



# Sutton House Newsletter

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**Happy New Year!** Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Sutton House newsletter. 2004 was a very successful year for us, with a range of projects appealing to all ages and all interests. We hope you will join us at Sutton House in 2005 to make it an even better year!

## New Exhibition

The history of Sutton House is told in this new exhibition due to be launched in February 2005.

The exhibition opens up the fascinating stories of East London's oldest property, taking visitors on a journey through Tudor, Georgian, and Victorian times, ending when the house was renovated in the late 1980s.

## Over 55s

Friday afternoon at Sutton House is the time when local people aged 55 and over can participate in free activities that help to bring the many stories of Sutton House to life. This spring will see a programme of music, creative writing and arts and crafts inspired by the historic rooms of the house.

The afternoons have proved to be extremely popular. Vera George, one of the participants, commented "it's just a great afternoon out. I love meeting up with new people and the activities are always good fun".

Visitors are welcome to drop into any of the Friday afternoon sessions that begin on 4 February and run through until 18 March 2005 (a seven week run). Tea and biscuits will be served from 1.00pm with the activities beginning at 1.30pm and ending at 3.00pm. Look out for details of our new summer programme.



## New Family Activity Pack

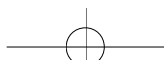
Families can now explore the special environment of Sutton House with these beautifully produced resources designed for children aged 3-11 years.

The pack contains five bags that are full of ideas, toys and activities that provide hours of fun and enjoyment, taking families on a trail throughout the historic rooms of the house. Launched in January 2005, the packs have been received enthusiastically by families. Ian Patterson visited the house with his sons (aged 9 and 5 years) and commented that "the packs work really well because they have something for all the children, rather than just being good for the older or younger ones".



The packs are available free of charge after entry to the house on Saturdays and Sundays. To make sure that adults don't feel left out there are companion packs with resources that will appeal to people with an interest in local history.

Welcome



# Sutton House

## Newsletter

### highlighted events at Sutton House... February–May 2005

#### ART GALLERY

##### Wednesday 2 February – Sunday 6 March Adrian Ryan: Still Life Paintings

Adrian Ryan (1920-1998) was a figurative painter who largely rejected abstraction. Not included amongst the best-known 20th Century painters during his lifetime, Ryan's work is now being re-evaluated with museum shows around the country.

##### Wednesday 9 March – Sunday 3 April Geraldine Swayne: Haunted

A response to the presence of Sutton House in Hackney through time. The work uses the house as a conduit to feel the past pushing into the present.

##### Wednesday 6 April – Monday 2 May Esther Collins

Local artist Esther Collins is forming an organisation of artists to trade tasks and conversation with residents on the Kingsmead Estate.

##### Wednesday 4 May – Sunday 5 June Gayhurst School: Dreams

#### ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

##### Free Sutton House Tours

Guided talks at 3pm on 6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May, and 5 June.

**FREE** after admission to the house

##### Over 55s

Every Friday afternoon, Sutton House is dedicated to people who are aged 55+. On offer is a programme of free talks, tours, art and craft sessions and activities.

**FREE** entry to local residents

##### Sundays: 10 April, 8 May, 12 June Painting Places

A series of special days where visitors are invited to capture Sutton House with assistance from a professional artist and free art materials. 12noon-4pm

**FREE** after admission to the house

##### Sundays: 24 April, 29 May, 26 June Story Spaces/Art Places

Explore the many different spaces of Sutton House! Storytellers will share tales to delight and surprise you as we explore the domestic themes that unite us all. An artist will be here to help you to create your own response to our magical spaces.

**FREE** activity-packed days for all ages, each with a different theme. 12noon-4pm

##### Sunday 22 May Adult Learners Lectures

The Open University returns to Sutton House with a series of lectures on local history. 1-5pm. Admission is free but booking is advisable. Call 020 8525 9055

#### TALKS AND WALKS

##### Saturday 5 March Finding Your Roots

A talk by local historian and genealogist, Valery Small, aimed at East Londoners wanting to trace their family roots. 2-3pm

**FREE** after admission to the house

##### Saturday 2 April The Lascars in London

SI Martin returns to Sutton House for one of his popular talks on black Londoners. This time he will be talking about the lives of the Lascars: Indian sailors who settled in England from the 17th century onwards. 2-3pm.

**FREE** after admission to the house



##### Friday 8 April Lecture Lunch

##### An Eternity in Stone – Women in London's Public Spaces (SH09)

Join Cheryl Law on a journey through London tracing women's public achievements through the naming of London, its monuments and sculptures. This Lecture Lunch includes a two course lunch plus coffee.

11am-1.30pm Adults £18

Tickets from the Box Office on 01494 755572

##### Saturday 7 May Huguenots talk, Sutton House (SH10)

##### Saturday 28 May or Saturday 11 June Huguenots walk, meet at Liverpool Street station (SH11 & SH12)

Our very popular talk and walk series led by Michael Berlin of Birkbeck College, examining the contribution of French Protestant Huguenot immigrants to the development of East London. 11am-12noon Adults £6 per event

Tickets from the Box Office on 01494 755572

##### Saturday 4 June Black Popular Music 1850-1940

Mark Beresford, jazz writer, will be presenting this upbeat talk that brings to life the dominant influence of black musicians on Western culture. Mark will be using rare film, photographs and recordings to illustrate his talk. 2-3pm

**FREE** after admission to the house

## 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, 254.



## Visitor information

### Admission charges for Historic Rooms Up to 28 February 2005

£2.20 Adult, 50p Child, £4.90 Family

### From 1 March 2005

£2.50 Adult, 50p Child & £5.50 Family

### Historic Rooms

21 Jan – 17 Dec, Fri & Sat 1pm – 5.00pm

23 Jan – 18 Dec, Sun 11.30am – 5.00pm

### Art Gallery, Shop & Tea Room - Free Entry

19 Jan – 18 Dec, Wed to Sun 11.30am – 5.00pm

**House open Bank Holiday Mondays  
Closed Good Friday**

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