

39th West London Local History Conference

ENTERTAINMENT IN SOUTH & WEST LONDON

on Saturday 30 March 2019



UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON
BOSTON MANOR RD, BRENTFORD TW8 9GB

Tickets £15.00

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SEND CHEQUE TO 'WEST LONDON LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE' WITH SAE**

Conference sponsored by the local history societies for Acton, Barnes & Mortlake,
Brentford & Chiswick, Fulham & Hammersmith, Hounslow, Little Ealing, Richmond,
Twickenham, Wandsworth and the West Middlesex Family History Society

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PROGRAMME

The programme explores changing fashions in entertainment over 300 years and considers its contribution to local social life, from assembly rooms and travelling shows to purpose-built venues like theatres, music halls and cinemas

- 9.30 **Doors open** for viewing of sponsoring societies' book stalls.
- 10.00 **Welcome and introduction to the conference theme**
Val Bott, co-chairman of the organising committee
- 10.15 **Two Richmond Theatres: their Roles in the Social Life of the Town**
Paul Velluet, architectural historian & President, Richmond Local History Society
- 10.55 **COFFEE**
- 11.30 **Musical Life in Georgian Brentford & Chiswick**
Val Bott, editor of *The Brentford & Chiswick Local History Journal*
- 12.10 **The Music Halls Bring Variety & Fun to South-West London**
Neil Robson, co-chairman of the organising committee & editor of *The Wandsworth Historian*
- 12.50 **Hot off the Press**
A round-up of publications from the sponsoring societies
- 1.00 **LUNCH**
- 2.00 **That's Entertainment!**
Historical documents on our theme read by the organising committee
- 2.30 **The Lido, West Ealing: a Journey through Cinema History 1913-2005**
David Shailes, local historian
- 3.10 **TEA**
- 3.40 **The National Jazz and Blues Festivals in Richmond in the 1960s**
Alan Sherriff, Richmond Heritage Guide
- 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, about 10 minutes' walk from Brentford Station (SWR) and Boston Manor Station (Piccadilly Line), with free parking on site. It stands beside the M4, below the flyover. The building is entirely wheelchair accessible.

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