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What's on
at the City of London's
Libraries, Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery

May - August 2012

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TREASURES OF LONDON
LIVERY COMPANIES

ANCIENT &
MODERN



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A short word from the Chairman...

With much to look forward to, I am delighted to introduce our summer programme of talks, poetry readings, walks and exhibitions — many of which are free.

During the month of June, Keats House will hold its annual summer festival with poet in residence John Hegley on hand, and a series of storytelling, family and art workshops available for visitors to enjoy. Celebrate the City will also be held this month, with some of the most historic buildings in London opening their doors to the public, and a range of live street entertainment, guided walks and exhibitions on offer.

To celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Games in London, a fascinating selection of playing cards will be displayed at London Metropolitan Archives. Each pack details the different locations and events this major sporting competition has witnessed over the last 100 years, including when London was host in 1948.

Guildhall Art Gallery will present a major new exhibition bringing together highlights of the collections held by London's Livery Companies. Most of these collections are seldom on public view and will certainly provide a better understanding of the work carried out by individual Companies, including their ongoing encouragement of British craft and trade.

The City Business Library continues to offer a programme of practical workshops and talks for those interested in becoming self-employed or seeking ways to expand their business — but I advise you to book early, as they often prove extremely popular.

Our *Summer in the City* programme offers a range of events to suit every taste so do come and join us.



John Scott,
Chairman of the
City of London's Culture,
Heritage and Libraries
Committee

Bookings & Free Events

Many of the events in this programme are free to attend without the need to book. All you have to do is turn up at the venue. Some free events still require you to book. For any event — free or otherwise — that requires you to book, please contact the host venue unless alternative details are provided.

Venue & Contact Details

Individual venue details and contact details can be found on pages 34–35.

A large print version of this information is available on request. Please call 020 7332 3820 or email: ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Further Details

Details of current and forthcoming events can also be found on our website.

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Updates to the programme will be published on the website.

Regular Events

The History and Treasures of Guildhall Library

Wednesday 2 May, Wednesday 6 June, Wednesday 4 July, Wednesday 1 August 2–3 pm

TALK & TOUR

You will learn about the history of Guildhall Library, tour the building, including behind the scenes and have the opportunity to view some of the library's treasures.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Use London Metropolitan Archives: Getting Started

Wednesday 2 May, Wednesday 6 June, Wednesday 4 July, Wednesday 1 August 11 am–12 noon

TOUR

The information area and how to get the best out of the facilities.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Focus on Family History

Wednesday 9 May, Wednesday 23 May, Wednesday 13 June, Wednesday 27 June, Wednesday 11 July, Wednesday 8 August 2–3 pm
WORKSHOP

Starting your family history? Come along to this workshop and learn how to get the most out of digitised family history sources, including our records on Ancestry.co.uk. This workshop is aimed at BEGINNERS.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Barbican Library Tours

Thursday 10 May, Thursday 28 June, Thursday 12 July, Thursday 16 August 1–2 pm

TOUR

Free informal 60 minute sessions which include an introduction to the layout of Barbican Library and information on services available. Evening tours at 6 pm are available on request.

Barbican Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Starting Out on the Internet

Monday 14 May–Friday 18 May,
Monday 4 June–Friday 8 June,
Monday 16 July–Friday 20 July,
Monday 6 August–Friday 10 August
WORKSHOP

Friendly 60 minute one-to-one sessions for people who have not used the internet before and would like some help in getting started. Sessions will be available at a variety of times during each week but places will be limited and so booking is essential.

Barbican Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Digital Resources in Guildhall Library

Tuesday 15 May, Tuesday 19 June,
Tuesday 17 July, Tuesday 28 August
2–3 pm

WORKSHOP

This session is aimed at people who would like to learn about our biographical, family history and London digital resources and receive help in using them. The workshop will look at digitised newspapers, Ancestry.co.uk, the *Dictionary of National Biography*, and the City of London's image database COLLAGE. Other digital resources can be demonstrated on request.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Behind the Scenes Tour

Thursday 17 May, Thursday 14 June,
Thursday 19 July, Thursday 16 August
2–3 pm

TOUR

Tour the archives and meet with LMA professionals to find out about the essential work which preserves our archived work for future generations.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Film Club

Wednesday 23 May, Wednesday 27
June, Wednesday 25 July, Wednesday 22
August 6–7.30 pm

ACTIVITY

There will be screenings of archive films from LMA and other organisations, occasional guest speakers and plenty of opportunity for discussion.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

John Keats Guided Walks

Summer 2012

GUIDED WALKS

'Keats in London' and 'Keats in Hampstead' guided walks are taking place regularly throughout the summer months. For more details please contact Keats House or visit the website: www.anitalondonwalks.co.uk

Keats House

£8 (includes admission to the house)



City Business Library

The library provides current business information and a programme of seminars and workshops for people who would like to start or who are running their own business.

We offer:

- regular training sessions in use of the library's electronic resources at a cost of £10 per sessions
- a free events programme with a choice of 60 seminars and workshops each month on business skills, career topics and personal development.

The library is open to anyone and you can book in advance by emailing cblevents@cityoflondon.gov.uk or call 020 7332 1858

Details of all our events are available on our website, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cbl



**Celebrate!
THE CITY**

**21st
22nd
23rd
24th
2012**



**4 DAYS
in the
SQUARE MILE**

From 21 to 24 June, Celebrate the City will bring together and highlight major one-off events, and venues in the City of London. Livery halls and churches will open their doors to the public—a great chance to nose around some historic buildings—and there will be street entertainment, guided walks and exhibitions.

Highlights include a number of exhibitions celebrating the riches of the City and its institutions, including *Butcher, Baker, Candlestick-Maker—850 Years of London Livery Companies* at the Guildhall Art Gallery, and a series of talks and lectures at Guildhall Library. Both the Museum of London and the Barbican will have a series of events which will coincide and enhance the weekend's activities, including major projects as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

Find out more at www.visitthecity.co.uk

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Image: One of a pack of German playing cards produced for the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. These are included in the exhibition *Sporting Aces: Playing Cards and the Olympic Games* at LMA until 13th September. Image by courtesy of Mr John Card.



MAY

3 April–30 May

Kathleen Ferrier – A Centenary Exhibition

EXHIBITION

Kathleen Ferrier was one of the best-loved British singers of the 20th century.

A native of Lancashire, the warm humanity of her interpretations endeared her to a worldwide public, whether performing the great works of Bach or a simple folk song; her early death robbed the world of a major musical personality.

2012 marks the centenary of Ferrier's birth. As a special tribute, this exhibition of photographs, programmes and memorabilia celebrates her life and glittering achievements.

Barbican Music Library

FREE

3–28 May

Lesley Shargool: Prints on Paper and Textiles

EXHIBITION

Lesley trained as a painter, and became particularly interested in mural and pattern. Influenced by some periods spent in Iraq, she has used images from Babylon and Hatra. Later inspiration came from a small village in the Turkish mountains.

From Essex, but now living in the City, Lesley has used Epping Forest in her prints, and more recently the wildlife around her here.

She usually works from her drawings, and prints on to natural fabrics using stencil screens and lino blocks.

Barbican Library

FREE

Tuesday 1 May 1–5 pm

Garden Explorer

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Pop into Keats House during the summer months and explore our garden with our Garden Explorer Adventure Pack.

Running Tuesday to Sunday until 30 September.

Keats House

FREE—but families must book an Adventure Pack in advance.

Saturday 5 May

Olympic Walks: The History of the Lower Lea Valley and the Impact of 2012

GUIDED WALK

By the time they open in July 2012, the Olympic Games will have helped transform the Lower Lea Valley. The gains will be considerable and are well publicised, but what might be lost or forgotten are the social and industrial histories - stories of aircraft pioneers, of timber, of furniture, of London's water supply. This walk will seek out remaining evidence of this history.

Led by John Finn of City Highlights Walking Tours.

**Meet outside Pudding Mill Lane on
the DLR.**

£7.50 – but you must book in advance
(no bookings on the day)

8 May - tbc

Sporting Aces – Playing Cards and the Olympic Games

EXHIBITION

The Makers of Playing Cards have often looked to the world of sport for dynamic images suitable for use on pictorial packs or to produce souvenir packs for particular sporting events. The widespread popularity and very strong design ethos of the Olympic Games has ensured that for more than half a century Olympic sports have appeared regularly on the faces or backs of playing cards.

This exhibition, drawn from the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards collection deposited at London Metropolitan Archives, explores the astonishing range and variety of Olympic themed playing cards.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE

Wednesday 9 May 6–7.30pm

LGBTI History Club

ACTIVITY

Come along to our new regular LGBTI History Club. There will be presentations, talks and special events relating to LGBTI History in London plus lots of discussion.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

Wednesday 9 May 7.30–9pm

Leah Fritz: Poetry Book Launch

EVENT

In *Whatever Sends the Music into Time*, Leah Fritz questions her own life, human nature, politics, even the universe, with humour, fearlessness and love.

Commended by Carol Ann Duffy, Leah has also received accolades from Alan Brownjohn, Christopher Middleton and Patricia Oxley, amongst others. As Chris Beckett, reviewing one of her works in *Poetry London*, concluded, 'Frankly, you shouldn't even try to resist this book.'

Refreshments served.

Barbican Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 9 May 2 – 3 pm

Dickens: A Haunting

TALK

As well as being a brilliant comic novelist and an influential social reformer, Dickens was a haunted man, imprisoned by his own history and preoccupations, and doomed to revisit and rework them in an attempt to exorcise his demons of shame, desertion, rejection and loss.

This talk by Pete Smith, City Guide, will be followed by the option of a guided walk taking in a number of the places closely associated with the darker side of Dickens's imagination. It will take between ninety minutes and two hours.

Guildhall Library

Talk (FREE - but you must book in advance) / Walk (£7.50)

Saturday 12 May 10.30am–5pm

Keats and Shakespeare

WORKSHOP

A participation workshop exploring the work of Keats and Shakespeare, starting with the sonnet *On Sitting Down to Read King Lear Once Again* originally included in a letter to his brothers in 1818. This workshop will be lead by Tony Butler, the founder and director of The Shakespeare Workshop.

Keats House

£18 / £15 concessions—but you must book in advance

Tuesday 15 May 2–3pm

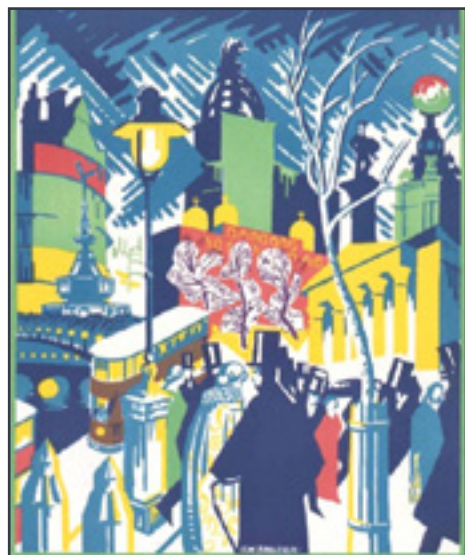
Out on the Town

TALK

An illustrated talk offering a glimpse of London's nightlife over the last two hundred years. Documents, prints and photographs reveal London at its best and worst.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance



Tuesday 15 May 6–8pm

Almodis: The Peaceweaver

EVENT

Tracey Warr talks about her novel, *Almodis: The Peaceweaver*, set in 11th century France and Spain, and based on the extraordinary life of a real woman, a female lord who ruled Toulouse and Barcelona. She will describe how she drew inspiration from medieval castles, cooking recipes, manuscripts, objects, and paintings and consider the relationship between history and historical fiction.

Don't miss! Following this event there will be a wine reception and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book signed by the author.

Doors open at 5.45 pm, lecture at 6 pm and wine reception at 7 pm.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 16 May 2–3pm

Artists in the City: Creative Links with Holbein, Van Dyke, Hogarth and Rossetti

TALK

Sue King, Chairman of the London Guide Lecturers Association explores the creative side of the City focusing on the wondrous works of Holbein, Van Dyke, Hogarth and Rossetti.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Thursday 17 May 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Ayurveda, Yoga, and the Traditional Indian Lifestyle

TALK

Sanchar Acharya is a senior Pranayoga teacher who was born and brought up in the south of India. He will be speaking about the Indian lifestyle according to the vedic tradition. In simple terms 'Vedas' means a way of living which involves being highly respectful of the environment, animals, plants and human beings. It is also a way of teaching the next generation about life and its meaning.

Barbican Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Friday 18 May 10.30am–3.30pm

Remembering London Lives: Going to School in London

EVENT

Come along and share your memories of school days in London. There will be a chance to see film footage from the Inner London Education Authority, documents and photographs. There will also be time to share your thoughts and memories of your time at school or as a schoolteacher. Full programme on website.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance



Friday 18 May 5–7pm

Boogie on Down with the Keats House Bugs

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Down in the cellar something stirs. Is it a good bug or a bad bug? Join us for a bug hunt with a difference as we show you what lives in our Regency House, and what we wish didn't! Learn all about conservation in museums with this early evening event for 6–10 year olds. Crafts, bugs and beetle juice!

This is a Museums at Night event.

Keats House

FREE—but you must book in advance.

Tuesday 22 May 2 - 3.30 pm

All Change at Waterloo

TALK

An illustrated talk introducing three themed walks around Waterloo. See Sunday 27 May, Sunday 10 June and Sunday 24 June.

London Metropolitan Archives

£5 – but you must book in advance

Sunday 27 May 11 am - 1 pm

All Change at Waterloo: Blackfriars Walk

GUIDED WALK

A forgotten area of London? Developments sprung up along the Surrey Road as soon as Blackfriars Bridge was built – who moved in? But is Blackfriars north or south of the river? Who were the hatters of Hatfields and why have there been four Blackfriars Railway stations?

Led by Chris Everett of CityHighlights

London Metropolitan Archives

£7.50 (£20 for all three walks) - but you must book in advance (no booking on the day)

Sunday 27 May 3 pm

The Queen's Poets: John Masfield

POETRY READING

John Masfield was made Poet Laureate in 1930. In the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors present a reading of his most famous poetry including *The Everlasting Mercy* and *Sea-Fever*.

Keats House

FREE—with an admission ticket to the house

Thursday 31 May 3 - 3.45 pm

Happy is England

POETRY READING

This reading will explore poetic responses to England in the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics, including John Keats, John Betjeman and others.

Guildhall Art Gallery

FREE - but you must book in advance

Image: One of a pack of German playing cards produced for the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. These are included in the exhibition *Sporting Aces: Playing Cards and the Olympic Games* at LMA until 13th September. Image by courtesy of Mr John Card.



JUNE

1–27 June

Inspirations in Wax and Dye

EXHIBITION

The Barbican Library once again welcomes the celebrated instructor, author and batik artist, Rosi Robinson for an exhibition of original works of batik art, inspired by themes such as the Olympics and her travels.

Challenging traditional views of batik paintings, Rosi Robinson's work appears as if done in watercolour—the fluidity of her process of applying wax and dyes on fabric, reveals vivid colours and intense reflections and shadows when the wax is removed.

Batik tools as well as information about Rosi's books, prints, cards and DVD will be on display as well.

Barbican Library

FREE



1–10 June

Keats Festival

EVENT

The Keats Festival is now in its third year and continues to grow in the audience that it attracts, and the range of events it offers. This year partners include Renaissance One, Sable Literature Magazine, Apples & Snakes and the Poetry Society. Events include The Keats's House School of Dr. Poets, a Klezmer Klub concert, an Extreme Happy Fair, a musical Dream Journey a Sonnet competition, family art & craft workshops, children's music workshops, Sword in the Stone theatre and storytelling.

Join poet in residence, John Hegley, an English performance poet, comedian, musician and songwriter to explore ideas of happiness, fair attitude and a fine excess of poetry! Visit the Keats House website for details on individual events.

Keats House

Many FREE events

Friday 1 June 10.30am–3.30pm

Jubilee!

EVENT

A day of recollection and presentation looking back at 60 years of royal celebrations through documents and photographs. Full programme on website.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

Monday 4 June 3 pm

King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone

EVENT

Come and join Cambridge Touring Theatre as they romp through the world of magic and mystery with their robust and comical musical performance of *King Arthur & the Sword in the Stone*. Suitable for all ages, it is performed with their usual zest and vim!

Keats House

£14/£10 concessions. Family tickets £40, under 3s FREE. For tickets please visit www.cambridgetouringtheatre.co.uk

Wednesday 6 June 6–7.30 pm

LGBTI History Club

ACTIVITY

Come along to our new regular LGBTI History Club. There will be presentations, talks and special events relating to LGBTI History in London plus lots of discussion.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

Saturday 9 June 10.30 am–3.30 pm

International Archives Day

EVENT

Every year on 9 June the International Council on Archives celebrates the work of archives across the world. Join us to mark this very special day. Full programme on website.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Sunday 10 June 11 – 1 pm

All Change at Waterloo: Stamford Street and The Cut

GUIDED WALK

Examines the area behind the Southbank - from the printers of Coin St, to the developments of the Roupell family, The Old Vic Theatre and The Cut market. Two hundred years of working class communities now being gentrified like so many riverside quarters.

Led by Chris Everett of CityHighlights

London Metropolitan Archives

£7.50 (£20 for all three walks) - but you must book in advance (no booking on the day)

Tuesday 12 June 2 – 3 pm

Explore the Epping Forest Archives: Holiday Delights & Postcard Memories

TALK

How did people enjoy themselves in Epping Forest 100 years ago? Explore our postcard and image collection.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE – but you must book in advance

Wednesday 13 June 2–3.30 pm

Diamond Street: The Hidden Story of Hatton Garden

TALK

Diamond Street: The Hidden Story of Hatton Garden, explores the history of one of the most secret streets in England, home for two centuries to a deeply private working community of jewellery dealers. Author Rachel Lichtenstein presents her latest work and discusses the world she has uncovered.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Thursday 21 June 2–3pm

The Sartorial City: From Ceremonial Garb to Street Wear Through the Ages

TALK

As part of the 'Celebrate the City' weekend join us for an exploration of the costumes and colours which dressed the City past and present, with Sue King, Chairman of the London Guide Lecturers Association.

Guildhall Library

FREE

22 June – 23 September

Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker: 850 Years of Livery Company Treasures

EXHIBITION

From the rare to the curious, this major exhibition brings together highlights of the collections held by London's Livery companies, usually not on view to the public. Find out more about the Companies and their ongoing encouragement of British craft and trade.

Guildhall Art Gallery

£5/£3 concessions. FREE to under 16s, FoGAG, Art Fund, City Residents with proof of address.

Saturday 23 June, Sunday 24 June
11am–4.30pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make a Poke Bonnet

TALK & WORKSHOP

Recreate the fashionable classical profile of the Regency with a poke bonnet in this two day workshop. Stitch your fabric-covered bonnet from scratch and by hand. Once you have made your bonnet learn how to make a range of trimmings to decorate it with. All materials provided, Suitable for beginners, although some experience of hand sewing would be useful.

Keats House

£150 including materials—but you must book in advance

Saturday 23 June 10am–5pm

Activities Day

ACTIVITY

To celebrate the City Open Weekend, entry to the exhibition will be free, along with a programme of livery-inspired craft activities suitable for children and adults.

Guildhall Art Gallery

FREE

Saturday 23 June 12 noon – 1 pm

Badger Ham and Stewed Sparrows: A Curious History of English Food

TALK

Dr Peter Ross presents a history of some of the more extraordinary recipes to be found in Guildhall Library's historical cookery book collection – the largest of its kind in any UK public library. Covering the period from the Middle Ages to the Second World War, you will encounter recipes for peacocks, porpoises, larks, squirrels, minnows, tortoises, otters and cowslip tart. You can also learn how to roast a pound of butter, tell if a gull is fresh by pulling its leg, and how to stuff the swim-bladder of a cod.

Guildhall Library

FREE

Saturday 23 June 1.30 – 2.30 pm

Hiss the Villain: Dirty Doings in the Square Mile

TALK

Join Pete Smith, City Guide, as he uncovers the secrets of the City of London from idyllic and majestic to dangerous, mysterious and dark.

'It is a hobby of mine to have an exact knowledge of London' – Sherlock Holmes

Guildhall Library

FREE

Saturday 23 June 3–4 pm

East India Company and its Links with the City

TALK

The East India Company was an English joint-stock company formed for pursuing trade with the East Indies but which ended up trading mainly with the Indian subcontinent. The Company was granted a Royal Charter in 1599. Tim Kidd, City Guide, will explore the links between the City and the Company in this fascinating talk.

Guildhall Library

FREE



Saturday 23 June 10:30–11:30am

Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards and its Collection

TALK

Join Yasha Beresinger, City Guide, on a fascinating look at one of the early Trade Guilds in the City of London. In 1882 special packs of cards for members were introduced and, as a result, twin packs of playing cards are presented each year at the Installation Banquet, which show the portrait of the new Master in the centre of the Ace of Spades. On the back a special design commemorates some important event, either national or international, which has occurred during the preceding months of that year.

Guildhall Library

FREE

Sunday 24 June 10.30–11.30am

The Splendours of the City Churches

TALK

Tony Tucker, City Guide, lecturer and author of *The Visitor's Guide to the City of London Churches* focuses this talk on the City's medieval churches, but also looks at the Wren and post-Wren churches

Guildhall Library

FREE

Sunday 24th June 11:00 -1pm

All Change at Waterloo: Waterloo and Lower Marsh

WALK

An area of marshland successfully transformed by a bridge and one of the busiest railway stations in London. Post war the 1951 Exhibition swept away it's industrial riverfront and now Waterloo is on the brink of a second makeover – find out how.

Led by Chris Everett of CityHighlights.

London Metropolitan Archives

£7.50 (£20 for all three walks) - but you must book in advance (no booking on the day)

Sunday 24 June 12 noon–1 pm

The Everyday Heroes of Postman's Park

TALK

The Watts Memorial in Postman's Park is an evocative example of how the past survives in the modern world. Created in 1900 by the artist G.F. Watts, the memorial contains fifty-four tablets dedicated to individuals who lost their life attempting to save another. In this talk Dr John Price, author of *Postman's Park: G.F. Watts's Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice*, explores the courage and bravery of these everyday heroes and examines what the memorial conveys about the beliefs and values of Watts and the period and society in which he lived.

Guildhall Library

FREE

Sunday 24 June 1.30–2.30pm

'Tired of London, Tired of Life': The Life of Dr Samuel Johnson

TALK

Dr Samuel Johnson was one of the most distinguished literary figures in English history. This illustrated talk by Morwenna Rae, Deputy Curator and Education Officer at Dr Johnson's House, will provide a fascinating insight into the man behind the Dictionary; exploring his early life, intriguing and often chaotic London household, and his public persona amid a circle of friends which included David Garrick, Joshua Reynolds and of course James Boswell.

Guildhall Library

FREE

Sunday 24 June 3–4pm

This is Wren: the Classical, the Baroque and the City Churches

TALK

Tony Tucker, City Guide, lecturer and author of *The Visitor's Guide to the City of London Churches* talks us through Wren's life and career as a scientist, astronomer and architect, with particular focus on his City churches.

Guildhall Library

FREE

Wednesday 27 June 12.30–1.30pm

War Memorials in the City of London

TALK

The 11th November each year marks the signing of the Armistice that brought the hostilities of the First World War to an end. There are thousands of memorials to those that lost their lives in this and other conflicts which many of us walk past every day without a second glance or thought for the names listed on them.

City of London Guide Chris Ruff will talk about a number of various types of memorials and plaques which can be found in or around our Square Mile. Some you will recognise instantly, others perhaps not so easily.

Shoe Lane Library

FREE



Thursday 28 June 6 – 8 pm

Charles Dickens

EVENT

Celebrating 200 years of her great, great, great grandfather Charles Dickens, Lucinda Dickens Hawksley talks about the man behind the novels: Dickens as a journalist, what Dickens was like as a father, Dickens the actor and amateur detective.

Don't miss! Following this event there will be a wine reception and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book signed by the author

Guildhall Library

£3 – but you must book in advance

Tuesday 28 June 7 pm

'I hope to have a pair of patient, sublunary legs': Keats, Shakespeare and the Material Sublime

TALK

Dr Pauline Kiernan will talk on the influence of Shakespeare on the themes of 'the earth is never less than enough' and the inseparability of joy and sorrow in Keats.

Keats House

FREE with an admission ticket to the house

Friday 29 June 6–10 pm

Late View: Tricks and Trades

EVENT

An evening of music and entertainment exploring weird and wonderful crafts and trades. Hosted by the Friends of Guildhall Art Gallery.

Guildhall Art Gallery

FREE (exhibition charge will apply)

Saturday 30 June 11 am–4.30 pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make and Decorate a Reticule

TALK & WORKSHOP

Make and decorate a dainty purse in this one day workshop. Chose to make an authentic Regency style pocket or update your design to be used everyday. Embellish your reticule with stitch and beadwork and learn how to make a range of regency style trimmings. You will leave with your own pattern, embellished samples and a unique bag. All materials provided. Suitable for complete beginners.

Keats House

£70 including materials—but you must book in advance

Image: One of a pack of German playing cards produced for the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. These are included in the exhibition *Sporting Aces: Playing Cards and the Olympic Games* at LMA until 13th September. Image by courtesy of Mr John Card.



JULY

Sunday 1 July 3pm

The Queen's Poets: Cecil Day-Lewis

POETRY READING

Cecil Day-Lewis was made Poet Laureate in 1962. In the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors will present a reading of his most famous poetry including *Walking Away*.

Keats House

FREE with an admission ticket to the house

Tuesday 3 July 2–3pm

Lloyd's Register: 252 Years of Knowledge and Expertise

TALK

Louise Bloomfield, Information Officer at the Lloyd's Register Group, will be sharing the story of the world's first maritime classification society which was founded in Edward Lloyd's coffee house in 1760. The last 252 years have seen remarkable technological developments and the organisation has met these challenges, formulating guidelines based on knowledge and practical expertise.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

3rd/4th July (tbc)

The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards

text tbc

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE

4–30 July

Kevin Kelly: Fragments of an Alternative Architecture

EXHIBITION

Kevin is an architect and uses a fine drafting pen to draw fragments of new architectural spaces in a style that he developed whilst working for his Master's degree. His drawings are influenced by literary works such as Huysmans's *A Rebours* and Philip Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* These works depict fantastical and often fictional worlds that fuel Kevin's imagination and become the genesis of his drawings. The works are maximalist in detail to entice the viewer into each drawing, causing them to stay awhile. Kevin uses a traditional production method as a familiar doorway for observers to step through into a different and unfamiliar architectural realm.

Barbican Library

FREE



Wednesday 4 July 6–7.30 pm

LGBTI History Club

ACTIVITY

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London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

Saturday 7 July, Sunday 8 July,
Saturday 14 July, Sunday 15 July
11 am–4.30 pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make an Empire Line Dress

TALK & WORKSHOP

Following in the footsteps of Fanny Brawne, make your own bespoke Directoire dress from scratch in this four day workshop. Make an authentic regency copy or update the design to wear everyday. All materials provided. Suitable for beginners, although some experience of hand sewing would be useful.

Keats House

£250 including materials—but you must book in advance

Tuesday 10 July 2–3 pm

Guildhall Library Unlocked: The Lloyd's Marine Collection

WORKSHOP

Come along and explore tales of ships and shipwrecks using the resources in this historic collection.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance



Tuesday 10 July 2–3 pm, Wednesday 11
July 6–7 pm

Sporting London

TALK

London boasts a fine amateur sporting history from street football played by apprentices in the City, bowls played on Bowling Green Lane to local cricket clubs. Discover more about the varied and colourful stories around London's sporting past through documents and images.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 11 July 12.30–1.15pm

Curator's Talk

EVENT

Explore the historic objects in the exhibition *Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker* with curator Sonia Solicari.

Guildhall Art Gallery

FREE with exhibition ticket

Friday 13 July 10am–4pm

This Sporting Life

CONFERENCE

A day of talks and presentations focused on sports and pastimes enjoyed by Londoners over the centuries. Full programme on website.

London Metropolitan Archives

£10 (no lunch is served but please bring a picnic)—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 18 July 12.30–1.30pm

Engines of War: How Wars Were Lost and Won on the Railways

TALK

Engines of War is the new book by transport expert Christian Wolmar and it spans more than a century and takes in engagements where railways played a part, from the Crimean War up until the Cold War. This talk by the author will cover some of the best-known examples of the book.

Shoe Lane Library

FREE



Saturday 21 July 11 am–4.30pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Dye and Decorate Regency Shoes

TALK & WORKSHOP

The perfect finishing touch! Turn satin ballet slippers into eye-catching Regency style slippers in this one day workshop. Dye them to suit your Regency dress or just make your own unique pumps for everyday wear. Embellish your shoes with beads or ribbons and learn how to make a range of regency style trimmings. All materials provided. Suitable for beginners, although some experience of hand sewing would be useful.

Keats House

£90 including ballet slippers and materials—but you must book in advance

Saturday 21 July 11 am – 1 pm

White City and the Ghosts of the 1908 Olympics

GUIDED WALK

This walk explores the recent social history of Shepherd's Bush including the building of the White City Exhibition Centre and the Olympic Stadium which were both opened in 1908. Although none of the original buildings remain, reminders of the various exhibitions and London's first Olympic games can still be found amongst the streets and parks of an area now dominated by the BBC and one of Europe's largest shopping centres.

Led by Mike Moran of City Highlights

Walking Tours. Meet outside Goldhawk Road Tube Station.

£7.50 – but you must book in advance (no bookings on the day)



Sunday 22 July 3 pm

The Life of John Keats: An Introduction

EVENT

A reading by the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors, exploring the life of John Keats through his poems and letters.

Keats House

FREE with an admission ticket to the house

Wednesday 25 July 3–3.45 pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic

CHILDREN'S EVENT

All your favourite songs, poems and stories in the Keats House Garden. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy bear! Suitable for children 5 and under. Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays

Keats House

FREE

Thursday 26 July 6–8 pm

Sex, Sewing and Art in Victorian Britain

EVENT

Join Sue King, Chairman of the London Guide Lecturers Association, for an evening lecture as she unmask the secrets of Victorian Britain followed by a glass of wine and a chance to ask all those burning questions. Doors open at 5:45 pm, lecture at 6 pm and wine reception at 7 pm.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Saturday 28 July, Sunday 29 July, Saturday 4 August, Sunday 5 August 11 am–4.30 pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make a Spencer Jacket

TALK & WORKSHOP

The perfect finishing touch to any Regency outfit! Make your own bespoke Spencer jacket in this four day workshop. Hand stitch an authentic Regency copy or update the design to wear everyday. You will leave with your own pattern to use again and a unique lined jacket. All materials provided. Suitable for beginners, although some experience of hand sewing would be useful.

Keats House

£250 including materials—but you must book in advance

Tuesday 31 July 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Archive Detectives

TALK & WORKSHOP

Build your research skills through exploring and analysing a document, following up leads, calling up and viewing additional material and discussing discoveries made.

London Metropolitan Archives

£7.50 (no lunch is served) – but you must book in advance

Image: One of a pack of German playing cards produced for the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. These are included in the exhibition *Sporting Aces: Playing Cards and the Olympic Games* at LMA until 13th September. Image by courtesy of Mr John Card.



AUGUST

Wednesday 1 August 3–3.45 pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic

CHILDREN'S EVENT

All your favourite songs, poems and stories in the Keats House Garden. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy bear! Suitable for children 5 and under. Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays.

Keats House

FREE

Friday 3 August 10.30–11.30 am

A Children's Activity Session to Promote our Summer Reading Challenge "Story Lab"

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Come along to our latest activity session. There will be stories and crafts—this event is suitable for children from 4–8.

Shoe Lane Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

3–29 August

City of London & Cripplegate Photographic Society: 2012 Exhibition

EXHIBITION

During the last year membership has more than doubled at this vibrant and active local photographic society. Membership includes beginners, enthusiasts and professionals. The society meets close to the Barbican and all are welcome to attend its varied lectures, tutorials and demonstrations for a small donation. Come along to this summer exhibition and see some examples of the members' work, many of which will be for sale. To improve your photography for little cost visit www.cityandcripplegate-ps.org

Barbican Library

FREE



Monday 6 August 7–9.15pm

How I Use Photoshop

TALK

In this talk/demonstration Alan Gore will show how to enhance images using Photoshop software. Using adjustment layers, masks, soft focus, colour balance, montage and other techniques, he will show how to get the best out of images. Although some experience would be helpful, even beginners should be able to understand the methods.

Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

Barbican Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 8 August 3–3.45pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic

CHILDREN'S EVENT

All your favourite songs, poems and stories in the Keats House Garden. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy bear! Suitable for children 5 and under. Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays.

Keats House

FREE

Wednesday 8 August 6–7.30pm

LGBTI History Club

ACTIVITY

Come along to our new regular LGBTI History Club. There will be presentations, talks and special events relating to LGBTI History in London plus lots of discussion.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—drop in

Friday 10 August 10.30am–3.30pm

International Youth Day

EVENT

Every year The United Nations marks the achievements of young people all over the world. This year City of London Heritage Services will celebrate the activities of its young curators, historians and poets from LMA, Guildhall Art Gallery and Keats House, as well as the many young people we have worked with over the past two years.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE

Saturday 11 August 11am–4.30pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make and Decorate a Reticule

TALK & WORKSHOP

Make and decorate a dainty purse in this one day workshop. Choose to make an authentic Regency style pocket or update your design to be used everyday. Embellish your reticule with stitch and beadwork and learn how to make a range of regency style trimmings. You will leave with your own pattern, embellished samples and a unique bag. All materials provided. Suitable for complete beginners.

Keats House

£70 including materials—but you must book in advance

Sunday 12 August 3pm

The Queen's Poets: John Betjeman

POETRY READING

John Betjeman was made Poet Laureate in 1972. In the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors will present a reading of his most famous poetry including *Miss John Hunter Dunn* and *Myfanwy*.

Keats House

FREE with an admission ticket to the house.

Wednesday 15 August 3–3.45pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic

CHILDREN'S EVENT

All your favourite songs, poems and stories in the Keats House Garden. Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy bear! Suitable for children 5 and under. Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays.

Keats House

FREE

Tuesday 14 August 6–7.30pm

Historical Pubs Walk

GUIDED WALK

Join us for a guided walk around some of the most historical pubs in Clerkenwell. If you are interested in this topic you might want to go to the public houses talk on 21 August. Meet at LMA 5.30pm.

London Metropolitan Archives

£7.50—but you must book in advance



Thursday 16 August 6–8pm

Ebb and Flow

TALK

The author David Edwards talks about how the media dubbed him 'The Riches to Rags author'. Still living in a caravan, where he continues to write historical fiction, David is creating a simple life by rebuilding an ancient homestead between the beautiful sea and mountains of North Wales. He believes his ideas will counteract the poverty still found 250 years after the plot in his book and resolve the age old dichotomies between the Welsh and the English.

Don't miss! Following this event there will be a wine reception and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book signed by the author.

Doors open at 5.45pm, lecture at 6pm and wine reception at 7pm

Guildhall Library

FREE – but you must book in advance

Friday 17 August 10.30–11.30am

A Children's Activity Session to Promote our Summer Reading Challenge "Story Lab"

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Come along to our latest activity session. There will be stories and crafts—this event is suitable for children from 4–8.

Shoe Lane Library

FREE—but you must book in advance



Saturday 18 August, Sunday 19 August,
Saturday 25 August, Sunday 26 August
11 am–4.30pm

Regency Sewing Workshop: Make an Empire Line Dress

TALK & WORKSHOP

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Keats House

£250 including materials—but you must book in advance

Sunday 19 August 1 pm–4.30pm

Richard and Elizabeth York

EVENT

Elizabeth and Richard York will present and play a selection of music from the 19th century and a little earlier, on a fascinating variety of instruments including a harp built in 1833 by Erard, a hammered dulcimer, Northumbrian small pipes, recorders, hurdy gurdy and concertina. Much of the music will be material contemporary to John Keats.

Keats House

FREE with an admission ticket to the house

Tuesday 21 August 2–3 pm

Pubs and Breweries

TALK

LMA collections reveal a wonderful history of public houses and breweries in London going back some 200 years.

London Metropolitan Archives

FREE—but you must book in advance

Wednesday 22 August 3–3.45 pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic

CHILDREN'S EVENT

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Keats House

FREE

Wednesday 29 August 3–3.45 pm

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Keats House

FREE

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Barbican Library

FREE – but you must book in advance

Thursday 30 August 2–3 pm

Badger Ham and Stewed Sparrows: A Curious History of English Food

TALK

Dr Peter Ross presents a history of some of the more extraordinary recipes to be found in Guildhall Library's historical cookery book collection – the largest of its kind in any UK public library. Covering the period from the Middle Ages to the Second World War, you will encounter recipes for peacocks, porpoises, larks, squirrels, minnows, tortoises, otters and cowslip tart. You can also learn how to roast a pound of butter, tell if a gull is fresh by pulling its leg, and how to stuff the swim-bladder of a cod.

Guildhall Library

FREE—but you must book in advance

Venue & Contact Details

Barbican Library

Barbican Centre, London, EC2Y 8DS
Tel: 020 7638 0569
Fax: 020 7638 2249
Textphone: 020 7332 3803
Email: barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/barbicanlibrary

Opening times:

Monday, Wednesday: 9.30 am–5.30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am–7.30 pm
Friday: 9.30 am–2 pm
Saturday: 9.30 am–4 pm

The City's largest lending library with an excellent General Library, one of London's most significant Music Libraries, and a Children's Library plus study areas, listening booths and practice pianos.

Camomile Street Library

A mobile library serving the East of the City is currently being provided at the following sites:

Monday 10 am–4 pm, Devonshire Square
Tuesday 10 am–4.30 pm, Little Somerset Street
Wednesday 10 am–4 pm, Stoney Lane
Thursday 10 am–4 pm, America Square
Friday 10 am–4 pm, Devonshire Square

City Business Library

Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HH

Events Booking Line:

Tel: 020 7332 1858
Email: cblevents@cityoflondon.gov.uk

General Enquiries:

Tel: 020 7332 1812
Textphone: 020 7332 3803
Email: cb1@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Opening times:

Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 5 pm
The major public library for business information offering free access to a range of global information resources. Expert staff to help access data required using both print and authoritative subscription-based databases.

City Digital Archive

In Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HH
Tel: 020 7332 1868/1870
Email: guildhall.library@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Opening times:

Monday to Saturday 9.30 am–4.45 pm
Closed Bank Holiday weekends including Saturdays

The City Digital Archive provides free access to a wealth of material available in digital form for historical research.

Guildhall Art Gallery

Guildhall Yard, London, EC2V 5AE
Tel: 020 7332 3700
Fax: 020 7332 3342
Email: guildhall.artgallery@cityoflondon.gov.uk
www.guildhallartgallery.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Opening times:

Monday–Saturday: 10 am–5 pm
Sunday: 12 noon–4 pm
Last admissions 30 minutes before the advertised closing time

Guildhall Art Gallery is the home of the City of London Corporation's collection of works of art, presenting permanent displays, a lively programme of special exhibitions and the remains of London's Roman amphitheatre.

Admission:

General admission to the Gallery and amphitheatre is FREE, although there will be charges for special exhibitions: Adults £5, concessions £3, groups of 10 or more £4 per person. Exhibitions are free to children under 16, members of the Art Fund and Friends of Guildhall Art Gallery.

Guildhall Library

Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HH

Tel: 020 7332 1868/70

Textphone: 020 7332 3803

Email: guildhall.library@cityoflondon.gov.uk

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhalllibrary

Opening times:

Monday to Saturday: 9.30 am–5 pm

Closed Bank Holiday weekends including

Saturdays

One of the UK's richest sources on London history including trade directories, poll books, books on food and wine, maritime history including the Lloyd's marine collection, and the libraries of Gresham College, the Antiquarian Horological Society, and the Clockmakers', Gardeners' and Fletchers' Companies.

Keats House

Keats Grove, Hampstead,

London, NW3 2RR

Tel: 020 7332 3868

Email: keatshouse@cityoflondon.gov.uk

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/keatshousehampstead

Opening times:

1 March–31 October 2012,

Tuesday–Sunday: 1–5 pm

The house where John Keats lived from 1818–1820 contains furniture, objects, paintings, prints and drawings from the Keats House collection.

Admission:

Adults £5, concessions £3, children aged 16 and under free

London Metropolitan Archives

40 Northampton Road, London, EC1R 0HB

Tel: 020 7332 3851

Fax: 020 7833 9136

Email: ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma

Opening times:

Monday 9.30 am–4.45 pm Tuesday,

Wednesday, & Thursday 9.30 am–7.30 pm

Friday Closed

Please check the website for Saturday opening times

London Metropolitan Archives is the largest local authority archive in the United Kingdom with over 105 km of research collections that document the capital's history from 1067 to the present day.

Shoe Lane Library

Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London,

EC4A 3JR

Tel: 020 7583 7178

Textphone: 020 7332 3803

Email: shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/shoelanelibrary

Opening times:

Monday, Wednesday to Friday:

9 am–5.30 pm

Tuesday: 9 am–6.30 pm

Situated just off Fleet Street, Shoe Lane Library serves the west of the City and, in addition to a full range of books, music CDs and DVDs, offers a lively programme of lunchtime talks and children's events throughout the year.

Keats Festival

Summer 2012

1-10 June



Happy is England: 'fair attitude & fine excess'
Join Poet in Residence John Hegley, an English performance poet, comedian, musician and songwriter to explore ideas of happiness, fair attitude and a fine excess of poetry!

"the Spike Milligan of our time", The Independent

'Come and celebrate John Keats in song and verse.'

Sonnet competition
Readings
Happy is England Day
Family Art and Craft
Kora, Flute and Poetry
Children's music workshops
Theatre
Storytelling
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Night of the Long Poem

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