

-Sutton House Society

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Far from being quiet in preparation for the opening of the restored Phase 1 accommodation in September, the next few months offer an exciting choice of events and activities to keep you busy.

**BEATING THE BOUNDJS**

**.SuncSa-y ^24 Mo-y 1992**

In the Spring of 1535 a hundred oaks from King Henry's forest at Enfield were floated down the River Lea to Millfields, Hackney and then hauled up the hill to the "King^ Place" at Clapton, a mansion granted by the King to his Secretary Thomas Cromwell.

Cromwell was busy rebuilding his hhome, later to be called Brooke House. Some of the trees, however, seem to have ended up at Homerton where Cromwell^s right-hand man, Ralph Sadleir was also **building a** house, "Bryk Place", now known as sutton House.

Over 450 years later a beam from Sutton House was hollowed out in order to strengthen it. A piece of that oak has now been fashioned into a post to mark the ancient eastern boundary of the Parish of Hackney which runs along the River Lea.

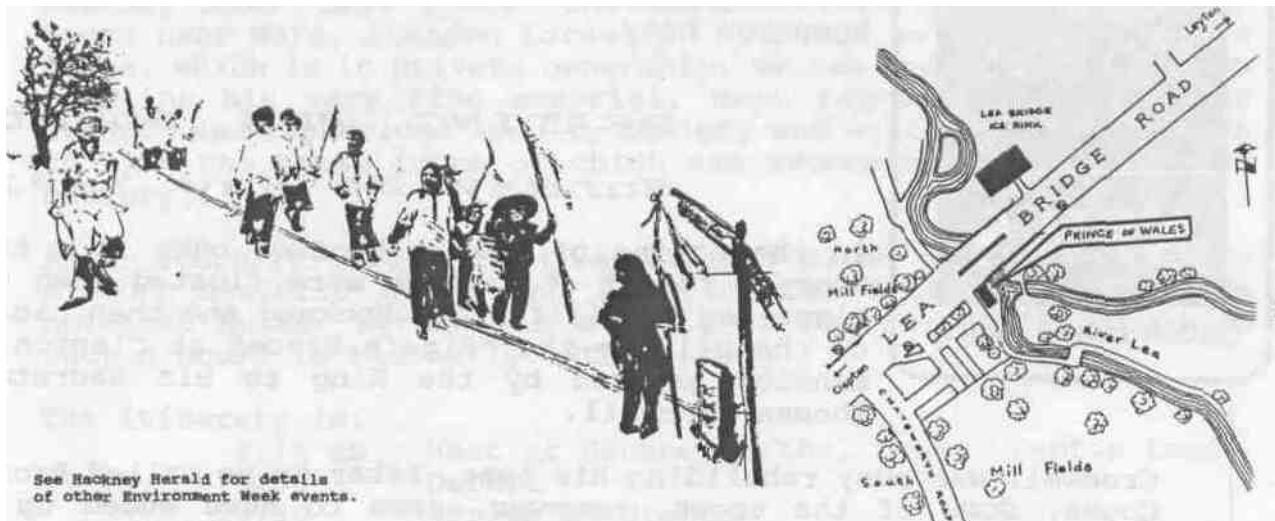
From medieval times to the latter half of the 19th century a regular part of the calendar of the Parish of Hackney was the ceremony of Beating the Bounds. The Parish Vestry, or Council, and Churchwardens would walk along the Parish boundary checking on the condition of the boundary posts and, sometimes, whipping the choir boys to impress on them the limits of the Parish.

In 1985 this ceremony was revived by the Hackney Lee Valley Forum and several new boundary posts were sited along the River Lea.

During Environment Week on **24 May**, Rogation Sunday - the traditional day for the Beating of the Bounds ceremony - the Sutton House Society will be celebrating the restoration of Sutton House by erecting the new boundary post. This will be sited near the River Lea in the Middlesex Filter Beds Nature Reserve, linking two of Hackney's most interesting attractions.

The Rev. William Hurdman, Rector of the Parish of St. John-at-Hackney and member of the Sutton House Local Committee, will bless the new post and ail members and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony and take part in the walk along the banks of the Lea. Mike Gray will act as guide, pointing out features of historic interest along the way. There will be a collection to be shared between the Sutton House Appeal and St. John-at-Hackney.

The walk will start at 11am at the Prince of Wales car park by Lea Bridge, with the blessing taking place at approx. 12.30pm in the Filter Beds. The walk will then continue to Bully Point at Temple Mills. It will take about 4 hours and cover six miles but walkers are welcome to join at 11 am or 12.30pm and leave at their convenience. Stout shoes or "wellies" should be worn.



### ***SUTTON HOUSE APPEAL A.T B.ROADGA.TJE***

The Broadgate Centre will host the Sutton House exhibition next to the Arena from 1 - 5 June. On Friday 5 June, two Hackney school music groups will perform in the Arena for the Appeal and we will be raising money all day throughout Broadgate. So, we're looking for volunteers to rattle cans. We want to collect first thing in the morning: 7.30 - 9.30, lunchtime: 11.30 - 2.00 and early evening; 5.00 - 7.00 pm

If you work near the City, perhaps you could take a long lunch hour or go in earlier? This will be the first public collection for Sutton House and for the National Trust and it is vital we have a large turnout.

#### **PLEASE GIVE US A COUPLE OF HOURS**

If you can help contact Anne Blackburn 071 241 2129, Ken Jacobs 081 806 6039 or Lissa Chapman 081 986 2010.

#### ***OI>JSN DAYS***

On the few old-style Open Days left before the opening of Phase 1, we want to raise awareness of the Society - and make some money - by organising an SHS stall. This will be for selling second-hand books, plants, herbs and "produce" (i.e. cakes, jam, biscuits) and recruiting members. Obviously cakes and perishables will need to be delivered fresh. Books can be left at the house.

The dates for which things will be needed are:

**Sunday 7 June, Saturday 13 June, Sunday 7 July**

**SPECIAL VIEWING DAY  
SATURDAY 13 JUNE - 4**

And for the very last time.....Come along and see the final stages of work in Phase 1 - the return of the linen-fold panelling, conservation of fireplaces, construction of the conservatory.....and much, much more. A never to be repeated opportunity!

**NATIONAL MUSIC DAY  
SUNDAY 28 JUNE .2 - 5 ^M.**

The first NATIONAL MUSIC DAY will be held on Sunday 28 June and the National Trust has decided to support the event by inviting local schools or other musicians to perform at its properties in England and Wales. We have invited local school groups and the Early Music Centre will be helping us to fill the house with music on that day. Come along and see what is going on **and** stay on for the Sutton House Society's

**MIDSUMMER PARTY - Cocktails and Canapes  
£4 each Members and Friends 6pm - 9pm**

**A CHALLENGE FOR JULY**

In July 1892 a Bazaar in aid of the newly bought St Jotus Church Institute (i.e. Sutton House) raised over £1000. If this were multiplied by today's values we would be well over our Sutton House Society target of £10,000 for the Sutton House Appeal. (We think that inflation means that was worth £40,000.)

Bazaars in the nineteenth century tended to be the result of lots of individual effort. Netting, lace-making, embroidery all took up a tremendous amount of time in a lady's day. Our challenge to the Sutton House Society membership is to spend some of your time - and ingenuity - raising money on your own projects for the SHS appeal.

July will be the SHS members' fundraising month. We challenge you to find useful, interesting and lucrative things to do. What about babysitting (and charging the going rate - about £2 to £2.50 an hour), mowing lawns, washing cars? Perhaps you could have a dinner party and charge your guests the going rate for a similar meal in a restaurant.

In June we will publish a SHS Exchange and Mart advertising the services, events, goods for sale that are on offer. We hope also to publish a "wants" section so if you want someone to decorate a cake or make a dress or are looking for a particular item.....

If you would like to register your interest in taking part, please fill in the enclosed form and return it to Anne Blackburn. or contact her if you have any queries. Those interested will receive a fundraising package.

**There will be special prizes for the SHS member under 18 and over 18 who raise the most money. These will not involve money but will revolve around the opening of Phase 1 in September 1992.**

**OUTING TO STANDON  
AND KNEBORTH HOUSE  
SUNDAY 19 J'UJL.y 3,992**

The Society's Summer outing will be to visit Standon Village and Knebworth House in Hertfordshire. In 1550 Ralph Sadleir sold his Hackney home "bryk Place" and moved to his newly built manor house near Ware, *Standon Lordship*. Although we cannot visit the house, which is in private ownership, we can see the Church which contains his very fine memorial, meet representatives of the Standon and Puckeridge Amenity Society and walk across the fields to view the house (much of which was reconstructed in the 19th century).

After lunch (picnic or pub) we will travel on to Knebworth House a fine historic house and home of the Lytton family. (The novelist Bulwer Lytton was a pupil at Dr. Burnett's School in Sutton House in the early 19th century.)

**The itinerary is:**

9.15 am	Meet at Hackney Baths, Lower Clapton Road
9.30	Depart
10.30	Arrive at Standon
12.00 -	Lunch (bring your own or sample
1.00 pm	a local inn)
1.30	Arrive Knebworth House
5.30	Depart
6.15	Arrive at Hackney Baths

<b>Cost</b>	<b>£6.80</b>	<b>Adults</b>
	<b>£6.40</b>	<b>OAPs and 3-16 year olds</b>

**Cost includes travel, entrance to Knebworth House, Gardens, Park, Adventure Playground and Fort Knebworth.** There is a Classic Car Rally on the day and there may be an additional charge for this event.

If you want to join us please return the enclosed reply slip with your money to Ken Jacobs **by 15 June at the latest.**

**VOI^JNTEEF'S . TJRAINING^**

When we open the newly restored Phase I accommodation in mid-September we anticipate being open for visitors on Wednesdays and Sundays **each week**. We will also be opening the shop and cafe/bar **five days each week** as well as exhibiting in the gallery each day we are open. Presenting the house in this way will be a new experience for all of us and, therefore, we will be holding training sessions during the Summer for staff and volunteers. If you have not yet been actively involved in Sutton House but feel that you would like to in the future, please contact Carole at Sutton House so that you can join our regular helpers in preparing for "Sutton House Regained" 1

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SUTTON HOUSE SOCIETY - FUNDRAISING MONTH

Name.....i.....<.....

Address.....

Telephone: (Day).....(Evening).....

Age (if under 18 years)..... i.

1. I would like to take up the fundraising challenge.  
My activity will be

2. I would/would not\* like this activity to be advertised  
to all SHS members in the June newsletter  
(\* **delete as appropriate**)

3. If you wish to "advertise" write below (max. 40 words)

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Please return to: Anne Blackburn, 85 Graham Road, E8 1PB

VISIT TO STANDON AND KNEBWORTH  
SUNDAY 19 JULY 1992

I/We would like to make this visit and I/we enclose £.....

to pay for ..... Adults at £6.80

..... OAPs/3-16 year olds at £6.40

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone No. (Day).....(Evening).....

Please complete this form and send with payment **to Ken Jacobs**,  
90 Narford Road, London E5 Tel. 081 806 6039