



# Sutton House Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2007

- News
- Information
- Events

**Welcome** to the 8th edition of the Sutton House newsletter. This autumn and winter we have a full series of events, exhibitions and tours. We continue our history of black Londoners programme at Sutton House with the 'Many Connections' intergenerational exhibition, interactive family trails, weekly school visits and free entry family day. We also have haunting Halloween tours and a wealth of festive happenings. The house will be open and decorated throughout December and do not forget our annual Christmas Craft Fair!

## Many Connections- Intergenerational Caribbean Heritage

*'There is something very simple about a group of older people teaching a group of children a song from their own youth. Simple, but also full of significance.'*

The 'Many Connections' exhibition is the culmination of a year long intergenerational programme at Sutton House. Members of the Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation and pupils of Caribbean heritage from Debeauvoir Primary school worked with artists to explore cultural connections across generations.

The focus on fostering relationships within the group built their capacity to look outwards, to connect with their own

heritage, and with the aspects of history reflected in Sutton House itself. *'For the elders to learn about characters who made the same trip from the Caribbean to England several hundred years previously was significant. Most would not have learned this in their own school education.'*

The Many Connections project was led by Surya Turner and the exhibition has been designed and curated by Othello De Souza Hartley. The exhibition itself is hands-on and interactive, inviting audiences to share in the experiences of the intergenerational group. It is open Thursday – Sundays, 12 noon – 4.30 pm, Entry is free.

## Parent Power 2

**After the successful pilot of the 'Parent Power' project in the spring, Sutton House welcomes the second stage of the course this autumn.**

Working with the parents who took part in phase one, Parent Power 2 aims to raise awareness of different learning styles employed by families in the museum

environment. Funded by the Learning Trust, this project aims to give parents confidence in assessing family provision at Sutton House as well as other local museums, as the project will include visits to the Geffrye Museum, the Museum of London and the Building Exploratory.



Welcome

স্বাগতম

CHAO MÙNG

Hoşgeldiniz

Soo dhawow

**Black History Month  
Events at Sutton House throughout  
October and November**

Please see events on reverse

# Sutton House

## Newsletter

### Christmas Craft Fair

Sutton House is kicking off a month of festive activities with the annual Christmas Craft Fair. The historic rooms will be filled with stalls selling lots of unique and interesting Christmas gifts including jewellery, ceramics, toiletries and lots more. Children's activities and festive refreshments will also be available.



## highlighted events at Sutton House... October – December 2006

### TALKS, LECTURES & MUSIC

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

7 Oct Hidden Histories of Black Women in Britain

4 Nov Living in 18th Century London, a Black Perspective

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

Free after admission.

#### Black History Month Walk – The Peopling of London, 11am Sunday 8 October

A walk that looks at the history of immigration to the Spitalfields area of London. Walks leave from Liverpool St Station.

Tickets £6 Booking essential.

#### Sutton House Society Annual Lecture – An Evening with Ian Sinclair – 'Disappearances'

October 19, 7.30pm

Hackney Writer, Ian Sinclair, talks about his latest book.

Tickets £6 (£5 SHS Members)

### EVENTS FOR ADULTS

#### The Big Draw, 12.30-4pm

Sunday 8 October

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

Free after admission.

#### Christmas Carol Performance, 7.30-9.30pm

Saturday 16 December

Enjoy a festive carol performance in the historic setting of Sutton House. All our rooms will be decorated for the season.

Tickets £6 Booking essential.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Many Connections – Intergenerational Caribbean Heritage Exhibition 12.00-4.30pm

Thursday 5 October – 3 December

This interactive exhibition produced by local older and young people of Caribbean heritage explores intergenerational cultural connections.

Free entry.

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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

15 October

History Of Black Londoners

29 October

House of Horror

26 November

A Dickensian Childhood

17 December

Traditions of Christmas

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

Free entry.

#### Halloween Ghost Tours, 6.30pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

Tuesday 31 October &

Christmas Ghost Tours, 5.30pm & 7pm

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December

Experience the spookier side of Sutton House with our eerie ghost tours! Unsuitable for children under 8 years old.

Tickets £6 & £3.50 Booking essential.

#### Traditional Christmas Carols, 5.00-7.00pm

Saturday 16 December

Come and join our professional singers for a festive family sing-along.

Tickets £6 & £3.50 Booking essential.

#### Christmas Craft Fair, 12.00 – 5pm

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December

The historic rooms will be filled with craft stalls providing the perfect Christmas shopping opportunity.

Admission £2, Children and NT Members FREE.

Booking Office 0870 428 8933 or online at  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents)



### 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.