

24 JANUARY 2018. MARK STEVENSON: THE ROYAL ARSENAL, WOOLWICH

The history of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich began in the seventeenth-century and developed and expanded over the following 350 years. The archaeological



investigation of this nationally important site only began in 1999 but has continued every year since. This talk will look at the history and archaeology of this fascinating site as well as how it was possible to record such a vast site that produced surprises along the way including evidence that took Woolwich back 6,000 years as well as how the regeneration of the site formed part of an European project.

28 FEBRUARY 2018. ANDREW BYRNE: LONDON 1840: GREENWICH

Andrew trained as a surveyor but later moved into the study and repair of historic buildings. Four years ago he started *LONDON 1840*, a project to build a 1:1500 wooden scale model of London as it was in that year. Currently housed at the Old Royal Naval College, Andrew, assisted by his colleague David have built a large section of the East End and are currently engaged on the modeling of Greenwich. The Greenwich panel will be on display whilst Andrew takes us on a 'virtual' walk around Greenwich introducing us to some fascinating buildings, some of which, he says, may be unknown - even amongst the GHS cognoscenti!. For further details please see: www.london1840.com

28 MARCH 2018. A.G.M. & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

ANTHONY CROSS: *CHARLES SPURGEON'S MAGIC LANTERN SHOW.*



Anthony will revisit Rev. Charles Spurgeon's 1885 Boxing Night 'lecture', "Street Characters and Cries." in which he used his magic lantern to entertain his congregation at the South Street Baptist Chapel, Greenwich. The photographs showed a variety of the street sellers who plied their trade throughout the town. Some of them are dressed in their best for the occasion whilst others go barefoot. The talk will investigate the purpose of the show, and then look out for their heirs and successors in the present day.

25 APRIL 2018. HORATIO BLOOD: BOHEMIAN GREENWICH

Horatio Blood celebrates the distinctive milieu of twentieth century Greenwich and some of the extraordinary inhabitants of Crooms Hill who gave the place a decidedly Bohemian flavour. He casts a particular eye upon The Spread Eagle in Nevada Street – the best junk shop in the world – at the heart of Dick Moy's extraordinary empire which exerted its influence on Greenwich for almost half a century.

23 MAY 2018. WILL PALIN: DANIEL ASHER ALEXANDER, 1768-1846

Will Palin, Conservation Director at the Old Royal Naval College will explore the life and work of the architect and engineer Daniel Asher Alexander. Alexander was surveyor to the London Dock Company between 1796 and 1831 - and also employed by Greenwich Hospital to design and oversee the building of the colonnades flanking the Queen's House between 1807 and 1816.