

HISTORY & SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

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EVENTS

17 March - Tally-Ho and Away! or Huntin' the Reds: British Communist Writers in the Cold War. Andy Croft. Andy is a poet and historian based on Teesside. His books include a biography of Randall Swingler and 'Red Letter Days', a study of left-wing writers in the 1930s. Working Class Movement Library, Salford. www.wcml.org.uk.

17 March. 5pm. The Great War on the Small Screen: Televisual Narratives of the First World War. Talk by Dr Emma Hanna (University of Greenwich).(See Note 1)

18 March. 7.30pm. Anti-fascist short films-lessons from eight decades of fighting fascism in London inc. *Who shot the sheriff?* -the history of Rock Against Racism and Love Music Hate Racism inspiring and mobilising young people to stop the fascists by bringing together music and politics-from the 1970's to today; *Lewisham 1977* about the Battle of Lewisham filmed in New Cross by Deptford TV volunteers; *The Battle of Cable Street* and *The Legacy of Cable Street*; with question and answer session involving the film maker Yoav Segal With Q and A with film maker. £6 which includes polenta meal or cake and drink ordered at 7.30pm, film screening 8.15pm. Tickets available from the café in advance to guarantee a place. Cafe Crema, 306 New Cross Road, London, SE14 6AF. 2 minutes from New Cross and New Cross Gate stations mob. www.cafecremaevents.co.uk for information.

19 March, 6-9pm. Looking Beyond Slavery. Launch of Year Report of Freedom Think Tank. Poetry readings. African Drumming. The Globe, Student Union Building, Newcastle University. Buffet. Free Admission. For more information contact: Gerard on 0191 2816523 or Daljeet on 07709580286.

23 March. 6.30-8pm. Buy For the Sake of the Slave: Quaker Women and the Free Produce Movement in Britain. Anna Vaughan Kett (PhD student, University of Brighton) will talk on the free produce movement in Britain, as an anti-slavery strategy in the 19th century. Free event; space is limited; please register at www.quaker.org.uk/quakerhistory if you plan to come. The Library will stay open until 6pm. 6pm in the Quaker Centre Café for a 6.30pm start. Quaker Centre, Friends House, 173 Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ. Anna's work compliments mine on the work of the Newcastle Quakers Anna and Henry Richardson in co-ordinating and promoting the movement, inc. through their newspaper *The Slave*.

24 March. Can prisons work? A view from the Inspectorate. 7.30pm. Lecture by Anne Owers, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons. The Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London, SW19. Prisoners Education Trust 21st Birthday event. £15 (students £7.50) inc. glass of wine. Owers was educated in Washington in County Durham, went to Girton College, Cambridge. She taught and researched African history in Zambia. She worked for Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants from 1981 and from 1992 was Director of Justice. She became Chief Inspector in 2001. To book tickets contact Prisoners Education Trust: gertrude@prisonerseducation.org.uk; www.prisonerseducation.org.uk.

26-27 March. The 'Wind of Change' Fifty Years on: Britain & the End of the Empire in the 1950s & 1960s. University of East Anglia. Organised by Dr Larry Butler, UEA & Dr Sarah Stockwell, King's College London. Keynote speakers include: Wm Roger Louis (University of Texas at Austin) reassessing Macmillan's place in the history of British decolonization, Stephen Howe (University of Bristol) on the different historiographies of decolonization and Saul Dubow (University of Sussex) on the South African dimension. Further information can be found at: www.uea.ac.uk/his/eventsnews/events/wind+of+change.

26 March. 8pm. Archaeological Discoveries at Fulham Palace. Talk by Phil Emery. Wandsworth Historical Society. Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18.

26 March. 8pm-2am. Rangoon at the Comedy Pub, Oxenden St, nr. Piccadilly Circus. £5 - book tickets on 07092 095401, Rangoon is a blues fusion band sponsored by Amnesty International. Its members include Michele Haniotis who I used to work with at Solon Wandsworth Housing Association. You can check them out and listen to some of their tracks on www.myspace.com/rangoon.

27 March. 10am onwards. Discovering West London's History: Conference. Musical Museum. Brentford. The annual West London Local History Conference looks at uncovering stories from the past and the evidence on which the research was based, including the former curator of the Wandsworth Museum, Pat Astley-Cooper, on Battersea and Wandsworth through the eyes of various artists, and the Wandsworth Historical Society's chairman, Neil Robson on a war memorial apparently abandoned in Battersea. Tickets £8. Further details available by email from Neil Robson - ngrobson@tiscali.co.uk.

30 March, The Arts, Health and Wellbeing. Voluntary Arts England free one-day national conference in Liverpool as part of the Up For Arts project (www.upforarts.co.uk). It has been designed to celebrate and recognise projects, schemes and organisations that reach out to disadvantaged communities using arts/crafts as a vehicle for increasing levels of informal learning, health and wellbeing. Throughout the day BBC News24's Breakfast presenter Susanna Reid will chair discussions that will explore the major social, health, economical and environmental benefits in developing opportunities for and participation in arts and cultural activities. Keynote speakers will share creative ideas and project details such as: Places are limited. To find out more and to book, visit <http://restoringthebalance.eventbrite.com>. Its good to see this Conference taking place my work on Stockwell Community Buildings at the end of 2008 I argued the importance of cultural activities particularly in a time of recession.

30 March. 7pm. Croydon Music and Arts Showcase 2010 - Celebrating Croydon's Music. Fairfield Halls, Croydon. Croydon Music and Arts invites you to join us as 400 young performers take a journey through music which would have been played or heard by Croydon residents from the earliest printed music when Croydon was a rural community through to the present day. Includes music by Samuel Coleridge Taylor. To receive your tickets please reply to: Croydon Music and Arts, Oasis Academy Shirley Park, Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 7AL, Tel: 020 8681 0909, Fax: 020 8654 7024 E-mail: musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk.

17 April. Love Music Hate Racism are looking for collaborators/performers/crafters for anti-racism event in Croydon....if you are interested in getting involved or would like more info, please email: southlondon@lovemusichateracism.com with subject: Croydon April Event.

www.myspace.com/lmhrsouthlondon ; www.southlondon@lovemusichateracism.com;
www.lovemusichateracism.com.

21 April. 5pm. Family History, Archives and War: Constructing Lives and Creating Stories. Dr June Balshaw (University of Greenwich) and Pauline Rush (Greenwich graduate). (See Note 1)

23 April. 10am-3.30pm. Once More Unto The Breach? Adult Education in a New Era. Centre for Life, Newcastle upon Tyne. Conference recognising that new challenges are facing adult education - a General Election with uncertain outcomes, an enhanced awareness that adult learning can make a major difference to everyday lives, and new experiments in volunteering to make a difference in how we shape the world around us. Speakers will outline some of the possibilities:

- Professor Tom Schuller, who chaired the NIACE Inquiry into Life Long Learning, will discuss the implications of the General Election for adult learning;
- Professor Johnston Birchall, University of Stirling, will focus on how membership based organisations can offer ways of taking our future into our own hands.

Plus assessment of the current state of play in volunteering in adult education, including recent initiatives that are developing regional capacity among community learning champions, learning revolutionaries and learning circles. Further details from Nigel Todd, Regional Director, Workers' Educational Association - North East Region. Tel: 0191 212 6100 (office); 079 196 911 69 (mobile). www.wea.org.uk.

23 April. Historical Perspectives on the Family. A one-day conference featuring papers on the family through British history, with a keynote paper from Professor Pat Thane. Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield, Gell Street. Email laura.king@sheffield.ac.uk for more information; or see www.history.ac.uk/events/conferences/1170.

5 May. 5pm. The Great British Cat and Dog Massacre of World War Two. Dr Hilda Kean (Dean of Ruskin College, Oxford). (See Note 1)

26 May. 5pm. "Soldiers from the War returning": Comradeship and Ex-Servicemen's Organisations after the First World War; talk by Dr Maggie Millman (London Metropolitan University); and 'We'll meet again': Female Reunions, the Women's Land Army and the Second World War; talk by June Balshaw and Kate Martin. (See Note 1)

15 September. Journalism and History: Dialogues. Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield. Interdisciplinary one-day conference, organised by the Department of Journalism Studies and the Department of History at the University of Sheffield, will explore dialogues between journalism and history. The Conference will signal the launch of the Centre for the Study of Journalism and History at the University of Sheffield. Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to Dr Martin Conboy, m.conboy@sheffield.ac.uk by 30 May 2010. For more information see www.history.ac.uk/events/conferences/1170.

Note 1. These talks are part of the 'Other Narratives of War Public Seminar Series' and take place at the University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College in Room Queen Anne 063, bar 26 May which will be in Queen Anne 075) . For more information e-mail: bj61@gre.ac.uk (June Balshaw).

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Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Network Newsletter. The second issue is now available from me.

Friendly Society Research Group. The new issue (No. 18) of the Group's newsletter edited by Dan Weinbren and I is now available from me. It includes details of Dan's new book on the 200th Anniversary of the Oddfellows, and a piece by me on the regrettable mothballing of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry at Sheffield University.

Vauxhall and The Invention of the Urban Pleasure Gardens. Your last chance to buy Penny Corfield's pamphlet published under my publishing imprint History & Social Action Publications. The print run has almost sold out.

Archive and Library Deposits. I have been continuing to work on finding archive, library and other homes for books, pamphlets, papers, sheet music, records owned by my parents and people whose collections have come into my possession. This year deposits have been and are being made to:

- The British Library: political pamphlets and Soviet classical music recordings
- Bishopsgate Institute: 1930s and 40s political pamphlets and books and issues of the American Marxist journal *Science & Science* from the 1950s and 1960s; pamphlets on the Spanish Civil War given to me by the Wandsworth Labour Co-operative activist Dot Ballantine; Martin's Tupper's collection of Annual Labour Party Conference reports; and a large collection of Fabian pamphlets from the late 1960s to the early 1980s.
- English Chess Federation: books for its chess library
- [Society for Co-operation in Russian & Soviet Studies: Soviet books in English](#)
- Fred Scott, piano teacher and pianist whom works with Croydon schools: piano teaching materials
- Wandsworth Museum: local history pamphlets and ephemera collected by Martin Tupper; the papers of the Battersea and Wandsworth building trade union and Labour activist Alf Loughton; papers of the former Labour Party activist George Rowe, including correspondence and art work of the artist and poet Melville Hardiment.

In the course of my work for Riverside Community Development Trust I have deposited with Lambeth Archives the papers of the Vauxhall Empowers Group and the Vauxhall Regeneration Company, which shed light on the 'regeneration' initiatives in Kennington and Vauxhall from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s.

As Secretary of Black and Asian Studies Association I have signed the deposit agreement for its archives to be deposited with Black Cultural Archives. BCA is now cataloguing the collection.

Independent Archive Forum. I have joined this new Forum set up by Mary Stevens, joint author of the report on community archives mentioned in a previous issue of this Newsletter. It is designed for networking between independent, radical and community-based archivists and heritage practitioners.

http://indyarchives.ning.com/main/invitation/new?xg_source=msg_wel_network.

Consuming the Past: Library Resources for PGRs. I will be one of the speakers at this interdisciplinary Conference and training day being held on 28 June by Northumbria, Durham and Newcastle Universities aimed particularly at postgraduate students. The organisers state: 'As researchers we 'consume' texts, reading, interpreting and reusing material found in archives or specialist electronic resources. Libraries are a key tool in this process. Library-based research is no longer restricted to the book, but also encompasses archived materials, electronic databases and local resources. This conference provides an opportunity to explore both the practical and theoretical issues arising from attempts to understand the past: training sessions will investigate the use of archival resources in the arts and humanities whilst panellists will consider how texts themselves conceptualise and appropriate the past. My involvement will be an on-site talk about the work on slavery and abolition I was involved in at the Newcastle Literary & Philosophical Society's library in 2007. Further details are available from one of the postgraduate students involved in organising the day: helen.j.williams@northumbria.ac.uk. 1 June is the final date for registering to take part and for publication of the provisional programme. Free event with lunch and refreshments and travel to the Lit & Phil included.

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Battersea Power Station. A number of people are concerned about the plans surrounding the development of the Battersea Power Station site. To find out more check out the Battersea Power Station Community Group website: www.batterseapowerstation.org.uk.

Vauxhall, Battersea and Nine Elms Opportunity Area Consultation. The official consultation on the Mayor of London's ambitious plans for the redevelopment of the area is now available for consultation - a PDF version is available from me.

McJobs. A McJob is defined as "a low-paying, low-prestige job that requires few skills and offers very little chance of intracompany advancement". LabourStart explains: 'McDonald's was never very happy about the use of this term. In fact, the company bought the domain name "mcjobs.com" just to make sure that no one could use it. But they forget to acquire "mcjobs.org" -- and the global union federation for food workers, the IUF, together with LabourStart, bought the name and have launched McJobs.org, the website for McDonald's workers around the world': www.mcjobs.org.

One Merton Against the BNP. Due to concern about the active BNP presence on the St Helier Estate in Merton the South London Anti-Fascists Group (SLAFG) has assisted in the formation of One Merton Against Fascism and Racism. The Group was initiated by Battersea & Wandsworth Trades Union Council.

LabourStart News. See LabourStart's website for details of international campaigning to support trade unionists around the world like Mexico, Guyana, Turkey and Zimbabwe. From Ireland comes the following testimonial to the help such campaigns give: "The support of LabourStart was vital to the Green Isle Foods dispute," says the Technical Engineering and Electrical Union. This was "because the parent company, Northern Foods, was largely insulated from the dispute in Ireland in terms of public relations ... The fact that so many ... trade unionists and consumers sent emails to Northern Foods brought home to the employer that there were consequences to bad behaviour, such as ignoring the Labour Court." The dispute is now over.'

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS FOR SALE

Yes, more books and pamphlets for sale. If there are items you want email the order to sean.creighton@btinternet.com and items will be sent with invoice inc. postage.

Author	Title	Publisher	Year	Notes	£
HISTORY & POLITICS					
Rewi Alley	The People Have Strength	Author (Peking, China)	1954	Hbk. Dj - bits torn	5
M. Beer. With introduction by R H Tawney.	A History of British Socialism. Vols 1 and 2.	G. Bell & Sons	1929	Hbk	12
G D H Cole	A Short History of the British Working Class Movement 1789-1027. Vol 1 1789-1848	George Allen & Unwin & Labour Publishing Co	1927 Edition	Hbl	6
	" Vol III. 1900-1927	"	1927	Hbk	6
Margaret Cole	The New Economic Revolution	Fact. No 1	Apr 1937	Pbk	1
Dorothy Davison	Men of the Dawn. The Story of Man's Evolution to the end of the old Stone Age	Watts & Co	1944 2 nd edition	Hbk. Thinker's Library No. 45	1

Salme A Dutt	When England Arose. The Centenary of the People's Charter	Key Books. No 6. Fore Publications.	Nd	Thin card cover	6
A Honora Enfield	Co-operation. Its Problems and Possibilities. WEA Outlines	Longmans, Green & Co	1927	Pbk	5
Ruth Frow	Edmund Frow (Eddie) 1906-1997. The making of an activist	Working Class Movement Library	1999	Hbk	2
J. L & Barbara Hammond	The Village Labourer. 1760-1832. A Study in the Government of England before the Reform Bill.	Longmans, Green and Co	1920 New edition	Hbk	5
"	The Town Labourer 1760-1832	Longmans, Green and Co	New impressi on 1920	Hbk	5
Michael Herbert & Eric Taplin	Born with a Book in His Hand. A tribute to Edmund Frow 1906-1997.	North West Labour History Group	1998	Pbk	2
Derek Kartun	This is America	Thames Publications	1947	Pbk	2
Jurgen Kuczynski.	A Short History of Labour Conditions Under Industrial Capitalism. Vol 1. Part 1. Great Britain 1750 to the Present Day.	Frederick Muller.	2 nd enlarged edition 1944	Hbk	6
David E Lillenthal	TVA. Tennessee Valley Authority. Democracy on the march	Penguin (Special)	1944	Pbk	2
Kathleen Lonsdale	Is Peace Possible?	Penguin special	1957	Pbk	2
John McConaughy	Who Rules America? A Century of Invisible Government	Longmans, Green & Co	1934	Hbk	10
William Mennell	The British Economy	Socialism today Series. No. 9. Lawrence & Wishart	1960s	Pbk	1
Lewis Mumford	Men Must Act	Secker and Warburg	1939	Hbk	6
Penguin Hansard	Vol 2-. The National Effort Aut 1939- Sum 1940	Penguin	1940	Pbk	1
	Vol 3. Britain Gathers Strength. Apr 1940-Aut 1940	"	"	"	1
	Vol 4. The Second Winter Nov 40 - April 41	"	"	"	1
---	Documents Concerning German-Polish Relations and the Outbreak of Hostilities between Great Britain and Germany on September 3, 1939	HMSO	1939	Pbk	5
Winwood Reade	The Martyrdom of Man	Watts & Co, London	ND	Thinke rs Library No 25. Hbk	5
W J Rose	Poland	Penguin (Special)	1939	Pbk	1
J R Seeley	The Expansion of England	Macmillan & Co.	1888	Hbk	8
Marian Slingova	Truth Will Prevail	Merlin Press	1968	Hbk	5
Major Paul W Thompson	Modern Battle	Penguin (Special)	1942	Pbk	2

Antonio Ruiz Vilaolana	Burgos Justice	Constable & Co	1938	Pbk	12
General Wavell	Generals and Generalship	Penguin (Special)	1941	Pbk	2
Max Werner	The Great Offensive. The Strategy of Coalition Warfare	Victor Gollancz	1943	Hbk	4
SCIENCE					
	New Biology 2, 6	Penguin	1946-1949	Pbk	2
	Science News 1, 3 - 12, 16, 25, 37	Penguin	1946-1955	Pbk	14
	Science & Mankind 1 & 2	World Federation of Scientific Workers	1949	Pbk. 2 damaged	4
	Science & the Welfare of Mankind. The Proceedings of a Conference held in London 15-17 February 1946	Temple Fortune Press	1946	Pbk. Speakers inc. Julian Huxley, P M S Blackett, J D Bernal, B Farrington, Herbert Morrison	5
I Berenblum	Science versus Cancer	Sigma Books, London	1946	Sigma Introduction to Science 2. Hbk	5
E H Burhop	The Challenge of Atomic Power	Lawrence & Wishart	1951	Hbk	5
Edwin Arthur Burtt	The Metaphysical Foundations of Modern Physical Science. A Historical and Critical Essay	Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. London	1932	Hbk	20
J G Crowther	Famous American Men of Science (1)	Pelican Books	1944	Pbk	1
Charles Darwin	The Formation of Vegetable Mould	John Murray	1904	Hbk	5
Jan Dembowski	Science in New Poland	Lawrence & Wishart	1952	Pbk	5
J B S Haldane	Keeping Cool and Other Essays	Chatto & Windus	1940	Hbk	5
“	Science & Everyday Life	Pelican Books	1941	Pbk. damaged	1
“	Reader of Popular Scientific Essays	??? Moscow	1973	Pbk	3
Lancelot Hogben	Mathematics for the Million. A Popular Self Educator	George Allen & Unwin	13 th Impression 1941	Hbk	5
	Science for the Citizen. A Self-Educator based on the Social Background of	Ditto	2 nd ed 4 th imp 1941	Hbk	5

	Scientific Discovery				
Edward S Holden	The Sciences. Reading Book for Children	Ginn & CO, Boston etc	Nd	Hbk	5
Julian Huxley, Joliot-Curie, J B S Haldane, M Ruhemann, John Hughes	Science in the Atomic Age	People's Press Printing Society, London	1947	Pamphl et. Articles in Daily Worker	2
Sir E Ray Lankester	Fireside Science	Watts & Co	4 th Imp 1945	Thinker's Library No 41. Hbk	5
A D Ritchie	Civilization, Science & Religion	Pelican	1945	Pbk	1
Martin Ruhemann	Power	Sigma Books, London	1946	Sigma Introduction to Science 5. Hbk	3
Bertrand Russell	The Scientific Outlook	George Allen & Unwin	1931	Hbk	5
E Sankey & A Royds	Why and How. A Book of Everyday Science	McDougalls' Educational Co, London & Edinburgh	Nd (1940s)	Hbk	5
L Susan Stebbing	Philosophy and the Physicists	Pelican	1944	Pbk. Front cover nearly off	1
C H Waddington	The Scientific Attitude	Pelican	1948 2 nd & revised edition	Pbk	1
Sir Robert Watson-Watt & A H Bunting	Science and the Real Freedoms	Association of Scientific Workers	1944	AscW Memorandum	4
MISCELLANEOUS					
Clive Bell	An Account of French Painting	Chatto & Windus	1931	Hbk	3
"	Landmarks in Nineteenth Century Painting	"	1927	Hbk	6
James Douglas (illus Cecil Aldin)	The Bunch Book	Eyre & Spottiswoode	1932	Hbk	5
Jack Lindsay	Light in Italy	Victor Gollanz	1941	Hbk	5
George Steiner	No Passion Spent. Essays 1978-1996.	Faber & Faber	1996	Hbk. Dj	8
Wa-sha-quon-asin (Grey Owl)	Pilgrims of the Wild	Lovat Dickson & Thompson	6 th print 1935	Hbk	10
Sir William Stirling-Maxwell.	Stories of the Spanish Artists until Goya	Chatto & Windus	1910	Hbk. Rough cut. 6 pages torn out but still in book	5
PHILOSOPHY					
E. F. Carritt	Morals and Politics.	Oxford UP	Sept	Hbk	5

	Theories of their relation from Hobbes and Spinoza to Marx Bosanquet		1935 reprint		
E. F. Carritt	The Theory of Morals. An Introduction to Ethical Philosophy Vol II.	Oxford UP	Corrected 1930 impression	Hbk	5
E. S. Haldane & Francis H. Simson(trns)	Hegel's Lectures on the History of Philosophy	Routledge Kegan Paul	(1894) 1968 reprint	Hbk	10
Bryan Magee	The Great Philosophers. An Introduction to Western Philosophy	BBC Books	1987	Hbk, dj	5
C R Morris	Locke, Berkeley, Hume	Clarendon Press	1931	Hbk	5