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Welcome to the 7th edition of the Sutton House newsletter. We have had a full diary of events and community projects taking place this year and they are set to continue throughout the summer.

Sir Ralph Sadleir: Hero or villain?

When the man who built Sutton House was released from the Tower of London, was he an innocent hero or chastened villain? In June and July 2006, Sutton House will be working in partnership with the Royal Armouries at the Tower of London and Hackney Free and Parochial Secondary School to answer this question.

The three day project, culminating in an exhibition to be hung at Sutton House in August, will involve looking at this historical question in relation to citizenship issues of human rights and imprisonment.

The year 7 pupils will spend a day exploring Sutton House, finding out what they can about its first owner, whilst making links to their locality through comparing the Hackney of today to Sir Ralph's Hackney. The children will then move onto the Tower for an afternoon, to explore the context of Sadleir's arrest and the human rights issues of imprisonment today, compared with the situation as Sir Ralph would have experienced it. The children's responses to the issues raised will form the exhibition that can be seen at Sutton House throughout August.

Summer Dig at Sutton Place

Earlier this year the National Trust became the owner of 16a Sutton Place. This piece of land, which adjoins the west side of Sutton House, was originally part of the 15th century 'Tanhouse', home to Thomas Sutton from 1605-1611.

The house was demolished in 1806. The site was most recently used as a Car Wreckers Yard and is believed to have high

levels of ground level pollution. An investigation of this pollution offers the opportunity for a small scale archaeological investigation of the land. The archaeological dig will take place this August and has been partially funded by the Sutton House Society.

Sutton House and the Society are currently fundraising to allow a greater exploration of the site.

Home from Home Refugee Week 2006

In the 1700s Sutton House was a home to families who were forced to flee France due to their religious beliefs.

The lives of these families and the modern-day experience of displacement have, for the last three years, formed the basis of a series of creative projects, which have seen Sutton House working in partnership with two local Hackney primary schools: De Beauvoir and Sebright. The final workshops took place

in June this year. They saw the children making creative responses to the theme of home and journeys. The music, art and films produced by the children as a result were displayed and performed throughout Sutton House.

They were then taken back to the schools to be used as teaching resources during Refugee Week, embedding the whole project within each school.

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highlighted events at Sutton House...

July – September 2006

TALKS, LECTURES & MUSIC

The History of Black Londoners, 2-4pm

1 July Immigrating to England, the experience of Caribbean people

5 Aug Hidden Histories of Black Musicians in Britain

2 Sep Service and Slavery, Black People in Wealthy Society

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 2 July, 6 August & 3 September

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

Free after admission.

Huguenots Walk, 11am

Saturday 9 September

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.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Free Family Days, 12.30-4pm

30 July Animal Antics – Hear the stories and make the animals

24 Sep Making Music – Storytelling, music and dance

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

Art in the Courtyard, 2-4pm

4 August Ghost Hunting – Discover hidden secrets and create your own ghostly photograph.

11 August Portrait Gallery – Come and make a portrait that tells your family history.

18 August Model Villages – Help recreate Tudor Hackney in a shoebox.

25 August Clay Creations – Become a Master Craftsperson and make original creations.

Adults £2.50, Children and National Trust members Free.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Painting Places, 12.30-4pm

Sunday 9 July, 13 August & 10 September

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

Free after admission.



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.