

# Sutton House

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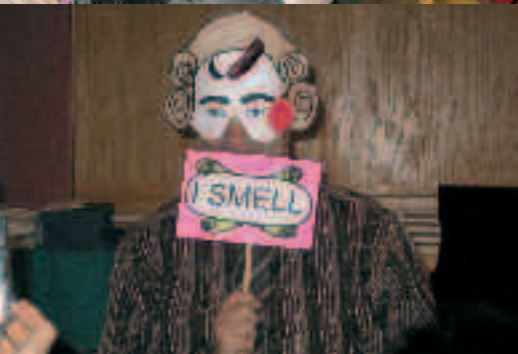
**Welcome** to the 6th edition of the Sutton House newsletter. Despite the restructuring process 2005 turned out to be a very successful year for us, with over 12,000 visitors enjoying the house. Our learning and community involvement programmes opened Sutton House to many local groups and schools, building a solid foundation for our future development. We are looking forward to 2006 and hope you will join us as we kick off our events schedule in March with the first of our History of Black Londoners talks *Sugar, Slavery and the British Empire*.

## Parent Power

**What is it that makes an historic house or a museum a place to be enjoyed by all families?**

Throughout the spring and summer of 2006 Sutton House will be working in partnership with: local families; the London Borough of Hackney; Hackney Museum; and the Museum in Docklands to answer this question. The parents participating in this significant pilot scheme will be invited to explore and discover the wealth of learning opportunities for families in east London and let us know what can be done to improve the facilities on offer. Parent Power

will consist of two pilots that will work with five primary and one secondary school. Each of the pilots will take place over seven sessions offering hands-on opportunities to investigate family: trails; activities; programmes and exhibitions at Sutton House and at our two museum partners. It is aimed that the long term impact of this innovative partnership will be an increase in parents knowledge and understanding of local informal learning opportunities, which in turn will help children in their development, both personal and educational.



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### highlighted events at Sutton House...

March – July 2006

#### TALKS, LECTURES & MUSIC

##### The History of Black Londoners, 2-4pm

- 4 March** Sugar, Slavery and the British Empire  
**1 April** Black presence in Tudor England  
**6 May** African and Asian seamen in Britain's maritime past  
**3 June** Black and Asian entrepreneurs in Britain's past  
**1 July** Immigrating to England, the experience of Caribbean people

A series of talks by historian SI Martin on the first Saturday of every month.

Free after admission.

#### TOURS AND WALKS

##### Sutton House Tours, 3pm

Sunday 3 March, 2 April, 7 May, 4 June & 2 July

Guided tours of Sutton House on the first Sunday of every month from March.

Free after admission.

##### Huguenots Walk, 11am

Saturday 13 May

A walk led by Michael Berlin of Birkbeck College examining the contribution of French Protestant immigrants to the development of East London. Walks leave from Liverpool St station and should be booked through the Booking Office on 0870 428 8933 or online at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents).

##### Jewish East London Walk, 11am

Sunday 11 June

A walk led by Michael Berlin of Birkbeck College exploring Jewish settlement in East London and their contribution to London life. Walks leave from Liverpool St station and should be booked through the Booking Office on 0870 428 8933 or online at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents).

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

##### Free Family Days, 12.30-4pm

- 26 March** Mothering Sunday  
**30 April** Through  
**28 May** Tudor Tales  
**25 June** Young Tudors  
**30 July** MAnimal Antics

These special days will be full of arts, crafts, fun and games for all ages. Free entry.

#### EVENTS FOR ADULTS

##### Painting Places, 12.30-4pm

Sunday 11th June & 9 July

A series of special days where visitors are invited to capture Sutton House with the assistance of a professional artist.

Free after admission.

### The History of Black Londoners



Throughout 2006 Sutton House will be extending its History of Black Londoners programming so that every month of the year there will be an opportunity to learn and experience something new about the peopling of Hackney and London.

The breadth of the programme aims to provide something for everyone, whether you are an adult who enjoys lectures or a family group who enjoy hands-on experiences.

The year begins with the launch of a free monthly talks programme from historian SI Martin. The historic rooms at Sutton House, presented in different periods from 1535 to the present day, will provide the backdrop to exploring the lives of influential black Londoners (see reverse of leaflet for details). This will be followed by the second stage of the 'Many Connections' intergenerational, Caribbean heritage programme, a partnership with Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation and De Beauvoir Primary School that will result in an interactive exhibition to be displayed at Sutton House in 2006. This new exhibition will be accompanied in the autumn of 2006 by the History of Black Londoners family trail; school visits and resources; and a family day in partnership with the Open University (see autumn newsletter for more details).

### Visitor information

#### Admission charges for 2006

£2.50 adults, 50p children, £5.50 families. Free to National Trust members.

#### Opening Times 2 February - 22 December 2006

**Café, Shop and Gallery** 12.00 - 4.30pm Thursday to Sunday

**Historic Rooms** 12.30 - 4.30pm Thursday to Sunday

Last admission to House and Café 4.00pm

### 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.