

Mosaic

TDP award

Congratulations to the TDP who has been awarded £250,000 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support 'River Recoveries', a two-year project to revitalise the TDP, and shape it to succeed long into the future. The project is also supported by funding from Historic England, the City of London Archaeological Trust (COLAT) and the Port of London Authority. Key elements of the project will be:

- to revise the TDP volunteer training programme, making it more flexible and inclusive of wider audiences, and
- to co-produce digital outputs telling the story of the Thames with young people in four key areas of London.

They aim to create a TDP Young Archaeologists Club and a new TDP website; to digitise thousands of records of foreshore archaeology to create an online archive; to fund-raise and plan for the long-term future of the programme.

Working with volunteers from its inception in 2008, the TDP has trained over 700 people to monitor and record the archaeology of the foreshore, including targeted programmes for training young people (supported by Tideway) and older Londoners (supported by City Bridge Trust).

Evidence from the Edge

A new project to explore the archaeology and history of housing and wealth inequality in Hoxton, is being undertaken by MOLA in partnership with the Volunteer Centre, Hackney, and will support a team of local people and archaeologists to work together to execute a research project and share the results. With support from archaeologists at MOLA, the project has several aims:

- to explore how Hoxton and the Shoreditch Park area has changed over time, and the cause of the change;
- to understand how wealth and/or housing inequality, and the use of temporary accommodation since the Victorian period has influenced the development of the local area and communities;
- to empower local people and those with different experiences of varying types of housing, vulnerable accommodation and homelessness, and to shape research; and
- to get ideas for future archaeology projects working with local community organisations to learn best practice and what can be improved.

The project, funded by UKRI (UK Research and Innovation), is one of several projects around the country piloting place-based public engagement partnerships and activities.



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Highgate Roman Kiln Project

Harvey Sheldon and Nick Peacey (Secretary of the Friends of Roman Highgate kiln charity, centre) show Catherine West MP (left) and patrons Claire Skinner and Hugh Dennis (right) the planned site for the re-instatement of the Roman pottery kiln into a building in Highgate Wood on a very wet day.

A series of fund-raising events have been initiated in three areas: to conserve and rebuild Kiln 2, one of the most complete Roman kilns to be found in Roman Britain (see LA 16 (5) (2021), 127); to create an indoor space in Highgate Wood for the kiln; to launch a rolling education programme for local schools and community groups.

If you would like to be a supporter, go to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kiln2021>.

LAMAS Transactions online at ADS

For some years the complete back issues of the *LAMAS Transactions*, from 1860 to 2016, have been available from the LAMAS website (<https://tinyurl.com/3t4sfy4y>). Now all the articles from these volumes are also available as individual PDFs from the Archaeology Data Service as part of a searchable database (<https://doi.org/10.5284/1088083>). Perhaps they will now consider getting them entered on Layers of London as LA have done.

Thomas Cromwell's London mansion

Nick Holder, a historian and research fellow at English Heritage and the University of Exeter, has been researching the 58-room London mansion belonging to Thomas Cromwell. Working with an illustrator, he has been able to produce a reconstruction of the building for the first time.

The Drapers' Company, who later acquired the property and Cromwell's archives, made the property deeds, plans and surveys available. The research was recently published in the *JBAA*. It is available online at <https://doi.org/10.1080/00681288.2021.1923812>

Paul Sowan

We regret to announce the death of Paul Sowan, a geologist and industrial archaeologist, at the age of 81. He was a leading light of the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society (CNHSS), joining in 1960 because it matched his interest in local history and industrial archaeology.

He served, in turn, as Honorary General Secretary, permanent Librarian & Archivist, President (twice), Company Secretary, and long-time Director – the post he still held at his death.

His practical and detailed knowledge of the past was of great use to local developers as he knew whether land might be toxic through industrial use or liable to possible subsidence due to geology or tunnelling. One of his favourite subjects was Reigate Stone, his knowledge of which resulted in him being consulted about its use in such historic buildings as Westminster Abbey.

An accomplished speaker, many CNHSS members have paid tribute to his talks and walks, his enthusiasm and as an advocate of the environment, his generosity with his time and with his immense knowledge. He will be a great loss to Croydon and beyond. For more, see: <https://tinyurl.com/wpwb7f8e>.

Stonehenge

In July, the High Court was told that a decision by the Transport Secretary to approve the tunnel last November was unlawful because it did not properly consider damage that would be done to a string of prehistoric sites and many thousands of ancient artefacts.

A report, approved by Unesco's World Heritage Committee, set out concerns about the £1.7bn A303 road tunnel. Unless the designs for the two-mile (3.3km) tunnel are extended and changed, the committee recommends that, if the High Court confirms planning consent, it will place Stonehenge on Unesco's list of world heritage in danger next year. It said that, despite minor improvements to the original plan, the proposed cut-and-cover tunnel would irreversibly damage an area of 'outstanding universal value' status.

Bloomberg writing tablets

Three Roman writing tablets from the Bloomberg excavations have gone on display in the British Museum exhibition 'Nero: the man behind the myth' until late October.

Two of them have never been on public display before. The two tablets refer to two cohorts of soldiers sent by Nero to Britain from Germany as re-inforcements after the Boudican revolt.

Diary

Please note that most societies anticipate a donation for attendance by non-members.

October (Online and Live)

8 (8.00 pm) Richmond Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'The Cultural Recovery Fund: its impact on heritage and people at Hampton Court Palace' by Dr Jane Sidell. For the log-in link, please email Stephen Alexander at alexander.stephen@gmail.com (you may be asked for a donation).

12 (6.30 pm) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'London's Waterfront 1666 to 1800: an introduction to a large project' by John Schofield. Book at: <http://www.lamas.org.uk/lectures.html>

13 (7.30 pm) Acton History Group (Zoom). 'The Boundary of Acton Parish' by David Knights. If you are not a member, please email info@actonhistory.co.uk.

18 (8.15 pm) Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society (Zoom). AGM followed by 'Harmondsworth and Ruislip Barns in their West Middlesex context' by Dr Justine Bayley, Honorary Senior Research Associate, UCL Institute of Archaeology. Please check their website (www.RNELHS.org.uk) for the log-in link.

21 (8.00 pm) Barnes & Mortlake History Society. 'Barnes Hospital: founded on fever, fostered by Friends' by Sandra Hempel. St Mary's Church, Church Road, Barnes, SW13 9HL.

26 (7.45 pm) Hounslow and District History Society. 'Customs & Traditions of the City of London' by Mark Lewis, part-time lecturer at The Goldsmiths' Centre. Contact HDHS to ask for the Zoom log-in at: <https://tinyurl.com/4rennzj2>

November (Online and Live)

1 (8.00 pm) Borough of Twickenham Local History Society. 'Bushy House' by Tony Drake (NPL Retired). St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ.

3 (8.00 pm) Orpington & District Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'Rags to Riches: Kentish Ragstone and the Knole' by Marilyn Besford. If you are not a member, but would like to attend one meeting as a guest, please contact odaszoom@btinternet.com for further information.

9 (6.30 pm) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'The EAS and Elyng Tudor royal palace' by Dr Martin

Dearne, Fieldwork/Research Director, Enfield Archaeological Society. Book at: <http://www.lamas.org.uk/lectures.html>

15 (7.30 pm) Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society (Zoom). '10,000 Years of Brentford: the early history of a riverside town' by Jon Cotton. If you are not a member, please check their website (www.brentfordandchiswicklhs.org.uk) for the log-in link closer to the date.

15 (8.15 pm) Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society. 'Lost Rivers of London' by Dr Tom Bolton, urban researcher. Please check their website (www.RNELHS.org.uk) for the log-in link closer to the date.

17 (7.30 pm) Willesden Local History Society (Zoom). 'Gladstone Park: a garden history' by Antonia Couling. Members will receive an invitation link and reminders by email. If you are not a member, buy a ticket here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3whnu2n>

18 (8.00 pm) Bexley Archaeological Group (Zoom). 'Archaeological Sites, past, present and future' by Mark Stevenson, Historic England. Book at: <https://tinyurl.com/4k35uhys> (£5 to non-members).

19 (8.00 pm) Hendon & District Archaeological Society. 'Battlefield Archaeology: Barnet 1471' by Sam Wilson. Online lectures are open to members of HADAS only. You can join at: <https://www.hadas.org.uk/annual-programme/>

30 (7.45 pm) Hounslow and District History Society. 'Within the Garden Walls at Hogarth's House' by Val Bott, Chair of the William Hogarth Trust. Contact HDHS here to ask for the Zoom log-in: <https://tinyurl.com/4rennzj2>

December (Online and Live)

7 (1.00 pm) Society of Antiquaries (Zoom). 'The Mirror in the Bike Shed: a listed Arts and Crafts bicycle shed in Hampstead Garden Suburb and its significance for women bicyclists' by Anthony Davis FSA. Book at <https://tinyurl.com/23rs44v4>

10 (8.00 pm) Richmond Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'Barn Elms, going to town on an Iron Age Oppidum?' by Michael Curnow, Museum of London Archaeology. For the log-in link, please email Stephen Alexander at alexander.stephen@gmail.com (you may be asked for a donation).

11 (2.30 pm) Merton Historical Society. 'Anthony Sadler and the goings-on in

Mitcham Parish' by Dr Edward Legon. St James' Church Hall, Martin Way, Merton, SW20 9LB.

14 (6.30 pm) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society (Zoom). 'Where Practice Trenches meet Roman ditches: Roman and wartime archaeology at Royal Liberty School, Havering' by Helen Chittock & Les Capon, AOC Archaeology. Book at: <http://www.lamas.org.uk/lectures.html>

January (Online and Live)

8 (2.30 pm) Merton Historical Society. 'William Morris and his Workers at Merton Abbey' by Dave Saxby, MOLA. St James' Church Hall, Martin Way, Merton, SW20 9LB.

CONFERENCE

13 Nov 2021 (9.45 am–16.00 pm) London & Middlesex Archaeological Society will be holding their Local History Conference online. The theme will be "'London Overcomes": resilience and recovery in the history of the capital'. More details and how to book will be posted on the website: <http://www.lamas.org.uk/>

JOIN

Council for British Archaeology (CBA) London was set up in 2008 to act as a hub for archaeological activities and organisations in the city and environs of London. They run an events programme for members and other interested parties, and the London Archaeology Forum, held twice a year.

Upcoming events include a visit to Fulham Palace. You can join at: <https://tinyurl.com/57jbnmtm>

EXPLORE

Loughborough Road: its residents, shops & pubs is a project to uncover the hidden stories of people who have lived and worked on this south London street over the past 200 years. Read the Loughborough History blog here: <https://tinyurl.com/5fkkyrza>

The Story of the Festival of Britain is a blog from Historic England. The Festival's heart was a purpose-built spectacular showcase on London's South Bank, along with over 2,000 other locations round the country. Read it here: <https://tinyurl.com/59ft9fh>

From our archives: look back to our previous reports

Articles about OLD FORD

H L Sheldon 'Current Dig at Old Ford' *London Archaeol* **1** (6) (1970), 136–9. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1070493>

H L Sheldon & W J Owen 'A Roman Burial from Armagh Road, Old Ford' *London Archaeol* **1** (15) (1972), 348–53. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1070463>

T Wilson, R Cowie & R P Symonds

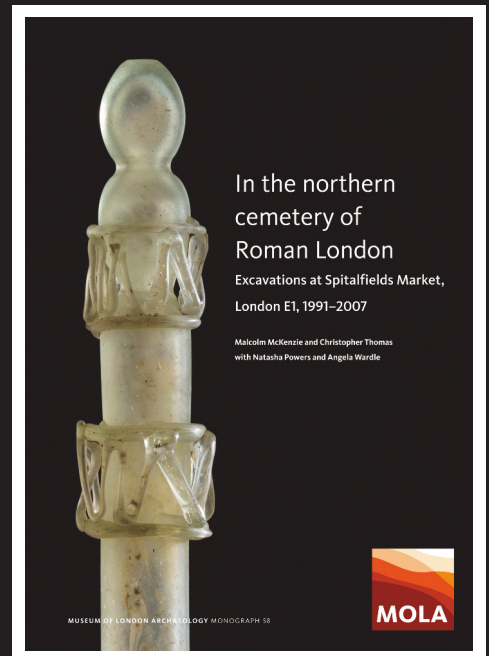
'Field boundaries or funerary enclosures – a new look at Old Ford' *London Archaeol* **11** (1) (2005), 20–3. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1071064>

J Vuolteenaho, I M Betts, A Pipe & B Richardson 'New evidence for the London–Colchester Roman road and adjacent settlement at Bow/Old Ford' *London Archaeol* **12** (8) (2010), 223–7. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1071193>

I Bright 'Filling our minds with rubbish and facts at Gladstone Place, Old Ford' *London Archaeol* **13** (10) (2013), 260–4. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1071210>

I Hogg 'Excavations at Parnell Road, Bow: Roman activity in Old Ford, a roadside settlement on the periphery of Londinium' *London Archaeol* **15** (10) (2019), 283–6. <https://doi.org/10.5284/1081327>

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