

## And the winner is . . . wait and see!

The panel of judges for the London Archaeological Prize 2004, which has been advertised in three of our recent issues, met on 7th September to decide on the winner. The decision has been made, and will be announced at the award ceremony, to be held at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, on Monday 8th November, starting at 2 p.m. Subscribers and their friends will be welcome to attend. The ceremony will be followed by an illustrated lecture on the Heathrow Terminal 5 excavation. There will be a report on this event, with of course the name of the winner, in our next issue.

The number of entries was disappointingly small – only seven – but for a first attempt, perhaps that was not too bad. At least it meant there was no need to have a short list, and all the entries were considered equally. A second disappointment was that no journal articles or digital publications were nominated – all the entries were books. It may be that the rules did not make this clear enough, and it's something we shall have to look at if, as we hope, the award is repeated.

The judges' task was made more difficult by the wide range of subjects and audiences represented by the seven entries: from serious academic books to 'popular' booklets, and dealing with anything from a single building to a borough to the whole of London. This diversity is to be welcomed, but it does highlight some gaps in the range of 'popular' booklets now available. For example, we know of three boroughs with up-to-date popular accounts of their archaeology (Hackney, Lambeth and Southwark). There is scope for many more.

## Secretary needed

We report with regret the resignation of Monica Kendall, secretary to our Publication Committee. Monica has served the committee excellently for several years, producing accurate and timely minutes, and generally keeping us all in line. However, Monica now has to move on, with a

new job at the House of Lords preventing her from attending our meetings. We say good-bye with grateful thanks, and wish her well in this new venture. This means, of course, that we are looking for a new committee secretary. The work involves attending four committee meetings a year, plus the AGM, taking minutes and making an annual report. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact the Editor or the Subscriptions Secretary.

## Nominations wanted

Sesquicentenaries it seems are all the rage. Surrey Archaeological Society is currently marking its 150th anniversary while next year sees the turn of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. To celebrate this achievement, LAMAS is organising a 'balloon race' to determine 'the excavation or project that has made the greatest contribution to Greater London's archaeology in the last 150 years'. Readers of *LA* are invited to help by filling out the nomination form enclosed with this issue and listing their own favourites. (Completed forms should be received at the address on the form no later than the 31st January 2005.) Experts will champion the resulting top five sites at the 2005 LAMAS archaeology conference at the Museum of London on Saturday March 19th, and the conference audience will get to pick Greater London's all-time 'site of sites'. And if any extra incentive is needed, LAMAS is offering a bottle of champagne to the first person out of the hat who correctly nominates the top five in the same order as voted for by the conference delegates! So get thinking and, more importantly, nominating . . .

## Fieldwork Round-up

The *Fieldwork and Publication Round-up* for 2003 is being circulated with this issue. Please contact the Subscriptions Secretary if you have not received your copy. Our thanks go to Cath Maloney for collating the Fieldwork Round-up, and to Isabel Holroyd and Gustav Milne for the Publications section. Please let us know if there are any omissions.