A month long festival led by Lambeth Archives and the Lambeth Local History Forum

Lambeth Heritage Festival

September 2025

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FOREWORD

Welcome to the 2025 Lambeth Heritage Festival

Once again, the Lambeth Heritage Festival will be taking place across our borough during September. Organised by Lambeth Archives and the Lambeth Local History Forum, this year's festival brings together a wonderful and rich variety of over 75 events and activities with one shared aim: to celebrate the diverse histories and heritages of our borough.

I am keen to ensure that the history of Lambeth's people and places is shared widely with residents and other Londoners, is preserved for generations to come, as well as seeing it used it to help connect local people with the opportunities and challenges in Lambeth today. So, I am really excited about this year's varied and innovative programme. Its attractive mix of events should offer something for everyone and reflect our diverse communities. There are talks, author events, exhibitions, walks and workshops, each uncovering different aspects of our collective history.

Starting with the Lambeth Local History Fair at Clapham Library on the first Saturday, the festival covers so many different historical and geographical perspectives. Later in the month there are talks about Brixton pubs, the artists of Vauxhall and Kennington, the building of Lambeth's four "Waterloo" churches and a history of Lambeth Town Hall. There are online workshops on family history. There are opportunities to explore the hidden corners of our extraordinary borough with a fantastic range of guided walks and tours offered by local societies and by the Lambeth Tour Guides' Association.

As in previous years, I want to thank all the local societies, other organisations and individuals from around the borough who have contributed so generously to create such a rich festival programme. As well as those who have contributed regularly previously, we welcome a number of newcomers this year including: the National Theatre Archive which is offering tours; the Lambeth Palace library, putting on a talk about its holdings as well as offering tours; a mudlark displaying some of her finds in the Thames and elsewhere; and a LGBTQ+ history walk organised by Lambeth Links.

Lambeth Archives will feature an exhibition on Ted Hollamby and development of Lambeth's distinctive public housing in the 1960s and 1970s, running through the month; as well as a talk featuring about the archive of the British Music Hall Society, whose collection is now stored at the Archives.

Once again, the Lambeth Heritage Festival aims to showcase some of the best things happening in Lambeth, and I look forward to celebrating our borough and its history with you.

Cllr Donatus Anyanwu
Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Leisure and Sport

OPENING EVENT

Lambeth Local History Fair

Saturday 6th September 10.00am - 4.30pm

Clapham Library, Mary Seacole Centre,
91 Clapham High Street SW4 7DB

This year's local history fair returns to Clapham which last hosted it in 2018. This time it is being held in the largest library in Lambeth: in the stunning, modern, award-winning Mary Seacole Centre on Clapham High Street.

It is well served by buses: routes 50, 88, 155, 322, and 345 all pass the building. It is a short walk to either Clapham North or Clapham Common underground stations on the Northern Line, or Clapham High Street overground on the Windrush Line.

Meet members of the Lambeth Local History Forum to learn about their work and how you might join in. Local history publications will be on sale. **Entry to the fair is FREE**.

Refreshments will be available, organised by the Clapham Women's Institute.For over 18 years, the Clapham WI has been a steadfast presence in the Clapham community. The friendly group are regular attenders at local events, and always ready to voice their support for local causes.

Walks

Behind the High Street
12.30pm Leaving from outside the library

A walk led by Gillian Robinson looking at some of the less well-known parts of Clapham including a pub designed by Cubitt and one of the few garden squares in south London.
FREE booking not required

Down the High Street
1.30pm Leaving from outside the library

A short walk led by Alyson Wilson towards Clapham North looking at the Temperance Billiard Hall, Clapham Public Hall and others before turning up Voltaire Road to the railway buildings and Arts Centre before circling back to the library.
FREE booking not required

Clapham High Street Uncovered
11.00am, 12.00 noon, 1.00pm, 2.00pm, & 3.00pm

Leaving from outside the library, Lambeth Tour Guides Association invite you to join them on a one-hour, walk around Clapham High Street. Discover history hiding in plain sight: ghost signs, street art and more.
£5 Booking via EventBrite http://bit.ly/43YyUPS

Talks

First Steps in Uncovering a Local History: The Chronicles of Bracken Avenue
11.00am

Simon James had long wondered who built the street he moved to in 2011, and after ten years decided to try to find out. Little did he know how many forgotten stories of past residents were sitting quietly in the records: simply waiting to be discovered.
FREE booking not required

Studio Voltaire:
What is the civic role of an arts organisation?
12.30pm

Studio Voltaire is an arts and education charity located in Clapham. Adwoa Owusu-Barnieh, Assistant Curator (Civic) will lead a talk offering a brief history of the organisation, highlighting past and present projects using creativity as a tool for connection, reflection and change.
FREE booking not required

John Thomson (1837 - 1921)
From Siam to Street Life in London
2.00pm

John Thomson is one of the great figures in the history of photography, an extraordinary photographer, traveller, author, translator and teacher. Born in Edinburgh in 1837, he made London his home in 1873, living in the suburb of Brixton until his death in 1921.
This talk will cover his life, and with a focus on Street Life in London, his record of the lives of the people living and working in the city contrasting it with his work in Siam and China
FREE booking not required

Four- legged performers
3.30pm

Join Tracey Gregory to hear about the many performing animals that walked the streets and trod the boards in Brixton and elsewhere.
FREE booking not required

Monday 1st September
Continuing to Friday 26th

Building "Homes for Tomorrow": Lambeth's Public Housing, from 1965-1980

Exhibition
TIME: Monday 1.00pm to 8.00pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm
Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm
Satuday 9.00am to 1.00pm & 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Lambeth Archives, 16 Brixton Hill, SW2 1ET

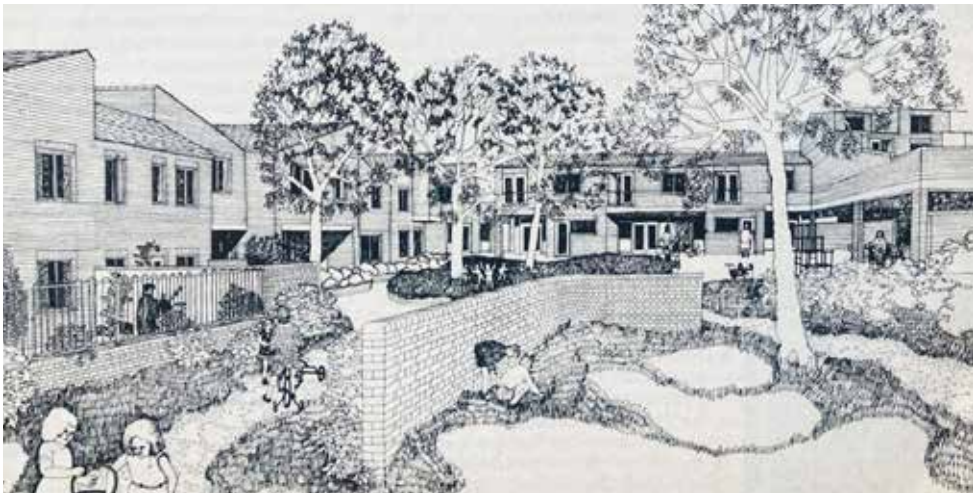
After the creation of the London Borough of Lambeth in 1965, Lambeth's new Department of Architecture and Planning, led by Ted Hollamby, went on to design some unusually diverse and distinctive council housing across the borough. Many of these buildings are now recognised for their architectural merit. The exhibition, curated by Christiane Felber, uses original architects models, archival documents and images and oral history to explain the planning context and to explore and celebrate Hollamby's architectural legacy for Lambeth.
Free

Tuesday 2nd September

Lambeth Town Hall Formed and Reformed

Talk **TIME: 7.30pm**
St Leonard's Church, Streatham SW16 1HS

An illustrated talk by Robert Hardy: The talk covers the history of the Town Hall, built in the early twentieth century in Brixton as the administrative headquarters of the borough.
FREE, booking not required
Refreshments available



Wednesday 3rd September

Unseen Vauxhall — The Vanished and the Unnoticed

Walk **TIME: 1.30pm**
Vauxhall Bus Station, SW8 2L

Vauxhall is rich in historical interest. Let's look for the hidden histories and to hear stories from the past, including the disappearing statue, the slurry wheel, the Oxford v. Cambridge fixture, Sister Mary of the Cross, the Helping Hand, and boy scouts' legs being covered up.
£12
Booking: tinyurl.com/mw83ybzz
Led by Geoff Fairbairn

Thursday 4th September

Find your Family

ZOOM Q&A **TIME: 7.00pm**

Do you know where you come from? East Surrey Family History Society can help you start your journey to find more about your black heritage or unknown family members or any Lambeth ancestors. Why not bring your questions or DNA results to a FREE meeting on Zoom and see if we might be able to assist you?
FREE Please register in advance using: tinyurl.com/5n8memj3

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Friday 5th September

Balham Hill

Walk **TIME: 6.30pm**
Clapham South Station SW12 9DU

A walk, conducted by John Rattray, around Balham Hill, where the town of Balham began, and the meeting point of three historical parishes and two present-day boroughs.
FREE collection for the Balham Society
Booking not required.
Contact: balhamsociety@gmail.com

Saturday 6th September

Lambeth Local History Fair

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see page 2 for details

Sunday 7th September

Kennington: From Palace to Pavilion

Walk **TIME: 11.00am to 12.30pm**
Kennington Station, SE11 4QJ

Join this guided walk through Kennington - one of London's most historic and overlooked neighbourhoods. You'll explore its rich and surprising past, from the medieval palace of the Black Prince to the birth of the Oval. Along the way, you'll encounter Chartists, cricketers, princes, and even a young Charlie Chaplin.
£5 Booking: https://kennington-from-palace-to-pavilion.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 7th September

Urban Sketching with Brixton Society

WORKSHOP **TIME: 11.00am to 12.30pm**
Meeting place to be provided on booking

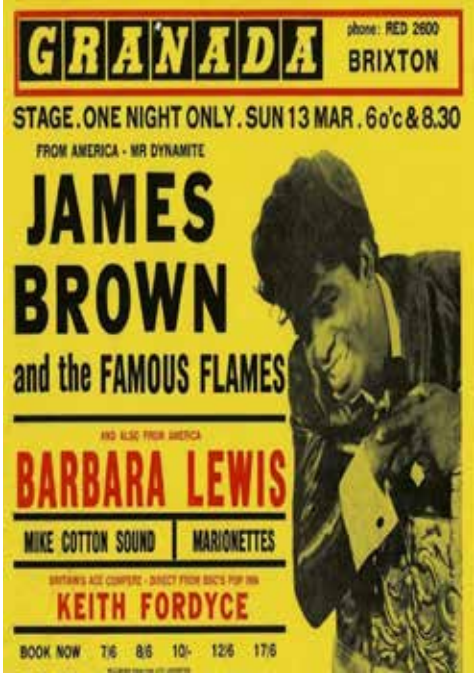
Join the Brixton Society at our urban sketching session and hear about the history of local landmarks while we draw. No experience required.
FREE
Email for info and to register:
sketch@brixtonsociety.org.uk

Sunday 7th September

Brixton Art Tour

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm**
Brixton Underground Station, Brixton Rd SW9 8HE

Join this 90-minute walk led by Vivienne Lewis to explore 50 years of public art in Brixton. Starting outside Brixton Victoria Line station, it takes in over 17 works of art from the 1970s to the present day, including murals, statues and memorials, and finishes at the Lambeth Archives on Brixton Hill.
FREE but places limited
Book: brixtonarttourseptember25.eventbrite.co.uk



Sunday 7th September

Brixton's Post WWII Musical Heritage Walk

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm**
Meeting place to provided on booking

Simon Morrow, coordinator of the Brixton Music Memories project, conducts a guided walk through Brixton's rich post WWII musical heritage. The walk will take in musicians and venues past and present with plenty of facts and anecdotes along the way.
FREE Spaces limited to 25 people.
Email brixtonmusicmemories@gmail.com to reserve a space.

Sunday 7th September

The History of Clapham Common

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
The Bandstand on Clapham Common SW4 9DE

Led by Tom Jansz for the Clapham Society, this popular walk traces the history of Clapham Common from medieval grazing ground to the modern day, referencing historical archives, books on local history, anecdotes and photographs, at various stopping points around the Common.
FREE but booking essential.
Email: tom.jansz@hotmail.co.uk
Donations welcome

Tuesday 9th September

National Theatre Archive tour

TOUR **TIME: 11.00am**
National Theatre Studio, 83-101 The Cut, SE1 8LL

Explore the National Theatre's Archive, which holds a treasure trove of materials. On this tour you will get hands-on with the NT's history and learn about what the Archive does and what it collects. There is also a chance to see our public research spaces and basement stores.
FREE Booking essential: bit.ly/NTArchiveTour

Tuesday 9th September

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Characters of Waterloo

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Meet outside St John's Church, Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY

Come to Waterloo for this 90-minute walk and be introduced to a cast of characters who have lived, walked or worked in the area. Good, bad or ugly? Listen to their stories and decide for yourself!
£12 (2 for1 early bird offer)
Booking: LHF-GBU.eventbrite.com

Tuesday 9th September

Lambeth Local History sources at Lambeth Palace Library

TALK **TIME: 5.30pm**
Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 7JT

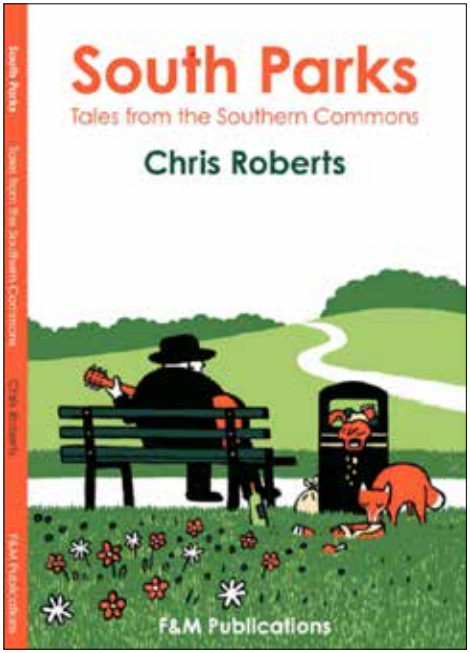
Beyond the churches in our streets, the archives held at Lambeth Palace Library shed light on the development of parts of Lambeth's built environment and on its social history. This talk will explore the richness of these collections and highlight some surprising finds relating to locations around the borough.
FREE Booking required: bit.ly/43VzH5m

Tuesday 9th September

South Parks: Tales from the Southern Commons

AUTHOR EVENT **TIME: 7.00pm**
Carnegie Library, 192 Herne Hill Road SE24 0DG

Chris Roberts presents the history, development and folklore surrounding south London parks. Celebrate places to sit, play and spend the day. Discuss threats to free open spaces. Hear about talking statues, strange cults, anti-golf riots, stolen geese, pagan estate agents, vengeful toilet goddesses.
FREE Booking required:
eventbrite.com/e/1428706522669



Tuesday 9th to Sunday 28th September

Retrace: Hubert Grove to Minet Library

EXHIBITION **TIME: 10.00m to 6.00pm**
Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road SE5 9QY

Photographer Basil McDonald has retraced the route and reshot the photos taken by local historian Brian Bloice in 1967. The comparative images in this exhibition show how streets have changed but also that many things stay the same. A Loughborough Road Histories Project.
FREE Booking not required

Wednesday 10th September

Doing the Lambeth Walk!

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm**
Outside The Garden Cafe, SE1 7LB

A 100-minute walking tour based around Lambeth Walk - the street itself, and the local people's reputation for resilience, resourcefulness and pride, as established in that song and dance!
£12 Booking:
Doingthelambethwalk.eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday 10th September

'"Seven turkeys, five sucking pigs, and three miniatures" – A History of Lambeth's own art school, the City and Guilds of London Art School"

TALK **TIME: 4.00pm**
City & Guilds of London Art School
124 Kennington Park Road (Kennings Way Annex) SE11 4DJ

This talk by Nick Rampley, the Art School's Director of Resource, tells the story of City and Guilds of London Art School, from its foundation as the Lambeth School of Art providing instruction to working artisans, to today's highly regarded, distinctive, educational institution. While you are with us, visit our MA degree show beforehand and see what our current students are creating.
FREE but tickets limited
Booking:
ahistoryoflambethsownartschool.eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday 10th September

Annual Windmill Talk:12 Windmills of Lambeth - Then and Now

TALK **TIME: 7.15pm to 9.15pm**
Doors 6.45pm

Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, west end of Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

Brixton is the sole survivor but there were others, not just for milling flour, but sawing to supply timber yards and the manufacture of medicines. Nicholas Weedon of Friends of Windmill Gardens will explore where they stood, what they did, and what stands in their place today.

FREE book via www.brixtonwindmill.org
Refreshments available.

Thursday 11th September

200 years of the Waterloo Commissioner's Classics

TALK **TIME: 6.30pm**

Brixton Tate Library, Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ

The flurry of church building in the 1820's funded by state commission and private donation left us with an unusual legacy of Greek style classical buildings around Lambeth. Nicholas Weedon of the Brixton Society looks at the personalities responsible for this and gives a behind the scenes look at how the architecture is faring today.

FREE but places limited
Book: waterloochurchestalk.eventbrite.co.uk
Refreshments available from 6.15pm

Friday 12th September

On the trail of Art and Artists in Vauxhall and Kennington

WALK **TIME: 10.30am**

Entrance to Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens on Kennington Lane SE11 5HY

Vauxhall and Kennington have long thrived with artistic energy—from grand paintings and sculptures at the Pleasure Gardens to the pioneering Lambeth School of Art under John Sparkes. Today, creativity still flourishes here. Join Lucia van der Drift to explore the artists, studios, and stories that have shaped this remarkable cultural landscape across the centuries.

£15 Booking: tinyurl.com/4fptfd8k

Friday 12th September

Lambeth Palace Library Tour

TOUR **TIME: 2.00pm**
Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 7JT

Behind the scenes tour of the Lambeth Palace Library building, including visits to the Collections Care Studio and the 8th floor terrace for amazing views. The tour will explain the history of the library, its collections, and their journey to a brand new, purpose-built home.
FREE Booking required: bit.ly/40g8Crc

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ZOOM Q&A **TIME: 7.00pm**

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FREE Please register in advance using: https://tinyurl.com/nhbcvkjx

Saturday 13th September

The Second World War in West Norwood Cemetery

TOUR **TIME: 10.30am**
West Norwood Cemetery SE27 9JU

There are commemorations of 70 service personnel and over 160 civilian fatal casualties from the Second World War at WNC. The monuments we'll visit include those of civilian victims of the Blitz and V1/V2 attacks, and those of service personnel,including prisoners of both the Japanese and Germans.
£10 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/o/friends-of-west-norwood-cemetery-33874747911

Saturday 13th September

How Does My Garden Grow?

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Kennington Park, SE11 4BE (meet by war memorial, corner of Kennington Park Road and Kennington Park Place)

Enjoy some of Kennington and Vauxhall's green spaces, and discover the fascinating stories of how they have come into being on this 90 minute walk.
£12 (2 for1 early bird offer)
Booking: HDMGG.eventbrite.com

Saturday 13th September

The Clapham Literary Walk

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Omnibus Theatre, 1 Clapham Common Northside SW4 0QW

Local crime fiction writer and Chair of the Clapham Book Festival, Julie Anderson, will lead this two hour walk around Clapham Common discussing the famous writers who have lived in Clapham and their works from the seventeenth century onwards.
Charge £10 full price £7 concessions
All proceeds go to the Clapham Book Festival
Booking: https://payhip.com/claphambookfestival

Saturday 13th September

The First World War in West Norwood Cemetery

TOUR **TIME: 2.00pm**
West Norwood Cemetery SE27 9JU

There are commemorations of over 600 service personnel fatal casualties from the First World War at WNC. The monuments we'll visit include those of civilians, with the aim of discovering what they tell us about the way the war was fought, as well as aspects of the human tragedies involved.
£10 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/o/friends-of-west-norwood-cemetery-33874747911

Saturday 13th September

Brixton Market Walk

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Brixton Station Road SW9 8PA

This 90-minute walk shows how shopping grew from nothing to make Brixton South London's biggest shopping centre by the 1920s. The development of shopping was one of the key elements in the development of Brixton and a vital part of its history. We explore this development as we walk through the various markets and shopping areas.
£5 (includes booklet)
Booking: brixtonmarketwalksept25.eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday 13th September

Herne Hill Heritage Trail: North

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Herne Hill Station SE24 0HE

We begin at our handsome Grade II listed Herne Hill Station, and then look around Station Square, including the foyer building of the Cinema Grand, which opened in 1913. We shall see the location of Herne Hill's first cinema, the Picture Palace (1910-1915), meander around Poets Corner, and glimpse the award-winning Evelyn Grace Academy in Shakespeare Road. We finish at the beautiful Brockwell Lido: built in the moderne style in 1937, and listed Grade II, it is now one of the great lidos of Britain.
Led by Robert Holden of the Herne Hill Society
FREE Booking:
noticeboard@hernehillsociety.org.uk

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September

Guided Tours of Brixton Windmill

TOUR **TIME: 1.00pm to 5.00pm**
Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, west end of Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

Drop in short tours of Brixton's historic windmill running across the weekend.
FREE No booking but you may need to queue.
Cafe, exhibition, Windmill shop, toilets.
www.brixtonwindmill.org

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September

Inside Out
- Free Creative Workshops

WORKSHOP **TIME: 2.00pm to 4.30pm**
Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, west end of Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

Use flour from the mill to build a collective three dimensional cross section of Brixton Windmill. Explore the architecture of Brixton Windmill as part of Heritage Open Days Festival.
FREE Drop in workshops suitable for all ages.
www.brixtonwindmill.org

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Sunday 14th September

Guided Walk of Brixton Hill

WALK **TIME: 1.00pm**
Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, west end of Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

A 1½ hour walk with a Blue Badge Guide, covering 19th- and 20th-century developments near Brixton Windmill including prison, waterworks, trams and telegraphy.
£12, or £6 concessions (children free).
All proceeds to Brixton Windmill.
Booking essential: brixtonwindmill.org/visit/guided-walks

Sunday 14th September

Lambeth Cemetery: Artists, entertainers and campaigners

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm**
Main (not crematorium) entrance,
Lambeth Cemetery, Blackshaw Road SW17 0BY

Tracey Gregory and Geoff Simmons are back together for their popular guided walks of Lambeth Cemetery. This time there will be a focus on fascinating musicians, comedians, dancers, acrobats and artists laid to rest in the cemetery, as well as people who campaigned and supported their fellow citizens.
FREE Booking: peopleoflambeth.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 14th September

Abbeville 'village': The making of an Edwardian neighbourhood.

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Junction of Elms Road and Clapham Common South Side SW4 9EP

Explore how the streets of Clapham South came to be laid out and discover the people who made it happen, including Pugin's master builder, a defrocked lawyer from Norwich and the disgraced linen draper from Tottenham with three wives (or so he claimed).
FREE, but booking essential.
Email: mtuffrey@talk21.com
Donations welcome

Monday 15th September

Waterloo, Wells and the War of the Worlds

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Hotel Chocolat, Waterloo Station, Unit 22 Ground Floor SE1 8SW

A guided walk exploring Waterloo's connections to Sci-Fi classic 'War of the Worlds' and other Lambeth related aspects in the life and works of HG Wells.
£5 (2 for 1 offer)
Booking: HGWellswalk.eventbrite.co.uk

Monday 15th September

St Leonard's Church, Churchyard and Crypt

TOUR **TIME: 1.00pm**
St Leonard's Church, Streatham SW16 1HS

Explore the "dead-centre" of Streatham with local historian and writer, John W Brown and Streatham Society Trustee Trudy Kuhn. Despite the rebuilds, St Leonard's church is Streatham's oldest building and its well-preserved medieval crypt and its churchyard provide a rich history of many of its long-departed residents. Possibly not for the squeamish. Please note entry to the crypt and the bell tower is via steep spiral staircases.
£5 donation to St Leonard's Church
Booking tinyurl.com/streathamSocEventbite

Monday 15th September

Music Hall Tales from the Archive

TALK **TIME: 6.00pm**
Lambeth Archives, 16 Brixton Hill SW2 1ET

Join members of The British Music Hall Society as they share fascinating stories behind some of the items in the society's archive which recently found a new home at Lambeth Archives. While the collection spans the history of music hall across the UK & further afield, it holds particularly strong and numerous connections to Lambeth where many performers lived.
FREE Booking:
Ticketsource.co.uk/britishmusichallsociety

Monday 15th September

Re-discovering and restoring the Doulton's Carrara ware façade at Findlater's Corner, London Bridge - a wonder material of Victorian London

TALK **TIME:6.45pm for 7.15pm**
Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Doultons were based in north Lambeth and were well-known makers of both pottery and building materials. The speaker, Benedict O'Looney, is a well-known conservation architect.
FREE
Booking: eventbrite.com/e/1434766147169
£3 donation requested for refreshments.

Monday 15th September

Katti Lanner, Doyenne of 19th Century Dance

TALK **TIME: 7.30pm**
Omnibus Theatre, 1 Clapham Common North Side, SW4 0QW

As dancer, teacher and creator of spectacular ballets, Katti Lanner was a well-known figure in the theatrical world of the late nineteenth century but is today almost unknown. A long-term resident of Clapham. This talk by Dr Geraldine Morris begins the long overdue revival of interest in her life and work.
FREE no booking required.
Donations welcome. Bar open for drinks and snacks from 6 pm and after the talk

Tuesday 16th September

A Lambeth Mudlark's Miscellany

DROP-IN EVENT **TIME: 10.00am to 1.00pm**
St John's Church, Waterloo Road SE1 8TY

A Clapham resident of 30 years, Jessica Forde is a licensed mudlark, fossil and flint tool searcher. Come and see her finds, and hear stories from her adventures exploring the river banks of London, the wilds of Norfolk, and beyond!
FREE Booking not required

Tuesday 16th September

London Fire Brigade Memorial Hall

DROP-IN EVENT TIME: 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Memorial Hall, next to Lambeth Fire Station, 8 Albert Embankment SE1 7SP

Join London Fire Brigade Museum curators at this drop-in open morning at our 1930s listed Memorial Hall, which commemorates firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. View memorials by Gilbert Bayes and displays about Lambeth Fire Station's role in the Second World War.
FREE no booking required
For more information
museum@london-fire.gov.uk

Venetian bead with Murano glass

Tuesday 16th September

The Presumptuous Henry Morton Stanley

TALK **TIME:6.30pm**
(bar open from 6.00pm)
1901 Arts Club, 7 Exton Street SE1 8UE

Stanley, the celebrated adventurer who located the supposedly lost Dr Livingstone, provides an unlikely link between north Lambeth, contentious Welsh statues, Belgian colonialism, Congolese self-determination and… Wild Bill Hickock. This talk by Nick Rampley, a Director of the WeAre-Waterloo Business Improvement District, explores aspects of a singular life and legacy.
FREE but tickets limited
Booking: tinyurl.com/H-M-Stanley

Tuesday 16th September

Find your Family

ZOOM Q&A **TIME: 7.00pm**

Do you know where you come from? East Surrey Family History Society can help you start your journey to find more about your black heritage or unknown family members or any Lambeth ancestors. Why not bring your questions or DNA results to a FREE meeting on Zoom and see if we might be able to assist you?
FREE Please register in advance using: https://tinyurl.com/2pay9c2v

Wednesday 17th September

National Theatre Archive tour

TOUR **TIME: 3.00pm**
National Theatre Studio, 83-101 The Cut, SE1 8LL

Explore the National Theatre's Archive, which holds a treasure trove of materials. On this tour you will get hands-on with the NT's history and learn about what the Archive does and what it collects. There is also a chance to see our public research spaces and basement stores.
FREE Booking essential: bit.ly/NTArchiveTour

Thursday 18th September

Lambeth Palace Library Tour

TOUR **TIME: 2.00pm**
Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 7JT

Behind the scenes tour of the Lambeth Palace Library building, including visits to the Collections Care Studio and the 8th floor terrace for amazing views. The tour will explain the history of the library, its collections, and their journey to a brand new, purpose-built home.
FREE Booking required: bit.ly/3HTmYHG

Friday 19th September

Windmill to Windrush

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Gate to Windmill Gardens SW2 5DA

Starting at Brixton Windmill, a working Windmill. Walk part of the Roman Road, follow some of the course of the Effra River. We will talk of monarchs, authors, influencers and places of worship. There is even an unsolved murder. Brixton is the centre of Lambeth, Windrush Square its beating heart.
£13.70 Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-windmill-to-windrush-tickets-1447967532869

Saturday 20th September

Dining with the Victorians

TOUR **TIME: 11.00am**
West Norwood Cemetery SE27 9JU

You might be surprised at how many brands that emerged in the Victorian era can still be found on today's supermarket shelves. Join us on a tour through time and learn about the food, drink, and influences that continue to be a part of the everyday British dining table.
£10 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/o/friends-of-west-norwood-cemetery-33874747911

Saturday 20th September

Inspirational Women of Clapham

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Clock Tower Clapham Common SW4 7AJ

Meet some of the most inspirational women of Clapham, from a convicted criminal to a Victorian hymn writer.
FREE booking essential.
Email: nightingales95@gmail.com
Donations welcome

Saturday 20th September

Pride and Protests - a LGBTQ+ history walk

WALK **TIME: 11.45am for 12.00 noon**
Traffic island opposite Oval Underground Station, 318 Kennington Park Road SE11 4PP

There is a history of Pride and Protests in Lambeth. Hear all about the four national Pride Festivals that took place in Kennington Park from guides who were there. Learn more about lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer people, how we marched and where we partied. Discover what links a Tudor law to Clause 28 of the local govt act 1988. Find out about your local LGBTQ+ heritage. Led by qualified Lambeth Tour Guides: Clare Truscott and Adrian Gibson
FREE (thanks to Lambeth Links and Lambeth Forums Network)
Numbers limited, booking essential: clare@lambethlinks.org.uk

Saturday 20th September

Herne Hill Heritage Trail: Central

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
North Dulwich station, Red Post Hill SE24 7BX

We commence at North Dulwich Station, and walk along Half Moon Lane, passing the Grafton Ballroom, a cryptic wall plaque, a mysterious folly, a house that has had three distinguished residents but has only two blue plaques, a grand viaduct, and a sports field that has its own war memorial. We finish at the spectacular Herne Hill Velodrome, which is the oldest cycle track in the UK, and was used for the 1948 Olympics. Today it is a hive of activity, and will take your breath away (especially if you are racing for the finishing line). Led by Robert Holden of the Herne Hill Society
FREE Booking:
noticeboard@hernehillsociety.org.uk

Saturday 20th September

South London's first public park - a wander around the Victorian Kennington Park

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Kennington Park outside Prince Consort Lodge (Trees for Cities), Kennington Park Road, SE11 4AS

In 1848 the Chartists held their mass rally on Kennington Common, six years later the Common was enclosed and opened as a park. Hear stories of revolution, royalty and "model houses", fountains, fitness and plants, spies, politics and play. Led by Marietta Crichton Stuart from the Friends of Kennington Park.
FREE
Booking not required
Contact: friends@kenningtonpark.org

Sunday 21st September

Stories in Sculpture

WALK **TIME: 11.30am**
Under the clock, Waterloo Station, SE1 8SW

Ever wondered about the numerous sculptures dotted around Waterloo? Come and learn about the stories behind some of them, on this 100 minute guided walk.
£12 Booking:
Storiesinsculpture.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 21st September

Henry Tate Gardens, Streatham Common

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm & 3.00pm**
Henry Tate Mews, Streatham Common North, SW16 3HA

A guided walk in the grounds of the mansion by Robert Doyle and John W Brown of the Streatham Society. Park Hill was built in c.1830 by William Leaf a banker and silk merchant. Henry Tate lived here from 1885. A philanthropist and art collector, he opened his gallery here to the public once a year and later donated most of his collection to the Tate Gallery, which he established in London. St Michael's Convent later occupied the site which is now a private residential site.
£5
Booking tinyurl.com/streathamSocEventbite

Sunday 21st September

Dickens Connections in West Norwood Cemetery

TOUR **TIME: 2.30pm**
West Norwood Cemetery SE27 9JU

Walk in the footsteps of Charles Dickens who attended the funerals of two of his friends at WNC, Sir Thomas Talfourd (1854) and Douglas Jerrold (1857). Also interred here are several individuals who played important roles in his life and career - including those who published and illustrated his works.
£10 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/o/friends-of-west-norwood-cemetery-33874747911

Sunday 21st September

Rebuild or refurbish: 50 years of change

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Brixton Police Station, Canterbury Square, Brixton Road, SW9 7AA

This 90-minute walk led by Alan Piper will compare two adjacent neighbourhoods - one largely rebuilt in the 1970s, and the other largely refurbished. (Some material will be repeated from our walk on 15 June.)
FREE but places limited
Book: RebuildorRefurbish50yearsofchange.eventbrite.co.uk

Tuesday 23rd September

Exploring changing pub culture: the history of the White Horse and other Brixton neighbourhood pubs

TALK **TIME: 6.30pm**
for 7.00pm start
Brixton Jamm (formerly the White Horse), 261 Brixton Road SW9 6LH

Hosted by the Festival of Encounters, Tracey Gregory's illustrated talk explores the changing nature of pubs through the history of the White Horse and other Brixton pubs. From coaching inns and court houses to activist meeting places, music venues and homes.
FREE
Booking: pubhistorytalk.eventbrite.co.uk

Tuesday 23rd September

Brockwell Hall past – looking forward to the future

WALK **TIME: 5.15pm for 5.30pm**
Meet at Herne Hill Station, SE24 0JW

A guided walk from Herne Hill station across Brockwell Park, ending at the recently restored Grade II* listed Regency villa, Brockwell Hall. Originally built in 1811-1813 for John Blades, glass manufacturer of Ludgate Hill by architect D R Roper, the Hall has recently been restored as a beautiful historic landmark by PRS Architects. Learn more about the Hall's past and the recent community-led restoration.
FREE
Numbers are limited so please reserve your space by contacting: venues@lambeth.gov.uk

Thursday 25th September

Building ''Homes for Tomorrow": Players in Lambeth's Public Housing, 1965 – 1980

TALK **TIME: 6.00pm**
Lambeth Archives, 16 Brixton Hill, SW2 1ET

A round table discussion that responds to the Building ''Homes for Tomorrow'' exhibition by bringing together some of the planners, architects and activists who were involved in the design and contesting of these council estates. The architecture, politics and conservation contexts will be considered across a distance of 50 years, to try and define the legacy of Lambeth's public housing schemes of the 1960s and -70s.
FREE limited to 40 people
To book: bit.ly/HomesforTomorrow

Thursday 25th September

Changing Tastes: Art Collectors in Victorian Lambeth

TALK **TIME: 7.30pm**
Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, SE24 9HU

What did the wealthier Victorian with a liking for art spend his money on? This talk by Laurence Marsh of the Herne Hill Society examines some major art collections in Lambeth from the Victorian era, the changes in taste between then and now and fluctuating financial values.
FREE no booking required

Friday 26th September

National Theatre Archive tour

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FREE Booking essential: bit.ly/NTArchiveTour

Saturday 27th September

40 ELEPHANTS - Lawless Ladies of London

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Start & Finish under the clock at Waterloo Station

This two-hour walk examines the phenomenon of a notorious all-female criminal gang who created havoc in early 20th century London. Most of them were born or based in Lambeth. Today, they're subject of a blockbuster tv series & several best-selling books. They even have a swanky West End cocktail bar named after them. So pack your trunk and join me on the trail of the 40 Elephants
£15 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/e/40-elephants-walk-lawless-ladies-of-london-tickets-1427744094019

Saturday 27th September

Kennington Firsts

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Kennington Station, Kennington Park Road SE11 4JQ

Join qualified Lambeth Tour Guide Christina on a 90 mins guided walk to discover some intriguing Kennington stories. We'll walk through the beautiful & historical Kennington Park observing charming 19th century architecture along the way including the 1st garden square in South London. You'll discover fascinating events & rebellious individuals that had a significant impact on changing our society. This is a step free walk, starting at Kennington Station and ending close to Oval Station.
£10 Booking: KenningtonFirsts.eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday 27th September

Memento Mori: The Victorian Way of Death

TOUR **TIME: 11.00am**
West Norwood Cemetery SE27 9JU

Have you ever wondered how Victorians mourned in the face of strict societal expectations? Join us for Memento Mori: The Victorian Way of Death and learn about fascinating customs such as 'telling bees' and 'sin eaters', funerary symbolism, and how some of the era's ways continue to influence us today.
£10 Booking: eventbrite.co.uk/o/friends-of-west-norwood-cemetery-33874747911

Saturday 27th September

SW2 Goes the extra mile

WALK **TIME: 11.00am**
Crown & Sceptre, 2a Streatham Hill, SW2 4AH

Discover stories about ordinary people who made extraordinary efforts to change the lives of others. A magistrate who campaigned to end the prison treadmill; an abolitionist minister who acted to end slavery; and a female journalist whose descriptions of the Nuremberg Trials showed how humanity itself was at stake.
£12.00 tinyurl.com/2cjh5tw9

Saturday 27th September

Herne Hill Heritage Trail: South

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
junction of Rosendale Road and Guernsey Grove SE24 9DL

We start at the Grade II listed, brick-built railway bridge over Rosendale Road, the central arch of which is an ellipsis. We stroll along Rosendale Road, passing the façade of the old milk depot, the Peabody estate, the site of the old coal depot, two schools, and four model houses possibly designed for the Ideal Home Exhibition in the mid 1920s . We finish at the glorious All Saints' Church, the only Grade I listed building in our area. Gutted by fire in 2000, it was sensitively restored and reopened in 2006. The soaring height of the interior resembles a cathedral, and it is a sight to behold. Led by Robert Holden of the Herne Hill Society
FREE Booking: noticeboard@hernehillsociety.org.uk

Sunday 28th September

Harvest Festival at Brixton Windmill

FESTIVAL **TIME: 1.00pm to 5.00pm**
Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, west end of Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

Family festival celebrating the annual wheat harvest and the crafts of milling and artisan bread making with live music, food, beer, fun games for children, and craft and baking workshops for everyone.
FREE www.brixtonwindmill.org

Sunday 28th September

People of Streatham Cemetery

WALK **TIME: 2.00pm**
Inside main entrance, Streatham Cemetery, Garratt Lane SW17 0LT

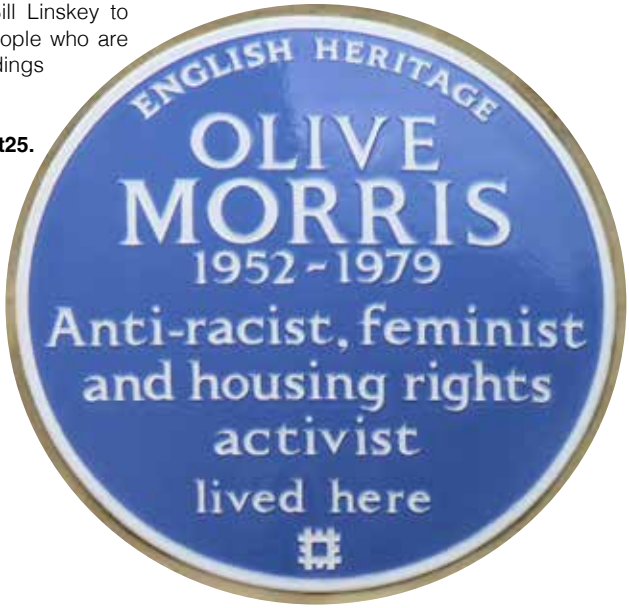
From animal impersonators, to train robbers, renowned photographers, to vegan pioneers, and the First Lady of Liberia; so many fascinating people have been laid to rest in Streatham Cemetery. Join Tracey Gregory and Geoff Simmons on a guided walk to hear about extraordinary lives.
FREE Booking:
peopleofstreathamcem.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 28th September

Brixton's Plaques (Blue and Otherwise)

WALK **TIME: 2.30pm**
Brixton Underground Station, Brixton Rd SW9 8HE

Join this 90-minute walk led by Bill Linskey to learn about many famous, local people who are now honoured with plaques on buildings significant to them.
FREE but places limited
Book:brixtonblueplaqueswalksept25.eventbrite.co.uk



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Lambeth Archives

If you haven't visited us yet, do come and see us in our bright and spacious and (still) new building on Brixton Hill..

We are the local history library and archive for the borough. We collect, preserve and make available historic documents, illustrations and published material about Lambeth, its communities and its organisations that together chart the growth and history of the borough over the centuries.

Visit us to find out about your neighbourhood, to trace your family history, your house history or look at how the area is governed. We are here to help answer your questions; access is free and you do not need an appointment.

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16, Brixton Hill London SW2 1ET

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Image website: https://boroughphotos.org/lambeth/
X: @LambethArchives

We are open:

Monday	1pm - 8pm
Tuesday	10am - 6pm
Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm