

40 YEARS *of* THE WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

WE ARE PROUD to have run thirty-nine annual West London Local History Conferences; this souvenir marks the fortieth in November 2020 and not only records the themes and speakers but also celebrates the fact that the sponsoring societies have sustained the conference effectively. Reviewing the programmes of talks confirms both the quality and the quantity of local history research that has been going on in our area over 40 years. Furthermore, at each conference our societies' bookstalls have offered publications which have improved from the typed and duplicated information sheets of the early 1980s to beautifully designed and commercially successful books.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE, in September 1981, was promoted by Jeanne Stoddard of the Fulham & Hammersmith Local History Society. She persuaded neighbouring societies to get involved and share any financial loss; in fact the conference made a profit of £62.10. She invited historian Prof David Reeder to chair it, a role he took for almost every conference until 1998.

By 1983 the consortium of societies covered Barnes & Mortlake, Brentford & Chiswick, Fulham & Hammersmith, Hounslow, Richmond, Twickenham and Wandsworth. The Shepherd's Bush History Group was involved from 1984 to 2009, Acton joined in 1988, the West Middlesex Family History Society in 1992 and the Little Ealing History Group in 2016.

At first a different society acted as host each year, finding an easily accessible local venue and organising refreshments. The societies continue to be responsible for selling tickets to their members. The cost was £2 a head at the beginning and for some years tickets bought on the day cost more than those bought in advance – this was eventually abandoned as too confusing! No society wished to host the 1985 conference but Brentford & Chiswick took it on at the new Waterman's Arts Centre, returning there in 1986.

Anxiety over potential financial losses continued as costs fluctuated, but the societies needn't have worried – the loss in 1984 had been 4½p and in 1988 £10.11. In 1986 the surplus brought £12.51 for each society. During the 1980s there were two changes. First, the consortium became a permanent steering group with James Wisdom as chairman, Diana Gunasena as secretary and Gordon Spencer as treasurer. It looked for a regular venue, and from 1989 the conference became established at Hounslow's Montague Hall. The agreement was to share both the risk and the profits, and the funds were managed through a central bank account. Though ticket sales varied between 95 and 137 according to the theme, from 1989, when the surplus was £271.96, funds were usually retained rather than being disbursed.

Choosing a relevant theme and excellent speakers was the key to attracting an audience. However, the event had to be a sociable one and when Mary Harper chaired the planning meetings in the 1990s the minutes show that a great deal of time was spent on practical matters like providing refreshments and lunches for sale, a service energetically run on the day by Mary herself. From 1992 this was reduced to providing a lunch where steering group members welcomed the speakers, making it a comfortable experience for them.

The group gradually amassed a nest egg giving us comfort that we could deal with a sudden rise in costs or losses due to poor ticket sales. We risked bringing in outside caterers during 2002 – 2006

(instead of doing teas, coffees and lunches ourselves) but this eventually proved rather expensive. The remodelling of Montague Hall in 2013-14 reduced the space and ran late leaving us, at very short notice, without a venue. Our posters, leaflets and tickets were hastily reprinted but the hire of the Parish Rooms in Bedford Park proved expensive. The audience still came despite a higher ticket price and we were able to cover the extra costs.

Our awareness of the local history community in west and south-west London has ensured that we have found impressive speakers. Each year speakers have shared recent research. Some has been work done in spare time by members of our societies, amateurs producing very professional outcomes. A few museum, library and archive professionals as well as authors of relevant publications have also contributed. Starting with 35mm slides on a Kodak Carousel we have progressed through over-head projectors with acetate images, to today's digital presentations. From 2003 we have included an after-lunch session with readings from contemporary documents relating to our theme; the committee has found quirky and entertaining pieces and provides the variety of voices to read them.

Since 2015 we have been based at the University of West London's Brentford Campus, well placed for public transport and with free parking. This has suited us very well, with well-equipped lecture rooms, space for the stalls and the tea and coffee breaks, and a café for lunch. A bonus has been the cheerful 'student ambassadors' who are on hand each year to help. Sadly the Covid-19 pandemic has prevented our returning there in 2020.

Thanks go to all who have helped make the conferences a success, giving time, energy and ideas in the planning and also in providing our enthusiastic audiences. Today email has enabled us to reduce time spent in face-to-face committee meetings. Over the last 40 years some individuals have given very long service which should be acknowledged here. Liz Velluet has acted as Secretary to the Conference since 1988. Rita Ensing ran our publicity for many years and was also treasurer during 1989 to 1999 when Janet McNamara took over the treasurer's role. Val Bott has chaired the committee since 1997 and has shared the role of chairing the event with Neil Robson since 2018.

The First Conference

19 September 1981, Shepherd's Bush Village Hall

Is there Room for Love in local population studies?

Peter Laslett, Cambridge Group for Population Studies

Looking for History in a NW Essex Village

Jean Robin, Cambridge Group for Population Studies

Richmond's Royal Riverside

Diana Howard, Richmond Local Studies Library

The Riverside of Fulham & Brentford

Leslie Hasker, Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society

The Sailing Barges of Brentford

Elizabeth Wood, Society for Sprintsail Barge Research

Industries of West London

29 September 1982, Chiswick Town Hall

London's Industrial Archaeology

Denis Smith, Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society

Riverside Crafts & Industries of Brentford & Chiswick

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society

Mortlake Tapestries Richard Jeffree, Barnes & Mortlake History Society

Some Local Nurserymen Eleanor J Willson, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Transportation in West London

24 September 1983, Chiswick Town Hall

Horse-drawn Traffic in the pre-motor age

Lionel Lambourne, Victoria & Albert Museum

The Grand Union & Regent's Canals D J Aston, British Waterways Board

The Great Western Railway in West London W Gorrington, Great Western Society

Heston Airport Colin Manton, Museum of London

Entertainment in West London

12 May 1984, Battersea Town Hall

The Pack-horses of Turnham Green James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Victorian Entertainments at Chiswick's Town Hall

Val Bott, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

The White City Exhibitions Leslie Hasker, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Putney's Pubs Dorian Gerhold, Wandsworth HS

The Rise & Fall of the London Empire

David Attwell, GLC Historic Buildings Division

Drums, Drama and Drink John Slater

Making history

A VILLAGE hall in Shepherd's Bush was the scene of West London's first local history conference.

Members of local history societies covering the West London riverside met at the hall in Bulwer Street for a one-day conference.

About 100 members saw slides of local historical sites and heard talks by Cambridge University academics. Leslie Hasker, a retired Hammersmith librarian, gave a lecture with slides on the riverside of Fulham and Hammersmith.

Alton Stoddard, treasurer of the Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society, said: "It has been very successful. We hope it will be an annual feature."

Shepherd's Bush Gazette
24 September 1981

West London in the Second World War

27 April 1985, Waterman's Arts Centre, Brentford

Hounslow in Wartime

Andrea Cameron, Hounslow & District HS

Fulham in Wartime

Leslie Hasker, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Our Museum's Second World War Project

Phil Philo, Gunnersbury Park Museum

Healthy Rations: Food in Wartime

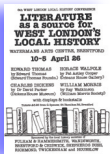
Mary Harper, Borough of Twickenham LHS

London in the Blitz 1940

Conrad Wood, Imperial War Museum

Literature as a Source for West London Local History

26 April 1986, Waterman's Arts Centre, Brentford



Edward Thomas

Edward Thomas, Edward Thomas Foundation

Charles Dickens

David Parker, Dickens House Museum

William Morris

Ray Watkinson, William Morris Society

Horace Walpole and his Neighbour

Pat Astley-Cooper, Orleans House Gallery

Images of West London

25 April 1987, Queen Charlotte Hall, Richmond



Assessing Prints of Richmond

Bamber Gascoigne

Poverty in Late Victorian London: maps of Charles Booth's Survey

David Reeder

Some West London Watercolours

Raymond Gill, Barnes & Mortlake HS

Interpreting Nicholas Lane's map of Putney

Dorian Gerhold, Wandsworth HS

Looking at Photographs

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS





Faith, Hope & Charity

19 March 1988, York House, Twickenham



Motives for Charity

T Harper-Smith, Acton History Group

A Mother's Country: mothers' meetings in Victorian England

Frank Prochaska

Methodism in South West London Rev J B Bates

Saving Sinners Paul Barnfield, Borough of Twickenham LHS

Sarah Trimmer of Brentford and her 'Economy of Charity'

Doris Yarde, Hounslow & District HS

Houses with influence

15 April 1989, Montague Hall, Hounslow



Chiswick House Grounds

David Jacques, English Heritage

A Liberal Prospect from Victorian Strawberry Hill

Joan Reilly, Richmond LHS

The Public House

Paddy Ching, Borough of Twickenham LHS

Politics, Diplomacy & Society at Holland House 1749-1840

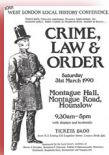
C J Wright, British Library

Gunnersbury & the Rothschilds

Anne Collett-White, Gunnersbury Park Museum

Crime, Law & Order in West London

31 March 1990, Montague Hall



A Nightwatchman's Notebook: Law & Order in 1820s Chiswick

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Duels of Putney Heath Tony Shaw, Wandsworth HS

Charles Dickens' Home for Fallen Women

Pam Janes, Shepherds Bush LHS

Highwaymen on Hounslow Heath

Andrea Cameron, Hounslow & District LHS

Murder & Mystery on Barnes Common

Mary Grimwade, Barnes & Mortlake HS

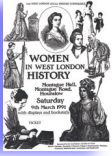
The Mystery of the Missing Gladstone Bag

Maureen Bunch, Borough of Twickenham LHS



Women in West London Local History

9 March 1991, Montague Hall



Women Stained Glass Artists of Fulham & Putney

Peter Cormack, William Morris Gallery

Wandsworth Women's Working Lives

Jo Stanley, author of *For Love and Shillings*

Chiswick Women in the 1851 Census Val Bott, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Royal Mistresses Richard Jeffree, Richmond LHS

Susanna Powell, a Wandsworth Widow Rita Ensing, Wandsworth HS

Selina Trimmer, Chiswick House Governess

Doris Yarde, Hounslow & District HS

Thames-side's Major Actresses Joan Reilly, Richmond LHS



Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor

28 March 1992, Montague Hall



Tinker...Rhymes and readings

Tailor...Ready-made clothing 1790-1860

Sarah Levitt, Gunnersbury Park Museum

Soldier...Life as a Civil War Soldier Keith Parker & Neil Chippindale

Sailor...Capt George Vancouver Rev David Gamble, St Peter's, Petersham

Rich Man...The 2nd Earl Spencer 1758-1834

Richard Millward, The Wimbledon Society

Poor Man...Paupers' Paradise of Poor Man's Hell: the Workhouse at Fulham

Arthur Wyman, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Beggar Man...Vagrancy in mid-Victorian Richmond

Simon Fowler, Public Record Office

Thief...Robbery at the 12th milestone

Andrea Cameron, Hounslow Local Studies Library

West London & the Wider World

20 March 1993, Montague Hall



The Peopling of London Nick Merriman, Museum of London

Some of Richmond's Overseas Links John Cloake, Richmond LHS

The Mortlake Tapestry Weavers Maisie Brown, Barnes & Mortlake LHS

Australia, Here We Come West Middlesex Family History Society

French Immigrants: the Huguenots Rev David Casiot

Joseph Banks & the Kew Plant Collection

Laura Ponsonby, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

West London's Open Spaces

19 March 1994, Montague Hall



The Greening of London: Royal Park to Green Belt David Reeder

Gunnersbury: Transformation of an Estate

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Crane Park: from Gunpowder Mill to Nature Reserve

Alex Robb, The Crane Park Project

The Battles of Wandsworth Common Shirley Passmore, Wandsworth HS

The History of Richmond Park

Douglas G Reynolds, Friends of Richmond Park

Wormwood Scrubs, Battlefield and Playground

Bernard Palmer, Shepherds Bush LHS

Billy Williams' Cabbage Patch: Rugby at Twickenham

Victor Rosewarne, Borough of Twickenham LHS

West London: A Walker's View

Margaret Sharp, Ramblers' Association



Made in West London

25 March 1995, Montague Hall



The Growth of London's Industries

Cathy Ross, Museum of London

Made on the Great West Road

James Marshall, West Middlesex Family History Society

Heavy Industry in Wandsworth Patrick Loobey, Wandsworth HS

The Story of Pears' Transparent Soap

Andrea Cameron, Hounslow & District HS

Pride of Lyons Peter Bird, formerly of J Lyons & Co

Brewing in Chiswick from the mid 17th century

Doris Yarde, Archivist, Fuller Smith & Turner

100 years of Cinema in West London

23 March 1996, Montague Hall



West London & the Movies: a Personal View

Colin Sorenson, Museum of London

Cinemas in Fulham & Hammersmith

Keith Whitehouse, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Lime Grove Studios 1915-1991: the Fantasy Factory

Jocelyn Lukins, Shepherds Bush LHS

The Palace of Light: Bioscope Shows at the Travelling Fair

Val Bott, Fairground Heritage Trust

Music, Music, Music!

22 March 1997, Montague Hall



Music in Richmond Through the Ages

Pamela Larkin

The History & Development of Military Music at Kneller Hall

a speaker from Kneller Hall

Some Glimpses of Music in 18th century West London

Jane Clarke

Fulham & Hammersmith Musicians

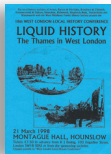
Keith Whitehouse, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

Capturing the Sounds of the Past

Michael Ryder, Brentford Musical Museum

Liquid History

21 March 1998, Montague Hall



The Thames: London's Longest Archaeological Site

Mike Webber, Thames Archaeological Survey, Museum of London

Making a Living from the River

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

SB Venta sets sail for Stockholm

Jocelyn Lukins & David McGregor, with contemporary film

London Corinthians Sailing Club

John Herbert, Club President & Centenary Historian

Looking to the future: education, leisure & living on the Thames

Alison Taylor, Thames Explorer Trust

Connecting West London: 200 Years of Communications

20 March 1999, Montague Hall



British Newspapers as research materials

Christopher Skelton Foord, British Library

West London Telecommunications

Neil Johannesen, BT Museum

Home from Home: the Cable & Wireless Club at Twickenham

Mary Godwin, Company Curator & Archivist

The Depot, Acton Town - the Transport Museum's new Open Store

Sam Mullins, London's Transport Museum

Heston, London's First Private Airport

Colin Manton, Museum of London



Two Thousand Years of West London History

8 March 2000, Montague Hall



The Earliest West Londoners

Jon Cotton, Museum of London

Farming on a Wandsworth Estate in the 14th Century

Rita Ensing, Wandsworth HS

Fulham Palace in the 16th & 17th centuries

Miranda Poliakoff, Fulham Palace Museum

Richard Edwards, a 17th Century Farmer in Barnes, Roehampton & Teddington

Maisie Brown, Barnes & Mortlake HS

Transport & Transformation: the impact of public transport on suburban development 1840-1940

Paul Velluet, English Heritage

Industrial Development & the Economy of West London

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Images of West London

17 March 2001, Montague Hall



West London People Susan Morris, National Portrait Gallery

Wandsworth Watercolours & Paintings

Pat Astley-Cooper, Wandsworth Museum

A Fulham & Hammersmith Collection

Keith Whitehouse, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

What the Photographer Saw: 'reading' old photographs

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Brentford & Cranford in the 1890s: two local photographers

Andrea Cameron, Hounslow & District HS

A personal choice: the collections of Lady Isabel Burton & Nellie Ionides

Rachel Tranter & Mark de Novellis, Orleans House Gallery

Gardens & Gardening in West London

9 March 2002, Montague Hall



The Royal Horticultural Society at Chiswick 1821-1903

Brent Elliott, Lindley Library, RHS

Marble Hill – from Twickenham Field to Noble Seat

David Jacques, Architectural Association

The Ronalds, Nurserymen of Brentford 1754-1880

David Shailes

The Poupart Family & F A Secrett, market gardeners 1874-1936

David Rose, author of a history of the Pouparts

Digging for Victory in war-time Wandsworth

Neil Robson, Wandsworth HS



Georgian West London 15 March 2003, Montague Hall



John Rocque's London map of 1741-45
Dr Rodney Walshaw, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

The Kew Observatory 1768-1980
Julian Mayes, Roehampton University

West London Pottery Manufacture in the 18th Century
Jacqui Pearce, Museum of London Specialist Services

The Threatened Tradesmen of the Thames
David Blomfield, Richmond LHS

Strawberry Hill – Horace Walpole's Gothick Villa at Twickenham
Anna Chalcraft, Friends of Strawberry Hill

The Brentford Flood 1841 Val Bott, author of *Flood! The Brentford Flood of 1841*, winner of 1st LAMAS Publications Award 2003



Victorian & Edwardian West London 13 March 2004, Montague Hall



Speculative Building in West London: Adapting Architectural Styles for the Suburban House

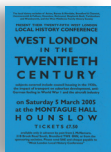
Kit Wedd, author of *The Victorian Society Book of the Victorian Home*

Transport and the Growth of West London
Oliver Green, London's Transport Museum

The Fulham Women's Prison 1856-1888
Anne Wheeldon, Hammersmith & Fulham Archives

100 Years of Theatre Building, Burning & Demolition in West London
Peter Longman, The Theatres Trust

West London in the 20th Century 5 March 2005, Montague Hall



Buses, Boeings & Bromptons: how Transport Shaped 20th Century West London Oliver Green, London's Transport Museum

Workshops & Windsocks: West London's Aviation Landmarks 1894-1929
Colin Manton, museum consultant

Intern them All – anti-German Feeling in Hampton in World War I
Paul Barnfield, Twickenham LHS

Homes Fit For Heroes: Council Housing in Brentford in the 1920s
Nick Pratt, local resident with an interest in architecture & history

Local History in West London in the 20th Century
James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Waste Not, Want Not: Rubbish & Recycling in West London's History 18 March 2006, Montague Hall



Hogwash: Waste and the Victorian Household Judith Flanders, author of *The Victorian House: Domestic Life from Childbirth to Deathbed*

Fertiliser, Fuel & Flagstones: sewage in Victorian Chiswick

James Wisdom, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Garderoberes & Glass: waste disposal in the Archbishop of York's Battersea Palace Alistair Douglas & Vicky Ridgeway, Pre-Construct Archaeology

Rivers of Gold? Sewage Disposal & Water Pollution in Victorian West London Prof Nick Goddard, Anglia Ruskin University

Recycling in West London in the 21st Century

Andy Bond, ECT Recycling (LBs Ealing, Hounslow & Brent)

Food & Drink in West London's History 17 March 2007, Montague Hall



Gardens and grottoes; meals out of doors 1700 to 1900

Philippa Glanville, curator of The National Archives exhibition

Drink: A History 1690-1920 & co-author of *Elegant Eating*

'What We Want is Watney's!' - the Mortlake Brewery

Murray Hedgcock, Barnes & Mortlake History Society

Pubs and drinking in Wandsworth & Putney

Dorian Gerhold, Wandsworth Historical Society

The Great A W Smith - a Middlesex market gardening dynasty

Bob Calder, editor of a book on A W Smith

Mr Waite and Mr Rose and their first shop in Acton

Janet Hobbs, Acton History Group

Brentford Market Peter King, a Hounslow Heritage Guide

Health & Medicine in West London's History 8 March 2008, Montague Hall



West London asylums in 19th century literature

Andrew Roberts, Middlesex University & editor of the Asylums Index

Manufacturing chemists in Hounslow & Brentford

James Marshall, Hounslow's Local Studies Librarian

Paul Drury's War through his drawings made at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton Jolyon Drury, his son, who grew up in Richmond

Two turn-of-the-century Hounslow doctors

Andrea Cameron, Vice-President of Hounslow & District History Society

Palmer's the Chymist: preserving Mortlake's Victorian pharmacy

Pat Ealey, Holly Lodge Centre, Richmond Park

Lord Fauconberg's health: remedies from his accounts 1685-1700

James Wisdom, Chairman, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

People in West London History 21 March 2009, Montague Hall



Reconstructing a 17th-century community: Putney and Roehampton in 1665 Dorian Gerhold, Wandsworth HS & winner of LAMAS Publications Award 2008

A workshop culture: artists and craftsmen of Hammersmith river-side Jane Kimber, Archivist, L B Hammersmith & Fulham

Progressive Battersea: radicalism & socialism 1880-1914

Sean Creighton, researcher on South London labour & radical history

Lord Ranelagh (1812-1885): Conservative, rake & volunteer

Keith Whitehouse, Chairman, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

They lived in East Sheen Mike Smith, former Chairman Barnes & Mortlake HS & East Sheen resident for over 50 years

Nursery Gardeners of Brentford and Chiswick, 1650 to 1750.

Val Bott, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Discovering West London's History 27 March 2010, Musical Museum, Brentford



Unearthing West London's history

Jon Cotton, Curator of Early London History, Museum of London

Rediscovering Gunnersbury Lodge: the Boddingtons' country house

Chris Allen, Worthing History Research Group

Battersea and Wandsworth through artists' eyes

Patricia Astley-Cooper, former Curator, Wandsworth Museum

Where was Chiswick's water mill? – seeing a familiar place with new eyes

James Wisdom, Chairman, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Anatomy of a Suffragette exhibition: dissecting the sources

Irene Cockroft, co-curator of *How the Vote was Won*, Museum of Richmond

The Case of the Discarded War Memorial

Neil Robson, Chairman, Wandsworth HS

Scientists & Innovators in West London History 26 March 2011, Montague Hall



Cosmos in a Cottage - reconstructing Dr Dee's extraordinary house in Mortlake Benjamin Woolley, author of *The Queen's Conjurer: The Life & Magic of Dr. John Dee*

Experiments at Kew: George III's Collection & Observatory

Jane Wess, Senior Curator of Science, Science Museum

Prices' candles: how 19th century industrial chemistry transformed an ancient craft Jon Newman, author of *Battersea's Global reach, The Story of Price's Candles* & Archivist, L B Lambeth

Innovation on the Great West Road: Beechams & Macleans

T A B Corley, author of *Beechams 1848-2000: Pills to Pharmaceuticals*

Patent elms and Williams pears: nursery gardeners in West London

Val Bott, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Home Sweet Home: 300 years of West London Housing

24 March 2012, Montague Hall



Thomas Honour, carpenter of Richmond, & the building of Maids of Honour Row Dr Sally Jeffery, architectural & garden historian

Victorian & Edwardian housing development in Battersea

Colin Thom, English Heritage (Survey of London) & author of *Researching London's Houses*

Jonathan Carr – Master of Innovation Peter Murray, Bedford Park Society & co-author of the new edition of *Bedford Park, the First Garden Suburb*

An exemplary approach to affordable housing: designing Richmond's Queen's Rd Estate Paul Velluet, architect

The South Acton estate Peter Guillery, English Heritage (Survey of London)

Time Flows On: Water in West London's History

9 March 2013, Montague Hall



One Thames or Two? The Archaeologies of London River

Jon Cotton, archaeological consultant & former Museum of London curator

Wandsworth's Wandle Mills Dorian Gerhold, Chairman, Wandsworth HS

Pipes, pumps, pollution & profit: West London, the Thames & water for the City Ron Howes, former Metropolitan Water Board & Thames Water employee, Kew Bridge Engines volunteer since 1975

Local history along the Longford River Richard Flenley, former Chairman, Land Use Consultants, environmental planning & design

Barbel, baskets, brewers & boatmen: work on the Thames James Wisdom, Chairman, Brentford & Chiswick LHS & Thames Explorer Trust

Law & Order in West London History

29 March 2014, Parish Rooms, St Michael & All Angels, Chiswick



West London Crime at the Old Bailey, 1674-1913 Prof Bob Shoemaker, University of Sheffield, and co-director, Old Bailey Online

Highwaymen of Hounslow Heath

Andrea Cameron, Chairman, Hounslow Heritage Guides

Football, Fairs and Fun: suppressing public nuisances

Christopher May, Chairman, Richmond LHS

Behind Bars - a history of Wandsworth Prison

Stewart McLaughlin, Honorary Curator of the Prison's Museum

Dear Boys & Fassy Ole' Pots: Feltham's Industrial School & its successors James Marshall, Hounslow's Local Studies Librarian

Women in West London's History

28 March 2015, University of West London



In plain sight: discovering the women of the Gunnersbury estate
James Wisdom, Chairman, Friends of Gunnersbury Park & Museum

Emma Hamilton, George Eliot, Charlotte Despard - three meritocratic women who burst through social barriers

Penelope J Corfield, Emeritus Professor London University

Kitty Godfree, sporting champion and suburban housewife Murray Hedgcock, local historian & journalist reporting on Wimbledon for 30 years

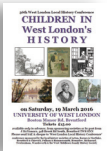
Hounslow's Home Front - women's roles in World War I

Ann Greene, Senior Library Assistant, Hounslow Local Studies

In the nursery: some women gardeners in our riverside parishes, 1650-1850 Val Bott, local historian & author of nurserygardeners.com

Children in West London's History 19 March 2016,

University of West London



The children of the poor of Victorian Kingston upon Thames
Dr Helen Goepel, Centre for the Historical Record at Kingston University

Daughters of the Drum: the Orphans of the Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum, Wandsworth Common Simon McNeill Ritchie, Wandsworth HS

Once a Paulina... the story of St Paul's Girls' School

Dr Howard Bailes, the School's Archivist & former history teacher there

Writing for children: from Jessica's First Prayer (1867) to At The Back of the North Wind (1871), Hesba Stretton & George MacDonald

Susan Bailes, former head teacher & children's literature historian

Sarah Trimmer & her daughters, pioneers in educating the poor of Brentford Andrea Cameron, Chairman, Hounslow Heritage Guides

Chiswick Children 1700-1851: a B&CLHS project for Hogarth's House
a presentation by members of the research team

Making Connections: travel & communications in West

London's History 25 March 2017, University of West London



On the road, before & after turnpiking: waggons, packhorses & stage coaches Dorian Gerhold, author of *Carriers & Coachmasters*

The postal service from the 17th century onwards especially that in Fulham & Hammersmith Keith Whitehouse, Chairman, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

A wealthy family's travels & transport: Lord Fauconberg's accounts, 1680-1700 James Wisdom, Chairman, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

By-passing crowded Brentford: the impact of the new Great West Road upon west London James Marshall, Hounslow's Local Studies Librarian

Something in the Air: the rise of aviation in west London

Oliver Green, Research Fellow, London Transport Museum & author of *British aviation posters: art, design & flight*

The Impact of the 1914-18 War on West London

24 March 2018, University of West London Brentford Campus



When the War Began: responses in Acton, Brentford, Chiswick & Hounslow
John Grigg, labour historian, using his research in local newspapers

The cost in lives of the men of The Alberts, a small community in Richmond
Valerie Boyes, local historian & former lecturer in History Education

World War I's Legacy in Fulham & Hammersmith

Keith Whitehouse, Chairman, Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society

Feltham: how war transformed a village into an industrial suburb

James Marshall, Hounslow's Local Studies Librarian

Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton: pioneering treatment of war injuries
Tom Stanier introduces a showing of his centenary film

Entertainment in South & West London

30 March 2019, University of West London Brentford Campus



Two Richmond Theatres: their Roles in the Social Life of the Town
Paul Velluet, architectural historian & President, Richmond LHS

Musical Life in Georgian Brentford & Chiswick

Val Bott, editor, *Brentford & Chiswick Local History Journal*

The Music Halls Bring Variety & Fun to South-West London

Neil Robson, co-chairman of the organising committee & editor,
Wandsworth Historian

The Lido, West Ealing: a Journey through Cinema History 1913-2005

David Shailes, local historian

The National Jazz and Blues Festivals in Richmond in the 1960s

Alan Sherriff, a Richmond Heritage Guide

Celebrations & Commemorations in South & West London History

28 November 2020, a digital conference because of the Covid-19 pandemic



**An aristocratic funeral: the mourning & burial of
Sir John Maynard of Gunnersbury, 1690**

James Wisdom, Chair, Brentford & Chiswick LHS

Marking milestones in the history of Richmond Park

Max Lankester, Vice-President of the Friends of Richmond Park

Come to The White City: the exhibitions at Shepherds Bush 1908-1914

Keith Whitehouse, Chair, Fulham & Hammersmith HS

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