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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Sutton House newsletter. This time we are running a special feature on our Black History Month events. Last year we were nominated for a Gulbenkian Museum of the Year award for our Black History Month programme. This year we have expanded our programme and so there is even more reason to visit us!

Black History Month

Throughout the year, we host talks and workshops on the theme of black Londoners. During the months of October and November this culminates in a broad range of events to celebrate London's cultural diversity.

The core of this schedule is an interactive family trail, where the lives of key black Londoners are depicted in our historic rooms. This year we also have a wonderful new temporary exhibition to complement the trail, 'Coming to

England'. This display will include audio recordings, portraits and memorabilia depicting the lives of people from the Caribbean who moved to Hackney in the 1950s.

On 21 October Sutton House hosts the 'Poetry Explosion'. This dynamic event marks the culmination of a two-month residency by performance poet Adisa at Gayhurst School and Sutton House.

For a full listing of these and other events see below.

Black History Month events at Sutton House

Children's after school club: Our Stories

After school club for 8-11 year olds exploring family histories through art and craft.

Every Tuesday, 28 September – 23 November

4-5.15pm

Only available to pre-booked participating schools. Please call 020 8525 9055 to book.

Black Londoners Interactive History Trail

Find out more about the lives of key black Londoners.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 October – 28 November

Fridays and Saturdays 1-5.30pm, Sundays 11.30am-5pm

Entry free to local residents.

Normal admission charges apply to non Hackney residents.

School visits: Black Londoners History Trail

Fridays, 1 October – 26 November

10am-12.00pm & 1-3pm

Entry free to National Trust Education Group Members. Only available to pre-booked participating schools. Please call 020 8525 9055 to book

Exhibition: Coming to England

Visit the Art Gallery for this moving interactive exhibition.

Wednesday-Sunday, 6 October – 28 November

11.30am-5pm

Entry Free

Family Learning Day: the History of Black Londoners

Family events and talks in partnership with the Open University.

Sunday 10 October

11.30am-5pm

Entry free

Performance Event: Poetry Explosion

The culmination of our Black History Month project with Gayhurst School and performance poet Adisa.

Thursday 21 October

6-8pm

Entry free

Booking essential tel: 020 8525 9055

Children's holiday programme: 'World Celebrations'

Creative arts project for children aged 8-11 years.

Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 October 2004

10.30am-3.30pm (finishes 2.30pm on 28 October)

£3 (£1.50 concession) per day

Booking essential: call 020 8525 9055

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September – December 2004

Activities for Families

Discovery Days

Choose from a variety of lively and unusual activities at historic Sutton House. See how characters from the past bring the house to life. Join a tour to discover fascinating secrets and learn new skills at a variety of workshops.

Following Sundays 11.30am-5pm

26 September – Virtual Victorians

31 October – Witches and Broomsticks

28 November – Tudor Fun and Games

12 December – Christmas Past and Christmas Presents

Free

Talks and tours

18th Century Black London

This fascinating talk about 18th century black London is by well-known author S I Martin.

Saturday 25 September

2-3pm

Free after admission to the House.

The Peopling of Hackney

Valery Small returns to Sutton House for her very popular talk about the immigration of people into Hackney. Valery will also be on hand to answer your questions about how to start researching your own family history.

Saturday 23 October

2-3pm

Free after admission to the House.

Free Sutton House Tours

Themed guided tours at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Free after admission to the house.

Sunday 3 October and Sunday 7 November

Feeding London

Richard Thames, popular author and guide, will be profiling his latest work on London's history. Feeding London will look at the rich history of the businesses providing food for Londoners, from farms to restaurants and shops.

Saturday 6 November

11am-12 noon

Adults £5, children £2.50. Tickets from the Box Office on 01494 755572.

'On London Fields': the Music Behind the Opera

Join composer Matthew King as he introduces you to the music of Hackney Music Development Trust's new community opera, 'On London Fields', making its world premiere at The Hackney Empire on 19 and 20 November.

Saturday 6 November

2.30pm

Free

See front page for talks on black history.

Seasonal Events

Halloween House Tour

Experience the spookier side of Sutton House.

Friday 29 October

Doors open at 5.30pm.

Tours at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm.

Adults £5, children (aged 10 and over only) £3.

Tickets from the Box Office on 01494 755572.

Charles Dickens: a Christmas Carol

Half day visits for Key Stage 2 pupils. An opportunity for pupils to work with our two Victorian costumed characters from the past, actively taking part in the creation of this classic Dickens tale.

Monday 29 November —

Thursday 16 December

Only available to pre-booked participating schools. Please call 020 8525 9055 to book

Christmas Craft Fair

The historic rooms will be filled with over thirty craft stalls as this highly successful event provides the perfect opportunity to find unusual Christmas gifts. The event includes children's activities, mince pies and mulled wine, all adding to the festive spirit.

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 December

11.30am-5.00pm.

Adult ticket £2.20, accompanied children free. Tickets available on the door.

Christmas Carols

Join in the carols in our atmospheric courtyard. Raise a glass of mulled wine to welcome in the festive season.

Friday 10 December

Doors open 5.30pm. Group singing from 6pm.

Adults £5, children £3. Tickets from the Box Office on 01494 755572.

Did you know?

Sutton House is available to hire for meetings, concerts, naming, wedding and commitment ceremonies. E-mail us at suttonhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk for further information.

Welcome to Lucy Sage our new Volunteer Co-ordinator! Lucy comes to us with a great background of working with volunteers and charities. If you are interested in helping out at Sutton House please contact Lucy on 020 8525 9059 or lucy.sage@nationaltrust.org.uk



CENTERPRISE LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Visitor information

Admission charges (to end 2004)

£2.20 adults, 50p children, £4.90 families

Opening times

Historic rooms, Fri & Sat 1-5.30pm, Sun 11.30 am to 5.30pm
Café, shop and gallery 11.30am to 5pm Wed to Sun

Our last open day is 19 December 2004, and we re-open on 19 January 2005.

How to get to Sutton House

We are located at the corner of Homerton High Street and Isabella Road. **Bus:** frequent services from central London. Routes 394 and S2 stop nearest on Homerton High Street/Urswick Road. **Rail:** Hackney Central (Silverlink) or Hackney Downs. **Tube:** Highbury & Islington + Silverlink line or buses 30, 277; Bethnal Green + buses 106, 256

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