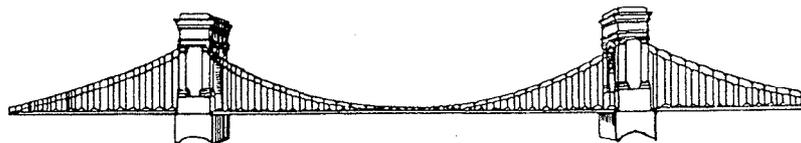


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NEWSLETTER

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS

## PROGRAMME

### **26 September The Development of The Peterborough Estate (Lion Houses)** (photograph by Tim E White)



Peter Kulpa will talk at 7:00pm at Fulham Palace based on his Masters thesis. His topic covers the history and architecture of the Peterborough Estate. There is parking in both Bishop's Avenue and Bishop's Park Road. Anyone concerned about the walk down Bishop's Avenue please contact a member of the committee and one of us will arrange a lift from the garden centre to the Palace.

Buses: 220, 430 and 74 stop nearby (Bishop's Park Road). Nearest tube Putney Bridge.

7:00pm prompt in the Jessie Mylne Education Centre, to the left of the main courtyard entrance – in the

private car park. This interesting subject will benefit from the facilities of the venue, there will be a small charge of **£3 for non-members** to cover this and refreshments. Please note the earlier than usual start at **7:00pm**.

### **10 October A Talk by David Flintham**

#### ***A Proud Unthankfull City? - London & the English Civil Wars***

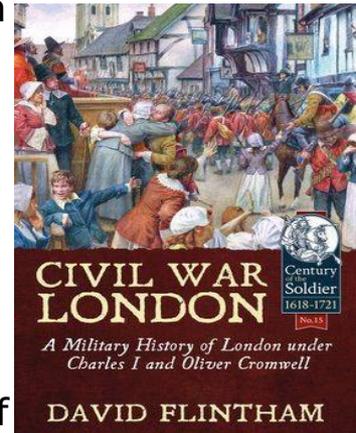
David Flintham is a military historian specialising in 17<sup>th</sup> century sieges and fortifications. His interest in the historical landscape and how fortifications relate to the local topography has taken David to fortified sites throughout the UK, across Europe and as far afield as North America and South Africa. He is the author of three books (his third, 'Civil War London', will be published by Helion in September 2017), as well as several academic papers and a number of popular articles. For more than 20 years he has been

studying London during the 1640s and 50s, and is regarded as "the one expert on London's civil war defences". We should be in for an interesting and informative evening. Again this will be in the Jessie Mylne education centre at the Palace. Please see the item above we will try to arrange lifts along Bishop's Avenue for those who contact a member of the Committee.

Buses: 220, 430 and 74 stop nearby (Bishop's Park Road)

Nearest tube Putney Bridge.

**7:00pm prompt** in the Education Centre, to the left of the main courtyard entrance – in the private Palace car park. There will be a charge of **£3 for non-members** to cover the hire of the excellent venue and refreshments but we are sure you will find it worthwhile. Please note the earlier than usual start at 7:00pm.



## **15 November Show and Tell**

Members and guests are invited to bring interesting artefacts to share and discuss. Last year's show and tell proved fascinating and surprising. So dig out those objects, documents or artefacts come and tell us about them or maybe seek advice. This event will be at our usual venue:

**7:30pm** at St Clements Church Hall Fulham Palace Road  
Near corner of Crabtree Lane.

Buses: 74, 220, 424, 430 (stop outside) some drinks  
190, 211, 295 (stop nearby in Lillie Road)

FREE including non-members. Note a return to the usual time.

## **11 December Christmas Buffet**

This year we will hold a party for members 7:00pm at Pryor's Bank, Bishops Park, SW6 3LA. The committee will organise a buffet and some drinks – anyone willing to contribute to either in kind please contact us at [fhslist@gmail.com](mailto:fhslist@gmail.com)

At this time of the evening access will be through All Saints churchyard gate on Church Gate at the traffic lights.

Buses: 14, 39, 74, 85, 93, 220, 265, 270, 414, 430 stop nearby.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Wed 27 September, 6pm-7.30pm Fulham Finds Revisited**

Revisit the past and get hands on with some truly astounding local archaeology. Join Keith Whitehouse of Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group (FARG) and Fulham Palace Heritage Trustee Phil Emery as they guide you

through the ins and outs of the significant and varied digs held here at Fulham Palace during the 70s and 80s. Cost: £3.50 pp.

**Fulham Palace** also have a series of Historical Tours, Garden Walks and Family events each month see their website for details <http://www.fulhampalace.org/events/> .



In **October** Fulham Palace are aiming to conduct a dig on the paddock to look for the Dovecote and earlier medieval buildings. Despite generous sponsorship they still need almost £10k funding to achieve their target so please visit <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/fulhampalace> .

## REVIEW OF EVENTS

### Buscot



Our visit to Buscot to see Charlotte Sullivan related documents was a revelation. We were met by the curator Roger Vlitos. Roger then guided us through the charming estate grounds built upon the five major rides leading to the house each with a themed garden and focal point such as the stainless steel waterfall creating a splendid feature. Also the main access drive that hides the house from view and until dramatically revealed to best effect.

The four seasons garden in the former kitchen garden has been reworked since the second world war. There are even life sized replicas of 17 of the Terracotta Warriors. The main house was sheathed in scaffolding for repairs and maintenance on our visit. We went initially to two buildings which acted as a theatre and a one-time squash court used as a display space. Here some additional Sullivan documents were shown to us by the Curator. A detailed and comprehensive scrap book of Charlotte's trip to Canada and USA demonstrated her access to the great and the good even in North America. A charming letter from the 10 year old Charlotte tore at our emotions as she formally wrote to her father apologising for not producing fine landscape sketches under her tutor De Wint but presenting him with a beautifully detailed sketch of a house fly louse. Clearly her father was a rather overbearing and coldly



formal type. The bonus of the trip was the presence of Brian Newby an academic whose grandfather had unexpectedly had some sketch books by Charlotte Sullivan. These were beautifully rich and detailed drawings believed to have been done for Kew Gardens from specimens recently brought back from their field collectors.

We finished our tour with a guided visit to the main house, notable was the saloon with 4 exquisite commissioned paintings by Burne Jones: Briar wood, Council Room, Garden Court and The Rose Bower. Tea and scones completed our visit in time to get home before the rush hour.

## **Garden Party**

For our annual tea and chat at Sue's on Sunday 3 September sadly the day wasn't nice enough to sit in the garden but conversation flowed for 2 hours encouraged by more tea and cakes. We are wondering whether to put on this sort of event again or seek a theme but keeping it informal. If you have any views either way, it would be good to hear them.

## **Parson's Green Fair**

This event on 1 July after a break of a year proved to be just as busy as in the past. The Society sold a good many books and explained to visitors to our stand our aims and activities.

## **Membership**

As a small charity our talks and events are highly reliant upon members subscriptions which at £8 or £5 concession are very modest. If you come to our meetings and are not yet a member please do join. Details are on the website or available at meetings.

Members should consider using electronic banking or a standing order to simplify annual payment, for details contact us at [fhslist@gmail.com](mailto:fhslist@gmail.com)

## **Publications**

Our books and pamphlets are another source of income and an important means of spreading knowledge about our borough's history please have a look at our website for details [www.fhhs.org.uk/fhhs-publications/](http://www.fhhs.org.uk/fhhs-publications/) . Prices again are very affordable.

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