

Public events at the Hunterian Museum Summer 2008



Saturday 31 May, 12 and 2pm FREE booking essential

Barber Surgeon: leeches, lancets and blood-letting

Come and meet Rory McCreadie, a Barber Surgeon who would have worked in the 16th and 17th centuries. Rory will explain how trephining (drilling a hole in your skull) was used to release evil spirits and show you the instruments used for the most dangerous operation performed at the time. Rory will also demonstrate blood letting, giving you all a chance to meet Nosey the Leech!

Suitable for all ages, audience participation encouraged by children and grown-ups!

Thursday 12 June, 7pm

Anatomical dissection: is it still relevant to surgical training?

Professor Vishy Mahadevan

Medical students and surgeons have traditionally studied the internal structure of the human body through patient and systematic dissection of preserved human remains. However, recent advances in 3D computer aided representations and CT and MR imaging have made available several alternative methods for the learning of anatomy. Vishy Mahadevan questions whether new technologies can truly supplant the basic information provided by dissection.

Vishy Mahadevan is Professor of Surgical Anatomy and Barber's Company Reader in Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Saturday 26 July, 2-5pm FREE booking essential

Starting out at the Petrie Museum, find out more about the mummies in their collections and learn how people were prepared for the afterlife in Ancient Egypt. Take a short walk to the Hunterian Museum to discover more about how a body was preserved and what instruments used to prepare the body for mummification.

A family day suitable for children aged 7-11 years led by Joyce Filer, author of *The Mystery of the Egyptian Mummy*, a British Museum publication for KS2 students.

Friday 15 and Saturday 16 August, 12 and 2pm FREE booking essential

Another chance to meet Rory McCreadie and Nosey the Leech!

Tickets for family events are free, tickets for lectures are free to all Fellows and Members of the College plus one guest. Other tickets for lecture cost £5.

To book please call 020 7869 6560 or email museums@rcseng.ac.uk