



LUNAR SOCIETY NEWS

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Upcoming Events

SUMMER SOCIAL

With Mike Hodder, City Archaeologist

Archaeological tour of Sutton Park followed by Supper

1800 on 2nd July @ Meeting point, Boathouse Restaurant, B74 2YU

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION

18.00 - 20.00 on 22nd July 2009, Birmingham Council House, Birmingham. Formal notice, agenda, audited accounts and annual reports will be sent week of 22nd June



... Early Autumn

VISIT AND GUIDED TALK BARBER INSTITUTE

By Professor Richard Clay

Guided talk on the Matthew Boulton and the Art of Making Money Exhibition

11.00 on 4th September 2009, Barber Institute, University of Birmingham, B15 2TS

BOULTON AND WATT COMMEMORATION LECTURE

By Professor Julia King

Sustainable technologies for Transport

18.00 on 17th September 2009, Great Hall, Aston University. Business School,

BIRMINGHAM POST AT FORT DUNLOP

With Marc Reeves, Editor, Birmingham Post

A visit to the purpose-built multi-media newsroom in the historic Fort Dunlop building in Erdington followed by a buffet.

18.30 on 6th October @Fort Parkway B24 9FF

ANNUAL LECTURE 2009

By Ed Miliband MP

Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

On 12th November 2009, Banqueting Suite, Birmingham City Council, Details to be confirmed.

2009:Summer sunshine!

As the summer programme unfolds, we started with an excellent Dinner Discussion with Richard Bowker, Chief Executive, National Express PLC, hosted by KPMG, Birmingham on the 8th June. A summary of his talk and the discussion that followed will be made available on the website soon.

SUMMER SOCIAL: Archaeological tour of Sutton Park by Dr Mike Hodder



Sutton Park is an exceptionally well-preserved historical landscape, and the national importance of its archaeological remains is reflected in the designation of most of it as a scheduled ancient monument.

Dr Mike Hodder, will reveal the archaeological story from the old Stone Ages, through later prehistoric, Roman and medieval times right up to the twentieth century on the 2nd July. This will be followed by a supper at the

Boathouse Restaurant, which overlooks the tranquil Bracebridge Pool.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION: Birmingham Council House

There will be at least 6 vacancies on the Executive Committee, including the positions of Chairman, 2 Deputy Chairmen and Honorary Secretary. Please contact Dipali Chandra for further information if you would like to put yourself forward or a co-member for election, and/or an item to be included on the agenda. This is also a great way to contribute to the Society. It is also an opportunity to introduce potential members to the Society and for them to learn about us, and meet our new Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Wilkes, at the Lord Mayor's Reception afterwards.



BARBER INSTITUTE TALK AND TOUR



The Barber Institute will kindly host a private tour and talk, led by Dr Richard Clay on the exhibition of Matthew Boulton and the Art of Making Money on Friday 9th September. It includes more than 140 coins, medals and tokens reflecting on all aspects of the art of making money: as a mechanical art, fine art - and the art of making a profit!

Dr Mike Hodder

2 July: Sutton Park, Boathouse Restaurant
Archaeological Tour and Supper

AGM and Lord Mayor's Reception

22 July: Banqueting Suite, Birmingham City Council
Review of Year

Dr Richard Clay

4 September: Barber Institute
Guided exhibition talk

Professor Julia King

17 September: Aston University
Boulton and Watt
Commemoration Lecture



Autumn 2009: What's in the pipeline?

The Annual Boulton and Watt Commemoration Lecture will take place on Thursday 17th September when **Lunarwoman Professor Julia King**, author of HM Treasury King Review and Aston VC will be speaking on Sustainable Technologies for Transport at Aston University. The lecture will focus on the vehicle, information and fuel technologies which could deliver the 80-90% reduction in vehicle emissions that will be required to meet our 2050 targets.

On Tuesday 6th October, **Lunarman Marc Reeves**, the Birmingham Post Editor, will be welcoming us to the historic Fort Dunlop building in Erdington. We will be given a guided tour of the largest newsroom in the UK regional press, and shown the latest digital technologies for media communications - multi-media control hub and BPM Media's TV studios and video editing facilities. Marc will talk about the development of the print media and the challenges facing the industry and how traditional titles like the Birmingham Post and Mail are meeting them.



Peak Oil: What is it and What it means for Business, Planning and Transport?

The Lunar Society, and the regional branch of the Transport Planning Society, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry have joined forces to bring a leading expert - **David Strahan**, FRSA and author of the Last Oil Shock - to Birmingham to explain "Peak Oil" and its implications for business planning and transport. The talk will be held at Birmingham City Council, Council House at 18.00 on 1st July. To find out more contact: amrit.mudhar@mottmac.com.

Draft Centro Integrated Public Transport Prospectus is out

The prospectus sets out the long term vision for public transport in the West Midlands and a broad approach to achieving it. The full document and executive summary documents are available to download from the "consultation" section of www.centro.org.uk. Consultation response forms are also available in this section of the website.

Matthew Boulton's Bicentenary Celebrations

The centrepiece of the Bicentenary Celebrations will be a major exhibition focusing on Matthew Boulton's life and times at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery from 30th May - 27th September 2009 entitled "Matthew Boulton Selling what all the world Desires". It will showcase Birmingham's world famous collections, but will also feature significant loans from national museums, the Assay Office, private collectors and other external partners.

Centrepiece

Centrepiece was formed in 1997 creating an opportunity for designers-makers working in the Jewellery Quarter to showcase their work to the public. Exhibitions will be held later on in the year at the Town Hall and Symphony Hall between Nov and Dec 2009.



(Photographs taken from Centrepiece website)

THE LUNAR SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new Members:

Ms Beryl Brown, Batchelor of Commerce, Msc, Chartered Accountant
Dr Anne Slowther MBChB, MA, MRCGP, DPil
Associate Professor Clinical Ethics, Warwick Medical School

THE LUNAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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