

SADLEIRS MOVE BACK TO SUTTON HOUSE

SUTTON HOUSE

NEWS

• *Sutton House Society*

The Great Chamber at Sutton House is now home to a collection of three fine portraits of members of the Sadleir family - the first time Sadleirs have lived in Sutton House since 1550. The subjects are Sir Ralph Sadleir of Standon, grandson of the builder of Sutton House, and two 1687 portraits of later descendants. Sir Edwin and his wife Lady Sadleir. A particular point of interest about these two is the fact that, most unusually for the seventeenth century, they were painted by a **woman**. Mary Beale was the first recorded woman professional artist in England, and it is especially appropriate that she should have painted Lady Sadleir, who was a noted intellectual and philanthropist of the time.

The Sadleir family have kindly lent the portraits, which are now attracting much admiration and comment and have certainly become a point of attention in the Great Chamber.

IT'S PROBABLY RALPH

Anyone who has visited the Holbein exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery may well have recognised a certain "Unidentified Gentleman" from the exhibition at Sutton House. This is the drawing which may be of the first Ralph Sadleir. Malcolm Rogers, Deputy Director of the Gallery, has examined the tantalising network of clues, and believes they add up to "good circumstantial evidence" that it is Ralph. So we feel it fair to lay claim to this as the face of the builder of the Sutton House.

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SUPPER CLUBS

Please note the dates of the Supper Club programme which your committee has planned for your enjoyment:

Friday 6th May, 7.30pm

Oliver Cox

architect and illustrator of the book '**Lauderdale Revealed**' talks about Lauderdale House in Highgate.

Friday 3rd June, 7.30pm

Dr David Pascoe

from Oriel College, Oxford and winner of the 1993 Marlowe Literary Prize talks about Christopher Marlowe and East London.

Please book by telephone on 081 986 2264 for both of these events. Cost £12.50.

SUMMER EVENING PARTY

Friday 1 July, 7.30pm in the Wenlock Barn.

Further details to be announced.

ANNUAL OUTING

Sunday 11 September 1994, location to be announced.

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BEATING THE BOUNDS 1994

Does anyone fancy a 10 mile walk around the historic boundary of Hackney? If so you can help raise money for the Sutton House Appeal by taking part in a sponsored walk on July 23rd. The boundary runs along the east side of the Hackney Marshes and the Sutton House Society and the Hackney Marsh Users Group are combining forces to celebrate the centenary of the public opening of the marshes.

Before 1894 boys playing football there were chased off by marsh bailiffs. Since then the 365 acres have been largely dedicated to football (over 100 pitches at one time) making it probably the greatest concentration of pitches in the world! But it isn't just football pitches - enclosed by the River Lea on the east and Hackney Cut on the West, it has two very pleasant waterside walks merging at the Nature Reserve which has been created out of the disused Victorian filter beds at Lea Bridge. A boundary post made from ancient Sutton House oak was fixed there in 1991.

Until the middle of the 19th century beating the bounds was an annual practice by parish officials who walked the boundary to check the boundary posts and to impress on children the limits of their parish. This is the first time since the 1850's that a complete perambulation has been undertaken. The original parish of St John at Hackney was divided into several smaller parishes in the 1830's and the Boundary Commission has made further alterations but it is the pre 1830 boundary which will be walked in July.

The walk follows the River Lea from Watermint Quay in the North to the Eastway, then across Victoria Park, along the Regents Canal and up Kingsland Road to Stamford Hill and then across Clapton Common and back to the Lea. If you would like to take part in this walk or to sponsor a walker then contact Mike Gray or Carole Mills at Sutton House.

DESIGN COMPETITION RESULTS

In our last newsletter, we invited entries from designers to create an image inspired by Sutton House. We were surprised not to be swamped by entries - there was in fact only one submission! However, we were delighted with this image by local designer, Ray Carpenter and will be using it for a T-shirt and badge soon to be for sale in the shop. Congratulations to Mr Carpenter who has been invited to enjoy his prize of dinner for two in Grumbolds Cafe-Bar.

HACKNEY SLOGAN WINNER

Those of you who entered the recent '**Put Hackney On the Map**' competition to find a slogan for Hackney, may be interested to know that a winner was found from nearly 100 entries. Mr Tim Lay from the Woodberry Down Estate, helped in the campaign to put Hackney centre stage by penning the winning slogan, 'Hackney - Metropolitan, Cosmopolitan'. Mr Lay was awarded his £50 prize from the London Borough of Hackney at a ceremony at Sutton House and his fellow competitors were awarded free entry vouchers to Sutton House.

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Have you paid for 1994?

WANT TO HELP?

Because of increased visitor space to look after, we would welcome more volunteer help. We also anticipate loss of regular volunteer hours over the Summer holiday months. If you know of any friends or family who may be interested in helping with a wide range of activities, please ask them to contact us. We have just produced a volunteer pack to encourage new recruits to sign up.

YOUR SHOUT

A newsletter is only ever as good as the information it contains. Although we give you regular updates of news from Sutton House, if **you** have an idea for an article relevant to our readers we would be very glad to hear of it. Contributions for the next issue of the newsletter (for publication in September) should be submitted to Carole Mills by 15 August 1994.

SUMMER "WHAT'S ON"

You will already have seen the What's On leaflet for May but as reminder

Saturday 7 May, 7.30pm

Marchurst Productions present **My Unhappy Brother**

The Story of Branwell Bronte and his Younger Sisters, tickets £5, £3

Friday 13 May 1994, 7.30pm

Bam Dance

Popular local band, 'The Muckers' provide the music and the dance instructions!

Tickets: Adults £4, Child £2 (dance only), Adults £7, Child £5 (with Ploughman's Supper)

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Saturday 14 May 1994, 10am

Green Link Walks - Angel to Sutton House

Tickets: £4 walk only, £10 tour of Sutton House and lunch. Pre-booking essential

JUNE

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 June, 10am - 5pm

Baryton Society Weekend

Weekend to celebrate, investigate and appreciate this unusual instrument, the Baryton. Events will include informal recitals and a Saturday evening concert by the **Hauschka Ensemble**, 7.30pm. Tickets £6, £4

Friday 10 June, 6.30pm

Summer Evening Guided Walk - Angel to Sutton House

The first of a series of leisurely walks to Sutton House on midsummer evenings. Meet at Angel Underground - pre-booking essential. Ticket £4

Saturdays, 11 - 12.30pm (beginning Saturday 14 June)

Creative Writing Workshops

Starting to write - a 6 week course of workshops for beginners or more experienced writers led by local writer and tutor Jill Dawson. Further details from Jill Dawson on 081 985 3563. Fee £36, £24 concession for 6 week course, £6/£4 per class.

Wednesday 18 June - Sunday 10 July, Wednesdays-Sundays, 11.30 - 5.30

Contemporary Norwegian Art

Exhibition of figurative and abstract works including sculpture by internationally known artists from the West Coast of Norway.

Friday 24 June, 6.30pm

Summer Evening Guided Walks - Bethnal Green to Sutton House

Midsummer evening walk. Meet at Bethnal Green Underground - pre-booking essential
Tickets: £4

JULY

In conjunction with **Hackney Arts Festival 1994**, 9-30 July, Sutton House will be holding the following events:

Sunday 10 July, 11.30 - 5.30

Parliament of Religions

New local forum for interfaith discussion, with workshops and entertainment. Keynote speaker: Diane Abbott, MP. Further details from Rev. Ian McDowell on 081 986 5668.
Registration fee: £2 (includes lunch)

Sunday 17, 5pm

Journey to Vienna a concert by **Sweet Harmony**

Sweet Harmony play music by Mozart and Haydn in eighteenth century costume.
Tickets: £7 (proceeds in aid of the Sutton House Appeal)

Late Night Concert - Sunday 17, 10pm

Concert - **Schubertiade**

Richard Lloyd-Morgan **baritone** and William Lloyd **piano** perform *Die Schone Mullerin*.
Tickets: £5, £3

Sunday 24, 7.30pm

Concert - **20th Century Masterworks**, music by *Shostakovich* and *Messiaen*

Ticket: £6, £4

Late Night Concert - Sunday 24, 10pm

Concert - **Schubertiade**, *Arpeggione Sonata* and *Trout Quintet* by **Schubert**

Ticket: £5, £3

Summer Evening Openings

During July the Historic Rooms at Sutton House will be open to visitors in the evenings from 7pm-9.30pm on the following dates (admission £1.50 adults, 50p children)

Wednesday 13 Friday 15* Wednesday 20

Friday 22* Wednesday 27 Friday 29

Grumbolds Cafe-Bar at Sutton House is also open on these days for dinner

* **Summer Evening Guided Walks, tickets: £4, pre-booking essential**

Friday 15 July, 6.30pm - Angel (Meet at Angel Underground station)

Friday 22 July, 6.30pm - **Bethnal Green** (Meet at Bethnal Green Underground station)

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