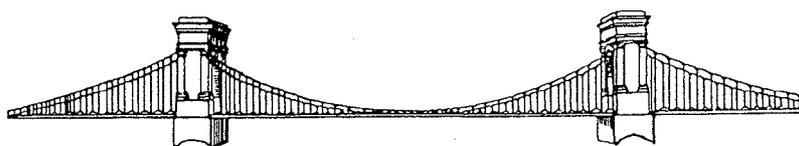


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NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY at 7.30pm -

LOST AND FOUND: THE REDISCOVERY OF ROMAN LONDON - JOHN CLARK

In 1136 a book appeared that was to change history - literally. Geoffrey of Monmouth's "History of the Kings of Britain" detailed a fundamentally 'British History' that was accepted as genuine for 400 and more years. There was no place in it for the Roman Conquest of Britain, or for Londinium, capital of a province of the Roman Empire. Just that London had been 'New Troy', older than Rome and ruled by independent British kings like Lud, who built the city's walls. Only in the 16th century did London historians question this story. With access to classical texts rediscovered during the Renaissance and spread by printing, and with the natives of the newly discovered Americas as models for an understanding of the 'Ancient Britons' described by Julius Caesar, they were better placed to interpret the nature of Roman London. Rebuilding works after the Great Fire revealed relics of this earlier London, and they were collected, recorded and discussed by antiquarians. Yet the popular belief that London was an already ancient city before the arrival of the Romans was hard to ignore.

John Clark was formerly Keeper of the Medieval Department at the Museum of London. Now retired he is Curator Emeritus. Do come along for his fascinating, illustrated talk.

St Clements Church Hall, Fulham Palace Road, SW6 6DS (near corner of Crabtree Lane)

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

FREE (Non-members £3 includes refreshments)

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH at 7:00 for 7.30pm

THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TALK

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 46th AGM
3. Annual Report (see below)
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Election of the Independent Examiner
7. Any other Business

NOMINATIONS for officers and committee (new members especially) are invited and can be made at the AGM or to any Committee member prior to the meeting. New Committee members are eagerly sought.

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending 31st March, 2018

Events during the year included The Bird family of Hammersmith; A Walk Round Parsons Green & the Peterborough Estate; Visits to Brompton Cemetery; Buscot Park; talks on the Peterborough Estate; London and the English Civil Wars; Show & Tell; Tea Party at Sue Pierson's; Christmas Buffet; Parsons Green Fair.

After the AGM our Chairman, Keith Whitehouse, gave a talk, "Mr Albert Smith's Ascent of Mont Blanc". Three Newsletters were issued. The Chairman stressed that more members were needed to help with the running of the Society.

After the AGM Helen Johnston will give a talk on
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE RIVER THAMES IN WEST LONDON

Nathalie Cohen, Head of Community Archaeology at the Museum of London Archaeology, gave us a fascinating talk on the Thames in 2015. Nathalie has now left the Museum and her colleague, Helen Johnston, will give us an updated illustrated talk on the Thames particularly the discoveries in West London.

Refreshments, including wine, before and after the meeting. (**£3 Non-members**)

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TUESDAY, 17 APRIL at 7pm
PANORAMA OF THE THAMES



The Panorama of the Thames conservation project is creating a unique enduring historical record of the banks of the Thames through the capital city. It contains spectacular panoramic images and videos, accompanied by an extensive database to cover every feature along 52 miles of rapidly changing riverbank. Recorded mainly by individual contributors and community groups, the project shows the built and the natural environment along the river, as you would see it at its best. It includes a fully restored version of a rare publication that depicts the Thames riverside in 1829. A tourist guide by Samuel Leigh that is 60 feet long and concertinas into a book. A modern book version called 'A Panorama of the Thames' will be available for sale at the meeting. Look up www.panoramaofthethames.com. There will be a talk and video show by the project editor Jill Sanders and John Inglis. This exciting, unique project is not to be missed.

Note: Start 7pm Prompt

Fulham Palace - Jessie Mylne Education Centre - Bishops Avenue, SW6
Buses: 74, 220, 430 (stop nearby in Fulham Palace Road)
Tube: Putney Bridge (District Line) Walk through Bishops Park
Parking: Bishops Avenue (outside Palace entrance - Free)

FREE (£3 for non-members that includes refreshments.)

TUESDAY, 15 MAY at 7.30pm

VISIT TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, ST PETER'S SQUARE AND RIVERSIDE

St Peter's Church was built to serve St Peter's Square in 1829. The architect was Edward Lapidge who lived in Fulham High Street. The architect of the Square is unknown but an example of an early urban development on the edge of Hammersmith. We will see the interior of the church, walk round the Square and adjoining streets, walk along the riverside and afterwards refresh ourselves at the 18th century Black Lion pub.



Meet outside St Peter's Church, Black Lion Lane W6 9BE (by the A4)

Buses: 91, 190, 267 (Hammersmith Bus Station)

Tube: Ravenscourt Park (District Line)

Parking: (Adjoining streets - Access via Kings Street)

FREE

SATURDAY, 30 JUNE at 11am

VISIT TO KENSAL GREEN CEMETERY - Harrow Road, W10 4RA

After our successful visit to Brompton Cemetery with Rob Stephenson, Rob of the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery will give us a guided tour.

Opened as a private cemetery in 1833 it is still run by its founders the General Cemetery Company. It was consecrated by the Bishop of London. After the burial of the Duke of Sussex in 1843 it became the most fashionable cemetery in the country. There are many magnificent monuments and mausoleums. Many famous people are buried there, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Wilkie Collins, Anthony Trollope, William Mulready to name just a few including many Fulham and Hammersmith residents.

Meet outside the Anglican Chapel in the centre of the grounds. Main Entrance in Harrow Road, W10 4RA. We will also visit the Dissenters Chapel and the small catacomb beneath.

Visit the Friends of Kensal Green website. <http://www.kensalgreen.co.uk/>

Tour charge: £7 Charge covers tea and biscuits and goes towards the work of the Friends.

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, 10 MARCH

LONDON & MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LONDON ARCHAEOLOGIST'S

Various talks including 'The lost ferry crossing at Putney Bridge' and 'London's Roman Temple of Mithras, 1952-2017: a reconstruction'

Held at Museum of London, Weston Theatre

Tickets £17.50 or £15 (discount if ordered before 1 March)

Apply to John Cotton, c/o Early Department, Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN
Cheque made out to LAMAS with a SAE, or PayPal via the LAMAS website;

lamas.org.uk/conferences/archaeology

SATURDAY, 24 MARCH

38th WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Theme: *The Impact of the 1914-18 War on West London*

Our Chairman will talk on, 'World War I's Legacy in Fulham & Hammersmith'

Other speakers will talk on various subjects including, workers, tribunals, memorials, Queen Mary's

Hospital Roehampton: the pioneering treatment of war injuries (showing of a centenary film)
<http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/WLC-2018-A5-leaflet-final.pdf> Held at University of West London, Boston Manor Road, Brentford

Tickets £15 from Janet McNamara, 31 Brook Road South, Brentford, TW8 0DN
Cheque to 'West London Local History Conference' or from Keith Whitehouse, 85 Rannoch Road, W6 9SX. Please enclose a SAE

REVIEW OF EVENTS

LION HOUSES

On 26 September Peter Kulpa gave us a brilliant talk about the development of the Peterborough estate based on his Masters thesis. He debunked the idea that the lions that decorate the estates houses were some sort of over order, more a thematic trade mark of the builder and his designer. Not only do they have the lions in common but also the window designs. So good to hear from someone who has thoroughly explored his subject. The Jesse Milne Centre at Fulham Palace was an ideal venue but necessitated an earlier start to finish before 9:00pm.

LONDON & THE ENGLISH CIVIL WARS

The military historian David Flinham gave our October talk, also at Fulham Palace to another packed house. Another master of his subject and established author his talk covered some of the material in his new book: *Civil War London* published by Helion ISBN: 9781911512622.

SHOW AND TELL

Eleven members came to 'Show and Tell' on 15th November and what a rich collection of treasures they brought with them! From a fossilised sea urchin found in a garden to a 300 year old pig's jaw found at Wormwood Scrubs; a Coronation pageant programme to a German soldier's cutlery set; an ancient map of the Tower and memorabilia from a Hammersmith men's supper club as well as letters, especially one from Mr Pierrepont the official hangman! These were just some of the treasures which also included some mystery objects. We spent time examining the 'museum' and much interesting discussion followed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party on 13 December was an enjoyable gathering in the pleasant venue of Pryor's Bank, courtesy of All Saints church. The food, home-made and shop bought, was delicious plus a selection of drinks to suit all tastes. The raffle raised £38 for the society. The quiz, a mixture of pictures and questions on Christmas and local history, brought out the competitive spirit in the members! The evening enabled people to chat with each other in a relaxed atmosphere and was much appreciated.

NOTES

HALF PRICE BOOK OFFER

Buy 'A history of Hammersmith' (£3); 'West London Market Gardens' (£9); 'Charlotte Sullivan (£5) and 'Peterborough House' (£6) all for £10 plus postage!

All available separately for half their normal price plus postage.

Contact Sue Pierson on 020 7731 6544 or email: sue@lancepierson.org

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We hope you enjoyed our busy and diverse programme for 2017 and will join us for our interesting 2018 events. A gentle reminder that subscriptions of £8 or £5 for seniors and students was due in January. We do rely on subs and a few very kind donations to keep the wheels turning. You can join at our meetings or through the website, where you will also find our publications.

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