



Lockdown News: August 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We appreciate that it has been a strange and difficult 6 months for us all. We hope you have kept fit and well and look forward, like us, to our lives returning to some semblance of normality.

We recently had a committee meeting, safe distancing in Denise's garden, and decided to start society meetings in September. We were asked to submit a Risk Assessment for St Lawrences Hall which was then sent to the Diocese to be agreed. All measures and controls are sourced from the gov.uk website. The measures will be.....

Social distancing in place

Face masks must be worn (unless officially exempt for medical reasons)

Committee members will act as stewards

Sanitizers will be available on entry and exit

Entrance and exit will be via separate doors

A record will be kept of all members attending (that of course happens anyway)

No refreshments will be served

The hall premises to be cleaned before and after use

Only 30 members can be accommodated and no visitors

The last point is problematic so we decided that members will need to book a place on a first come first served basis for the first three meetings, listed below, and list their preferences 1-3 so we can facilitate that each member can come to at least one meeting. See Booking section, on the next page.

Committee members will also be asked to list preferences so more members can attend. Shirley has contacted the speakers and they are pleased to come. It is hoped a Christmas social will be held in December but we will let you know the details for that.

We do understand that some of you will feel unable to come to meetings but we will keep up contact. We are very grateful to Philip Willson who has produced a fascinating newsletter every month which has been a local history lifeline.

We look forward to a time when meetings can be more relaxed. If you have any queries please let us know.

Denise Baldwin

Planned meetings

Tuesday 1st September

The History of Carriage Driving, with Antonia Gallop

From a recent review: ‘Antonia introduces herself and then changes into costume and starts her talk. She can dress, inform and delight from her entrance and whilst we listened, we were transported back 100 years and then galloped to the present day, learning fascinating facts along the journey. Her knowledge of equines and of the history of Carriage Driving is extensive and delivered with such humour, we all came away with a titbit we won’t forget.’

Tuesday 6th October

Annual General Meeting to be followed by:

A Brief History of Tower Hamlets - a thousand years of East End History, with Malcolm Barr Hamilton.

Tuesday 3rd November

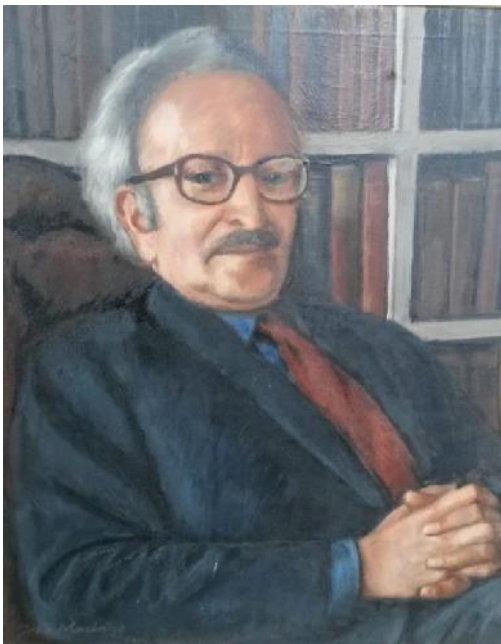
Not Forgotten: The Crooked Billet, Bromley, with Jennie Randall

Find out what happened when a V2 rocket destroyed the Crooked Billet, Southborough Lane, Bromley in November 1944 and how all those killed and injured came to be commemorated on a blue plaque.

BOOKING Open from 10 am on Thursday 13th August *No messages will be looked at before then*

To book your place, please either email the Secretary [REDACTED]

No visitors will be able to attend at present and so the meetings will not be advertised on the website. Please don’t bring any non-members with you if you attend.



Denise has been contacted by Ian, son of Harry Ingram. The family would like the painting which Denise has been storing and they will be collecting it soon. The painting was being thrown out when the Adult Education Centre in Alma Road was being cleared after it was bought by the Doreen Bird School of Dance. It was rescued by Penny Duggan.

Harry was the Warden and Area Principal of the Adult Education Centre at Lamorbey House from 1946 to 1976. He set up the Lamorbey (later Lamorbey & Sidcup) Local History Society with a small group who attended history classes.

Walks

The walk of Footscray and North Cray has still to be arranged and preparations are ongoing. Philip has a map overlay showing the site of North Cray Place and the modern day housing estate. Malcolm has obtained a picture of the weir and the boathouse. It was suggested there be a walk on 15th October covering North Cray and the Meadows. Malcolm and Mike will organise this.