

LAMAS LOCAL HISTORY: ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT AND CONFERENCES

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SUMMARY

This article marks the 50th anniversary of the Local History Committee of LAMAS by tracing its origins and development. The Middlesex Local History Council formed in 1951, merged with LAMAS in 1964 and since then the local history conferences recorded here have become an annual feature in the calendar of the local history societies of Middlesex.

The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) Local History Committee, and its annual conferences, were launched by R Michael Robbins in 1964. LAMAS had a long tradition of exploring local history through archaeological investigation and antiquarian studies before this relatively recent creation of a local history committee by LAMAS. The subject matter now encompassed by the title LAMAS Local History grew from the antiquarian and topographical interests of its members in the 19th century to become the evidence-based research of today's practitioners. As a distinct historical discipline, local history emerged when the Centre for Local History at the University of Leicester was opened in 1948, and the National Council for Social Service's Standing-Conference for Local History (SCLH) began promoting a wider interest in the subject. These two developments established local history as a professional academic subject, alongside a more traditional amateur interest in the subject. From around this time adult education classes in local history proliferated, as did the number of local history societies.

The origins of a LAMAS local history of Middlesex arose in 1947 to be overtaken by the establishment of a Middlesex Local History Council (MLHC) in 1952, which in turn gave rise to the LAMAS Local History Committee.

LAMAS'S HISTORY OF MIDDLESEX

LAMAS identified the need to develop new approaches to its study of Middlesex when W McBeath-Marcham, in 1947, proposed that the society get down to some hard work and start to produce its own history of Middlesex. This, he said, might take as long as 50 years to complete. A subcommittee was duly appointed, consisting of Messrs Marcham, Norman G Brett-James, Dr F W M Draper, A J Gritten and Percy Davenport, and a circular was sent to all members asking them what they could contribute to the history. The 1947 Annual General Meeting (AGM) report listed 15 responses that identified who was working on which parishes (Appendix 1). Little seems to have resulted from this initiative as no further reference is made to it in minutes or later AGM Reports.¹

Work on the history of Middlesex did take place, however. Two volumes on Middlesex were produced in the early 1950s: one by Brett-James, entitled *Middlesex*, published in 1951 by Robert Hale Ltd as part of a proposed series of 57 volumes called *The County Books*; the other by Robbins, who had joined LAMAS in 1947, again entitled

Middlesex, published in 1953 by Collins, one of only two volumes commissioned by Jack Simmons, Professor of History at Leicester, for a series under the heading of *The New Survey of England*, before the project folded due to lack of funds and rising costs.

Instead of writing its own history of Middlesex, LAMAS set about trying to encourage the study of local history and antiquities by offering local societies the opportunity to take up affiliate membership; by 1955 it had attracted 15 local societies (Appendix 5). However, by then the Middlesex Local History Council (MLHC), under the chairmanship of Robbins, had come into being and was producing its own local historical accounts, as well as supporting the revived Victoria County History (VCH) Middlesex project.

The Middlesex Local History Council

The MLHC was established in February 1951 under the authority of the SCLH and several members of LAMAS took leading positions in the first Executive Committee – namely Lord Latham, Dr Draper, Eric E F Smith, secretary, Miss E D Mercer and Michael Robbins (Appendix 2). Clearly individual members of LAMAS saw the value of a countywide history society, but the LAMAS Council deferred any decision to support the formation of the MLHC until November 1951 when Robbins and another council member, Miss M B Honeybourne, persuaded it to sign up to the MLHC. Having agreed to support it, an article on the origins and formation of the MLHC by Eric Smith was published in the LAMAS *Transactions* of 1952 (Smith 1952, 46).

The MLHC quickly established a public presence through its bulletins and newsletters. Eighteen issues of the *Bulletin* were published on average twice a year until 1964, containing a wealth of historical information on a wide range of aspects of Middlesex by a wide range of authors, many of whom were LAMAS members (Appendix 4). One of the first tasks of the MLHC was to arrange for the compilation of what became known as the *Middlesex Bibliography*. An editorial board was set up consisting of public librarians within the county, and Mr J E Walker, Chief Librarian of the Borough of Hendon, was

appointed General Editor. All the relevant organisations were circulated in early 1952 and asked to provide information and assistance in compiling the bibliography; LAMAS put forward the names of Groves, Brett-James and Draper, some of those Middlesex historians identified in 1947. The first draft of the *Middlesex Bibliography* was circulated to all the borough and urban district libraries in June 1956.

Mindful of Marcham's warning that the full history of Middlesex would take a long time to complete, LAMAS members of the MLHC took an active role in supporting the post-war revival of the (VCH) Middlesex project. In 1953 a meeting of all the likely supporters in the county was convened, at which Robbins, supported by Draper, explained that his recently published *Middlesex* was as complete as possible, given commercial constraints, but several more volumes of the VCH produced by professional researchers and historians were needed to cover the full record of the county. An appeal for funding was made to all Middlesex local authorities and the London County Council. The response was overwhelmingly in favour and thus a Middlesex Victoria History Council was formed, presided over by Sir Archer Hoare.² This was the first time the VCH had been financed by local authorities, on the initiative and proposal of a county history society. The VCH *Middlesex* ran to seven volumes completed by 1984, somewhat faster than Marcham envisaged; supported by funding from other sources, there are now 13 volumes, the last one published in 2009.

At its AGM in 1959, a constitution for the MLHC was adopted (Appendix 3) which set out its objectives. These included stimulating public interest and bringing together organisations and persons interested in local history; advocating and promoting the preservation of local records, antiquities and objects of historical interest; sponsoring lectures on methods of research and pooling of information on sources; and advising research workers and, where possible, assisting them to publish their results. It was in pursuit of these aims that in 1959 the MLHC instigated special meetings or conferences, in conjunction with the University of London, which were the precursors of the LAMAS Local History

Conferences.

The MLHC set itself specific tasks, one of which was to recruit new members, both institutional and personal, to strengthen the council's work and put it on a stronger financial basis. However, following a successful recruitment drive by LAMAS, then increasing the number of its own affiliated local history societies, MLHC faced serious competition (Appendix 5). Fees became an issue to many MLHC members who were also LAMAS members. It is perhaps not surprising then that both the MLHC and LAMAS began to see some benefit in combining forces, and as MLHC membership had started to decline, the council decided to transfer its membership to LAMAS.

The LAMAS Local History Committee

The winding up of the MLHC in late 1964 marks the moment when local history became a distinct specialism within LAMAS. The transfer of members provided that they be taken into membership of LAMAS at a special rate. All the funds, archives, publications and other property of the MLHC was to be transferred to LAMAS, which agreed to take over the MLHC lock, stock and barrel, and establish it as a subcommittee. LAMAS was to add the words 'Incorporating the Middlesex Local History Council' to its official notepaper and headings. The new LAMAS Local History Committee would take over the MLHC affiliation to the SCLH, take the place of MLHC on the Middlesex VCH Committee and take over the *Middlesex Bibliography*, which it was to publish using the funds acquired from the MLHC. Future local history material was to be published as part of the *Transactions*, or as a separate bulletin.

A special steering group was established by LAMAS under the leadership of Miss Honeybourne to draft a constitution for the Local History Committee, based on the objective determined by the MLHC (Appendix 3). The brief given to the Steering Committee was that the Local History Committee would be virtually autonomous, on the lines of the Archaeological Research Committee, and be responsible for its own membership and officers, with the right to send a representative to serve on the LAMAS Council. A sum of £75 was to be allocated

to the new committee, over which it was to have sole control. The committee would also have its own bulletin under the editorship of Lawrence Snell to be called *The London and Middlesex Historian*.³ The first issue of the new bulletin appeared in July 1965 with the following introductory paragraph by Robbins:

The *London and Middlesex Historian* is the first fruit of the fusion of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society with the Middlesex Local History Council which was formally completed early this year. It is designed to take its place with the more strictly archaeological matter published in the Society's *Transactions* so as to give due representation to the historical aspects of the study of the past of our capital city and its immediately surrounding area. I am sure that all members of the united Society will welcome this new feature and I urge all those who can to submit contributions so as to give the editor a wide range of choice. I am confident that the *London and Middlesex Historian* will prove to be a valuable medium for communication and will serve to stimulate the researches and studies which we all value.⁴

The bulletin only continued for another three issues (December 1965, October 1966 & April 1967), carrying nine articles on Middlesex history (Appendix 6) that added to those of the MLHC bulletin.

The *Middlesex Bibliography* suffered a similar fate to the *London and Middlesex Historian*, following the merger with LAMAS. This was described by Arthur Hall in the *LAMAS Transactions* of 1968. He explained that work on the bibliography had continued after the 1956 edition and a further edition was drafted before the merger. Following the merger it was the intention of the Local History Committee to print a new bibliography but for various reasons, mainly financial, this was not possible. Hall's account concludes: 'The Local History Committee of the Society very much regrets that it has not been possible to print the bibliography, but it is hoped that, even in its present form, it may be a useful bibliographical tool for librarians, students and others' (Hall 1968, 18).

The committee continued to conduct surveys into local history research and to pub-

licise the results, in order to fulfil its objective of fostering cooperation between local societies and individual research workers.

In 1978 the committee held its first one-day research seminar at Crosby Hall, Chelsea. The theme was building and development in London during the formative period 1830–1939. Another seminar, on the application of computers to local history was held at the Museum of London in 1982. Towards the end of 1983 a proposal for further seminars was abandoned due to a lukewarm response from local societies. In 1981 the committee's fourth analysis of local historical research in the London area noted that informal groupings of local societies in west and south-west London had been formed (LAMAS 1947–2012, 33). One such grouping, instigated by Elizabeth Cooper, a WEA tutor in Pinner, and R G Edwards of the College of Further Education at Hatch End, included Harefield, Pinner, Ruislip, Wembley and Uxbridge local societies. Annual conferences were held at Hatch End from 1975, moving to the Winston Churchill Hall at Ruislip from 1985 to 2000. The West London History Conference, started in 1980, continues to be sponsored by the local societies in Acton, Barnes and Mortlake, Brentford and Chiswick, Fulham and Hammersmith, Hounslow, Richmond, Twickenham and Wandsworth, together with the West Middlesex Family History Society.

By 1985, the committee felt that the *Middlesex Bibliography* should be revived. Two meetings with representatives of local societies in 1986 enlarged the committee and widened its activities to include research, registration of publications and speakers, and proposed the publication of a local history newsletter. This enlarged committee renamed itself the London Region Local History Committee and meetings were planned to assist in the running of local societies. In 1988 a successful seminar on local history publishing, attended by about forty local society representatives, explored the use of a home word processor for producing high quality publications at a minimal cost. Then, in 1990 a seminar on recording threatened buildings was attended by 50 members.⁵

LAMAS returned to the idea of writing a history of Middlesex in 1992 when the council launched 'The LAMAS Project', intended to

combine all the areas of LAMAS interests and activity, namely historic buildings, local history and archaeology. The first phase of this project was to be a population survey of all the Greater London parishes. The London Region Local History Committee organised an introductory workshop in September; the project began in 1993 and continued until 1996. By then, the committee had become the Greater London Local History Committee, and had come to the conclusion that the project was too ambitious for its limited resources alone. There appears to have been no other contributions to the 'Project': the records of the Local History Committee were eventually deposited in the London Metropolitan Archive (LAMAS 1947–2012, 52). Once again the idea of a LAMAS history of Middlesex had come to nothing.

Fourteen years later, another series of five skills workshops was organised on the theme of writing a parish population history. These came to an end when LAMAS Council decided to charge participants £10 for future workshops. The committee had reservations about the numbers of LAMAS members who would be willing or able to attend and it was agreed to suspend further workshops.

Although all reference to the incorporation of the MLHC into LAMAS has been discontinued since 1989, and other terms of the MLHC merger have fallen by the wayside, the formal recognition of local history within LAMAS has continued. The aim to offer help, advice and guidance to local historians and to affiliated societies researching and publishing their results has met with varying degrees of success. In contrast, the annual Local History Conference, with its displays of published work, has gone from strength to strength.

Local History Conferences

LAMAS conferences were started in 1966, adopting the same pattern that the MLHC had established six years before. These first conferences, held at the Guildhall in November, were half-day events, sometimes involving two or three speakers on different themes, followed by discussions on related topics, led by additional speakers. From the start they were accompanied by public

exhibitions of work by local societies. Unfortunately neither the LAMAS Newsletters nor the AGM Reports in the *Transactions* carry reports of the early conferences, but from their titles it is clear that the emphasis was on the study of local history and the sources available to researchers. Since 1976 the conferences have covered many different themes and the titles show the diverse nature of local history that has developed over the years (Appendix 7). The conferences have covered many themes, which may be broadly summarised as architecture, art, commerce, crime, death, education, food, health, housing, industry, leisure, local government, population, poverty, sport, transport and war. In 1977 the conferences moved to the newly opened Museum of London, and that year attracted the largest audience to that date – a number in excess of 250. The next annual conference was on commercial nurseries and market gardening and involved three speakers on different aspects of the subject. There were, as usual, displays of work by local societies, many on the same topics, allowing the Local History Committee to describe the day as a good example of the way in which local history can benefit from the study of one subject in many different areas (LAMAS 1947–2012, vols 31 & 32). In 1984 the conference became a whole-day event and London and Warfare proved to be a popular theme, attracting an attendance of 220 persons (*ibid*, vol 34). Conferences have continued each November at the Museum of London, with the exception of the years 2007–2009, while the Museum was being refurbished, when they were held at the City of London School for Girls.

The conferences and exhibitions bring together academic and local historians, the affiliated societies and the general public, to share and discuss local history research and findings. These day-long events provide valuable opportunities for developing cooperation between the various organisations involved in researching and publishing the latest findings on the history of Greater London. They also help to promote a general public interest in

the subject. Although the format of the conferences has changed since the first MLHC Members' Meeting, the object to bring local history to the widest audience possible remains the same. Since 2002 the papers read at the Local History Conference have been summarised, or in some cases published in full, in the *Transactions*, thus recording them for future local historians.

Since 2004, the Greater London Local History Committee has endeavoured to encourage high standards of publishing by affiliated societies, of the research by their members. To this end the committee has invited entries from local societies for an annual history prize award of £100, presented at the Local History Conference to the society which the committee considered had produced the best local history publication in the preceding year. Entries averaged around ten per year up to 2011, when a second £100 prize was introduced for the best annual journal published by a society. Since 2004, 70 publications have been submitted by 20 societies, with a total of 15 prizes awarded to ten different societies. After judging, all entries for an award are deposited in the LAMAS library at the Museum of London. This hardly reflects the full extent of work produced by local societies. In order to fully appreciate the volume and quality of local history research done by our affiliated societies over the last 50 years it would be necessary to take into account the publications held by each society. These provide an alternative account of the history of Greater London to the articles published in the *Transactions*. For 50 years now, the Local History Conference, and the conferences organised by the Archaeology Committee and the Historic Buildings Committee, have in their own ways created in the minds of the interested public a particular LAMAS history of the Greater London area – one which Mr Marcham may well have appreciated. The local history conferences continue to stimulate public interest in a way that would, no doubt, have met with the approval of Michael Robbins.

APPENDIX 1: SUMMARY OF WORK BY LAMAS ON MIDDLESEX IN 1947(LAMAS AGM Report, 1947, *Trans London Middlesex Archaeol Soc* 10 pt 1)

Parish or locality	Name(s)
City of London	
Bishopsgate Ward, and St Botolph without Bishopsgate	Sir Frederick Tidbury-Beer
London and Middlesex	
Hounslow, Isleworth, Heston, Osterley, Spring Grove and Cranford	H Groom (Borough Librarian of Heston and Isleworth)
Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Hendon, Ruislip, Northolt, Kingsbury, Willesden and Edgware	Percy Davenport
Belsize Park and Manor	W D Maclagan
Hornsey	S W Kitchener
Muswell Hill	Dr F W M Draper
Southgate	Tom Mason
Edmonton	G W Sturges
Tottenham	C H Rock (Curator, Tottenham Museum); W McB Marcham; H G S Groves
Enfield	H G S Groves
South Mimms	H J Butcher

APPENDIX 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF MLHC AND LAMAS**Executive Committee of MLHC, September 1952, Bulletin no. 2**

President: The Lord Latham, Lord Lieutenant for Middlesex

Vice Chairman: F W M Draper

Secretary: W E Huggins

Assistant Secretary: Mrs K Bloomfield

Treasurer: L A Rothwell

Members:

Mrs M Bawtree, J R Bolitho, Geoffrey Dando, Miss N Green, H J Martin, W Douglas Maylor, Miss E D Mercer, Lt-Col H K Percy-Smith, Miss A M Pollard, J Poole, Miss K Proud, E P H Pugh, R Michael Robbins, T V Roberts, Eric E F Smith, Miss L Spencer and J E Walker

Executive Committee of LAMAS, from *Transactions* vol 11 (1952)

President: William F Grimes

Chairman: Major N G Brett-James

Deputy Chairman: William Wheatley

Secretary: Eric E F Smith

Treasurer: T A N Henderson

Editor: F W Marsden Draper

Members:

Miss B M Andrews Terry, H F Bateman, C F Baylis, Norman C Cook, F J Froom, D B G Gabriel, Charles H Gerred, Arthur H Hall, Miss M B Honeybourne, Walter Josling, Miss E D Mercer, Miss A C Parker, Ernest H Rann, R Michael Robbins and F C Vickery

Executive Committee of MLHC, October 1964, Bulletin no. 18

President: Alderman Sir Archer Hoare

Chairman: Michael Robbins

Vice Chairman: F W M Draper and Miss Susan Reynolds

Secretary: Miss P S King

Treasurer: Miss M F Robbins

Editor: Lawrence S Snell

Members:

Mr M Bawtree, Miss F M Green, Mr A H Hall, Miss W M Heard, Miss E J Humphreys, Miss E D Mercer, Mr W D Naylor, Miss A M Pollard, Mr H V Radcliffe

Co-opted members:

Mr H J Burton and Mr H Fyrth

Executive Committee of LAMAS, from *Transactions* vol 21 pt 2 (1965)

President: R Michael Robbins

Chairman: Miss E D Mercer

Deputy Chairman: Arthur H Hall

Secretary: Eric E Smith

Treasurer: T A N Henderson

Editor: A J Percival and L Snell

Members:

E H Champ, N C Cook, Mrs G E Eades, N M Farrant, Mrs R Gallant, Miss F M Green, S W Howard, Rupert Jarvis, W Kellaway, J M W Laithwaite, S N P Marks, P R V Marsden, R Merrifield, L E Morris, Miss A M Pollard, F A Toufar

APPENDIX 3: THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MLHC

(Middlesex Local History Council Executive Committee, 1959, Bulletin no. 8)

1 The General Objects of the Middlesex Local History Council are:

- I To bring together organisations and persons interested in the study of local history.
- II To stimulate public interest in local history.
- III To demonstrate ways of study of local history by sponsoring lectures on methods of research and by arranging investigations.
- IV To pool information concerning sources of knowledge and to obtain advice for research workers.
- V To assist where possible in the publication of the results of research.
- VI To encourage the preservation of local records, antiquities and objects of historical interest.
- VII To take any other steps which may appear to be desirable in achieving the objects set out above.
- VIII To co-operate with other bodies having similar interests.

2 The particular objectives of the Council in the next five years should be:

- I Recruitment of new members, both institutional and personal to strengthen the Council's work and put it on a stronger financial basis.
- II Encouragement of the establishment of new local societies where required to complete a network covering all districts of the county.
- III Stimulation of research into the sources of Middlesex local history, especially newspapers; documents in private hands; monuments and epitaphs; reminiscences of oldest residents.
- IV Publication of the Middlesex Bibliography and results of further research into aspects of the county's history.

APPENDIX 4: MLHC BULLETIN ARTICLES

(From the original listings in MLHC, Executive Committee, 1952–1964, *Middlesex Local History Council Bulletins* nos 1–18)

Title	Author	Bulletin no.	Page no.
MLHC Opening Address at Inaugural Conference	Lord Latham	1	7
MLHC Address at Inaugural Conference	Dr R W Moore	1	9
Tottenham Archives Exhibition, 1954 Report on	-	1	14
Flotsam	Sir Cyril Fowler	2	3
MLHC Annual General Meeting 1952	-	2	6
Local History, The Study of	W E Huggins	2	8
Local Historical and Archaeological Research now in Progress in the County of Middlesex	-	2	9
Mill Hill and Hendon Historical Society Report	A G Clarke	2	11
Historical Association, Ealing Branch, Report on	G R Bathoe	2	13
The Puritan Christian Name, The	E P H Pugh	2	15
MLHC Annual General Meeting 1953	-	3	3
Victoria History of the Counties of England	R B Pugh	3	5
Buildings of Historic Interest, Preservation of, Note on CBA Publication	-	3	10
Maps and Map-making, Five centuries of, Report of Exhibition	-	3	10
Tottenham and Tothill Street	F W M Draper	3	11
Ruislip Archives Exhibition, Report on	-	3	13
MLHC Annual General Meeting 1954	-	4	3
Middlesex County Bibliography	-	4	4
Victoria County History of Middlesex Proposed	W E H	4	6
Brooke House Hackney	J Darlington	4	11
Place-names and the Local Historian	M Gelling	4	13
Victoria County History of Middlesex	A M Pollard	5	1
Eastcote	L E Morris	5	4
Schools, Archaeology in	-	5	12
Family Portraits	H K P S	5	13
Hyde Family and York House, Twickenham	S M Campbell	6	1
Willesden Church, The Earlier Monuments in	K A Esdaile	6	6
Home Baked, The Middlesex Local Brick	A M Pollard	6	9
Gilbert, Sir William, Note on	E Hood	6	12
Middlesex County Bibliography	-	7	2

Title	Author	Bulletin no.	Page no.
Roman Road from St Albans to London, Suggested	C Morris	7	4
Edmonton, The Bell at	E Hood	7	12
Harefield, Countess of Derby's Almshouses	-	7	13
Museum as an Aid to the Study of Local History	D B Harden	8	2
Lower Halliford, The Red Lion at	L M W	8	9
Local History and the Parish Church	A H Cox	8	10
MLHC Annual General Meeting 1959	-	8	14
Roman Road from St Albans to Herts County Boundary at Batchworth Head, Continuation of Suspected	C Morris	9	1
Monumental Inscriptions, Some Suggestions for the Copying of	H K Percy Smith	9	6
MLHC Report of Members' Meeting 1959	-	9	7
Buildings, The Preservation of Old, Notes on a Talk by Mrs Dance	-	9	8
Crowns and Treaties	E H	9	10
Plaques, Commemorative, Report on	E H	9	11
Victoria County History of Middlesex, Report for the Year 1959	A M Pollard	9	13
Muswell and a Scottish King, The	F W M Draper	10	1
Catholic Recusant Minority in Middlesex, 1706	E S Worrall	10	2
Edmonton Chase in 1777, Some Representative Lands and Landowners	K M Crake	10	8
Photographs: Souvenirs and Records	F A Taylor	10	12
Harrow Hill, Poem on	W A G Kemp	10	16
Victoria County History of Middlesex	A M Pollard	11	1
Brentford Gas Company: Notes on the Early History	E J Kenward	11	2
Maps and the Local Historian, Lecture	R A Skelton	11	11
House, The Exterior of an Old	J W Tonkin	12	1
London Coal Tax Posts in West Middlesex, In Search of	M Bawtree	12	5
Edmonton Union Workhouse, The Building of	S L Richardson	12	11
French Refugee Clergy in the Edmonton Hundred	Edward S Worrell	13	1
Place Seeking in the Eighteenth Century	Dr Hector Smith	13	3
How Wills may be used in Local History	Mrs N R Lloyd	13	5
The Edmonton Enclosure 1801-2	T John Rickson	13	9
Notes on the History of Edmonton Manor and of Enfield Chase	T John Rickson	13	20

Title	Author	Bulletin no.	Page no.
The Chief Passage in Middlesex	C V Wedgwood	14	1
Middlesex Gleaning	Michael Robbins	14	7
The Interior of an Old House	J W Tonkin	14	9
Catering for an Election in 1768	Dr Hector Smith	14	13
Dr Hales of Teddington and the Society of Arts	D G C Allan	14	17
The Stamford Hill Turnpike in the 1760s	D O Pam	15	1
The Trial of McQuirk, Jan 14 1769	Dr Hector Smith	15	5
Northholt Court Rolls and Minute Books	C H Keene	15	10
Education of Children in the Enfield Workhouse	S I Richardson	15	14
A Note on Naming	Michael Robbins	15	16
Modern Economic History and the Local Historian	T C Barber	16	1
The Middlesex and Westminster Royal Volunteers 1779–1780	Shirley King	16	3
Seventeenth Century Trade Tokens for the County of Middlesex	T F E Squibb	16	6
Tottenham High Crosse Parish Services in the Eighteenth Century	C J Burgess	16	13
More Observations on the Stamford Hill Turnpike	D O Pam	17	1
An Unpublished West Middlesex Charter	C H Keene	17	4
Documents Relating to an Old House	J W Tonkin	17	6
The Value of Family Portraits to the Historian	W D Maylor	17	11
The Recording of Historical Portraits	H V Radcliffe	17	12
Mummers Plays	A H Cox	17	15
A Short History of the Cinema in Middlesex 1910–1965	H B Sully	18	1

**APPENDIX 5: LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES LISTED IN LAMAS AGM REPORTS
1955 AND 1961**

(Compiled from AGM Reports, *Trans London Middlesex Archaeol Soc* 18 (1955) & 21 (1963) pt 1 for 1962)

1. The Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, 1961
2. Ealing Local History Society, 1961
3. East London History Group, 1955
4. Edmonton Hundred Historical Society, 1955
5. Enfield Archaeological Society, 1961
6. Friends of Roxeth, 1955
7. Fulham History Society, 1955
8. Greenwich and Lewisham Antiquarian Society, 1955
9. Hayes and Harlington Antiquarian Society, 1955
10. Holborn Society, 1955
11. Hounslow and District History Society, 1961
12. Islington Antiquarian Society, 1955
13. Mill Hill and Hendon Historical Society, 1955
14. St Marylebone Society, 1955
15. Southall Local History Society, 1961
16. Stanmore, Edgware and Harrow Historical Society, 1955
17. Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society, 1955
18. Uxbridge Local History Society, 1955
19. Wandsworth Historical Society, 1955
20. Watford and South West Herts Archaeological Society, 1955
21. Wembley History Society, 1961
22. West Drayton Local History Society, 1961

The Streatham Local History Society was listed as one of the 15 affiliated societies in 1955 but not in the 22 listed in 1961.

APPENDIX 6: LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORIAN ARTICLES(From *Trans London Middlesex Archaeol Soc*, 1965–1967; *London Middlesex Historian* nos 1–4)

Title	Author	Issue no.	Page no.
Rawlinson's Notes on Middlesex Churches	Michael Robbins	1	2
The Destruction by Fire of the Headmasters House of Harrow School in 1838	Trevor F May	1	5
William Hogarth, a New Biography	William Le Hardy	2	1
Some New Light on the History of St Mary's Parish Church, Willesden	Laurence Keen	2	11
Engineering and Archaeology on Tower Hill	R M Robbins	3	1
Norman London	Miss M B Honeybourne	3	9
Some English Guide Books of the Nineteenth Century	R Michael Robbins	4	1
London in 1623 from the Diary of Christian Skeel	T F Reddaway	4	8
Charles John Shoppee 1823–1897	William Wheatley	4	10

APPENDIX 7: LIST OF LAMAS CONFERENCE TITLES, CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES OF THE LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE(Compiled from LAMAS Newsletters; *Trans London Middlesex Archaeol Soc*; London Metropolitan Archives, ACC/2899/01; and information from Eileen Bowlt and Pat Clarke)

Year	Title	Chair	Secretary
1966	Not known	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1967	Not known	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1968	Local History in its London and National Setting (P D Whitting)	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1969	Local Historical Studies since 1939 (Francis Steer); Records of the Corporation of London	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1970	The Variety of Maps in the London and Middlesex Area and How to Make Use of Them (Helen Watts); GLC Print Collection: Wandsworth street survey	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1971	Resources of the GLRO (William J Smith); Tottenham Moyeners: St Saviour's Southwark gardens	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1972	Historic Buildings and Conservation and Building Plaques: local historical facilities at the public library	Miss M B Honeybourne	H E Robins
1973	Some Aspects of Victorian London: social history in Middlesex probate inventories (Dr H J Dyos); A Charge on the Parish: Putney Poor Law	J D Lee	H E Robins

Year	Title	Chair	Secretary
1974	New Approaches to Place Names (Gelling); J D Lee Maps, Prints of the Corporation of London (Housego); Pinner Street Photo Survey	J D Lee	H E Robins
1975	1 Reminiscences of an Editor (Munby); 2 Brunel Exhibition (Falk)	J D Lee	H E Robins
1976	Transport and the Local Historian (Charles Hill); Surrey Collection-Minet Library; History of Camberwell	K Bailey	H E Robins
1977	The Modern Collections of Museum of London (Colin Sorenson); Oral History Recording/Publication	K Bailey	H E Robins
1978	Commercial Nurseries and Market Gardening since 17th Century	K Bailey	H E Robins
1979	Life and Work of John Nash (Summer- son); Westminster Abbey Muniments; Putney Bridge 1729–1979	K Bailey	H E Robins
1980	Middlesex for Sin (Avery); Covent Garden (Richardson); Dockland History Project (Carr)	K Bailey	J Slade
1981	History of the Population of London (Shearer); Trent Park; Crystal Palace	K Bailey	J Slade
1982	Tithe and Parochial Maps: Great North Road; Chancery and Exchequer Records	K Bailey	J Slade
1983	London and Warfare	K Bailey	J Slade
1984	London Transport: great centre of com- munication	K Bailey	Miss P A Ching
1985	Anglo Saxon and Early Medieval Settle- ments and Administration in Surrey and Middlesex	K Bailey	Miss P A Ching
1986	Domesday London and Beyond	K Bailey	Miss P A Ching
1987	London Spas and Pleasure Gardens	K Bailey	Miss P A Ching
1988	Change and Growth in London 1588–1688	K Bailey	Miss P A Ching
1989	Looking after London: local government	T Harper Smith	-
1990	People and Places	T Harper Smith	John King?
1991	Education, Victorian and Edwardian London	Mrs P Clarke	-
1992	Feeding London	Mrs P Clarke	-
1993	London in Sickness and in Health	Mrs P Clarke	-
1994	Wretched London: the London poor 1700—1900	R Vinjevold	-
1995	London Housing: banishing the slums	R Vinjevold	-
1996	London Industry: workshop to factory	Mrs J Linwood	-
1997	London of Human Frailty	Mrs J Linwood	-
1998	London through the Eyes of Writers and Artists	Mrs J Linwood	-

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1999	Tudor and Stuart Royalty effect on London	Mrs E M Bowlt	-
2000	Crossing the Thames	Mrs E M Bowlt	-
2001	Edwardian London	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2002	Buying and Selling in Metropolitan London	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2003	Lunatic London	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2004	St Paul's and the Diocese of London: fourteen hundred years	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2005	When LAMAS Began: London in 1855	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2006	Lost London	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2007	They came to London: 1000 years of migration	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2008	London Recorded	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2009	Open Air London: pleasure, parks and protest	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2010	London under Attack: wars and insurrections	Mrs E M Bowlt	Ann Hignell
2011	Sporting London	Mrs E M Bowlt	J Hinshelwood
2012	A Capital Way to Go: death in London through the ages	Mrs E M Bowlt	J Hinshelwood
2013	The River and Port of London	Mrs E M Bowlt	J Hinshelwood
2014	Law and Order	Mrs E M Bowlt	J Hinshelwood

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⁴ The, *London and Middlesex Historian*, *Bulletin No.1* is to be found in the Museum of London library as part of the LAMAS collection held there, LAMAS 1965–1967, *London and Middlesex Historian* nos 1–4.

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