

Message from the Director

This issue's message must begin with congratulations to Pat Thane, Leverhulme Professor of Contemporary British History at the IHR, on her election as a Fellow of the British Academy, and to Jinty Nelson, Professor of History at King's College, London, on her nomination as DBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. The FBA is a long overdue recognition of Pat's inspirational contribution to the field of Contemporary British History and, from a narrower IHR perspective, a splendid recognition of how her leadership has made the Centre for Contemporary British History the outstanding force it now is. Jinty has been a longstanding and energetic supporter of the IHR and was Chair of our Advisory Council from 1998 to 2001. The services to history which the honour recognises have taken many forms as, for example, President of the Royal Historical Society, one of the outstanding medieval historians of her generation, and a constant advocate in word and deed of international collaboration and understanding among historians.

There have been several significant achievements at the IHR since my last message, of which two are particularly deserving of special mention, namely the Publications Department's success in collaboration with the Royal Historical Society in securing a further three years of funding for the Royal Historical Society Bibliography of British and Irish History and the Centre for Metropolitan History's achievement in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and Birkbeck College of a grant from the Wellcome Trust for a project on 'Housing environments and health in early modern London'. These and other achievements are described in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. If, as I must, I have to mention again the challenges that lie ahead over the coming months and years, I do so on the basis of the very solid and exciting record of achievement across the whole of the IHR. These are subjects on which I have already received a lot of your advice and on which I want to hear more. For now I will reflect only on a conversation during which a sympathetic supporter said that he took it for granted that the IHR would always be there for the UK historical profession. This – I trust – will indeed continue to be the case. But I remind myself that, when it was founded, the IHR was a radical and exciting institution. And then I tell myself that it must continue to be so, especially, as you will read elsewhere, with a second IHR Appeal being developed.

I am particularly pleased to report that the successful 'History and the public' conference of last February will be followed by two further events with the same title in Swansea in April 2007 and in Liverpool in 2008. The IHR is actively involved in both with the local organisers, a splendid illustration of how we are playing a national role in stimulating discussion of issues of central importance to historians. All of us are looking forward to the 'Why History Matters' conference in February 2007, an event deliberately planned to bring together academic historians, school teachers, educational researchers, HMIs, civil servants and careers officers, and all concerned with the place of history in British education (for more details see p. 12). The various bursaries and prizes for young scholars have all attracted good fields. I am looking forward to meeting their holders in the weeks and months ahead. It is also a pleasure to report the launch of the Conrad and Elizabeth Russell Fund, a hardship fund for postgraduates who belong to the IHR community, an initiative which fulfils an aspiration dear to Conrad's and Elizabeth's hearts. I thank all who have given generously to this fund and also Paul Seaward, Director of the History of Parliament Trust, who took a central role in organising the event at which the Fund was launched.

Finally: retirements and departures. Keith Manley, an IHR Librarian since 1977, has retired. I and everyone associated with the IHR must thank him for his years of dedicated service and wish him well for the future. Lindsey Dodd, an excellent editor of *Reviews in History* and *History in Focus*, has left to train as a schoolteacher. New staff are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. I must, however, welcome the newsletter's new editor Emily Smyth.

David Bates
September 2006



Retirement of Keith Manley

On 31 July, Keith Manley became the third long-serving member of the Library staff to retire during 2006. Keith joined the Institute in 1977, after completing a DPhil thesis on the celebrated Bodley's Librarian E. W. B. Nicholson. Before this, Keith had worked in public libraries, which enabled him to bring an unusual perspective to the IHR Library. Libraries have been central not only to Keith's professional life, but also to his own research interests. The interest in library history which his thesis manifested has remained with him throughout his working life, and has made him one of the UK's leading library historians. In addition to his own substantial number of publications, he edited the journal *Library History* from 1988 to 2005, and will be continuing his involvement in this field of research in retirement.

As a working librarian, Keith has applied himself with great willingness to almost every library activity, from inter-library loans, by way of book selection (making a notable contribution to the German and Low Countries collections) to his final role as cataloguer. He has also played the leading part in managing the Library's significant contribution to the Royal Historical Society Bibliography, and for many years has himself provided all the IHR's entries. Throughout his service, Keith has borne more than his fair share of evening and Saturday duties. His willingness to cover for colleagues at short notice, and his own extraordinary resistance to illness, have combined to make his contribution to the maintenance of the IHR's long opening hours unique.

Keith's modest personality has ensured that he has made his wide-ranging and vital contribution to the Library and the Institute efficiently, but discreetly. His has been the kind of unobtrusive service which is too easily overlooked, but which remains essential to ensuring the continuity of service which is so important to users of the IHR Library.

Keith takes with him our warmest wishes for a happy retirement, but although he has retired, he has not left the Institute. He has been made an Honorary Fellow, and we look forward to seeing him for many years as he continues his research.

Publications

www.history.ac.uk/bookshop

A Guide to the Naval Records in The National Archives of the UK has just been published, in conjunction with The National Archives. While naval warfare is one of the most popular subjects of research in The National Archives, readers are frequently frustrated in their search for information, and a high proportion of the relevant records are seldom consulted. The guide will help researchers both to understand TNA's naval

records and to locate the information they want, regardless of how much or little administrative history they know, or want to know. The guide includes public records deposited outside The National Archives in the National Maritime Museum and the Post Office Archives. It also refers to some documents which have strayed from official custody and are now in the British Library, Cambridge University Library or the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and which are known to fill gaps in the records. The book costs £20.00. Copies are available by contacting the IHR bookshop (details below).

The Department was sorry to say goodbye to the Deputy Editor of *Reviews in History*, Lindsey Dodd. Her successor is Dr Mark Hagger, who takes up his post on 2 October. You can contact him at ihr.reviews@sas.ac.uk. To join the free subscription list, email SUBSCRIBE 0906 to ihr.reviews@sas.ac.uk or sign up on the website at www.history.ac.uk/reviews.

The 2007 issue of *Grants for History* will be available in mid-October, detailing grants, fellowships, prizes and scholarships available to historians. To order your copy at £13.50 plus p&p, please contact the bookshop.

Copies of our free guide *How to Get Published: a Guide for Historians* are still available. Contact the IHR bookshop for details.

History in Focus: Migration

The autumn issue of *History in Focus* looks at Migration, with emphasis on the issue of crossing borders. It contains a variety of original articles looking at all sorts of different borders or boundaries: physical borders, social and cultural borders, linguistic borders, economic border, religious borders, and so on. The articles deal with these themes, in different regions and eras, and look at the experiences of diverse migrant peoples, who are on the move for different reasons. *History in Focus* also includes specially selected websites, book reviews, bibliographies and resources. Read it free at www.history.ac.uk/ihr/focus.

Historical Research

The November issue of *Historical Research* contains the following articles:

- *Alien knights in a hostile land: the experience of curial knights in thirteenth-century England and the assimilation of their families.* Michael G. I. Ray
- *Tax collection in Colchester, 1489-1502.* Richard Britnell
- *Servants and citizens: Robert Beale and other Elizabethans.* Patrick Collinson
- *Persuading the citizens? Charles I and London Bridge.* James Robertson
- *Between Nicodemism and 'honest' dissimulation: the Society of Jesus in England.* Stefania Tutino
- *Joseph Chamberlain, the Conservative Party and the Leamington Spa candidature dispute of 1895.* Ian Cawood

Historical Research is published by Blackwell Publishing. For more details, visit www.blackwellpublishing.co.uk.

History On-Line

History On-Line is the IHR's guide to current books, articles, theses, websites and practitioners of history in the UK, supported by ten prestigious academic publishers. The site is currently being redesigned, and a Beta version will be available by the end of the year. Please look out for this, and do let us know your comments by emailing ihr.webmaster@sas.ac.uk.

For more information about any of these projects, to order a book, or to receive a copy of the new 2007 Publications Catalogue, please contact the IHR bookshop. You can either email ihrpub@sas.ac.uk, phone 020 7862 8780, or drop in next time you're passing the bookshop on the ground floor.

British History Online

www.british-history.ac.uk

The IHR has been awarded US \$900,000 by The Andrew W Mellon Foundation to develop British History Online (www.british-history.ac.uk), the digital library for the medieval and early modern history of the British Isles. The award, made under the Foundation's Scholarly Communications Program, will fund additional digitisation, the creation of new partnerships, outreach activity and the establishment of a sustainable long-term business model.

Phase II of the project started on 1 August and will see the expansion of the British History Online digital library to include the National Archives Calendars of State Papers, Domestic (1547-1704, 1760-75), a further 40 volumes of the Victoria County History and a range of sources for the social, administrative, economic and political history of Britain.

Royal Historical Society Bibliography of British and Irish History

www.rhs.ac.uk/bibl

The most important recent development is that the project has been awarded its third successive Resource Enhancement grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council amounting to £392,571, and covering a period of three years from January 2007. This excellent news means that we will be able to continue and develop the free-to-end-user provision of the bibliography. We will continue to keep the bibliography up to date, but the next phase will also see more item-to-item linkage to digitised copies of works that we have indexed. This is a rapidly moving field, but among the partners we have already identified are the Oxford University-Google project where we will provide links to nineteenth-century publications of enduring value to historians (including record society series), and the

Enhanced Parliamentary Papers of Ireland project. We will continue to provide links to items in British History Online covered by the bibliography. Another important area for development lies in increasing the 'exposure' of the data to internet search engines: we are struck by British History Online's success in attracting researchers through Google searches and we are looking into ways in which our data can be drilled by search engines. We are also hoping to develop a series of online tutorials which will assist those new to the database.

These developments lie in the future. In the meantime we have established the bibliography's 'Z39.50 connectivity'. That essentially means that the bibliography can communicate effectively behind the scenes with other information retrieval systems. As well as searching the bibliography through its own interface, it is now possible to search the bibliography using a Z39.50 client and, depending on the client used, to combine results from the bibliography with results from other databases and to reformat them as required. One of the immediate practical consequences is that the database can now be used in conjunction with EndNote, the well-known bibliographic and footnoting software. This enables you to incorporate bibliographic information from our resource into your own bibliographies and footnotes. If you want to make use of this facility, you will need to download the connection file from the project website. It was the launching of Z39.50 connectivity which encouraged the General Editor to take the plunge and invest in the EndNote software: his life has been transformed.

Our Irish partner project, Irish History Online, passed a key milestone in the May update, with the addition of another 4,300 records, bringing all the material covered by *Writings on Irish History, 1970-2001* into the database. That means that there are now 50,000 titles on Irish history available through Irish History Online, or through the Irish material option on the RHS search menu. In addition to the Irish records another 6,600 records were added in May by the RHS team. The database now contains over 407,000 records. Another update is envisaged in late October.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to improve already established features. An example is the increase in the number of links from the detailed record display to lives in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* and to the British National Register of Archives. In May we added links to another 4,200 lives in the *Oxford DNB* (bringing the total number of linked lives to almost 10,000), and links to 2,000 further NRA listings (bringing the total to 5,500).

We are delighted at the prospect of another three years in which to extend the bibliography's coverage, its linkage with other resources, and its exposure to a greater variety of users.

Ian W. Archer, General Editor
Peter Salt, Project Editor
Simon Baker, Assistant Project Editor



Peer Review Project

The IHR and RHS have been running one of the AHRC's ICT Strategy Projects, on 'Peer review and evaluation of digital resources for the arts and humanities'. Following the project survey, which generated an extremely good response, the project team have been conducting focus groups and interviews around the country. We are extremely pleased by the interest shown in the project by so many people at all levels of the historical profession (and are very grateful for the time taken to answer surveys, participate in groups and write reviews). The project report, along with a selection of reviews of digital resources, will be completed at the end of September 2006, and will be available both via the AHRC and through the IHR website.

Catherine Wright
Project Officer

Centre for Contemporary British History

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We are pleased to announce that Professor Pat Thane, Leverhulme Professor of Contemporary British History, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy in recognition of her contribution to the historical profession as one of Britain's leading social historians.

In June the CCBH held its summer conference on the history of voluntary action. The conference addressed various types of voluntarism and voluntary organisations, from peace groups during the Boer War to the British Fair Trade movement in the twenty-first century. Professor Jose Harris (Oxford) gave a lecture on the concept of 'civil society'. The CCBH also hosted a debate on whether voluntary action is in decline; participants included Richard Best (Joseph Rowntree), Kate Green (Child Poverty Action Group), Chris Pond (One-Parent Families) and Professor Frank Prochaska (Yale). The conference successfully drew out the key issues surrounding the history of voluntary action including its changing relationship with the state and social provision, the problems of defining 'voluntary action' and how such activity relates to the issues of gender, ethnicity and class. Our 2007 conference will be on Britain and Europe. The call for papers will be circulated shortly.

Our oral history programme continues to go from strength to strength. Our seminar on *Faith in the City*, which formed part of the Anglo-American conference, was featured in the *Times Higher Educational Supplement* in July, which was excellent publicity for the seminar and the oral history programme as a whole. During the autumn term we are hosting a seminar on the concept of 'consumerism' within the

Departments of Health and Education during the 1990s and one on the Civil Service under Thatcher. Please contact Dr Michael Kandiah, Director of the oral history programme, for further details: michael.kandiah@sas.ac.uk.

In October, History and Policy and the British Academy are holding a debate on the pensions White Paper to launch a new book, *Britain's Pensions Crisis: History and Policy* (OUP 2006), edited by Pat Thane (CCBH), Hugh Pemberton (Bristol) and Noel Whiteside (Warwick). Confirmed participants include James Purnell MP, Pensions Reform Minister, Nick Timmins, *FT* Social Affairs Editor and Professor John Hills, former Pensions Commissioner. The debate will explore whether the government has learned the lessons of past attempts to reform Britain's state pensions system. For further information contact Mel Porter, History and Policy External Relations Officer at mel.porter@sas.ac.uk.

If you would like to find out more information on any of our forthcoming events please visit our website at www.icbh.ac.uk or contact Liza Filby on 020 7862 8751.

Centre for Metropolitan History

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Research projects

We are delighted to report that the Wellcome Trust has awarded £197,539 for a new 18-month project, 'Housing environments and health in early modern London, 1550-1750'. This project, undertaken in partnership with Birkbeck and the University of Cambridge, will build upon the work of the 'People in place: families, households and housing in early modern London' (PiP) project. Employing the PiP research team led by Dr Vanessa Harding (Birkbeck) and co-directed by Dr Matthew Davies (CMH) and Professor Richard Smith (Cambridge Group for the History of Population), it will examine the extent to which environmental factors and the social characteristics of individual, family and locality determined the disease and mortality profile of the pre-industrial city.

The new project aims to test the supposition that variation in mortality experience (infant, seasonal, epidemic, etc.) across the early modern city correlates broadly with geographical variations in social and environmental character. Although such comparisons have usually taken place at ward- or parish-level, by drawing upon and enhancing the large database already compiled by the PiP project – which contains a wide range of information on families, households, properties and buildings in three contrasting areas of the city (Cheapside, St Botolph Aldgate and Clerkenwell) – it should be possible to identify a range of variations in mortality and social/environmental characteristics at the 'micro-level' of

precinct, street and even clusters of houses. Utilising mapping techniques to illuminate and analyse health and mortality patterns within the populations of the selected areas, this 'micro-geographical study' should significantly sharpen and refine our understanding of the relationship between mortality and environment. Work on the project will begin when PiP comes to the end of its AHRC funding in October.

The remaining weeks of the 'People in place' project will be devoted to completing a series of articles on the results of the project, formatting the data for use on British History Online, and improving accessibility to the findings by enhancing the website (www.history.ac.uk/cmh/pip) and producing a summary of the project in pamphlet form. The research team have also given papers at a specialist session on 'The changing urban family, 1500-1750' at the European Association for Urban History conference in Stockholm (30 August-2 September) and at the British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, Southampton (18-19 September).

Work on our other new project, the AHRC-funded 'Londoners and the law: pleadings in the court of common pleas 1399-1509', began on 1 June when Dr Jonathan Mackman and Dr Matthew Stevens joined the Centre as the project's research officers. Jonathan's DPhil (York) was on 'The Lincolnshire gentry and the wars of the Roses' and he previously worked on the E 179 (Lay Taxation) project based at The National Archives. Matthew's PhD thesis was entitled 'Race, gender and wealth in a medieval Welsh borough: access to capital, market participation, and social status in Ruthin 1312-1322' (University of Wales, Aberystwyth). Prior to taking up the post he was the holder of the Economic History Society Eileen Power Research Fellowship. The 30-month project, under the directorship of Matthew Davies and Hannes Kleineke (History of Parliament Trust), aims to assess the nature of the litigation, and the function of particular kinds of suit in seeking remedies to a wide range of breaches of contract, thus extending our knowledge of how individuals and groups such as guilds understood and used the law in relation to their business, family or property interest. Most of the researchers' time so far has been spent at The National Archives in the laborious task of extracting information from the plea rolls and constructing the database which will form the basis of future analysis.

Since the last newsletter, we have received the excellent news that the End of Award Report for the 'Views of hosts: reporting the alien commodity trade, 1440-45' project was graded 'Outstanding' by the Economic and Social Research Council's peer reviewers. The text of the report is now available on the CMH website (www.history.ac.uk/cmh/vohfinal.pdf) and the database of names and commodity descriptions from 2,300 business transactions contained in the Views can be downloaded from the UK Data Archive (Study No. 5297). The transcripts of all of the 74 Views should be available on the CMH's website shortly and Helen Bradley is completing work on the volume of

translations to be published by the London Record Society.

Generous donations from the Mercers' and Goldsmiths' Companies have enabled the addition of over 3,000 archaeological records to London's Past Online (LPOL) www.history.ac.uk/cmh/lpol/. The total number of items in the bibliography now stands at over 40,000. We hope that further funding can be secured to enable LPOL to be extended and updated in the future. We are also very grateful to colleagues at the RHS Bibliographies for continuing to maintain the database.

London in Text and History, 1400–1700

13-15 September 2007
Jesus College Oxford

(Organisers: Ian Archer (Oxford), Matthew Davies (Centre for Metropolitan History, London), Ian Gadd (Bath Spa), Tracey Hill (Bath Spa), Paulina Kewes (Oxford))

CALL FOR PAPERS

Plenary speakers will include: Paul Griffiths, Rob Hume, Mark Jenner, Mark Knights and Peter Stallybrass

This conference will focus on the variety of metropolitan identities, and how these were constructed, represented and contested by contemporaries through a variety of media, including text (broadly defined), visual culture, maps, architecture and performance.

Proposals for papers relating to the following topics are particularly welcome:

Ideas and beliefs

- ◆ The idea of the 'City'; citizenship; history and civic memory; belief and the citizen.

Places and people

- ◆ The urban landscape; urban 'deviance'; visual London; inclusion and exclusion: the problem of the stranger; London's business and commerce.

Texts and art

- ◆ Literary London; civic entertainments; communication and information; readers, writers and the circulation of texts.

Proposals for papers (300 words max) should be sent by email to ian.archer@history.ox.ac.uk or t.hill@bathspa.ac.uk by 1 December 2006.

Before submitting proposals, please consult the full Call for Papers at: www.history.ac.uk/cmh/texthistory.html

Director and Deputy Director

The CMH's Director, Matthew Davies has recently been appointed Reader in London History by the University of London. He is in the final stages of editing, with Professor Caroline Barron, an updated volume on the religious houses of London and Middlesex originally compiled by the Victoria County History. This should be available from the IHR bookshop at the end of the year. From January to July 2007 Matthew will be taking a sabbatical to allow him to undertake research for a forthcoming volume on the History of London 1300-1550. Although he'll continue to supervise students and teach on the MA course during this period, James Moore, our Deputy Director, will take charge of the day-to-day activities of the Centre.

James is currently putting together an application for a project on 'Urban governance, political networks and policy formation in English municipal government, 1860-1914', which will be submitted later in the autumn. He also organised a very successful colloquium on 'The 1906 election and the legacy of the last Liberal government' on 1 July at the IHR. The meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Liberal Democrat History Group, attracted a number of distinguished historians and MPs. James's book, *The Transformation of Urban Liberalism: Party Politics and Urban Governance in Late Nineteenth-Century England* has just been published by Ashgate.

Comparative Metropolitan History

The Leverhulme Professor of Comparative Metropolitan History, Derek Keene, is continuing to research and write contributions for a volume on the History of London 600-1300. He is also one of the organisers of the 'Medieval cities' thematic strand at the 2007 Leeds International Medieval Congress. Over the next two months he will be giving papers on 'Communication' in Zagreb and on 'Buckinghamshire in the shadow of the medieval metropolis' in Aylesbury. *Cities and Cultural Exchange, 1400-1700*, to which he was a major contributor, will be published by Cambridge University Press in the next few months.

Derek is also involved with colleagues at the Institute of Archaeology (UCL) and the Museum of London in a new Leverhulme Trust-funded project, 'An interdisciplinary study of human growth in London over the past 1500 years'. This three-year project, based at the Institute of Archaeology, aims to investigate secular change in the rate and pattern of dental and skeletal growth in Roman and 11th-19th century London children, using the Museum of London's collection of 17,000 skeletons. Both historical and archaeological evidence will also be used to investigate the potential effect of social change on such variation in child growth and health.

The international conference co-organised with the University of Amsterdam on 'Metropolis and state in early modern Europe, 1400-1800' (27-28 March) was a great success. Supported by the Leverhulme Trust and the Netherlands Organisation of Scientific Research, it attracted speakers from Belgium, Canada, England,

France, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and the USA.

Our Leverhulme Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dr Jennifer Holmes, is continuing her comparative research regarding London and Rome in the early 20th century. The coming year will be devoted in particular to the government of Rome under the administration of Ernest Nathan [1907-1914], and the Master Plan for Rome of 1909. The research will concentrate on how and why Nathan intended to model the development of Rome along the lines of the London County Council, as he declared he would in 1907. Another related line of research this year explores the relationship of antiquity and modernity in London and Rome, looking at written and visual representations as well as development plans for the cities.

Students

Following the successful first year of the joint CMH/VCH MA in Metropolitan and Regional History, we look forward to welcoming several new students to the course in October. A new option on the 'Making of the modern city' has been added and will be taught by James Moore and Jennifer Holmes. The MA is also one of the programmes that will use the School of Advanced Study's new Virtual Learning Environment, which is to be piloted in 2006-7. Matthew Davies is one of the co-ordinators of this project in the School.

Among those joining our existing MPhil/PhD students will be Kathrin Pieren and Mary Lester. Kathrin is the recipient of the first of three studentships, funded under the AHRC collaborative doctoral award scheme and in partnership with the Museum of London, for work on the theme of 'London on display: civic identities, cultures and industry, 1851-1951'. Her thesis will be on 'Migration and identity constructions in an imperial metropolis: the representation of Jewish heritage in London between 1887 and 1956'. Mary Lester will also be exploring the same theme but for the area of Dalston and West Ham, 1886-1923.

Forthcoming conferences

'Teaching London', jointly organised with the University of Westminster and postponed from last April, will now be held on 3 (at the IHR) and 4 November (University of Westminster). The conference will explore the ways in which the past, present and future of London is taught or used in teaching in a broad variety of disciplines and subject areas. The programme is being finalised and will be available on the CMH website shortly. Please contact Helena Scott (scotth@wmin.ac.uk) for further information.

Information on the CMH's activities and forthcoming events is available on our website, www.history.ac.uk/cmh/. The Centre also produces an electronic newsletter; if you would like to receive an email alert for this, please email olwen.myhill@sas.ac.uk.

Victoria County History

www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk

On 8 July the VCH hosted a conference in the Wolfson and Pollard rooms designed to raise awareness of the modern VCH/EPE with a view to interesting currently dormant counties in restarting work. Every county south of the River Trent which is not currently active was represented, and the five counties restarting for EPE sent delegates. The aim of the conference was to look at some of the practical issues involved in restarting and sustaining VCH work. Presentations were given by the VCH Director, John Beckett, and the EPE Project Manager Catherine Cavanagh about the VCH today. Kate Tiller of the Oxfordshire VCH Trust, and Maureen Meikle of the Durham VCH Trust, talked about fund raising to sustain VCH work, and Nick Kingsley of TNA (chairman of the VCH National Committee) considered some of the possibilities for restarting what he called the county of Bassetshire and getting its first new red volume into print by 2012.

Restarting, or re-opening a county (since the VCH is looking at new work in counties finished a long time ago) is not an easy business, and some of the funding issues were aired at an open forum in the afternoon, chaired by Robert Gent of the VCH Funding Sub-Committee. Contributors included the IHR's Director of Development, Felicity Jones.

Delegates were given a newly minted VCH mug (a sly piece of marketing in the office environment pioneered by William Peck), and asked to discuss the possibilities for new work in their counties and to contact the central office for further discussion. The VCH is going through an exciting transitional period as EPE comes on stream with its emphasis on paperback books, education and web delivery, and the possible



development opportunities for the 'traditional' VCH are enormous. This event was the first of what we hope will be a number of similar meetings, at least one of which will be in northern England, designed to see what might be achieved.

The VCH is grateful to the Victoria History Trust for sponsoring the event.

John Beckett

England's Past for Everyone

www.EnglandsPastForEveryone.org.uk

The England's Past for Everyone project is part of the Victoria County History's mission to create an encyclopaedic history of England's places and people, from earliest times to the present day.

Our main aims are to:

- make local history accessible to a wider audience
- involve local people in its generation
- contribute to the future of the VCH.

Volunteers throughout the country are working alongside authors and researchers to produce a whole range of new resources – from a series of paperback books to interactive materials for schools.

We have held a series of launch events in Kent, Derbyshire, Bristol and Herefordshire. Speakers included Dennis Skinner, Tony Benn, Sir Roy Strong and Sir Howard Newby.

Learning

We are working with local schools, museums and other education partners on interactive resources to encourage the use of local history across the curriculum. We want to create easily accessible, reliable and engaging materials for lifelong learners, volunteers, school children and young people.

Education activities based on our research projects are now being set up across the counties. The first set of activities starts in September 2006 in Wiltshire. These will reach 150 children and eight teachers. Find out how to benefit from our learning programme by emailing learning@sas.ac.uk.

Web Development

We launched our website in March and are now developing interactive pages so that images, documents, maps and audio visual materials can be explored as we discover them.

Projects, key topics and resources will be showcased. Users will also be able to search the contents of the database by place, topic, theme and period, assisted by menus of key words, timelines, etc.



Mosque in Bristol, where 1001 years of ethnicity and identity are being studied.

Paperback Series

Phillimore & Co Ltd have been appointed as the official publisher for the EPE paperback series. Phillimore were founded in 1897 and are a major player in local and family history publishing in the UK. The EPE series should provide an exciting complement to their existing list, as the emphasis will be on the techniques and methods of producing local history.

English Heritage are providing 350 new photographs and some survey/reconstruction work as part of our match funding, as well as training for volunteers.

Getting involved

Local communities in ten counties are directly engaged in documentary research and fieldwork, with the opportunity to create oral history recordings and web resources. With training and guidance from professional historians, volunteers can pick up skills such as photography, basic Latin and palaeography and building survey.

We hope that EPE will act as a model for future Victoria County History activities and help to sustain its future.

Please contact catherine.cavanagh@sas.ac.uk for more information.

History Lab

www.history.ac.uk/histlab

In the summer term the History Lab held its annual summer conference which addressed the theme of

‘Faiths and ideologies’. Taking place over two days for the first time, it proved a fascinating conference, with a full programme covering a wide chronological and geographical span. Sessions included: Britain and the Cold War World; Rebels and Insurgents; Faith and the State; Catholicism and Ideology; Text and the Interpretation of Faith and Ideology; Faith and Ideology in the Private World; Contested Areas, and Gender, Morality, Faith and Ideology. The conference finished with a debate session on ‘Religion, Ideology and the Historian’. The conference was sponsored by the Royal Historical Society and the IHR Friends. With 49 per cent of the participants coming from outside the South East and 11 per cent from outside the UK, we can certainly claim that it was a ‘national’ gathering of postgrads. Next year’s conference will be on ‘Generations’. Please see our website for the call for papers.

On 26 October 2006 we are hosting a welcome event for all new research students (and existing ones!) at the IHR. This event, which will include free wine and nibbles, will start at 5.15pm in the IHR Common Room and Dan Snow, presenter of *Battlefield Britain*, will be giving a short talk on his career as a TV historian. All postgrads are welcome to attend. This term we also have a peer-based training session on teaching (see details below), and we are hosting an evening session for part-time students with advice on funding, time management and other useful things. In the spring term we are organising a session on postdocs and finding a job abroad. Please see our website for full details. The postgraduate seminar takes place every other Thursday in the Low Countries Room at the IHR, all are welcome to attend. Please see p. 19 for the autumn term programme.

Peer-Based Training Session Teaching as a History PhD Student

Are you starting work as a teaching assistant this autumn? Are you interested in finding out more about how you can get experience in teaching? Would you like to hear ideas about how to get the best out of your students, or do you have tips to share?

‘Teaching as a history PhD student’ is aimed at those who have begun, or would like to teach during their doctoral studies. It is a useful supplement to the generic training courses provided by universities, and will support postgraduates who do not have access to such courses. It will also provide information about the services provided by the Higher Education Academy and others who support those new to teaching in HE. This session will be led by Dr Kate Bradley. To book a place on this session email history.lab@sas.ac.uk.

Membership of the History Lab has now reached over 400 postgraduates; if you would like to join please visit our website. Membership is free to any postgraduate student enrolled on an MA, MRes, MPhil or PhD.

AHDS History

<http://ahds.ac.uk/history/news/gis.html>
Historical GIS Seminars

During 2007 the ESRC is sponsoring a number of free seminars on the use of GIS to study the past. These will be led by Dr Ian Gregory, author of *A Place in History: A Guide to Using GIS in Historical Research*. As part of this AHDS History will be running two one-day seminars on Historical GIS. Historical GIS is a rapidly growing field within historical research. A Geographical Information System (GIS) is a form of database management system within which every row of data is linked to a co-ordinate-based location. By using GIS historians can structure, integrate, analyse and visualise the geographies of the past.

The seminars will consist of a mixture of presentations and roundtable discussions and will help attendees to make better use of GIS in their research, by considering what exactly GIS has to offer historians, in what ways historians make, or would like to make, use of GIS in their research, and what technological and methodological issues are faced. They are aimed at a broad audience including established academics, members of the heritage sector, junior researchers and post-graduates.

AHDS History Recent Releases

1851 Census Report: County Occupational Data (Study Number 5431)

Digital Library of Historical Directories, 1750-1919: Durham and Northumberland, 1801-1916 (Study Number 5116)

Male Occupational Data from English Parish Registers (processed summary data), c.1700-1820 (Study Number 5398)

Male Occupational Data from English Parish Registers (raw data), c.1700-1820 (Study Number 5397)

British Local Election Database, 1889-2003 (Study Number 5319)

Forgotten Migrants: A Cultural History of Post-war British Migrants Who Returned 'Home' from Australia, 1920-2000 (Study Number 5230)

Selected Wills of West Northamptonshire, 1500-1700 (Study Number 5328)

Advance Contracts for the Sale of Wool, c.1200-1330 (Study Number 5325)

Further information about these and other studies can be found at the AHDS History website: <http://ahds.ac.uk/history/collections/index.htm>. If you would like to be informed when AHDS History releases new studies please subscribe to our email alert service (www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/ahds-history.html) or contact us by email at info@history.ahds.ac.uk.

The National Archives Website Search: Global Search

The National Archives (TNA) has developed a new content discovery tool to search seamlessly across the holdings of The National Archives and of local and private archives (mostly in England).

We have developed this new search facility in response to feedback from users, who previously had to have prior knowledge about the existence of several databases to carry out online research. Global Search is a one-stop search facility across all the following resources:

- ARCHON
- AZA
- Bookshop
- the Catalogue
- DocumentsOnline
- Electronic Records Online (EROL)
- Family Records Centre and FamilyRecords.gov.uk
- Moving Here
- National Register of Archives
- Research Guides
- Website information pages

The new search facility is available from The National Archives homepage, as seen here:



Project work for the development of Global Search started in January 2005. The new facility became available on the internet in March 2006. The idea was to develop a comprehensive search capability for TNA websites to address the issue of fragmentation of content across different resources. In addition, we also wanted to make sure that the new content discovery tool could be used in the future to search digital records being transferred from Government Departments.

We have used a search engine supplied by Autonomy to index content from the different source databases, which themselves remain untouched. This is a very fast search engine which uses a complex algorithm to deliver results ranked by relevance. Relevance ranking is based on occurrences of all keywords, phrase matches, proximity and context. The Autonomy technology allows communication between applications, regardless of the back-end data sources.

Autonomy provides a new layer server making it possible to automatically process digital content and allow applications to communicate with each other.

An external company has implemented the Autonomy technology to suit our own technical environment. Bear in mind, though, that expert staff at The National Archives have tailored the software. For example, a user interface designed to meet the needs of online researchers (in terms of usability and accessibility) has been developed in-house. We have also devised our own subject categorisation and have been able to fine tune the search engine to deal with abbreviations of forenames and the complexities of searching upwards across levels of description for our archival catalogue.

Features

Users can narrow down their searches by:

- a) Adding more search terms.
- b) Searching for exact phrases.
- c) Building Boolean queries using AND, NOT, OR, NEAR.
- a) Entering dates (Advanced Search).
- b) Choosing databases (Advanced Search)
- c) Choosing subjects (to navigate results or to run Advanced Searches)

No restrictions have been applied to the number of results after a search. To drill down a list of results users can select simple subject categories. For example, researchers can find different meanings of the search term 'relief' under 'International', 'Health & welfare', 'Tax, money & finance' or 'Land & environment'.

Our subject classification is a sort of 'folksonomy'. It has been based on extensive user consultation and card sorting exercises and has been applied to TNA's databases by mapping our content to the different subjects. The resulting folksonomy is not a controlled vocabulary developed for professionals or a formal taxonomy with structured hierarchies and related terms. It may appear quite odd to find some very specific subjects (i.e. 'Births, marriages, deaths' or 'Medals') at the same level as generic subjects such as 'Faith & religion', 'International' or 'Law & order'. We have found, however, that this practical approach matches user expectations better and also facilitates the manual process involved in the allocation of our content to subject categories.

For example, thousands of collections from The National Archives Catalogue (not individual documents) have been assigned subject subcategories. This has been mostly done at series or subseries level – bear in mind the magnitude of the exercise for the Catalogue alone (which contains 15,000 record series and 10 million piece and item entries). In practice all content is allocated a subcategory within a general category.

A lot of work has gone into helping users to deal with abbreviated forenames. We have been able to expand automatically over 500,000 name abbreviations in the results list. Only data in the search engine

indexes had been expanded (the source data has been left untouched). The basic rule here is that only abbreviations next to surnames have been expanded (in curly brackets). For example: Thos. {Thomas?} Whittington. A number of condition and context tests were used to restrict the expansion to names only and to make sure that rules would exclude certain abbreviations when found in different contexts (e.g. ignoring 'Phil.' when found in the context of 'Phil. Orchestra' or ignoring abbreviations within regnal years). The half a million expanded names include notable examples such as entries for records relating to Sir Christopher Wren which, before expansion, would not have been found by searching for 'Christopher Wren'.

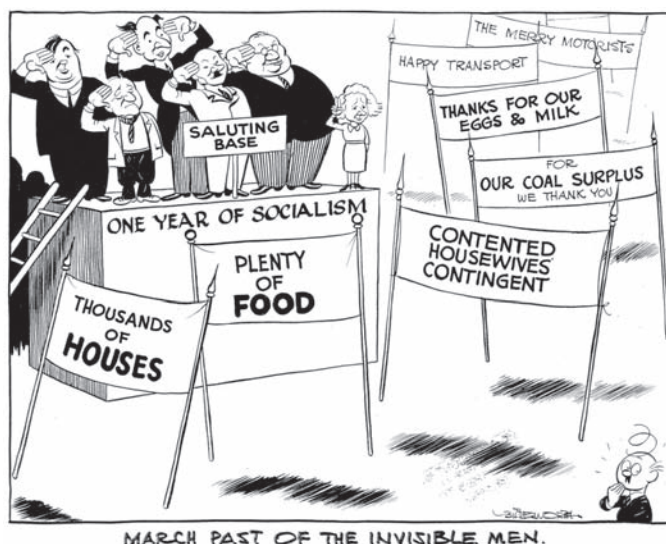
For some popular keywords (Aliens Act, Freedom of Information, Elizabeth Gaskell, Poor Law, Slave Trade ...), the hit list displays up to three 'Recommended links' which are relevant introductory pages, research advice or key data collections that the researcher should not miss.

Finally, we have included help pages and FAQs to assist researchers. There is also a feedback link available for users who may wish to comment or share their tips with us all.

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Political Cartoon Gallery

Did Cowards Flinch? A cartoon history of the Labour Party 1906-2006
12 October-24 December 2006



This exhibition covers the highlights – and the lowlights – of the history of the Labour Party. This fascinating collection of original cartoons by leading cartoonists both past and present enables visitors not only to see the changing depictions of issues and personalities,

but also brings out common features in the changing focus of the Labour Party both in opposition and in government. On show will be original work by cartoonists from yesteryear such as Francis Carruthers Gould, Will Dyson, David Low, Vicky, JAK, Strube and Illingworth to today's greats such as Peter Brookes, Steve Bell, Dave Brown, MAC, Nicholas Garland, Steadman and Scarfe.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a fully illustrated hardback catalogue with a foreword by Lord Kinnock.

The exhibition will be opened by the Rt. Hon. Dennis Skinner MP on 14 October 2006.

The Political Cartoon Gallery, 32 Store Street, London WC1E 7BS, is open Monday to Friday 9.30am-5.30pm and on Saturdays between 11.30am and 5.30pm. Phone Dr Tim Benson on 020 7580 1114 for further details or images email him at info@politicalcartoon.co.uk.

Research Training Courses for Autumn 2006

www.history.ac.uk/training/

Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop (9 October 2006)

Qualitative data are generally data that cannot be reduced to numbers: for the purposes of this course, this means textual data of one sort or another (interview transcripts, focus group data, field notes, documentation). This free one-day introductory workshop will introduce the concept of computerised qualitative analysis together with some of the principle functions of the leading NVivo qualitative data analysis software.

Methods and Sources for Historical Research (13-17 November 2006)

This course is an introduction, by a series of lectures and arranged visits, to finding and using primary source materials for early modern and modern history (for our purposes, from 1500 to the present). On the first day, a number of lectures will introduce archives and repositories, explaining the historical and legal position of record-keeping, and exploring the many printed and online guides, catalogues and finding aids that are available to aid detailed original research. The rest of the week consists of an exhaustive programme of visits to a variety of record repositories, archives and museums that have been carefully selected both to introduce the great and indispensable large national institutions, but also to reflect the range and diversity of smaller, but nonetheless valuable, document-holding bodies. The standard fee for the course is £130.

Medieval and Renaissance Latin for Historians I (Tuesdays, 17 November-12 December 2006)

This ten-week course will provide an introduction to

Latin grammar and vocabulary, together with practical experience in translating typical post-classical Latin documents. It is intended for absolute beginners, or for those with a smattering of the language but who wish to acquire more confidence. Students will emerge at the end with not just a strong grounding in the mechanics of Latin, but also an understanding of the changes that it underwent, and the new ways in which it was used in medieval and early modern Europe. Texts for study will represent the full range of materials with which the medieval or early modern historian may be confronted, including literature, poetry, liturgical, ecclesiastical and devotional works, but with a particular emphasis on historical and legal records. The course will be tailored as much as possible to the research interests of the participating students, so when applying please state as fully and explicitly as possible the texts, or types of texts, with which you expect to be most concerned. The course fee is £150.

Basic Statistics for Historians (Mondays, 20 November 2006-12 February 2007 – 10 sessions)

This course is aimed at those historians who are complete beginners in using statistical methods and quantitative techniques in historical research. No knowledge or love of numbers is required. A series of ten weekly sessions will explore basic concepts such as descriptive statistics, correlation, changes over time, sampling etc. Participants will learn how to use the Excel spreadsheet package for the practical work associated with the course. The data sets will include parish records and censuses. In the second half of the course there will be opportunities for participants to discuss and work on their own data. The course is open to all who are interested in using numerical analysis in their research. The fee is £150.

Databases for Historians (21-24 November 2006)

This four-day course introduces the theory and practice of constructing and using databases. Through a mixture of lectures and practical, hands-on, sessions, students will be taught both how to use and adapt existing databases, and how to design and build their own. No previous specialist knowledge apart from an understanding of historical analysis is needed. The software used is MS Access, but the techniques demonstrated can easily be adapted to any package. This course is open to postgraduate students, lecturers and all who are interested in using databases in their historical research. The course fee is £150.

Internet Sources for Historical Research (28 November 2006)

This course provides an intensive introduction to use of the internet as a tool for serious historical research. It includes sessions on academic mailing lists, usage of gateways, search engines and other finding aids, and on effective searching using Boolean operators and compound search terms, together with advice on winnowing the useful matter from the vast mass of unsorted data available, and on the proper caution to be applied in making use of online information. The fee for the course is £40.



Interviewing for Researchers (4 December 2006)

For those who wish to investigate the recent past, collecting the testimony of relevant individuals is a vital resource. This course offers practical information and training on how to interview and how to use interviews for the purposes of research. Led by Dr Michael Kandiah, Director of the Oral History Programme, Centre for Contemporary British History, the course will examine: how to interview public officials (politicians and civil servants), security and intelligence personnel, scientists and technicians, and medical professionals; what are the best practices for recording, preserving and transcription of interviews; how to ensure interviewing techniques are ethical; copyright and data protection issues; alternative techniques such as group interviewing; and the advantages and limitations of interviews. The fee for the course is £50.

For further information and application forms see www.history.ac.uk/training/ or contact Dr Simon Trafford (simon.trafford@sas.ac.uk).

interested in sport in general.

History Matters is being run by the main heritage organisations in England and Wales including the National Trust, English Heritage, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Council for British Archaeology, Heritage Link, Historic Houses Association and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

Catherine Cavanagh
Project Manager, England's Past for Everyone

History Matters – pass it on

www.historymatters.org.uk

Some of you may have seen the postcards in the IHR reception or read the speech by Stephen Fry, but have you actually *sent* a postcard or entered your event onto the History Matters website?

History Matters – pass it on is all about raising awareness of the importance of history in our everyday lives and encouraging involvement in heritage.

The campaign aims to bring history to the forefront of public priorities and is backed by David Starkey, Stephen Fry, Bill Bryson, Shami Chakrabarti, Tony Benn, Boris Johnson and Tristram Hunt.

Why does history matter to you? What would you pass on?

Visit the website, www.historymatters.org.uk, to:

- declare your support and give your views
- upload a photograph of your favourite historical place, or text its name to 077717 97777
- advertise local events
- read other people's views

History is something we all have a part to play in, so let the nation know what you care about. Collectively the events taking place and opinions expressed will demonstrate the importance of history and heritage to our society.

Already, the July 2006 MORI poll, commissioned by History Matters, shows 73 per cent of those polled are interested in history while just 59 per cent are

Why History Matters Conference

A conference on 'Why History Matters' will take place at the Institute of Historical Research, on 12-13 February 2007, organised by the Institute in collaboration with the Royal Historical Society, the Historical Association, OFSTED and History UK (HE).

The conference has two very simple objectives: to affirm why history is important to education and national life in the early 21st century and to explore how the school history curriculum can be made more relevant, so that it provides pupils with the knowledge, skills and understanding to help them to be successful adults. It is especially aimed at school teachers, academic historians, educationalists, policy makers and careers officers. The objective is two days of dialogue which will result in what we expect to be an authoritative publication.

The recent achievements of history teachers in making history popular in schools and in improving ways of building all pupils' knowledge and understanding are well documented. History's current public popularity is well known. Yet its role is under discussion in relation to current concerns with citizenship, multiculturalism, national identity, employability, social inclusion and relevance. And there are significant anxieties, and many signs that history's place within the curriculum is being weakened by external pressures. These anxieties relate in particular to the way in which curriculum time for history is increasingly being eroded, to the perceived narrowing of the history taught to selected topics, to the absence of synoptic overview and understanding of chronology, to history's retreat before so-called vocational subjects and to the decline in specialist PGCE places and applications to study history at university. Government policy embodied in 'Every Child Matters' sets agendas which provide challenges for history which need to be understood and responded to.

The conference will tackle these issues head on. The central subjects of the conference will therefore be:

1. What makes history a distinctive and crucially important subject?
2. What history should be taught in schools? And why?

3. How is history to be made significant to all ages and abilities?
4. What sort of historical education should the vast majority who will not pursue it into HE as an academic subject receive?
5. How at a time of major curriculum reform is progression to HE to be achieved? And how should HE respond to current changes?

The conference is structured around a series of introductory talks designed to set out current debates from a variety of perspectives. A substantial proportion of the time will be devoted to break-out groups. The conference will produce a final report, published on the websites of all the sponsoring organisations, the core of which will be the conclusions of the break-out groups. Detailed guidance for the break-out groups will be provided closer to the time in consultation with nominated facilitators. The participation of all committed to discussion of 'Why History Matters' is crucial to the conference's success. All interested in coming to the conference and taking part in the discussion groups that will form a central part of its proceedings should contact Richard Butler (Richard.Butler@sas.ac.uk, 020 7862 8779), stating institutional affiliation and indicating which discussion group they wish to take part in.

Events at the IHR Autumn Term 2006

For information on additional events, please visit our website, www.history.ac.uk. Unless otherwise stated, contact the Conference Administrator for more information: email IHR.Events@sas.ac.uk; telephone 020 7862 8779.

2006 Creighton Lecture Faith, Hope and Money: the Jesuits and the Genesis of Educational Fundraising 1550 - 1650

To be given by Professor Dame Olwen Hufton (Oxford). The lecture will commence at 17.30 on 2 October 2006 in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU. Admission is free.

The Empire Lectures Empire, the Sea and Global History: Britain's Maritime World, 1763-1833

These evening lectures throughout October 2006 have been organised jointly by the National Maritime Museum's Centre for Imperial and Maritime Research and the IHR. Speakers will include Felipe Fernández-Armesto, Maxine Berg, Stephen Conway, Richard Drayton, Catherine Hall, Philip Morgan and Simon

Schaffer. For further information please contact Mrs Janet Norton (jnorton@nmm.ac.uk/020 8312 6716) at the National Maritime Museum. Student concessions available.

History in British Education: Issues of Progression and Assessment

What can GCSE and GCE learn from HE assessment in history? What can HE learn from GCSE and GCE assessment in history? How can assessment from age 14 onwards contribute to genuine progression in students of history? And how can any weakening in mutual understanding and confidence between schools and HE be addressed? This symposium organised by the IHR, the Royal Historical Society, the Historical Association, History UK (HE) and the Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology will be held at the IHR on the 25 October 2006.

Day for New Research Students

To be held at the IHR in the afternoon of the 26 October 2006. An introduction for new Postgraduate Students to the IHR's Research Centres, Library, Publications and Electronic Resources, Training Courses and Seminars. To be followed by the History Lab Welcome Reception.

2007 Anglo-American Conference: Identities: National, Regional and Personal

A major international conference to be held at the IHR on 4-6 July 2007. Identity (whether national, regional or personal) is a major preoccupation among academics in many disciplines. It also has wide political, social and cultural resonances beyond the community of scholars. For these reasons, the 76th Anglo-American Conference will be devoted to this important subject. The Call for Papers is currently available on our website at www.history.ac.uk.

The Institute's Campaign For History: an Update on Development

So many Friends and members of the Institute have helped us to achieve our first Appeal milestone, raising £10 million to support and expand activities to promote the best in history in the UK and internationally. We were delighted that some of you could join us last autumn to celebrate this at a reception in the River Room at the House of Lords, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your consistent support and advice on the future of the IHR.

In recent months, we have seen the Appeal reach over £11 million, with highlights including the award of

\$900,000 by The Andrew W Mellon Foundation to support the next two years of British History Online. The Mellon Foundation have already supported the project from its inception over the past three years, and we were delighted that they chose to continue their support for this important and growing online collection of sources for medieval and early modern British History. This stage will see the addition of materials from Local Record Societies across Britain as well as the inclusion of our first tranche of premium content – to be available on subscription. We very much hope this will secure the future of the project. For those of you who have not yet seen the site, do take a moment to visit it at www.british-history.ac.uk.



Alan Thacker and Sir Roy Strong at the reception at the House of Lords, 1 November 2005

The Friends of the IHR have also established two innovative funds this year: the Friends' Bursaries and the Friends' Fund for Seminars, reflecting the Institute's distinctive role in nurturing the next generation of historical scholars and providing the unique forum of the thematic seminars for exchange and discussion. Along with the new Alwyn Ruddock bequest to support postgraduate researchers using the resources of the IHR and the John Neale Prize awarded for the first time this year and supported by an alumnus of the IHR, the Institute's provision for, and recognition of, young scholarship is an important part of both IHR's strategic vision for the future and the support we are receiving.

This autumn will see the launch of the next stage of the IHR's Appeal and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to help us spread the word about the Institute's work and our need for additional support for our mission to bring the best in history to the widest possible audience. Our new Appeal materials and activity will focus on the IHR's past, present and future as a truly innovative national and international hub for history. From Pollard's original vision of a 'laboratory for history' through to our plans for a future with a modernized building, online resources for all with an interest in history from lifelong learners through to researchers, research leaders in fields as diverse as London History, Maritime History and History and the Media, we very much hope that the Institute's Campaign for History will inspire support from friends

and colleagues, old and new.

For more information on the IHR's Campaign for History and the Appeal, please contact us in the Development and Friends' Office at the IHR on 020 7862 8764 or 8791, or at felicity.jones@sas.ac.uk and kathryn.dagless@sas.ac.uk. Kathryn and I look forward to speaking with you to tell you more about our activities and plans for development.

Felicity Jones
Director of Development

Seminar programme Autumn Term 2006

American History

Pollard Room, Thursday 17.30

- 19 October **Bruce Baker (Royal Holloway)**
How W. E. B. Du Bois won the United Daughters of the Confederacy Essay Contest
- 2 November **Catherine Clinton (Queen's)**
Breaking the silence: sexual hypocrisy from Thomas Jefferson to Strom Thurmond
- 16 November **Daniel Scroop (Liverpool)**
'The backbone of a nation': the anti-chain store movement and the politics of consumption
- 30 November **Gaby Treglia (Durham)**
Preservation or assimilation? The Indian New Deal revisited
- 14 December **James Campbell (Portsmouth)**
Urban slavery and the law in the Americas: a comparative perspective

British History in the Long 18th Century

Wolfson Room, Wednesday 17.15

- 4 October **Leonard Schwarz (Birmingham)**
A new approach to the study of poverty: London, 1725-1825
- 18 October **Anne Stott (OU)**
Wilberforce and women
- 1 November **Margaret Bird (RHUL)**
Mud, toil, tears and sweat: time-husbandry in a rural workforce, 1773-1809
- 15 November **Richard Drayton (Cambridge)**
How the British West Indies were

made British

- 29 November **Matt Symonds (UCL)**
Newspapers and the business of sedition, c. 1715-c. 1745
- 7 December (Thursday) **Boyd Hilton (Trinity College, Cambridge), Margot Finn (Warwick), Arthur Burns (KCL)**
Roundtable discussion of Boyd Hilton's A Mad, Bad, and Dangerous People? England 1783-1846 (2006)

Joint seminar with British History 1815-1945

British History 1815-1945 Wolfson Room, Thursday 17.00

- 28 September **Kate Bradley (IHR)**
Clubs, courts and citizens: young people, the voluntary sector and the state, 1908-1945
- 12 October **Michael Thompson (IHR)**
The country-house social system, 1870-1939
- 26 October **Catriona Pennell (Trinity College Dublin)**
Perceiving the enemy: popular understandings of Germany in Britain and Ireland at the outbreak of the First World War, August to December 1914
- 9 November **Jerry White**
'Who Stole the Mutton?' Police and public confidence in Victorian London
- 23 November **Ewen Cameron (Edinburgh)**
The 'Unknown Prime Minister' and the 'True Blue Clyde'
- 7 December **Boyd Hilton (Trinity College, Cambridge), Margot Finn (University of Warwick), Arthur Burns (King's College, London)**
Roundtable discussion of Boyd Hilton's A Mad, Bad, and Dangerous People? England 1783-1846

Joint seminar with British History in the Long 18th Century at 17.15

Collecting & Display, 100BC to AD1700 NG15, Monday 18.00

- 9 October **Andrea Gáldy (I Tatti)**
*The Lila Wallace Lecture
Florence as a 16th-century centre of antiquarian studies*
- 13 November **Richard Williams (Birkbeck)**
Collections as an expression of

*religious belief in Reformation
England*

- 11 December **Robert Tittler (Emeritus, Concordia, Canada)**
Faces and spaces in early modern England: the place for civic portraiture, c. 1560-1640

Contemporary British History Wolfson Room, Wednesday 17.00

- 11 October **Duncan Tanner (Bangor)**
The Freedom of Information Act and its impact: studying the history of Welsh Devolution
- 25 October **James McKay (Birmingham)**
The passage of the Commonwealth Immigration Act: a case-study of back-bench pressure, 1961-2
- 8 November **Vanessa Chambers (CCBH)**
Gremlins – the Second World War and the supernatural
- 22 November **Susan Williams (Institute of Education)**
Colour bar: the exile of Seretse Khama, 1948-56
- 6 December **Peter Waymark (Open University)**
Harold Wilson and the BBC in the 1960s

European History 1500-1800 Low Countries Room, Monday 17.00

- 9 October **Ignacio Rivas (UCL)**
The Spanish intelligence system in the war of Jenkins' ear (1739-1744)
- 23 October **David Parrott (Oxford)**
War and society in Europe, 1550-1660: the 'Military Devolution'
- 6 November **Sara Gonzalez Castrejon (Castilla-La Mancha)**
Wreckage: war machinery, landscape and the aesthetics of landscape in early modern Europe (provisional title)
- 20 November **Adam Sutcliffe (KCL)**
Spinoza, Bayle and the Enlightenment politics of philosophical certainty
- 4 December **Mark Bryant (Chichester University College)**
The Quietist controversy and the crisis of authority in Louis XIV's France, 1689-1699



History of Education

Germany Room, Thursday 17.30

28 September **Roger Openshaw (Massey, New Zealand)**

The comprehensive ideal in New Zealand: challenges and prospects

This seminar will be followed by a reception at 20 Bedford Way from 19.00

2 November **Susanne Wiborg (Institute of Education)**

Historical perspectives on the Scandinavian welfare state and education

30 November **Miriam Ben-Peretz (Haifa, Israel, and Visiting Professor, Institute of Education)**

Learning from experience: memory and the teachers' account of teaching

The History of Gardens & Landscapes

Wolfson Room, Friday 17.30

The theme for the autumn term is 'Gardens and literature'

6 October **Lorna Stacy (Bristol)**

Gardens in Edwardian children's literature

20 October **Paula Henderson (Courtauld Institute)**

Weeding out the rhetoric: Francis Bacon's essay 'Of Gardens'

Please note: this session will take place in NG14

27 October **Anne Wilkinson**

Shirley Hibberd and his garden in Hackney

Please note: this session will take place in ST273

17 November **Nuala Hancock (Sussex)**

The poetics of gardens in the work of Virginia Woolf

1 December **Matthew Johnson (Southampton)**

W. G. Hoskins and the Hound of the Baskervilles

International History

Low Countries Room, Tuesday 18.00

17 October **David Stevenson (LSE)**

Belgium, military planning, and the origins of World War I

30 October **Linda Colley (Princeton)**

The global and the biographical

Please note: this event will be held at the LSE.

2 November **Zara Steiner (Cambridge)**

Of men and arms: 1919-1939: unfinished history?

Please note: this event will be held at KCL.

14 November **Philip Alexander**

Oil supplies and economic crisis, 1967

5 December **Alban Webb (QMUL)**

BBC and the Cuban crisis (provisional title)

Issues in Film History

Germany Room, Thursday 17.30

19 October **Andrew Spicer (West of England)**

The author as author: restoring the screenwriter to cinema history

9 November **Jonathan Stubbs (East Anglia)**

The runaway bribe? American film production in Britain and the Eady Levy, 1950-64

7 December **Charles Drazin (QMUL)**

Anglo-American collaboration: Korda, Selznick and Goldwyn

Late Medieval

Ecclesiastical History Room, Friday 17.30

13 October **Matthew Stevens (CMH)**

Agrarian crisis, community and debt litigation in the early 14th century

20 October **Tony Pollard (Teesside)**

Warwick the kingmaker and the true commons

27 October **Michael Ray (KCL)**

Margaret FitzGerold, wife of Baldwin de Redvers, heir of the Earl of Devon, and of Falkes de Bréauté, a tragic life?

3 November **David Lewis (RHUL)**

Windsor in the middle ages

10 November **Jackson Armstrong (Cambridge)**

Conflict and the law in the Scottish Marches towards England, c. 1475-1500'.

17 November **Clive Burgess (RHUL)**

New Light on pre-Reformation parish government

24 November **No seminar; Presidential address at the Royal Historical Society**

1 December **Elizabeth Danbury (UCL)**

The archbishop of York, the lord mayor of London, and



the deposition of Edward II: evidence from some imprudent correspondence

- 8 December **Carole Hill (East Anglia)**
The late medieval anchorhold and fund management: Julian and her sisters
- 15 December **John Watts (Oxford)**
The changing meaning of 'the commons' in the long fifteenth century, c. 1381-1549

Late Medieval & Early Modern Italy 3rd Floor Seminar Room, Thursday 17.00

- 12 October **TBC**
- 26 October **David Abulafia**
The phenomenon of signoria in southern Italy in the 15th century
- 9 November **Helen Dixon**
The self-propaganda of Roman humanists during the years 1460-1500
- 23 November **David Gentilcore**
The Renaissance tomato: from botanical curiosity to culinary condiment
- 7 December **Donal Cooper**
The Franciscan genesis of Sassetta's Sansepolcro polyptych

London Group of Historical Geographers Wolfson Room, Tuesday 17.00

- 10 October **Simon Reid-Henry (QMUL)**
Ghosts of Guantánamo
- 24 October **Benita Parry (Warwick)**
Title to be announced
- 7 November **Jürgen Zimmerer (Sheffield)**
Landscapes of genocide: the Herero War in German Southwest Africa (1904-1908) and its legacies
- 21 November **Claudio Minca (RHUL)**
Biopolitical blackholes and the new geographies of darkness
- 5 December **Toby Dodge (QMUL)**
A journey from colonial to neo-colonial Baghdad: Joseph Conrad, Sir Henry Dobbs, Paul Bremer and visions of the good Iraq

London Society for Medieval Studies Wolfson Room, Tuesday, 19.00

- 17 October **Anne Duggan (KCL)**
Making law, or not: papal letters to Norway and Sweden in the 12th century
- 31 October **Martin Carver (York)**
The Pictish monastery at Portmahomack and the conversion of Scotland
- 14 November **Christopher Gerrard (Durham)**
Buildings, settlement and landscape at Ambel (Zaragoza): an archaeological, historical and architectural case study of the Military Orders in North-Eastern Spain
- 28 November **Malcolm Vale (St John's, Oxford)**
The ancient enemy? Some medieval origins of Anglo-French estrangement
- This will be preceded by our AGM at 18.45
- 12 December **Jo Story (Leicester) (TBC)**
Epigrams, epigraphy and itineraries: Alcuin and the legacy of late antique Rome

This will be preceded by our Christmas party from 18.15 (Wolfson Room) – all welcome!

Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture Wolfson Room, Friday 17.30

- 13 October **Introduced by Gail Day, Steve Edwards & Andrew Hemingway**
Art-historical responses to 9/11 and its aftermath
Discussion of: Retort, Afflicted Powers, and O. K. Werckmeister, Der Medusa Effekt. Politische Bildstrategieen seit dem 11. September 2001
- 27 October **Jo Malt (KCL)**
TBC
- 10 November **Tom Gretton (UCL)**
Too much of a good thing: lithography, wood-engraving and the commodity forms of caricature in the 1820s and 1830s
- 24 November **Alex Callinicos (KCL)**
Marxism and the idea of critique?
- 8 December **Nick Till (Sussex)**
The operatic chorus: a brief critical history of representations and envoicings of collective identities



Medieval European History 1150-1550

Low Countries Room, Thursday 17.30

- 5 October **Susan Boynton (Columbia, New York)**
Silent echoes: medieval ritual and cultural nationalism in Spain
- 19 October **Tony Morris**
The local origins of the reform movement: Essex landowners and their experiences of royal government before 1258
- 2 November **Marie-Pierre Gelin (London)**
The archbishop's image: hagiography, liturgy and iconography at Christ Church, Canterbury in the 12th and 13th centuries
- 16 November **Rob Lutton (London University of the Arts)**
Richard Guldeford's pilgrimage: textual and visual languages of transition in the late 15th and early 16th centuries
- 30 November **Salvador Ryan (National University of Maynooth)**
The power and the passion: the many faces of the crucified Christ in late medieval Irish religious
- 14 December **William Campbell (IHR)**
Franciscan popular preaching in 13th century England: sources and problems

Metropolitan History

Pollard Room, Wednesday 17.30

- 18 October **Peter Bailey (Manitoba)**
Metropolitan music hall: audiences and ambience (provisional title)
- 1 November **TBC**
- 15 November **TBC**
- 29 November **Panikos Panayi (de Montfort)**
The rise of the foreign restaurant in London
- 13 December **Alysa Levine (Oxford Brookes)**
Pauper apprentices in 18th-century London (provisional title)
- 10 January **Glen Calderwood (Institution of Civil Engineers) and Carl Bridge (KCL)**
The Australians in Britain in 1901: an exploration (joint meeting with Contemporary British History)
- 24 January **David Peters Corbett (York)**
'Food for starving souls': the urban scene in Ashcan School and Camden Town realism around 1900

Military History

Germany Room, Tuesday 17.00

- 3 October **Bill Philpott (KCL)**
The French breakthrough on the Somme in 1916
- 17 October **Simeon Shoul (UCL)**
Soldiers, riots and aid to the civil power: India, Egypt and Palestine 1919-1939
- 31 October **Alessio Palatano (CCL)**
Western assessments of the Imperial Japanese Navy
- 14 November **Matthew Hughes (Brunel)**
British armed forces and the Arab revolt, 1936-1939
- 28 November **Nick Atkin (Reading)**
The nearly men: France and its Caesars (Boulanger, Pétain et al)
- 12 December **Andrew Stewart (KCL)**
The fall of Tobruck

Modern Italian History

Germany Room, Wednesday 17.30

- 25 October **Axel Körner (UCL), Chair: Lucy Riall**
Etruscomania: writing the past in 19th century Bologna
- 15 November **Stuart Woolf (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia), Chair: Axel Körner**
What is understood by the Risorgimento today? A half century of reflections

Event organised in co-operation with the European Doctorate in the Social History of Europe and the Mediterranean

- 29 November **John A. Davis (Connecticut) – Panel TBA**
Presentation and discussion of John A. Davis's Naples and Napoleon
- 13 December **Gilles Pécout (ENS, Paris), Chair: John Foot**
A political history of international military volunteers: Italians in the Mediterranean during the 19th century

Music in Britain

Wolfson Room, Monday 17.15

- 2 October **Patrick Driscoll (Cambridge)**
The Salisbury Annual Musical Festival 1770-1800: provincial culture in transition



- 16 October **Kate Holland (Nottingham)**
Title to be confirmed
- 30 October **Margaret Schofield-Palmer (London)**
Merrie England in Bermondsey
- 13 November **Jonathan Tyack (London)**
*'The destroyer of peace':
gramophones in British culture, 1900-
1925*
- 27 November **Lionel Carley (London)**
*Aspects of Grieg's relationship with
England*

Parliaments, Representation and Society

Low Countries, Tuesday 17.15

- 10 October **Paul Cavill (Corpus Christi College, Oxford)**
*The evolution of Parliament: from
medieval to modern?*
- 24 October **Steven Fielding (Salford)**
*The problematic place of party in
modern British history: the interwar
years*
- 7 November **Paul Hunneyball (History of Parliament)**
*Popular politics? The Cornish
elections of 1628*
- 21 November **History of Parliament Lecture at Portcullis House, Westminster**
David Cannadine
*An 'inextinguishable torch': the
history of Parliament in modern times'*

Admission to the lecture is free, but please contact the History of Parliament, 18 Bloomsbury Square, for further details and admission ticket

Philosophy of History

Pollard Room, Thursday 17.30

- 12 October **Martin L. Davies (Leicester)**
In the prison-house of history
- 26 October **Christopher Lloyd, (New England, New South Wales, Australia)**
*Capitalism and global warfare since
the 15th century: beyond Braudelian
themes in the methodological and
theoretical linkings of past, present,
and future*
- 9 November **Alberto Toscano (Goldsmiths College)**
*Periodisation, intervention, event:
Alain Badiou's concept of history*
- 23 November **Kalle Pihlainen (Abo, Finland)**
The end of oppositional history?

- 7 December **Wulf Kansteiner (Binghamton, New York State, USA)**
*'I just won World War II': history,
historical consciousness and video
game culture*

Postgraduate Seminar

Low Countries Room, Thursday 17.30

- 12 October **Joseph Maslen (Manchester)**
*Revising the british history of
the thirties: Margot Kettle's
'Recollections of a Younger World'*
- 19 October **Liza Filby (IHR)**
(NG15) *Two nations, one church? Faith in the
City – the Church of England report
on Thatcher's Britain*
- 9 November **Felicia Yap (Cambridge)**
*Prisoners of the Japanese in British
Asia during the Second World War*
- 23rd November **Andrew Steadman (Kingston)**
*Turning a blind eye and the other
cheek: isolationist and pacifist
alternatives to Chamberlain's policy of
appeasement, 1936-39*
- 7 December **David Sarias (Sheffield)**
*'We must quit using our hearts': The
Conservative movement and the
Southernization of Richard Nixon*

Please note this paper was postponed from June 2006

Psychoanalysis and History

Low Countries Room, Wednesday 17.30

- 11 October **Tracey Loughran (Manchester)**
Shell shock and the First World War
- 22 November **Susannah Radstone (East London)**
Trauma and its fascinations
- 6 December **TBC**

Reading and Reception Studies

ST276, Tuesday 17.30

- 24 October **Gillian Dow (Southampton)**
*The reception of Madame de Genlis's
Adele et Theodore in Britain*
- 7 November **British Comparative Literature Association Graduate Seminar**
Reading across boundaries
- 21 November **Tom Toremans (Brussels)**
*The double genitive of Carlyle's
Reception*



This seminar will take place in the Meeting Room, Clare Hall Cambridge

5 December **Barrie Bullen (Reading)**
Narratives from the reception of Byzantium in 19th century Europe

Please note also the following seminar:

16 November **Katrin Kohl (Jesus, Oxford)**
ST273 *Exchanging metaphors: concepts of literature in German and English poetics during the period of Romanticism*

IGRS Working Group on the Reception of German/Swiss/Austrian Literature in Britain

The Religious History of Britain, 1500-1800

Germany Room, Tuesday 17.00

10 October **Ashley Null**
Thomas Cranmer on rhetoric, revelation and reason

24 October **Darryl Ogier**
Witchcraft in the Reformation Channel Islands

7 November **Helen Parish (Reading)**
Title to be confirmed

21 November **Lesley Rowe**
Hildersham in Ashby: the later years (1605-1632)

5 December **John Coffey (Leicester)**
The assassination of Archbishop Sharp: religious violence and martyrdom in Restoration Scotland

Socialist History

Pollard Room, Monday 17.30

25 September **Ross McKibbin**
The Edwardian Liberal government 100 years on: an assessment

9 October **Keith Flett**
Chartism after 1848

4th November **Red Saunders and others**
(Saturday) *Who shot the sheriff? Rock Against Racism 30 years on*
from 1 pm

13 November **Susan Williams**
The colour bar – the politics of race in 1950s Britain

27 November **John Moyles and Di Parkin**
Illegal strikes at Betteshanger Colliery in the Second World War

Tudor & Stuart

Wolfson Room, Monday 17.15

23 October **Richard Hoyle (Reading)**
The small change of Jacobean patronage: petitions to the Masters of Requests, 1603-1616

6 November **Susan Doran (Christ Church, Oxford)**
Elizabeth I and her favourites: the case of Sir Walter Raleigh

20 November **Helen Payne (Adelaide, Australia)**
'Women so much upon the stage': aristocratic women and scandal at the Jacobean court

4 December **Robert Tittler (Concordia, Montreal)**
'The Face of the City': civic portraits and civic identity in post-Reformation England

Women's History

Low Countries Room, Friday 17.15

6 October **Lucy Bland (London Met)**
The trials and tribulations of Edith Thompson: the capital crime of sexual incitement in 1920s England

20 October **Mari Takayanagi (IHR)**
The parliamentary passage of the Sex Discrimination (Removal) Act of 1919

3 November **Catherine Kevin (KCL)**
Great expectations: episodes in the political history of pregnancy in Australia since 1945

17 November **Carmen Mangione (Birkbeck)**
Developing alliances: faith, philanthropy and fundraising in 19th century England and Wales

1 December **Tim Reinke-Williams (KCL)**
Women, neighbourliness and sociability in early modern London

Important information

All seminar information is correct at the time of going to press, but readers should note that they are subject to alteration and cancellation. There are, in addition, other seminars being held in the autumn term, details of which are not yet available. For an up-to-date and full programme, please consult the IHR's website at www.history.ac.uk/ihrseminars/index.php.