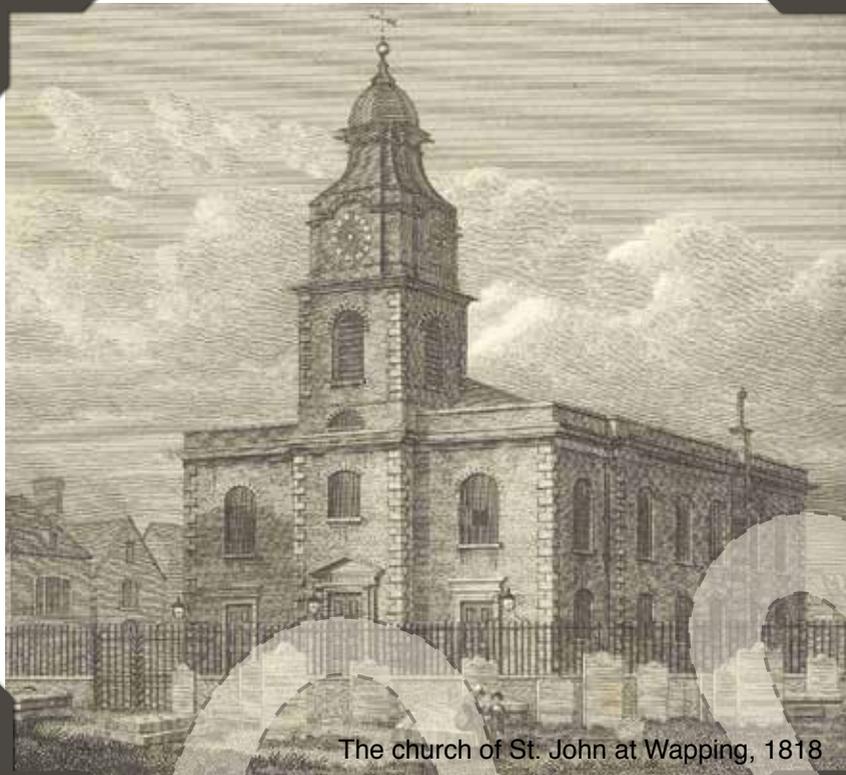


Local History Walks

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The church of St. John at Wapping, 1818

Three guided walks in Tower Hamlets

Wapping

Monday 15 July, 7pm

Starts and finishes at Wapping Overground Station

The name Wapping is of Saxon origin meaning the settlement of 'Waeppla'a people'. This was probably to the north of the area of present-day Wapping. A new hamlet in the parish of Whitechapel called Wapping-on-the-Wose on the embankment of the Thames and Wapping acquired a peculiarly narrow and serpentine shape which followed the line of the river. It was hemmed in to the north by Wapping Marsh drained in the early 16th century. The settlement at this time had a lively maritime character. The building of the London Docks further isolated the area and transformed into an area of giant warehouses and high dock walls. Bomb damage in the 2nd World War and the closure of the docks brought an appearance of dereliction from which, due to the building of new housing and other facilities, it has largely recovered.

Poplar

Tuesday 6 August, 7pm

**Starts at All Saints Station (DLR)
and finishes at Poplar Station (DLR)**

Poplar was one of the original hamlets of the parish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney. A few fishermen lived there in medieval times, but the village, centred on the High Street (on which this walk will concentrate), grew from the 16th century onwards because of its nearness to London by road and its ability to cater for ocean-going vessels at Blackwall. By 1801 the population was still only 4,500 but, within ten years, the opening of the East and West India Docks linked to London by the new East India Dock Road and Commercial Road provided the opportunity for rapid expansion. By 1881 the population had reached 55,000

Bromley-by-Bow

Saturday 7 September, 3pm

Starts and finishes at Bromley-by-Bow
Underground Station

Bromley is an ancient parish, dating from Saxon times. In the Norman period a priory was founded here. It once possessed a picturesque high street and several outstanding houses. Rapid urbanisation in the second half of the nineteenth century, the Blitz and post-war redevelopment have destroyed much, but this walk will show where the features of old Bromley once were and examine a number of interesting buildings which survive. These include The Children's House and Kingsley Hall both built in the 1920s to the designs of C. Cowles-Voysey and the Drapers' Almshouses of 1706.



The East India Company's almshouses, Poplar, 1799

Copies of old maps and illustrations will be supplied. There is a limit of 25 places on each walk and tickets (price £4.00) **MUST** be obtained in advance (see booking form overleaf).

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All walks will be of about two hours duration.



Bromley High Street, 1898

Ticket order form

All tickets priced **£4.00** (Refundable in the event of cancellation due to bad weather). Please send me:-

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..... tickets for Poplar
..... tickets for Bromley-by-Bow

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