CHINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TALKS & EVENTS 2024



ISSUE 1

18th JANUARY - The Industrial Heritage of the Lea Valley. Discovering the Industrial Heritage of the Lea Valley including the 2nd industrial revolution in the valley, the manufacture of industry firsts and a look at the different types of manufacturing over the years. Speaker: Lindsay Collier

22nd FEBRUARY - Dick Turpin. Was Dick Turpin really the romantic hero of film and song? This talk looks at the real man as found in contemporary documents. It then explores when and why this versatile - and temporarily lucky - criminal was transformed into a latter-day Robin Hood. Speaker: Dr Jonathan Oates

21st MARCH - Copped Hall / AGM - A glimpse of those who made it work. Insights into the lives of some of the people who worked on the estate and the challenges faced when trying to research their stories. Speaker: Alan White

18th APRIL - Chingford Mount Cemetery

A history of the Cemetery and details of the lives of some of those buried or reburied there. Speaker: Tim Valder-Hogg

16th MAY- Spitalfields & Whitechapel - A virtual walk. Take a virtual stroll to explore east of the City - just outside the old walls. Once a rural retreat and home to a medieval priory, it became a haven for immigrants which turned into an infamous slum. These days it is seen as a great place to live, work and party and its streets have so many stories to tell...Speaker: Jill Finch

20th JUNE - When our Buses went to War. The story of London Buses at the front during WW1. Speaker: Janet Seward

18th JULY - When Horses Ran London. This eye opener to a lost city mixes what's still there - the mews, horse hospitals, cab shelters and drinking troughs - with what's less apparent- like the horsepower each bus route needed, and why flogging a dead horse wasn't just a turn of phrase. In fact, in 1900 the end was nigh - as the internal combustion engine fired up and the Great War loomed. Speaker: Charlie Forman

19th SEPTEMBER - The Changing Face of Chingford Hatch & Friday Hill. A Look back at Chingford Hatch and Friday Hill from a small hamlet into a residential overspill from London's growing population. Widespread change followed all across the district, as weatherboarded cottages gave way to new houses and shops. We take a look at those changes from a pictorial and historical perspective. Speaker: Gary Stone

17th OCTOBER - East London Community Heritage and the importance of oral history. The work of East London Community Heritage and the role of oral history. Speaker: Stephen Jacobs

21st NOVEMBER - Shelf Life. Histories of some of the people who feature in our speaker's book Shelf Life which is about local businesses in North Chingford, Highams Park, Wanstead and Woodford. Speaker: Mike Edwards

12th DECEMBER - Quiz Evening. Details to follow.

All talks unless indicated take place at Chingford C of E Junior School, Shaftesbury Road E4 7BP starting at 7.30pm. Doors open from 7pm. Refreshments available. Talks are free to members and £3 payable at the door to non-members.

See our website for further details: www.chingfordhistory.org.uk.