



The Mayor of Lambeth  
**Councillor Adrian Garden**

requests the pleasure of your company  
at a private Families Open Day at

**The Hellenic Enclosure**  
West Norwood Cemetery  
London, SE27 9JU

**Saturday, 20 September, 2025**  
from 2 pm onwards

*"We wish to celebrate, with their relatives and wider family, the lives and spectacular memorials of those buried here. Please join us as we launch West Norwood Cemetery's 'New Beginning' with a National Heritage Lottery Fund project that seeks to conserve the cemetery's magnificent landscape and architecture and offer new experiences and facilities for the people of Lambeth and beyond."*

**RSVP**

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# Hellenic Enclosure Open Day for its family of families

**From 14:00**

IN ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL AND AT THE HELLENIC ENCLOSURE

**A private 'Open Day' for relatives and extended family of London's renowned Chiot & Phanariot diaspora, buried in their Hellenic Enclosure at West Norwood Cemetery.**

**15:30 - 16:30**

GUESTS ARE INVITED TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO ST LUKE'S CHURCH NEAR THE CEMETERY MAIN ENTRANCE FOR THE RE-OPENING CEREMONY AND TALK. A SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TO THOSE WHO NEED IT.

**16:30**

**Re-opening ceremony with speeches of welcome from Nicholas Long, MBE, and Sir David Ralli, Bt.**

TEA, COFFEE AND SOFT DRINKS

**17:30**

**A talk 'Who Are Your People?' by family historian Christopher Long, who will tell the remarkable story of the Hellenic families, mostly from Chios and Constantinople, which sought refuge in Britain after the 1822 Chios Massacres.**

FOLLOWED BY A DRINKS RECEPTION AT AROUND 19:00

*All venues have level access.*

**Two hundred years ago refugee survivors of the catastrophic massacres on the island of Chios and in Constantinople found a safe welcome in London where they prospered.**

**When they died they left us these exquisite monuments as memorials to their courage and resistance. Lambeth's West Norwood Cemetery is internationally acclaimed, but the jewel in its crown is the Hellenic Enclosure.**

**Sir David Ralli, Bt:** *"I'm delighted that we are all invited to explore the newly restored St Stephen's Chapel and the now world renowned family memorials of the Hellenic Enclosure, a number of which are 'listed' by English Heritage. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet cousins – often for the first time – and to celebrate together the heritage that links us all. It will be a great pleasure to see you here."*

**Nicholas Long, MBE:** *"We've spent almost thirty years campaigning to save this cemetery and to secure its future. Recently, with National Lottery Heritage Fund aid, we have been able to preserve our unique Hellenic Enclosure for future generations. Now we would like you to see what's been achieved and allow you to admire your family memorials along with those of your more distant cousins."*

**Christopher Long:** *"The pandemic prevented us from gathering in 2022 to commemorate the 1822 Massacres of Chios. Now we have this wonderful opportunity to meet in spectacular surroundings with our family memorials around us. Having spent much of my life recording the lives of our shared families, their forebears and their descendants, I greatly look forward to meeting you all in such delightful circumstances."*

MANUEL ~ MAVROGORDATO ~ MAVROYANNI ~ MAXIMO ~ METAXA ~ AGELASTO ~ ARGENTI ~ ARGYROPOULO ~ AVIERINO ~ BALLI ~ BALTAZZI

