

The 37th West London Local History Conference

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Travel & Communications in West London's History

This year's speakers will consider how our forbears made connections with each other. They will explore the impact upon west London of changes in communications over several centuries, in road transport, the postal service and aviation, as well as examining how one family used river and road transport to connect and supply their Chiswick, Yorkshire and London homes.

Bookstalls from the sponsoring societies will be open during the conference breaks to help you to keep in touch with local history in our area.

PROGRAMME

- 9.30 **Doors open** for viewing of sponsoring societies' book stalls
- 10.00 Welcome by **Val Bott**, chairman of the organising committee
- 10.05 **On the road, before & after turnpiking: waggons, packhorses & stage coaches**
Dorian Gerhold, author of *Carriers & Coachmasters* & other books on road transport
- 10.55 **COFFEE**
- 11.20 **The postal service from the 17th century onwards especially that in Fulham & Hammersmith**
Keith Whitehouse, Chairman, Fulham & Hammersmith Historical Society
- 12.00 **A wealthy family's travels and transport: Lord Fauconberg's accounts, 1680-1700**
James Wisdom, Chairman, Brentford & Chiswick Local History Society
- 12.45 **LUNCH**
- 1.45 **Making Connections: writing, printing, advertising**
Historical documents on the conference theme read by the organising committee
- 2.15 **By-passing crowded Brentford: the impact of the new Great West Road upon west London**
James Marshall, Hounslow's Local Studies Librarian
- 3.00 **TEA**
- 3.30 **Something in the Air: the rise of aviation in west London**
Oliver Green, Research Fellow, London Transport Museum & author of *British aviation posters: art, design & flight*
- 4.20 **Summary of the day's proceedings**
- 4.30 **Conference ends**

The university's Brentford Campus lies at the north-west corner of the Boston Manor Road/A4 junction, 10-15 minutes' walk from Brentford Station (SW Trains) and Boston Manor Station (Piccadilly Line), with free parking on site. It lies beside the M4 below the flyover. The building is entirely wheelchair accessible.

Your ticket includes *morning coffee* and *afternoon tea*. However, on the day the refectory will open specially for us, offering coffee on arrival and sandwiches for lunch. You are also welcome to bring a packed lunch if you prefer.