7.30 for 8.00pm start. Some lectures will be via Zoom (indicated below) and internet connections and the Zoom setup can be checked from 7.45pm before the start.
Members will be emailed by the treasurer and membership secretary, Stephen Alexander alexander.stephen@gmail.com in advance with the talk and link, if Zoom. Non-members are welcome and should email him before each lecture.
For information on how to join the online lectures please visit the website: www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk or email: richmond.archaeology@gmail.com

11 October 2024
Keep the Home Fires Burning: Investigating Neanderthal Fuelwood Choices in Middle Palaeolithic Europe, Rupert Knight, Birkbeck

8 November 2024 – via Zoom
The Civil War Defences of London Reviewed: symbols of power and control, Peter Mills

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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. The venue is 5 minutes from Richmond Station and there is parking on Richmond Green Visitors £5.00. All talks are live streamed via Zoom – see website for joining details. For further information email: membership@richmondhistory.org.uk website: http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk

14 October 2024
Remembering in Kew: the history of the village's war memorials, Marian Mollett

11 November 2024
Sketches of Richmond, Charles Leon

9 December 2024
Richmond almshouses, Juliet Ames-Lewis

Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Local History Society

The series of lectures below will take place at the Norwegian Church, 12 Albion Street, SE16 7LN and begin at 7.30pm.
Booking is not required unless stated below. For more information please visit the website: www.rbhistory.org.uk

23 October 2024 AGM followed by
Ten-minute Tales: Ghosts and Ghouls of Rotherhithe and Bermondsey, Various Society Members

27 November 2024
Medieval Myth Busting, James Wright

11 December 2024
Christmas Special: City of London Pubs, Tim Kidd, City of London Guide and Pub Reviewer

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Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Meetings will be held on usually the third Tuesday of each month from September to April at 8.00 pm at St Martins Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (**£3** admission). We also organise walks and outings for members (during the summer months). 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

15 October 2024 – AGM followed by
The Tudor Mint at the Tower of London, Justine Bayley, Hon. Assoc. Prof, UCL Institute of Archaeology

19 November 2024
Harefield: An Industrial Village, Keith Piercy, Chair, Harefield History Society

17 December 2024
Research Group Presentations and Social Evening, RNELHS Research Groups

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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 and Winchmore Hill. Meetings are held twice a year at the Friends Meeting House, Church Hill, 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 (£5 admission including booking fee). **Please visit the website for information on how to register for events.**

For further information visit our website: www.southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org or email us on info@southgatedistrictcivicvoice.org

26 October 2024 at 2.30pm at Walker Lower Hall, 7 The Green, Southgate N14 7EG

Illuminating Art – from Lampshades to Landmarks – a Designer's Journey, Dan Maier

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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.

15 October 2024
Excavations at Weston Street, Southwark, TBC

12 November 2024
Sunset over Herne Hill, John Ruskin and South London, Jon Newman

10 December 2024 – AGM followed by the **Brian Bloice Memorial Lecture**
The Cuming Museum – Out of the Fire, Judy Aitken

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 curator@spelthornemuseum.org.uk; website www.spelthornemuseum.org.uk.

For further details and venue please check our website.

The Thorney Island Society

The Society organises talks and visits to places of interest in the Westminster area throughout the year. Non-members welcome although some visits are for members only.

See the website at https://thethorneyislandsociety.org.uk/ttis/index.php for details of how to book or email info@thethorneyislandsociety.org.uk

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Uxbridge Local History and Archive Society

All meetings take place at Christ Church, Redford Way (off Belmont Road), Uxbridge, starting at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated below. Non-members are asked for a donation of £3 per meeting.

For further information please contact Mr K.R. Pearce, 29 Norton Road, Uxbridge UB8 2PT; website: www.eddiethecomputer.co.uk/history

15 October 2024
Prehistoric Uxbridge, Dr Samantha Brummage

19 November 2024
The Great Survivor of the Tudor Age: William Paget and West Drayton, The Marquess of Anglesey

21 January 2025 at 2.30pm
Tales from an Old Hack: Life as a Local Reporter Barbara Fisher

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Wandsworth Historical Society

Meetings held either via Zoom or at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Town Hall) on the last Friday of the month at 8.00pm until 9.15pm – as indicated below. Bookings for Zoom talks can be made by emailing: whsevents@wandsworthhistory.org.uk.
Booking not required for live talks and all are free of charge.

For more information visit the website: www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

25 October 2024
The Thames on the eve of Londinium: exploring a Late Iron Age landscape, Craig Campbell

29 November 2024
Members' Evening

The Whitechapel Society

The Society was originally set up to study the murders of Jack the Ripper, but its remit has widened to cover all aspects of late Victorian and Early Edwardian East End social history. The Society holds meetings every 2 months at the Crutched Friar pub, 39-41 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2AE.

Full details can be found on our website www.whitechapelsociety.com and our Facebook page "The Whitechapel Society 1888".

5 October 2024
The Mercenary River, Nick Higham

8 December 2024
Dick Turpin in Whitechapel, Jonathan Oates

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

16 October 2024
Uncovering Willesden's radical past: a work in progress, Christine Coates

20 November 2024
Archaeology, myths and legends, Signe Hoffos

11 December 2024
Christmas Party

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