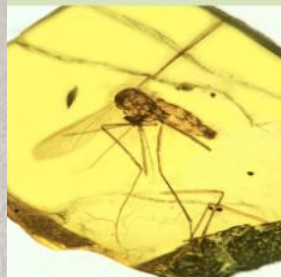




You are warmly invited to attend
our first Lecture this autumn,
at Millbank (*directions below*), also on Zoom
1830hrs Friday 27 September 2024

Our guest speaker, Tim Mason, presents

100 Million Years of Malaria History



Malaria is very likely the most ancient infectious disease with which we have to contend. In all probability it was with us when Man first became distinguishable from the other apes. Man left Africa some 100,000 years ago but it was to be many millennia later before the Malaria parasite accomplished that. It wasn't until 3,000 BC or thereabouts that it had reached Egypt, from where it spread steadily over the greater part of the populated regions of our planet, eventually reaching Europe in the fourth century BC. By the fifteenth century it had become endemic in the whole of England and Wales, being known here as The Ague or Marsh Fever. Columbus took the disease to the Americas but it was there that we were to find a cure for the disease in the form of Quinine, extracted from the bark of the so-called Fever Tree. Over the coming couple of centuries we felled just about all such trees, stimulating the establishment of plantations in Java and elsewhere. So it was that by the end of the 19th century Quinine had become affordable to even the ordinary working people in Europe. From then on the disease was slowly driven back, the last epidemic in England being in Sheerness in the Thames Estuary in 1919. Malaria remains a leading cause of mortality in low-income countries.

See the [WHO website](https://www.who.int) for current information on malaria

Proceeds will be donated to the speaker's chosen charity,
the Museum of Military Medicine.

Prior registration required. Refreshments 1730hrs, supper nearby at 2000hrs.
Do invite a friend. Register [HERE](https://www.who.int) or via www.friendsofmillbank.org





Our guest speaker



Tim Mason

Tim began his academic career at the University of Kent, where, on completing his Bachelor's Degree in microbiology, he stayed on to undertake studies of the interaction between bacteria. He continued those studies after a move to Warwick University and again following his move to Portsmouth University. It was there, in 1980, that he gained his PhD investigating the competition between strains of E.coli in a model intestinal ecosystem.

He had the great good fortune of being able to remain at Portsmouth when he was given a lectureship in the School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences. In that post he discovered his greatest satisfaction was to be had, not by doing research but by lecturing to undergraduate students.

In the years leading up to his retirement in 2013 Tim directed his enthusiasm for his subject towards quite different audiences. The Historical Association, the British Association for the advancement of Science, U3A groups, Women Institutes, and many others. In short, anyone who would listen to him! Since then, his family of lectures under the general title of "Plagues and Pestilence - Past and Present" have become widely acclaimed. They shed light on the history of some of mankind's greatest microbial scourges. Telling their stories from their first appearance on the surface of this earth, through the centuries to the present day life and death battles between man and microbe.



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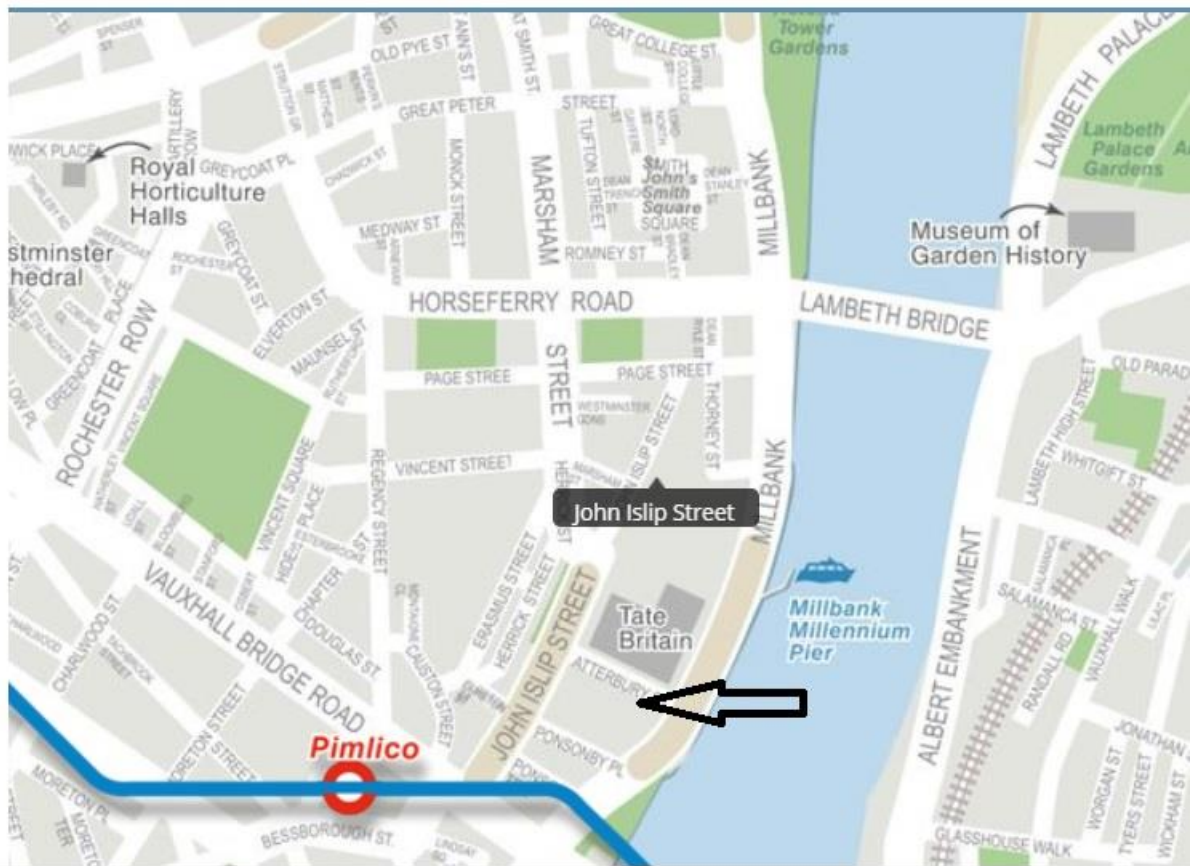
Directions for Millbank (Chelsea College of Arts, formerly the Royal Army Medical College)

The entrance to Reception is via Atterbury Street, opposite Tate Britain (arrowed on map below).

We meet for light refreshments at Reception from 1730hrs. The talk commences at 1830hrs.

Guests and non-members are very welcome. Everyone attending the talk, whether in person at Millbank or online via Zoom, is asked to register beforehand via www.friendsofmillbank.org

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