

## London Meeting Lecture Thursday 15 September

### The Life and Times of Edward East

by Oliver Cooke

Edward East needs little introduction as one of the most successful clock and watch makers of seventeenth-century London. Despite this, his work has yet to be collated and published. This challenge forms the basis of research currently being carried out by Oliver Cooke, a Curator of Horology at the British Museum.

The lecture will consider some of the items found to date and will also look in broader terms at the life, times and businesses of Edward East. That East lived to the age of 95 years in the seventeenth century is no mean feat, during which time his affairs would have been affected by the major events of the period including plague, the Great Fire and civil war.

Oliver would like to use the opportunity of this announcement to appeal to any readers who might be aware of any items from the East workshops, in particular any that are known to be held in private collections. If you are able to assist, please do contact Oliver (email: [ocooke@britishmuseum.org](mailto:ocooke@britishmuseum.org), telephone: 020 7323 8324, address: The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG).



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Longcase night clock c.1675, signed "Eduardus East Londini". Photo © The Trustees of the British Museum 2011



Pre-balance spring verge watch c.1625, signed "Eduardus East Londini". Photo © The Trustees of the British Museum 2011