

WHEW! RUN OFF OUR FEET!!

SUTTON HOUSE

NEWS

, -*Sutton House Society*

Visitors were queueing outside the door on Wednesday 16 September when we opened the newly restored West Wing and since then we have been running to keep up with a regular flow of visitors on open days, coach parties from all points around London, audiences for concerts, delegates for conferences, school children, families solving treasure hunts, (all hungry and seeking lunches, coffees or cream teas), keen walkers eager to discover the hidden mysteries of Hackney, students of history wanting to be instructed in the labyrinthine ways of the Tudor court, party-seekers celebrating ancient customs and serious surveyors of art.

Recorded visitors in the first six weeks totalled 1,625!!

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

To support all this activity we are lucky to have more than 50 volunteers who, between them, give over 60 hours a week. Without their help the project could not work. The complex job of sorting out the rota is undertaken by John Stockwell.



THANK YOU ALL

"Hiey'll all have to one out", says Boneyface, Barber-Surgeon.
Best Cellar, Faaily Day, 26 Septenfaer 1992.

ART ON SHOW

The first exhibition - drawings by Martin Shortis - attracted a lot of interest and "dressed" the house very well. Our second show is in a different vein and all pictures are for sale.

KARYN WHITE - WORKS ON PAPER

11 November - 5 December

Born in Australia in 1956, as well as painting and printmaking, Karyn runs a gallery in Highbury. Her paintings are colourful and evocative.

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SUTTON HOUSE IN PRINT

We have enjoyed some good coverage in a wide variety of journals - *Illustrated London News*, *History Today*, *Hackney Gazette*, *Sunday Express* - but a couple of Society members have drawn attention to our being featured in a work of fiction "*Horse Spittle*" and we think you will be amused by the author's description:

" A couple of weeks later, hustled by his producers, Fredrik rang me. We arranged to meet for a drink in the Chesham Arms, Mehetabel Road, Hackney: just down the ramp from Sutton House, a genuine, but well-disguised Tudor Manor that had probably survived thanks to the obscurity of its location. 'They' had not yet decided which motorway would bury it. The planners assumed this weather-boarded relic was another bankrupt mock-Tudor sandwich bar, and they left it alone: 'Turn that one over to the Pest Squad, Ron!' The building was sealed, and guarded by a depressed gaggle of ghosts and clinically-reticent poltergeists. It burst into life, infrequently, as opposing factions argued about its purpose, or jemmied away the skirting boards to reveal - in triumph - stubs of rat-gnawed chalk or some defunct grammarian's detention exercises. Both parties would fervently claim these rodent droppings as the evidence that clinched the very case they were attempting to prove. Then the whole business would sink back once more into perpetual limbo. "

Down River by Ian Sinclair, (Paladin 1992)



Hunting for treasure at the Faaily Day 26 September 1992

GRUMBOLDS
FOR YOUR FESTIVE CELEBRATION
Telephone Glen Sillett on 081 985 2425

Traditional Christmas menu Wednesday - Sunday from December 9th
Tables may be reserved or private group bookings may be taken throughout December
selection of Christmas menus now available.

SUTTON HOUSE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER AT 8PM WENLOCK BARN, SUTTON HOUSE

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Remarks
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Election of Officers and Committee
9. Status of Society (see below)
10. Report from National Trust
11. Events for 1993

Nominations for Officers and Committee should be received by 24 November. Please ensure that the person being nominated by you has given their consent.

Status of Society

Sutton House Society is a company limited by guarantee. A charitable company was formed by supporters of the Sutton House Community Scheme at a time when it was thought likely that the Society might be asked to manage the implementation of the scheme. In the event, the National Trust agreed to take full responsibility for the restoration, fundraising and management of the project.

Whereas during the interim period, when the house had limited opening times and periodic events, the Sutton House Society organised and took financial responsibility for these, the National Trust now has managerial and financial responsibility for all aspects of the scheme.

Consequently, the activities undertaken by the Sutton House Society no longer require charitable company status which is expensive to administer.

It is, therefore, proposed to establish an unincorporated association with the same aims as before - "to promote the restoration and preservation of Sutton House in Hackney for the benefit of the public"; to register the association as a charity and transfer the whole of the assets of the present Sutton House Society (the Company), by way of charitable donation, to the new association. (The new association may use the name Sutton House Society.)

The present Society can either be wound up or, which is more economical, the Registrar of Companies can be invited to strike it off the register.

The membership is asked to consider this proposal and, by a one third majority at the A.G.M., a decision can be made which the new Officers and Committee will be asked to implement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

After the **sell-out** success of the Sutton House Music Society's first concert, we would advise you not to delay booking for subsequent events:

Delfosse Trio

(clarinet, violin and piano)

Sunday, 22 November 4.30pm

Hackney Singers

(concert of festive music)

Sunday, 20 December 4.30pm

*Tickets: £7 (£5 students, UB40 & IS) Reduced season ticket:
£40 for seven concerts)*

Come and enjoy
this annual event
Admission £1.50
(50p children)



Scottish Ceilidh

Live music and dancing

Saturday 5 December 8pm

Tickets (now in short supply): £8 (entertainment and traditional fare)

BOOKINGS FOR ALL THESE EVENTS - 081 986 0221 Tues - Sunday

Early Music Christmas Celebrations

Masterclasses and Concert

for viol and baroque flute

Saturday 12 December

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES

A celebration for children with afternoon rehearsal and evening performance based on the newly published Oxford Book of Carols.

Tickets: £5 (concessions £3) for evening concert

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS CONTACT THE EARLY MUSIC
CENTRE AT SUTTON HOUSE - Telephone 081 533 2921**

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