



PROGRAMME 2024

Usually, we meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, excluding January, but please check the programme below. New members and visitors are very welcome. A small donation towards the cost of room-hire and other expenses is requested from visitors.

Wednesday 7th February

EVENING TALK

History of Rowing on the tidal Thames, including current leisure and competitive rowing.

By Sally Mashiter

Wednesday 6th March

EVENING TALK

Fields of Dust: Historically living and working by/on the Thames at Northfleet Kent

By Angela Young

Wednesday 3rd April

EVENING TALK

A Short History of Laundry: The hygiene and laundry facilities available to dockers, watermen and their families

By Nick Higham

Wednesday 1st May

AGM followed by

EVENING TALK

Sugar Bakers: How sugar was imported, refined and used in London

By Professor Sarah Palmer

Wednesday 5th June

EVENING TALK

“And since that time has never been heard of”

– The forgotten boys of the sea: Marine Society merchant sea apprentices 1772-1873

By Caroline Withall

Wednesday 3rd July

MORNING VISIT

Thames River Police Museum in Wapping

Details to be provided nearer date.

Wednesday 7th August

EVENING VISIT

St George’s German Lutheran Church, Whitechapel

Details to be provided nearer date

Wednesday 4th September

EVENING TALK

Time and Tide Waits for No Man: The relationship between the River and industry around Woolwich and the Royal Docks

By Tim Peake

Wednesday 2nd October

EVENING TALK

The History of the Gamecock Oyster Yawl and its restoration

By Peter Steen

Wednesday 6th November

EVENING TALK

Dock Life Renewed: How London’s docks are thriving again.

By Niki Gorick

Wednesday 4th December

EVENING TALK

The History of Rotherhithe

By Robert Hulse

Our talks are held at the Museum of London Docklands, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AL, currently, due to the pandemic, starting at 4.30pm for 5pm and ending at 7pm. We will move back to our previous time if and when we are able to. The Museum is in a converted West India Docks warehouse, just north of Canary Wharf. The nearest station is West India Quay (DLR) (but note that trains from the London direction do not stop at West India Quay) Westferry and Canary Wharf (Jubilee Line, DLR and Elizabeth Line) can also be used. Should you arrive late and the Museum main door is closed, there is an entrance called the ‘staff entrance’ manned by a security guard at the back of the Museum on Hertsmere Road, down a few steps. You will need to use the bell the button for which is located on the door frame to the right of the entrance. There is a public car park in Hertsmere Road. If access is required to the blue badge parking, you need to call the Museum of London Docklands security in advance on 0207 001 9808 to make arrangements. Please give as much advance warning as possible as the Museum will then have to arrange the parking with West India Quay, and this will take time.