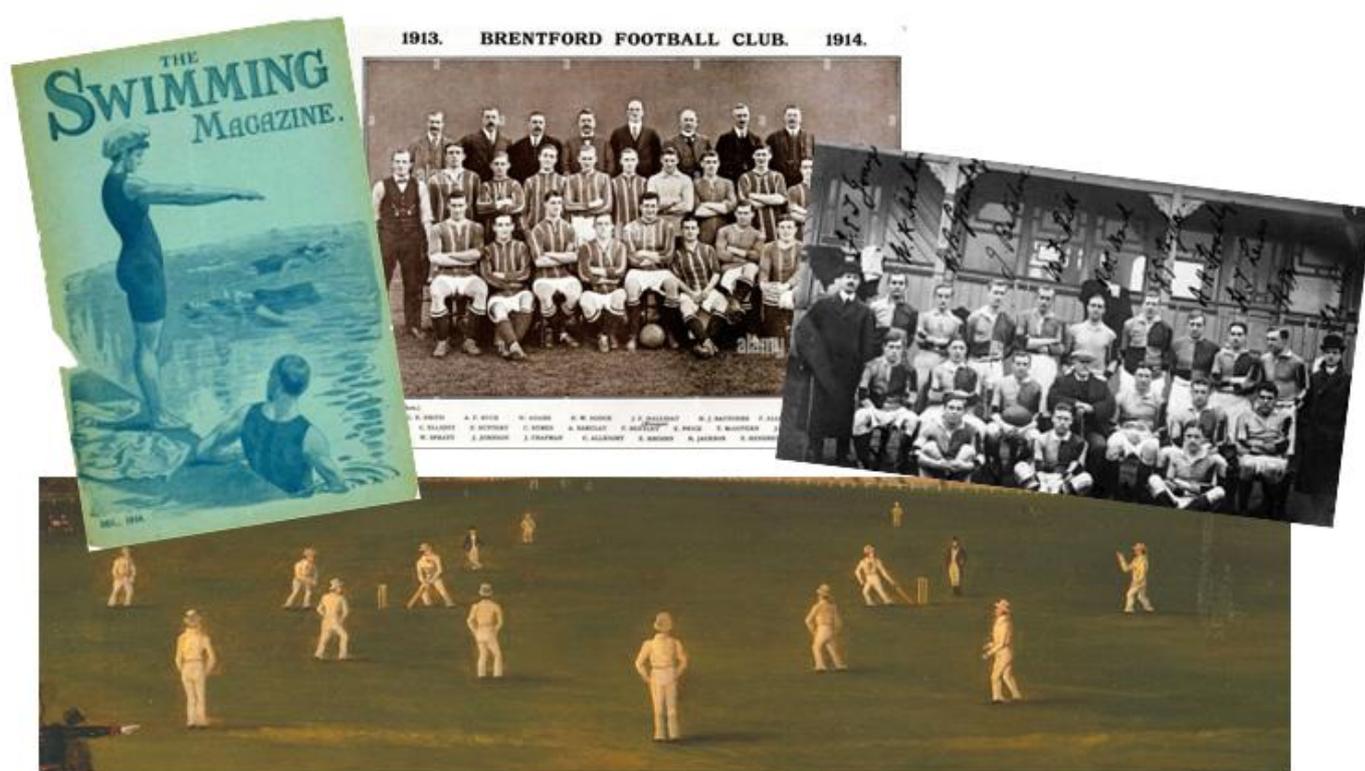


The 42nd West London Local History Conference

'PLAY THE GAME' SPORT IN THE PAST OF South & West London

Saturday 26 November 2022



Simon Inglis, author of *Played in London*, introduces the day, with Philip Boys on cricket & other sports on Wandsworth Common, Graeme Roberts on the History of Harlequins Rugby Club, Caitlin Davies, author of *Downstream*, on Thames swimming & Rob Jex on Brentford FC & the growth of professional football

A one-day virtual conference

Tickets £15.00 on sale at

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

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PROGRAMME for 26 November 2022

Welcome to our third digital conference. This year's speakers will present the history of the amazing range of sporting activities which have been played in the area covered by our sponsoring societies.

- 9.45 **Zoom meeting opens** to admit participants
- 10.00 **Welcome and introduction** to the way we will operate the online conference
Val Bott, Editor, *Brentford & Chiswick Local History Journal* & Conference Co-Chairman
- 10.10 **Played in West and South West London**
Simon Inglis, creator of the *Played in Britain* series & author of *Played in London*
- 11.00 **BREAK**
- 11.30 **Turf Wars: How cricket & other sports transformed Wandsworth Common**
Philip Boys, whose www.historyofwandsworthcommon.org/ chronicles the Common's richly diverse past
- 12.15 **Travels with the Jester from Hampstead to Twickenham: The story of Harlequins Rugby Club**
Graeme Roberts, a member of the Harlequin Heritage Team
- 1.00 **LUNCH**
- 2.00 **Welcome back and introduction to the afternoon sessions**
Neil Robson, Editor, *Wandsworth Historian* & Conference Co-Chairman
- 2.15 **'Downstream' – a history of swimming in the Thames, between Twickenham and Battersea**
Caitlin Davies, author of *Downstream*
- 3.00 **Brentford FC & the development of professional football in West London**
Rob Jex, a Brentford Football Club Historian
- 3.45 **Thanks and summary** of the day's proceedings
- 4.00 **Conference ends**

The Conference starts at 10.00am. As we are expecting a large number of people to join in we will open the Zoom session at 9.45am to give time for everyone to assemble. Remember we will be able to hear anything you say as you join in!

When we start the conference we will mute everyone's microphones because background noises can be intrusive.

There will be a short time after each contribution for questions. You can type them using the chat facility and they will show up during the session; we'll try to respond to these first.

If you wish to join the discussion or make a comment then either type into chat, wave your hand, un-mute your microphone or, if the chair hasn't spotted you, perhaps say "hello". Whoever is chairing the session will bring you in.

There will be a mid-morning break and a lunch break. If you need to leave the conference during the talks but intend to return it is best to turn off your video and mute your sound but stay online.