



**NOT JUST  
“ANY OLD IRON”  
A LOOK AT LONDON’S IRON  
RAILINGS AND BALCONIES**

**NCS ANNUAL LECTURE ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007  
AT 7.30 PM AT THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
89 ADDISON ROAD W14**

One of London’s many beautiful features is the decorative iron railings and first floor balconies of countless terrace houses. Sadly much damage was done by a World War II salvage drive, made even sadder by the fact the metal was unusable. This talk will look at how this iron work was made, the difference between wrought and cast iron, even how they were fitted to the buildings. Also covered will be the various designs employed by architects as famous as Robert Adam in Fitzrovia and artists as little known as L N Cottingham in his wonderful *Smith and Founder’s Director* of 1824. Indeed, one may see spearheads, halberds, pineapples, acorns and urns adorning and protecting houses and gardens all over London.

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