

During these troubled and uncertain times of lockdown people are finding new interests. Here is a list of websites, by no means exhaustive, that we hope might provide ideas. There is also an opportunity to sew for the NHS and to support people and charities in need including, finally, the Florence Nightingale Museum. Look out for funding opportunities at Royal Trinity Hospice in the June Newsletter.

## ARTS

- **Clapham Books** <http://www.claphambooks.com> are taking orders and shipping them out directly from the supplier. Contact them via email: [shop@claphambooks.com](mailto:shop@claphambooks.com), phone: 020 7627 2797 or Twitter: [@claphambooks](https://twitter.com/claphambooks).
- **The Courtauld Institute** Although a small gallery (seven rooms) this possesses some excellent French Impressionist and Expressionist paintings. Renoirs, Seurats, Manets, Gauguins and, in one of its seven small rooms (No. 5), the best collection of Cezannes in the world! Their virtual tour was the subject of two of Waldemar Januszczak's recent BBC Four programmes on *Art Mysteries* (currently on BBC iPlayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gg2c>). You can 'walk' the tour but also get right up close to a lot of the paintings to inspect paint techniques and brushstrokes, a luxury gallery-goers rarely enjoy in the flesh!
- **Garsington Opera** Live streaming of opera <https://www.garsingtonopera.org>.
- **National Theatre** Live streaming of plays <https://nationaltheatre.org.uk>.
- **Royal Opera House** Live streaming of opera and ballet <https://www.roh.org.uk/>.
- **Sadlers Wells** Digital stage series <https://www.sadlerswells.com/whats-on/2020/digital-stage/>.
- **Shakespeare's Globe** 'Love in Isolation' celebrating the bard's 465<sup>th</sup> birthday and YouTube premieres <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch/>.
- **Sir John Soane's Museum** Fascinating tours but leave yourself time <https://www.soane.org/opening-soane-watch-online>.

## CHILDREN

- **Natural History Museum** Virtual museum that includes eleven ways to explore from home, starting with a 'deep dive into the life of a blue whale' <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html>.
- **The Science Museum** Learning resources and activities to do at home <https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/learning-resources/>.

## GARDENS

- **National Garden Scheme** Virtual garden tours including, we were delighted to discover, Charles Rutherfoord's amazing tulips in Clapham <https://ngs.org.uk>.
- **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** Virtual roam of the gardens <https://www.kew.org>.

## LITTLE VILLAGE

This website is a timely and important reminder that there are families during this crisis whose income has suddenly disappeared. There's a Just Giving page if you would like to help: <https://littlevillagehq.org>.

## LOCAL HISTORY

- **Lambeth Archives talks** on Zoom by Lambeth Archives staff. Talks are held twice weekly until the end of May on alternating Thursdays and Tuesdays. To book a place and receive log-in details, email: [archives@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:archives@lambeth.gov.uk). Future dates follow (if you miss any, it is hoped that the entire series will be available for viewing online):  
*Thurs 30 April*, 6.45-7.30 pm, *A walk around Water Lambeth*. A virtual exploration of Lambeth's ancient village centre on the bank of the Thames. (Len Reilly).  
*Tues 5 May*, 1.15-2 pm, *A Place of Public Execution*. The gallows at Kennington and other former execution sites in Lambeth. (Jon Newman)  
*Thurs 14 May*, 6.45-7.30 pm, *Lambeth in Literature*. How this part of south London has been represented by writers as diverse as William Blake, Charles Dickens, Jake Arnott and Alex Wheatle. (Jon Newman)  
*Tues 19 May*, 1.15-2 pm, *Lambeth's History Online*. An introduction to some of the main online sources for researching Lambeth's history. (Len Reilly)  
*Thurs 28 May*, 6.45-7.30 pm, *A Walk around Waterloo*. A virtual walk around the Waterloo area. (Len Reilly)
- Also browse the photographs at <https://boroughphotos.org/lambeth/>.
- Another local history website <https://www.lambethlocalhistoryforum.org.uk> is creating a Coronavirus Lockdown Archive in which it invites website visitors to contribute photographs, newspaper clippings, videos, leaflets etc for posterity. Nothing was kept from the Spanish flu and this is an attempt to amend that.

## SEWING FOR THE NHS

You will have read about shortages of vital protective clothing in hospitals and care homes while COVID-19 rages. If you're handy with the sewing machine, why not join a network of people sewing masks, scrub bags, scrubs and gowns from home? The finished items are being delivered to hospitals and care homes in south London, including St George's, King's, Tadworth Children's Hospital, Kingston Hospital, St Peter's and the RHND. More people are needed so if you can lend help and want more details, contact Barbara Callender at [barbara@bcallender.com](mailto:barbara@bcallender.com).

## SINGING IN LOCKDOWN

- **Clapham Community Choir** is holding online sessions on Tuesday evenings during lockdown and invites new members, £8 per week, first session free  
<http://claphamcommunitychoir.org>
- **Gareth Malone's Great British Home Chorus** is popular and his vocal workouts are said to be very good. It's free to join but you need to subscribe first. Visit <https://decca.com/greatbritishhomechorus/>.
- **Messiah with the Self-Isolation Choir** Join hundreds of choral singers rehearsing and then performing this choral classic to be streamed live on the Self-Isolation Choir YouTube channel on 31 May. £14.95, choral experience preferred, free downloadable music. Conductor Ben English. Soloists: Carolyn Sampson, Jennifer Johnston, Alexander Sprague, Ashley Riches. <https://www.theseisolationchoir.com>

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM

The year 2020 marks the bicentennial of Florence Nightingale's birth and major celebrations had been planned. Alas the doors had to close but, ever resourceful like the Lady with the Lamp herself, the museum has salvaged the day, translating much of what would have been available in real life to be accessed by the public digitally, much of it educational and designed, too, to inspire future generations of nurses.

- **Online exhibition** *Nightingale in 200 Objects, People and Places: Leader, Icon and Pioneer*. Celebrating Florence Nightingale's bicentenary and generously supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Museum has created an online exhibition which you can visit from the comfort of your own home. <https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/200exhibits/>.

- **Videos** *In the Footsteps of Florence Nightingale* is a ten-minute video, generously supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, about Florence Nightingale's life.

<https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/florence-nightingale-biography/> *Meet*

*Miss Nightingale* is a 24-minute interactive video suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2 learners. Children will discover more about Nightingale's legacy as well as her life, including how she was home-schooled, how she had to work from home and the proper way to wash your hands! Many of these messages will resonate with the current circumstances and the hope is that the video and corresponding education pack, developed with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, will help teachers and families support the education of their children at home in light of our closure during the COVID-19 virus: <https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/learning-during-lockdown/>.

- **Family and School Learning Pack** (at the same link above) has been made in collaboration with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and has been supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Teachers and parents will find a series of worksheets and activities to engage young learners in the important work of nurses and midwives and enable them to learn more about Nightingale herself.

- **Funding opportunity** The museum has spearheaded a Save the Museum initiative with a Go Fund Me campaign. This small, independent charity and museum faces huge challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to lend financial support please visit Go Fund Me donations link at [gf.me/u/xxp3j9](https://www.gofundme.com/u/xxp3j9).

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The Clapham Society would like to thank Pamela Greenwood of the Wandsworth Society for sharing their lockdown list, highlights of which follow (the full document can be found at <http://www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk>).

- **Battersea Arts Centre** For further information visit <https://www.bac.org.uk> and [https://www.bac.org.uk/content\\_category/3377/moving\\_museum](https://www.bac.org.uk/content_category/3377/moving_museum).

- **'Beating the lockdown: research without record offices'** A list of online links to original records, so that you can continue to research local or family history relating to

the Wandsworth area without having to visit a record office or library. **Online links compiled by Dorian Gerhold.**

- **The British Library** <https://www.bl.uk> online resources for the young and adults.
- **The British Museum** <https://www.britishmuseum.org> virtual tours.
- **Heritage Gateway** A catch-all website for archaeological sites, scheduled ancient monuments, listed buildings, milestones, parks and National Trust properties <https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway>.
- **Heritage Trails and Common Sense/Merton Memory Bank Project** Although the new sensory exhibition and reminiscence sessions, produced as part of these projects to support visitors with additional needs, are currently off limits due to lockdown, visitors can access some of their new audioguide info online via the GuideID app on the following links: [MapMyVisit - Merton Heritage and Local Studies Centre](https://www.mapmyvisit.com/viewtour/3756/en/485E3B648D6770115E753F1080D4E42C) and <https://www.mapmyvisit.com/viewtour/3756/en/485E3B648D6770115E753F1080D4E42C>. If you don't want to walk the physical trails during your lockdown exercise stints, you can still follow the routes, see the images and hear the audio via your PC, laptop, tablet or phone. You can also access a range of heritage trails all over the world via <https://izi.travel/en>.
- **Historical Directories** (Kelly's and Trade Directories) from the University of Leicester has made their digital collection free to access <https://www2.le.ac.uk/library/find/specialcollections/az/historical-directories>.
- **Museum of Richmond** A large portion of their collection can be seen on the **eHive** page and more will available <http://www.museumofrichmond.com>.
- **The National Archives** <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk> online learning for children 'From Classroom to Kitchen', 'Boredom Buster' activities, help with writing essays, plus games and much more <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/> as well as offerings for adults with family history and research resources, and over the next months a series of online talks.
- **The National Library of Scotland** has a wide range of digitised Ordnance Survey maps spanning the approximate period 1840s to 1960s <https://maps.nls.uk/os/>.