

34th West London Local History Conference

# LAW & ORDER in West London's history

An Exact Representation of MACLAINE the Highwayman Robbing LORD EGLINGTON on Hounslow Heath on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1750.



MACLAINE is said to be born in the North of Ireland of Scotch Parents, is a tall gaunt young Fellow, and commonly very gay in his Dress. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July last he was apprehended for a Robbing on the Highway and committed to the Gaolhouse Westminster by Justice Lediard. Among others whom he robbed was Lord Eglington. The Stratagem he made use of was very extraordinary being as follows: On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June as his Lordship was going over Hounslow Heath early, Maclane and his Companion knowing they should have a good Booty resolved to rob him. But as he was well arm'd with a Blunderbuss, some Antimony was necessary they therefore agreed, that one should go before the Post-Chaise & the other behind it; he before the Chaise kept the Postillion, and screened himself in such a manner that his Lordship could not discharge his Blunderbuss at him without killing his own Servant; at the same time MacLane who was behind aware of his Lordship did not throw his Blunderbuss out of the Chaise; he would blow his Brassy thro' his Face. His Lordship finding himself thus beset, was forced to Comply, and was robbed of his Portmanteau and 50 Guineas. His Lordship had two Servants about half a Mile behind.

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