

LOCAL HISTORY EVENTS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2017

2 SEPTEMBER

Lambeth Local History Fair

This, the first Lambeth Local History Fair, will be a coming together of dozens of local societies, heritage organizations, Friends groups and local history publishers, held in the oldest building in Streatham, St Leonard's Church, throughout the day from 10.30 to 16.30, complete with society stands, bookstalls, exhibitions, and refreshments, at the Church in Streatham High Road, London SW16. Three illustrated talks will be held during the Fair. All events are free and no booking is required:

12.00 The River Thames: Another Perspective with Dr Fiona Haughey

14.00 St Leonard's Church: Past, Present and Future with John Brown

15.30 Death on the Brighton Road: the execution sites of South London with Jon Newman

4 SEPTEMBER

'Henry Maudslay and his circle' by David Wailer to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon at 19:45. Visitors welcome: £2

6 SEPTEMBER

Morley's Murals: Past and Present – Elaine Andrews (Learning Resources Centre Manager) with an illustrated talk on the College's murals and a chance to visit the Edward Bawden and Justin Todd Canterbury Tales murals in the College Refectory. FREE but booking essential E Mail elaineandrews@morleycollege.ac.uk.

Held at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 at 18.00

'Horace Walpole, Strawberry Hill, and "the Castle (I am building) of my ancestors"' by Stephen Clarke to Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 20:00. Visitors welcome: £4

7 SEPTEMBER

The Oaks: General Burgoyne and the 12th Earl of Derby – John Phillips to the Friends of Honeywood Museum of the scandal at the Oaks mansion house which stood in Oaks Park, Carshalton and where the Oaks and Derby horse races were devised. Entry is FREE but please telephone 0208177014297 to book

9 SEPTEMBER

Showcasing our History – writer and researcher Steve Martin gives an illustrated talk about the lives and stories of many musicians, singers and performers who have lived and worked around Longfield Hall since it opened in 1889. Featuring music and film and the history of the Myatt's Fields area from Victorian times through to the 1970s when Longfield Hall was home to one of the first Black theatre companies in the UK. Refreshments will be available FREE, no booking required. Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, London SE5 at 19.00

9 SEPTEMBER

Honeywood: an Edwardian House and its People – local historian John Phillips leads guided tours at 14.30 and at 16.00 featuring 'The Kirks at Honeywood in the Victorian and Edwardian period and how they developed their house. Honeywood Museum, Carshalton Ponds. FREE, no booking required

Sir Malcolm Sargent: A Life in Music

A Study Day marking the 50th anniversary of his death, to explore the life and legacy of this remarkable British conductor, whose name is indissolubly linked with the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall, where he was Chief Conductor for 20 years until his death in 1967. This event draws upon unpublished recordings of his performances held in the British Library Sound Archive, and the many speakers at this historical study day include broadcaster Tom Service, record producer Andrew Keener, conductors David Lloyd Jones and Sian Edwards, music historians Donald Burrows and David Kidger, clarinettist Colin Bradbury, biographer Richard Aldous and Sargent's very own secretary, Sylvia Darley OBE. The Study Day commences at 9.30am and will conclude at 17.30 at the Knowledge Centre, British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1. Full Price is £20 in person at the box office, with a £1.50 transaction fee for email or postal bookings.

13 SEPTEMBER

The History of Your House – Alan Piper, local historian and chair of the Lambethans Society, gives an illustrated talk to the Herne Hill Society, using many local examples to show how to trace the history of houses. FREE, no booking required. At Herne Hill United Church Hall, Red Post Hill, London SE24

14 SEPTEMBER

The National Gardens Scheme – Margaret Arnott to the Friends of Whitehall, who will talk about the surprising origins of the NGS and what it is like to open your garden to the public. Her talk has many beautiful coloured illustrations and may encourage you to consider fresh aspects for your garden, while the Friends will be looking for some ideas for the new layout at Whitehall. Refreshments provided. At Cheam Library at 14.30 Tickets £6 (Friends £5) To book please telephone David Aldous Cook on 020 8 642 4842 or E Mail: jenny.lugton@gmail.com

River Effra: South London's Secret Spine – writer and archivist Jon Newman uncovers the rich history of the River Effra, South London's best kept secret river. At Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, London SE1 at 19.30. FREE but booking essential tickets phone 03156 339 5967

14 SEPTEMBER

Henry Tate and the Brixton Library – Bill Linskey, chair of the Brixton Society gives an illustrated talk about the role of local businessman and philanthropist Henry Tate. At the Vida Walsh Centre, 2b Saltoun Road, London SW2 at 19.00. Light refreshments. FREE no booking required

'Excavations on the Romano-British site at Flexford' by David Calow to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in Main Hall at Surbiton Library Halls, Ewell Road, Surbiton at 20:00. Visitors welcome: £3

'Who do you think they were? Discovering the lives and experiences of our ancestors from written sources' by Julian Pooley to the West Surrey Family History Society in Woking Methodist Church Hall, Woking at 19:50

15 SEPTEMBER

'The Society's oral history service' by Tony Mathews to Leatherhead & District Local History Society in the main hall of the Leatherhead Institute (top end of High Street) at 19:30 for 20:00. Visitors welcome: £2

17 SEPTEMBER

Brockwell Park: its Creation Early Years – crowned by a Regency villa, John Blades created this estate in the early 1880s, and still almost intact. Peter Bradley tells to the Friends of Brockwell Park how this estate became a glorious Victorian icon. At Brockwell Hall, Brockwell Park London SE24 at 11.00. Cafe in the Hall will offer paid refreshments. FREE no booking required

18 SEPTEMBER

The Drouet Affair: the Scandal that enraged Charles Dickens – local historian Janet Smith looks at the man who ran the Tooting Pauper Asylum, and who stood trial at the Old Bailey after more than 100 children died in a cholera outbreak there in 1849. At the Woodlawn Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road, Streatham Hill, London SW16 at 20.00. FREE no booking required

The GLC Story – 31 Years ago the Greater London Council was abolished, and yet younger or newer Londoners don't know its history. This project aims to tell that story. FREE no booking required. At the Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, London SE11 at 18.45 for 19.15 start. £2 suggested contribution to include prior refreshments.

19 SEPTEMBER

The Story of Ely's Department Store at Wimbledon – Michael Norman-Smith of local U3A and the Museum of Wimbledon tells the story to the West Barnes Local History Group. FREE event from 10.30 to 12 noon at the West Barnes Library, Station Road, New Malden. For information call 0208 545 3239. FREE no booking required.

20 SEPTEMBER

V2 Rockets in Lambeth and the Dora Project – using family history and research at Lambeth Archives, artists Francoise Dupre and Rebecca Snow connect two sites of terror during the Second World War - the V2 bomb-sites of Lambeth and the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp in Germany where the rockets were built by slave **labour** , **including Francoise's** uncle. At Brixton Library, Brixton Oval, London SW2 at 18.30. FREE no booking required

21 SEPTEMBER

Dead Bodies Can't Lie: Poor Yorick, a Moving Tale. This talk by Colin Fenn to the Norwood Society delves into the story of clearing the churchyard of St. George's, Hanover Square, the mass exhumation of corpses and their reburial in West Norwood Cemetery. At Upper Norwood Library, 39 Westow Hill, London SE19 at 19.30. FREE no booking required, but suggested donation of £3 for refreshments

23 SEPTEMBER

250 Years of St Andrew's Stockwell – local historian Bill Linskey gives an illustrated talk about the good burghers of Stockwell Green, who were tiring of their long Sunday journey to Lambeth ... and the solution they found. Meet in St Andrew's Church, Landor Road (corner of Lingham Street) Stockwell, London SW9 at 14.00 where the Rev. Erica Wooff and the Churchwardens will be welcoming visitors for a start at 14.30. Light refreshments will be served. FREE no booking required.

A River Runs Through It: the River Wandle and its links to local heritage. Of key importance to the history of Merton, the River Wandle was once one of the most heavily worked waterways in the world, and this illustrated talk will look at the significance of the river and key sites along its course. This important history talk will be held from 14.00 to 16.00 at Merton Heritage Centre, 2nd Floor, Morden Library, London Road, Morden, SM4. FREE no booking required

24 SEPTEMBER

Hot Chocolate: An Introductory History. This study of the history of hot chocolate covers relations between Britain, West Africa and the Caribbean, beliefs of many physicians and historians, and the different uses and the health benefits of cocoa. Jamaican cocoa tea will be served. At the Chocolate Museum, 167 Ferndale Road SW9 commencing at 15.00. FREE but booking essential. Book at www.TheChocolateMuseum.co.uk

25 SEPTEMBER

A Voyage with *Cutty Sark*: Archive Tour and Cream Tea

Join us at the Totally Thames Festival for a tour of *Cutty Sark* led by its curator, followed by **cream tea under the ship's** gleaming hull, and then a visit to the Caird Library for an up close look at letters, photographs and objects not usually on display. Tickets for the National Maritime Museum, Caird Library and *Cutty Sark* are £35 (Members £23) Tickets must be pre-booked – rmg.co.uk/tickets or telephone 0208 312 6608

25 SEPTEMBER

'Consumed by Fire: the Destruction of Croydon Parish Church in 1867 and its Rebuild' by Brian Lancaster to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon at 19:45. Visitors welcome: £2

Architectural Icons: The History of the London Eye

Julia Barfield of Clapham based architects Barfield Marks will talk about the history design and development of the practice's iconic London Eye and local schemes, as well as Brighton's i360 tower. At the Omnibus Arts Centre, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4. Bar opens 19.00. Talk commences 20.00. Early arrival recommended as seating is limited. FREE no booking required.

Brockwell Lido 1937–2017: 80 Years Young – There is a Lido in Brockwell Park because locals were already swimming in the big lake there **from the 1890s**. **Celebrating the Lido's 80th** birthday, year round daily swimmer and local historian Peter Bradley looks at 120 years of swimming in Brockwell Park. FREE no booking required. At the Lido Cafe, Dulwich Road, London SE24 at 19.00

27 SEPTEMBER

Brixton Windmill: Second Annual Windmill Lecture

This talk given by a family descendant, recounts the history of the Ashby family that built Brixton Windmill in 1816 and worked there until 1934, their Quaker beliefs and their determination to continue to produce stoneground flour in the face of the industrialization of flour production in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Refreshments, exhibition and Brixton Windmill Flour on sale. FREE no booking required

28 SEPTEMBER

Pre-Raphaelite Painters and Poets – Pete Smith, a Lecturer for London City Walks, traces for the Friends of Honeywood the development of a movement that revolutionized the 19th century art scene and initially scandalized conventional Victorian society. At Honeywood Museum, Carshalton Ponds at 19.30 Tickets £3.50 (£4.50 for non members. Please phone 020 8642 4778 to book

1 OCTOBER

Hot Chocolate: An Introductory History – this study of the history of hot chocolate covers relations between Britain, West Africa and the Caribbean, beliefs of many physicians and historians, and the different uses and health benefits of cocoa. Jamaican cocoa tea will be served. Book at www.TheChocolateMuseum.co.uk, Free, but booking is essential At the Chocolate Museum, 187 Ferndale Road, Brixton, London SW9 commencing at 15.00

4 OCTOBER

'Community Archaeology in Farnham' by Anne Sassin to Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 20:00. Visitors welcome: £4

5 OCTOBER

'Maidstone, Gravesend and Rochester – Proposed Airports in Kent that failed to take off' by James Preston to the Surrey Industrial History Group (first talk in the Autumn 2017 series) in Room G6, The Institute, High Street, Leatherhead at 10:00-12:00. Please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk, as seating is strictly limited.

9 OCTOBER

'Looking for life on Mars' by Andrew Coates to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon at 19:45. Visitors welcome: £2

'Poverty in Richmond' by Simon Fowler to the Richmond Local History Society, Duke Street Church, Richmond at 20:00. Visitors welcome: £4

Medieval and Tudor Cheam – Local historian John Phillips to the Friends of Cheam Library.
Exploring Cheam's early history Tickets £3.50 (£3 Friends). Book on 020 8770 4297

10 OCTOBER

'The R101 Disaster and the Broken Elevator Cable' by Bryan Lawton to the Surrey Industrial History Group (start of the 42nd Series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures in Guildford) in the Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford at 19:30. Visitors welcome: £5

12 OCTOBER

'The Great Barn at Harmondsworth in its village setting' by Justine Bayley to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in Main Hall at Surbiton Library Halls, Ewell Road, Surbiton at 20:00. Visitors welcome. £3

13 OCTOBER

Gustav Holst (1874–1934): Monk and Mystic – Adrian Falks to Croydon Recorded Music Society, exploring the music of an under appreciated composer, and one of the most distinctive minds in English music. At St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road, Addiscombe at 19.30
Visitors welcome £5

14 OCTOBER

Archaeology of Merton (mainly Merton Priory) – David Saxby to Merton Historical Society at Christchurch Hall, Colliers Wood at 14.30. Visitors welcome £2

16 OCTOBER

'The Wandle and the Prehistory of South-West London', by Jon Cotton to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon at 19:45. Visitors welcome: £2

17 OCTOBER

Things that go bump in the night: Ghost stories and the paranormal in Merton – Sarah Gould (Merton Heritage Service) to West Barnes Local History Group at West Barnes Library, Station Road, New Malden from 10.30 to 12 noon. FREE

26 OCTOBER

The Medieval Potters of Cheam – Professor Clive Orton to Friends of Cheam Library, showing the importance of the village to supply London with many of its drinking vessels in earlier centuries. There will be some pieces of Cheam ware to see and handle. Tickets are £3.50 (£3 Friends) at 19.30 at Cheam Library. Please telephone 020 8770 4297 to book

Is Sutton part of Black History? Sean Creighton to Friends of Honeywood Museum, reminds us that people of Africa have been living and working in Britain for many centuries. Tickets £3.50 (£4.50 for non members). Honeywood Museum, Carshalton at 19.30

27 OCTOBER

2017 Times Past XIII Film Show by John Freeman to the Friends of Carshalton Water Tower with a theme of Transport and Travel. At Carshalton Water Tower, West Street, Carshalton at 19.30 Tickets £4.50

30 OCTOBER

From Mountbatten to Patten: Proconsuls and the ending of Empire 1947 to 1997 – Tony Stockwell to Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society at East Croydon United Reformed Church Small Hall, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon at 19.45. Visitors welcome £2

4 NOVEMBER

The John Dent Collection – a speaker from the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society to the Carshalton History & Archaeology Society on this most interesting collection of postcards. In Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 15.00. Visitors welcome

9 NOVEMBER

Behind the Scenes at Little Holland House – Come and meet the team from Sutton Heritage to hear about our collection care plans for the House and its contents at 40 Beeches Avenue, Carshalton. This event will include a demonstration talk about conservation cleaning, as well as a tour of the House and light refreshments. Tickets are £3 including refreshments. Please prebook on 020 8770 4297

11 NOVEMBER

There's More to Morden – Sarah Gould to Merton Historical Society after the AGM, at Christchurch Hall, Colliers Wood at 14.30. Visitors welcome £2

21 NOVEMBER

The Human Face of War: Tales of Merton's First World War Combatants, by Sarah Gould (Merton Heritage Service) at West Barnes Library, Station Road, New Malden from 10.30– 12 noon. For information call 020 8545 3239. FREE all welcome

23 NOVEMBER

Anne Boleyn: A King's Obsession – Alison Weir to the Friends of Honeywood Museum, who weaves new research and theories into the dark, powerful tale of Henry VIII's second wife: a woman ahead of her time who dared to question a dangerous king. Tickets £5 (£6 for non-members) to include mulled wine and mince pies. Honeywood Museum, Carshalton at 19.30 Book at 0208164214778

2 DECEMBER

The History of Kenley Airfield – Richard Fitch (Chief Flying Instructor at Surrey Hills Gliding Club) to Carshalton History & Archaeology Society in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 15.00. All welcome

9 DECEMBER

The Coach Road to Brighton – Geoff Hewlett to Merton Historical Society at Christchurch Hall, Colliers Wood at 14.30. Visitors welcome £2

10 DECEMBER

Family Christmas at Home – Little Holland House is an Arts and Crafts treasure chest created by Frank Dickinson. It was also a very happy family home. Join us for a special Christmas event and enjoy the atmosphere in the house prepared for Christmas with an introduction to the House talk, make decoration, a trail and explore Christmas party games. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and Christmas cake will be included in the admission. At 40 Beeches Avenue, Carshalton at 11.00-12.30 and from 13.30-15.00 and from 15.30-17.00. Tickets are £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Places are limited, please book on 020 8770 4297.

If you would like to receive similar lists in the future please email info@mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk.

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