



16th JANUARY - **Sir Charles Raymond of Valentines and the East India Company.** Learn about Raymond's life from birth in Devon to his rise in importance in the East India Company and the City. **By Georgina Green**

13th FEBRUARY - **The Market and the Monastery.** A Virtual Walk around Smithfield and St Bartholomew's.
By Jill Finch

20th MARCH - **The Royal Forest Hotel.** A look at the history of this local landmark following research by Morna Daniels for her recent book and the re-opening of the Hotel in December. **By David Boote** Followed by the **AGM**

24th APRIL (re-scheduled from 17/04/25) - **A Schoolgirls War.** The discovery of Air Raid shelters at Maidstone Girls Grammar School and art work depicting life in the War years by the Art teacher bring those times vividly to life. **By Mary Smith**

15th MAY - **Famous Plaques of the East End.** Learn the stories behind the plaques relating to people and places of the East End. **By Gary Lewis**

7th JUNE - **Chingford Village Festival.** This annual event is once again held on 'The Green' and CHS will have a stall with a history display and publications for sale.

19th JUNE - (A double billing) **North Chingford Methodist Church.** Find out about the history of this Church following its recent closure. **By Gary Stone** 'Monsieur Garnerin's epic balloon flight to Chingford in 1802' Joanna will recount the improbable but true account of a balloon flight from Dorset Square to Chingford in 1802 which took just 15 minutes and the circumstances surrounding this event. **By Joanna Moncrieff**

17th JULY - **On the beat from Russell Square to Bloomsbury.** A virtual Guided Tour by Camden Tour Guide and former Bobby on the Beat. **By Chris Foster**

18th SEPTEMBER - **The Changing Face of South Chingford.** A Look back at South Chingford from the North Circular to All Saints (the Old Church). Widespread change followed all across the district, as small hamlets gave way to a new suburb of London. We take a look at those changes from a pictorial and historical perspective. **By Gary Stone**

16th OCTOBER - **A Trip along the Thames in 1749.** **By Dr Peter Ross**

20th NOVEMBER - **A Rose by Any Other Name: A History of Surnames.** Learn about the development of surnames over the centuries and what we can learn about our ancestors from our surnames today.
By Julian Whybra

11th DECEMBER - **Festive 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.
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