

Diary

January

22 (8 p.m.) Waltham Abbey Historical Society. 'The Cuffley Airship' by John Higgs. Victoria Hall, Greenyard, Waltham Abbey.

27 (7.30 p.m.) Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. 'Industrial Archaeology south of the Thames' by David Perrett. Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road.

February

4 (8 p.m.) Nonsuch Antiquarian Society. 'Nonsuch Mansion' by Gerald Smith. St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell.

9 (7.45 p.m.) West Essex Archaeological Group. 'Cosmopolitan Roman Britain – it's all the rage' by Sam Moorhead. The Sixth Form Unit, Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green.

13 (8 p.m.) Richmond Archaeological Society. 'London's Ceramic Heritage from the Middle Ages to the Victorians' by Jacqui Pearce. Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond.

10 (8 p.m.) Hendon & District Archaeological Society. 'London Burial Grounds' by Roger Bowdler. Avenue House, East End Road, N3.

20 (8 p.m.) Waltham Abbey Historical Society. 'The History of Copt Hall' by Sylvia Keith. Victoria Hall, Greenyard, Waltham Abbey.

24 (7.30 p.m.) Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. 'The Roman cemetery at No. 1 America Street' by Melissa Melikian. Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road.

March

3 (8 p.m.) Nonsuch Antiquarian Society. AGM. St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell.

9 (7.30 p.m.) West Essex Archaeological Group. A.G.M. And Presidential Address by Harvey Sheldon. The Sixth Form Unit, Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green.

17 (6.30 p.m.) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society. 'Brunel, the Great Western Railway and the making of Paddington Station, 1836–1855' by Stephen Brindle. Interpretation Unit, Museum of London.

19 (8 p.m.) Richmond Archaeological Society. 'The First Europeans: Colonisation in the Palaeolithic' by Lucy Grimshaw. Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond.

19 (8 p.m.) Waltham Abbey Historical Society. 'The Lives of those whose Tombs or Memorials

are in the Abbey' by Dinah Dean. Victoria Hall, Greenyard, Waltham Abbey.

April

5 (7.45 p.m.) West Essex Archaeological Group. 'London before Londinium' by Jon Cotton. The Sixth Form Unit, Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green.

14 (6.30 p.m.) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society. '4th century 'bling bling': south London's Roman cemetery at 1 America Street, Southwark' by Melissa Melikian. Interpretation Unit, Museum of London.

Conferences

Transport through the Ages, 2 to 5.30 p.m., Saturday 3 April, at The Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Tickets £4 from CKA, 7 Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8HP (cheques payable to CKA, s.a.e. please).

Exhibitions

Buried Treasure: Finding our Past, at The British Museum until 14 March 2004. Admission £7 (concessions £3).

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Living and Dying, the Wellcome Trust Gallery at the British Museum.

The centrepiece of the Museum's permanent ethnographic displays, this major new gallery of world cultures presents an anthropological understanding of the diverse ways in which people seek to minimise life's adversities, in what can be radically different ways.

Study Day

The Science and Conservation of Treasure, at the British Museum, Saturday 11 March. Held in conjunction with the Treasure exhibition and National Science Week, it explores many aspects of the archaeology, science and conservation of gold treasures from Britain from the Bronze Age to the Civil War. Tickets £24, concessions £18, to include entry to the exhibition. Details and booking forms from P. T. Craddock, The British Museum, London WC1B 3DG, email pcraddock@british-museum.ac.uk.

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