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The Medical Society of London has a continuous history since it was founded in 1773 by Dr John Coakley Lettsom, MD, FRS, “for the advancement of the science of medicine, surgery and those branches of science connected therewith.”

With great vision, the Society was founded with equal numbers of physicians, surgeons and apothecaries. Practitioners from all branches of medicine form today’s membership.

The Society meets from October to May, normally on the second and fourth Monday of the month, at Lettsom House, its home since 1873.

The annual subscription is now £85 (£80 if paid by direct debit) and for country members the subscription is £50. The subscription for those in training grades or in their first three years after basic qualification is also £50.

There are no extra charges for attending lectures. *The Transactions*, in which texts of the lectures are reproduced, will be available online with a limited number of printed copies available on request.

Fellows are encouraged to register for digital communications on the website. Notices of lectures will be emailed to Fellows who have registered an email address. Notices will also be available for downloading on the website.

Lectures normally start at 8.00pm and, after questions, normally end at 9.30pm, followed by coffee. Lectures are preceded by an optional buffet supper at 6.45pm and the Society seeks to combine its medical activities with a convivial social atmosphere. Fellows are encouraged to bring a partner or a friend, many of whom are non-medical. Because of this and the wide scope of the syllabus, many of the lectures tend to be of general medical interest, rather than of a highly specialised nature.

New Fellows of the Society must be proposed by a Fellow of the Society.

For general enquiries including membership please contact The Registrar.



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th 2025

6.00pm House and Finance Committee
8.00pm First General Meeting
8.15pm **A JOURNEY THROUGH MY PROSTATE**
PROFESSOR ROGER KIRBY MA MD FRCS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th 2025

6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
WILLIAM HOGARTH, JOHN FREKE AND ST
BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL
Richard Pusey TD FRCS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th 2025

6.00pm Trustees Meeting
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
MEDICINE: A FAMILIAL COMPLAINT
Professor Robin Williamson

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th 2025

5.30pm Presidential Nomination Committee
6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
CHAGAS DISEASE: THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG
Professor P L Chiodini OBE FRCP FRCPath

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th 2025

12.30/1.00pm **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

MONDAY, JANUARY 12th 2026

6.00pm House and Finance Committee
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
RHS LINDLEY COLLECTIONS: AN
INTRODUCTION TO BOTANICAL
ILLUSTRATIONS AND HERBALS
Charlotte Brooks BA (Hons) MA and Jessica Hudson
BA (Hons) PGDip

MONDAY, JANUARY 26th 2026

5.30pm Nominations Committee (if required)
6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
LLOYD ROBERTS LECTURE
MEDICINE, SCIENCE AND HUMANITY: THE
FATE OF CONJOINT TWINS
Professor Noor ul Owase Jeelani MBA MPhil (Med.
Law) FRCS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 2026

6.15pm Library Committee
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
HEARING AND DEAFNESS: WHY IT MATTERS
AND WHAT WE CAN DO IN 2026
Mr Joseph Manjaly BSc MBChB DOHNS FRCS
(ORL-HNS)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd 2026

6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
AIR POLLUTION: THE SINGLE LARGEST
ENVIRONMENTAL RISK TO HEALTH
Professor Sir Stephen T Holgate KBE CBE FRCP
FMedSci

MONDAY, MARCH 9th 2026

ANNUAL DINNER
ROYAL AIR FORCE CLUB
128 Piccadilly
London W1J 7PY
Principal Guest: TBC

MONDAY, MARCH 23rd 2026

6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm **LETT SOM LECTURE**
DOCTOR OF REVOLUTION: THE LIFE AND
GENIUS OF DR ERASMUS DARWIN
Dr Nicholas Cambridge MD MRCS FRCPh FSA
FRHistS

MONDAY, APRIL 13th 2026

6.00pm House and Finance Committee
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
LOCATIONS AND BOUNDARIES
Dr Catherine Sarraf BSc PhD FRCPath

MONDAY, APRIL 27th 2026

6.00pm Trustees Meeting
8.00pm Ordinary Meeting
HEALTH STATISTICS REPRESENT PEOPLE
WITH THE TEARS WIPED OFF
Danny Dorling BSc PhD HonFFPH SARSM

MONDAY, MAY 11th 2026

6.00pm Meeting of Council
8.00pm Second General Meeting
8.15pm **ANNUAL ORATION**
CURRENT CONCEPTS AND MANAGEMENT
OF FACIAL DEFORMITY
Mr Hiroshi Nishikawa MA MD FRCS Plast

DATE T.B.A. 2026

SUMMER OUTING
Early pub lunch followed by a guided tour at Kew
Gardens

MONDAY, JULY 21st 2026

11.00am **House and Finance Committee & Trustees Meeting**

Please note that the times of Council, Committee and Ordinary Meetings may vary