

PEPYS 350

A Passion to Record



On 1st January 1660 Samuel Pepys began to write a diary. In shorthand that would not be deciphered for 150 years, he swept up the people and events of his political and personal life—from the state of the nation to the swelling of his nose in winter—into one of the most extraordinary documents of all time. Pepys is today almost as famous for having buried a cheese in his garden as he is for his eye-witness account of the Great Fire of London.

On 1st January 2010 that historic putting-of-pen-to-paper reaches its 350th anniversary. St Olave Hart Street, the church where the great diarist and his wife are at rest, will begin months of celebrations under the banner of *Pepys 350*, a brand new series of our popular monthly Monday supper talks and a sequel to *Parallel Lives*. Graham Fawcett will once again be our guide as this time we explore the parallel worlds of Pepys's life and ours in greater close-up than ever.

WHERE: ST OLAVE CHURCH HART ST, LONDON EC3R 7NB
WHEN: MONDAYS IN 2010 (JANUARY TO JULY & NOVEMBER)
TIME: 6:15PM – FOOD SERVED – 6:45PM – EVENT STARTS
TICKETS: £15 each – pay on the door or contact Phil Manning
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We start on 18th January 2010 by entering into the mystery of *why* Pepys took it upon himself at that time in his life to keep a diary. Why *that*? Why *then*? Why *him*? Each talk will look back at Pepys's just-completed month in 1660 and ours in 2010 and let the two run together, day by day. What is the news from each? Or *is* there nothing new under the sun?

Come and join us as we 'turn up' the Diary of Samuel Pepys and listen to his news alongside ours.

Pepys 350 (with special guests and live music)

Monday 18 January: The Diary Begins
Monday 1 February: Pepys and January 1660
Monday 1 March: Pepys and February 1660
Monday 12 April: Pepys and March 1660
Monday 10 May: Pepys and April 1660
Monday 7 June: Pepys and May 1660
Monday 5 July: Pepys and June/July 1660

Also, on Monday 29 November:
Pepys and the Royal Society
A special evening in association with
The Royal Society as part of its own
350th anniversary celebrations

ST OLAVE HART ST

Travel Details



TUBE: BANK (LEAVE STATION BY EXIT 6)
TOWER HILL

OVERGROUND: FENCHURCH STREET

BUSES: 15, 25, 40, 42, 67, 78, 100, 115, 135, 205, 254