

The 35th West London Local History Conference

WOMEN IN West London's HISTORY



on Saturday, 28 March 2015

UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON
The Paragon, Boston Manor Rd, Brentford
Tickets £15.00

available *only in advance*, from sponsoring societies or by post from
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Please send SAE & cheque to 'West London Local History Conference'
conference sponsored by the local history societies of Acton, Barnes & Mortlake,
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Twickenham, Wandsworth & the West Middlesex Family History Society

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This year we move to a handsome new venue with a purpose-built lecture theatre. The University of West London's Brentford Campus, The Paragon, is 10 minutes' walk from Brentford Station (SW Trains) and Boston Manor (Piccadilly Line) and there is free parking on site. Adjoining the lecture theatre bookstalls from our sponsoring societies will be open during the conference breaks to help you to keep in touch with local history in our area.

PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Doors open for viewing of sponsoring societies' stalls
- 10.00 Welcome by **Val Bott**, chairman of the organising committee
- 10.10 **In plain sight: discovering the women of the Gunnersbury estate**
James Wisdom, Chairman, Friends of Gunnersbury Park & Museum
- 11.00 COFFEE
- 11.30 **Emma Hamilton, George Eliot, Charlotte Despard ~ 3 meritocratic women who burst through social barriers**
Penelope J Corfield, Emeritus Professor London University
- 12.15 **Kitty Godfree, sporting champion and suburban housewife**
Murray Hedgcock, a local historian and journalist who reported on Wimbledon for 30 years
- 1.00 LUNCH
- 2.00 **A Woman's Life . . .**
Historical documents on our theme read by the organising committee
- 2.30 **Hounslow's Home Front - women's roles in World War 1**
Ann Greene, Senior Library Assistant, Hounslow Local Studies
- 3.15 TEA
- 3.45 **In the nursery: some women gardeners in ourj riverside parishes, 1650-1850**
Val Bott, local historian and author of *nurserygardeners.com*
- 4.25 **Summary** of the day's proceedings and Conference ends

The conference fee includes *morning coffee* and *afternoon tea*. The UWL refectory is opening specially for us on the day of the conference and will offer for sale at lunch-time sandwiches, teas, coffees and soft drinks. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and there is also a small Co-op supermarket on the campus.