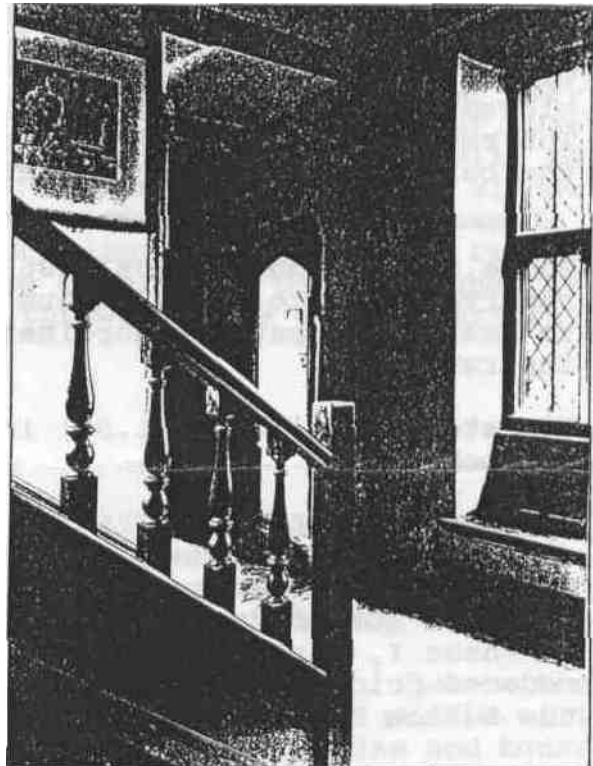


*Sutton House Society*

## Sutton House Society Appeal

You will, by now, have received a letter asking for donations to help the Society achieve its target of £10,000 to restore the west staircase and lobby. Within two weeks of the first letters being sent out I am delighted to report that over £1000 has been received. Whether your donation is large or small, every £1 helps, and on behalf of the Society, I would like to thank you for your support.

Ken Jacobs  
Hon. Treasurer



*West Stairs & Lobby showing original Tudor mullioned window*

The Society's target forms part of the major fundraising task ahead to raise the £700,000 needed to complete the Phase II work due to start next August. The National Trust's Appeal was formally launched on 15 October at Sutton House with a reception hosted by Angus Stirling, the Trust's Director-General, and we were pleased to welcome 115 guests to the house, many from the business sector and from charitable trusts.

As well as speeches from the Director General and Fiona Reynolds (Chairman of the Local Committee) Bill Sadleir, a descendant of Sir Ralph Sadleir who built Sutton House in 1535, spoke on behalf of representatives of the other historic families present on the day - the Machells and the de Ste. Croix's. He congratulated the Trust on its visionary support of the community scheme, and the Sutton House Society, particularly Mike Gray, for its zeal and enthusiasm to save not only the house, but its history, from obscurity.

The Appeal has secured £127,000 to date with strong interest being shown from many other organisations.

Pre-Christmas Concert, Sunday 24 November at 3.30 pm

**The London Baryton Trio** will present a programme of 18th century music played on authentic instruments featuring works by Haydn, Boccherini and Neumann.

Described both as "the King of Instruments" and as "the Instrument of Kings", the baryton is really two instruments in one.

From the front it appears to be a seven string viola da gamba. The view from behind, however, reveals an extra set of wire strings - a "hidden harp", which is played with the thumb of the left hand. The resulting combination of sounds gives the baryton its unique character.

Phone Sutton House on 081-986 2264 and reserve seats to enjoy a rare opportunity to hear this most extraordinary of instruments.

Tickets £3 (children £1.50) including refreshments.

#### Cheaper Concepts

The Early Music Centre, which will be based at Sutton House after the completion of Phase I, have generously extended their reduced price ticket scheme to members of the Sutton House Society.

The Centre promotes a season of concerts at St. Jameses, Piccadilly and the concessionary ticket price is £3. Ring 071-580 8401 for programme details and to book tickets. You can also buy on the door from 6pm but remember to have your membership card with you to receive the discount.



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 28 NOVEMBER 1991

Sutton House Society will be holding its AGM on Thursday 28 November at 7pm in Sutton House. As well as receiving reports on the past 12 months and electing officers and committee for the coming year, we will be pleased to welcome Dr. Christopher Philpotts of the Department of Greater London Archaeology of the Museum of London. Dr. Philpotts, who led the team working on Sutton House during 1990 and 1991, will report on their discoveries and show some of the objects found during excavations. We hope to welcome many members to the meeting.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 31st December. Please note the new category of family membership at £7.50. A new form is enclosed with this newsletter which gives you the choice of paying an annual subscription or taking out a deed of covenant. If you pay by standing order and under covenant the Society can claim from the Inland Revenue tax you have paid and make your subscription worth more. If you want to discuss it beforehand, contact Ken Jacobs, Hon. Treasurer, on 081 806 6039.

## New Discovery

As the restoration work on the house progresses, it is inevitable that new discoveries will be made from time to time. Earlier in the year the early Tudor well was unearthed in the back courtyard whilst work on laying new drainage pipes was being carried out. This has now been preserved for all to see when Phase I of the work has been completed. And only this week a new and very exciting find was made whilst John Dobson, the bricklayer, was repairing brickwork in the ground floor room G5, which will be used as the cafe-bar. He uncovered a bricked-in Tudor window opening with the plaster on the embrasure painted to resemble, on one side, four linen-fold panels coloured in yellow and brown. English Heritage are surveying the opening to discover when it was made and what new light this throws on the room's earliest use.



SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10-5  
St. John at Hackney Church  
Lower Clapton Road  
AND at Sutton House

This annual event is growing in importance and size. Due to the work in progress at Sutton House the main venue for stalls will be St. John at Hackney Church, with refreshments, talks and tours at Sutton House. Please give us all the support you can by coming along on the day (Admission £1 for SHS and NT members). As we will be on two sites we also need extra helpers on the door, giving directions between the Church and Sutton House, enrolling members, serving refreshments and helping in all sorts of ways. Contact Carole Mills on 081 986 2264 if you can spare some time, or if you can distribute leaflets.

Another way you can help is on Tuesday evenings at Sutton House joining with other volunteers who are putting together a new stock of goods for sale on the SHS stall. In previous years we have had over 1000 visitors to the Craft Fair and it is an important part of our fundraising effort.

## TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY. SATURDAY 4 JANUARY 1992 AT 6PM

It may seem too early to mention but there will not be another newsletter sent out before the New Year. Make this the first entry in your new diary and phone to book a place!

Tickets £3 each to include supper and wine. Volunteer cooks will be needed too - let us know what you would like to prepare.

## SUTTON HOUSE LINKS WITH THE PAST

The Secretary  
Sutton House Society

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the latest bulletin (number3) about Sutton House. I found the reminiscences fascinating, and noticed the reproduction of the advertisement for Jerroy which brought back many memories. Jermy's bookshop was in the parade of shops next to the King's Hall Swimming Baths at the top of the Narrow Way. I used to visit the shop regularly from 1960 until it was closed about 1972.

The owner was the son of the original Jenny, who used to sit perched on a stool in the opening of his second-hand bookstore often with his mother in the background. He would have a self-rolled cigarette dangling from his lips. I used to visit the shop regularly every three months in the hope that Jermy would one day offer for sale some books on local history which I was sure he had. Patience paid off and I eventually bought two volumes on Abney Park Cemetery and a rare pamphlet about the history of **Mare** Street (Cox's) Baptist Chapel. It took nearly ten years for me to persuade Jermy that I was the right person to sell to! Unfortunately he died in Bethnal Green Hospital about 1971.

Two more small nitbits about the shop of interest. It was here in 1918 that a friend started his collection of topography whilst a pupil at Hackney Downs (Grocers') School. Ernest J Tyrell went on to build up an enormous collection covering most of England. Finally it was G. Jermy that distributed a very interesting book entitled "The Life and Works of William Robinson" in 1925. Robinson was the author of eight books about local history in London, including that of Hackney in 1842. The biography sold by Jermy was limited to 100 copies, price 25 shillings. I am hoping one day to publish a biography of Ernest J Tyrell who originally came from Homerton. Perhaps some of your readers might remember him or his sister, Flo? I would be most interested.

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