

F O R T H C O M I N G P R O G R A M M E

Wednesday, 26th October at 6.30 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Queen Mary College, followed by an Exhibition of Colour Slides by David Grannick, Esq.

Saturday, 29th October

MOTORCADE OF STEPNEY CHURCHES, conducted by G.L.Barnes, Esq.
Meet at 2.30 p.m. at St.Phillip's, Newark Street (Rear of London Hospital)

Thursday, 10th November at 7.30 p.m.

ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY LECTURE, in association with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, at the Central Library, Bancroft Road, E.1. in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, and the Mayoress.

Subject: "Doctor Barnardo's" by Miss Joan Sturton

Thursday, 24th November

VISIT TO THE RECORD OFFICE OF THE G.L.C., County Hall, S.E.1, by kind permission of the Archivist. Meet in the Main Entrance at 6.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

FOREST GROUP FOR LOCAL HISTORY

"ESSEX OR SEAX, HIDDEN OR OPEN TREASURE", a mystery lecture by F.G.Emmerson, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.Hist. S., Essex County Archivist, to be given at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Woodford, Essex, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th October 1966.

CHIGWELL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Two Lectures by Peter Buckley, Esq., at the County Library, the Drive, Loughton, Essex. "A SURVEY OF ENGLISH FURNITURE FROM OAK TO ROSEWOOD", at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th October and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th November.

WALTHAMSTOW ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

"MEDIAEVAL ROADS INTO ESSEX", by Miss Bright Ashford, B.A., Secretary to the London Society, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 24th November at Walthamstow Town Hall, Forest Road, E.17.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AND RECORDING GROUP

A meeting of this Group will shortly be held to organise the photographic survey of the area of Tower Hamlets. Already, there is a request to photograph in detail St.Leonard's, Shoreditch and a large area of Spitalfields. All members who have not indicated this interest on the Questionnaire, and who would like to take part in this venture should contact Mr. Dobson or Mr. Royden of the Borough Architect's Department, Town Hall, Bow Road, E.3. Tel: ADVance 4414 Ext.264 or 255, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A volunteer is required to organise a similar Group in Newham.

POPULATION STUDIES GROUP to be led by Michael Power, Esq., who is holding a meeting at Queen Mary College at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 4th November.

GROUP FOR PLACE NAMES AND MAPS

Mr. C. Truman, who has an extensive knowledge of local place names will lead this Group. A volunteer to assist him with maps, is being sought among members.

~~GROUP TO STUDY BIOGRAPHY OF FAMOUS PEOPLE~~ to be led by Mr. Truman, who will, at the Annual General Meeting, announce the date of the first meeting of the Group.

Your Committee recently deplored the fact that many interesting lectures were unrecorded but, due to the assistance of the Libraries Committee of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the good offices of Mr. Ward, the Borough Librarian, they are now able to announce that G.L. Barnes, Esq., has agreed to the publication of his recent talk on lesser known Stepney churches, the manuscript of which will be ready by the end of October. It is hoped to illustrate this publication from Mr. Barnes' unique collection of photographs.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Peter Marsden, Esq., conducts digs on alternate weekends throughout the year. A continuous dig, on the site of the Coal Exchange, is to commence at the end of October. Interested members should contact Mr. Marsden at the Guildhall Museum. The Council for British Archaeology is sponsoring an industrial monument survey on a national scale. Mr. Downs, 91 Woodlands Road, Ilford will advise members how they may participate.

NEW BOOKS ON LOCAL HISTORY

- AMATEUR HISTORIAN. Current issue (Vol. 7. No. 2. 1966) includes:
Peter Eden - Studying your parish church.
E.J. Priestley - Illustrating local history; lists nineteen sources of reference to items illustrative of local history.
- BAGLEY, J.J. The English poor law. Macmillan. 1966. 6/-. 64p.
A pleasant little introductory booklet to the subject.
Well presented and illustrated.
- BAGLEY, J.J. Historical interpretation; sources of English mediaeval history, 1066-1540. Pelican (Penguin), 1965. 6/-. An interesting selection from the outstanding source material for each century.
- CONGREGATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Current issue (Vol. XX. No. 3. May, 1966)
~~Includes a helpful note on Early Separatist burial practice.~~
It is valuable to learn from this short article that 'Brownist' group meeting near Bedlam were burying without ceremony as late as 1639. Genealogists please note!
- COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY. Archaeological bibliography for Great Britain and Ireland, 1964. Published by the Council. 1966. 20/-. Expensive at first sight (89 p. and paper covers), but packed with references to every aspect of archaeology; 620 books indexed, by author and subject and arranged by county, then period.
- EMMISON, F.G. Archives and local history. Methuen. 1966. 30/-. 112p.
Author is County Archivist of Essex and he has written a delightful book, particularly helpful to amateur historians.
- ESSEX RECORD OFFICE. Catalogue of Essex parish records: 1240-1894, compiled by F.G. Emmison. New edition. 1966. 40/-. 276p.
Historical introduction, followed by catalogue of the records of the 410, pre-1894, Essex parishes; in alphabetical order, with a detailed index to subjects and places and an appendix on Charity and parochial schools. Invaluable as an indication of what has survived in this county, and worth the money for the introduction and facsimiles alone.
- FLETCHER, Geoffrey. London overlooked. Hutchinson, 1964. 30/-. 128p.
"The London overlooked by the glossy guidebooks. Hampstead and Hoxton; shopfronts and cemeteries".
- FLETCHER, Geoffrey. Pearly Kingdom. Hutchinson, 1965. 30/-. 101p.
Pleasant vignettes of the East End and South London.
- GREATER LONDON RECORD OFFICE. Guide to the Middlesex Sessions Records, 1549-1889. G.L.C. 1965. 10/-. 98p. Useful historical introduction to the Records (at the former Middlesex Record Office) of the Quarter Sessions, followed by lists of records available for consultation within each category.