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HONEYWOOD  
MUSEUM

# What's On at Honeywood Museum

## *Honeywood in Spring*

Honeywood Museum is family-friendly, and open  
10:00 to 17:00 Thursday, Friday and Saturday

**Closed Good Friday 29 March**

Entrance is free and donations are gratefully received

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## Exhibitions

### Where Are You Going?

Showing until Saturday 27 April

An exhibition exploring the rapid technological changes in transport in the Sutton New town area between 1870 and 1911.

You will see hand carts and horse drawn transport (fire engines, dust carts, etc.) and learn about the Victorian and Edwardian fascination with cycling, trams and even flying machines.

The exhibition also explores the social impact of the arrival of the railway, the tram and personal means of transport. The exhibition is produced by Sutton New town Community Festival and the Welsh Chapel Sutton.

## **Match: Weddings of the past and memories for the future**

Showing until Saturday 27 April

As Honeywood Museum builds on its reputation as a popular venue for civil ceremonies, we look back at some of the weddings of the past captured by Sutton's famous High Street photographer, David Knights-Whittome, and explore the importance of civil ceremonies in the historic record.

**FREE**, drop in.

## **The Croydon Art Society Spring Exhibition**

Thursday 2 May to Saturday 15 June

*"This is the first time the Croydon Art Society has exhibited at fascinating Honeywood Museum. Spring being a time of renewal, it's appropriate that we introduce the contemporary exciting art of some of our new and local members, as well as the established artists much admired for their traditional pieces. All the artwork is for sale and Society members can be on hand to show you around if required."*

## **Events**

### **The Beddington Wandle from 10,000 BC to date**

Wednesday 13 March 19:30

John Phillips explores the history of the Beddington branch of the Wandle from the end of the last Ice Age, including changes to the channel, farming, mills and pollution. An illustrated talk by John Phillips in Honeywood's Billiard Room. Tickets are £5. Please prebook via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital)

### **The origins and Development of Sutton New Town A local history walk**

Saturday 23 March 14:00-15:30

Sutton New Town was, and still is, a distinct urban and suburban development from the mid Victorian period, which retains much of its residential stock. Local Historian Andrew Skelton will take you on a short walk around the streets of the New Town, explaining its development and looking at its architecture, including the famous 'Bottle House' on the corner of Vernon and William Roads and its late-Victorian and Edwardian creator, George Wilks. Meet at the north end of Lind Road, on the green at the junction with Lower Road (by the roundabout). The route is circular and will end nearby. Tickets are £5. Please book in advance.

## Honeywood Book Club

Sunday 24 March 14:30-16:00

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

This month's book will be **The Satsuma Complex** by *Bob Mortimer*.

This is a very friendly and informal group that meets at Honeywood. It is **FREE** to join and even the refreshments are free!

Please contact Sue Kelsall at [sue\\_kelsall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sue_kelsall@hotmail.co.uk) or 020 82415679 if you would like to join. Please read the book beforehand and bring a copy with you.

### The Amazing Mr. Dickens

Thursday 28 March 19:30 (door opens at 19:10)

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

Join David Allen on an affectionate romp through the 'rags to riches' life story of the world's greatest storyteller from his early childhood working in a factory, to his illustrious life as a writer and social reformer, including his scandalous affair and daring escape from a train. With dramatic readings from some of his most popular works, including *Oliver Twist*.

Seats £8 (£7 Members) - refreshments free

To book, please email [susan.hoskin@gmail.com](mailto:susan.hoskin@gmail.com) or 07721 852378

### Spring Holiday Fun: Rainbows

Saturday 30 March to Saturday 13 April (throughout opening hours)

Join us for fun and crafts as we explore the magic of rainbows. See Millie in her fabulous new costumes. Can you find the pot of gold? Follow Millie's Magical Rainbow Trail and discover some fun facts, make a rainbow headband, a stained-glass effect picture and a hanging rainbow decoration.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets are £3 per child and can be booked in advance via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital) or pay on entry.

**Please see**  
**[libraries.sutton.gov.uk/events](http://libraries.sutton.gov.uk/events), and/or**  
**[friendsofhoneywood.co.uk](http://friendsofhoneywood.co.uk)**  
**for bookings and further events as they are confirmed.**

## **SEND Quiet Days : Rainbows**

Tuesdays 2 & 9 April 10:00-16:00

For visitors with Special Education Needs and Disabilities, or adults experiencing early stage dementia and their families and carers, Honeywood Museum will now be open outside of regular hours on special 'quiet days'.

Enjoy the museum at your own pace, free from the general public. Sensory sacks will be available.

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When booking a ticket: 1 ticket per group per half hour (max. group of 6).

## **Trams and Trains**

Wednesday 3 April 19:30

John Parkin looks at public transport on the rails in the borough and surrounding areas. Pictures of the first generation trams and how the current Croydon Tramlink developed, together with a look at local railways over past years.

An illustrated talk by John Parkin in Honeywood's Billiard Room.

Tickets are £5, please book in advance.

## **Wandle walk Honeywood to Mill Green**

Saturday 6 April 14:00

A guided walk led by John Phillips looking at the mill sites and other historical features along the river.

Tickets are £5, please book in advance.

## **The Carshalton Pub Crawl**

### **A history of its Inns, Taverns, Ale and Beer Houses**

Thursday 25 April 19:30 (door opens at 19:10)

## **A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event**

Discover with Colin Bartram what the historical record can tell us about the brewing of ale and beer in Carshalton and how the earliest alehouses,

taverns and inns have evolved through beer houses and hotels to become the public houses that we have today. Accompanied by photos, drawings and paintings of pubs, it will also cover some significant Carshalton characters and events.

Seats £7 (£6 Members) - refreshments free

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## **Honeywood Book Club**

Sunday 28 April 14:30-16:00

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This month's book will be **The Venice Secret** by *Anita Chapman*.

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## **A Look at Old Carshalton**

Wednesday 8 May 19:30

An exploration of the Village before it became a suburb.

An illustrated talk by John Phillips in Honeywood's Billiard Room.

Tickets are £5. Please pre-book via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital)

## **The Springs of Carshalton**

Thursday 23 May 19:30 (door opens at 19:10)

### **A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event**

We warmly welcome the return of Peter Wakeham to shed light on the springs that formerly flowed in Carshalton and examine their influence upon the development of the village and surrounding area. The history of Carshalton Ponds will be discussed as will the early 18th century landscaping undertaken in Carshalton Park. The equally ambitious landscaping that was undertaken at this time in what is now St Philomena's School will also be illustrated. The presentation will conclude with photographs taken during the exceptionally wet winter of 2013/14 when the springs flowed once again.

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## Carshalton House guided tours

Saturday 25 May 13:00, 14:30 and 16:00

For the first time in five years Andrew Skelton will be conducting guided tours of historic Carshalton House. This will include the exceptional painted room, which is a rare survivor of its type and the earliest interior within the house.

Tours will last 45-60 minutes. \*Please note the tour does not include the Carshalton House Water Tower. Entrance is through the West Street gate.

Tickets are £5. Booking essential, early booking recommended to avoid disappointment.

\*Please note the Carshalton House Water Tower will be open 13:30-17:00. There is a separate fee for this - £2 for an adult. Children are free but must be accompanied by an adult. No pre booking required for the Water Tower only.

## May half term: Farmyard Fun at Honeywood!

Saturday 25 May to Saturday 1 June

Join us for some farmyard themed fun and crafts this holiday. Discover Millie's amazing new costume and have a go at Millie's Fabulous Farm Trail. Get crafty and make a farmyard barn scene with some of your favourite farm animals, a scarecrow picture and a cow or sheep mobile.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets are £3 per child and can be booked in advance via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital) or pay on entry.

## Honeywood Book Club

Sunday 26 May 14:30-16:00

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

This month's book will be **The Summer Book** by *Tove Jansson*.

This is a very friendly and informal group that meets at Honeywood. It is **FREE** to join and even the refreshments are free!

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## **Farmyard Fun Themed Story and Songtime**

Thursday 30 May 10:30, 11:30, 14:00 and 15:00.

Join us for fun, stories and songs in the Edwardian Drawing Room. Each session will last approx. 30 minutes. For 5 year olds and under.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**FREE, but please reserve a place for each child**

## **Regular events**

### **Honeywood Adult Colouring Group**

Thursdays 10:30-12:30

March 14 & 28, April 25 and May 9 & 23

Join us for a calming, creative morning at Honeywood. Be inspired by our beautiful surroundings. Tea, coffee, cake and lunch is available to purchase from the Tea Rooms.

All materials supplied. **FREE**. Drop in

### **Honeywood Embroidery Group**

Thursdays 10:15-12:15

March 7 & 21, April 18 and May 2 & 16

Excited by embroidery? Come along for a morning of stitching with fellow enthusiasts. A chance to compare notes on your current project. Please bring your materials with you. **FREE**. Drop in.



## Honeywood Mice

Fridays 10:15-11:15 Weekly

For ages 0-3 years.

Age-appropriate activities for our very youngest visitors - stories, art, crafts, music and play.

Free admission, booking required [buytickets.at/honeywoodmiceplaygroup](http://buytickets.at/honeywoodmiceplaygroup).

## Little Holland House

### Open Days at Little Holland House

Sundays 3 March, 7 April & 5 May 10:30-16:30

Open the door to this unique arts and crafts gem, designed and built between 1902-1904 by artist and craftsman Frank R. Dickinson, with the love and support of his fiancée, Florence. The ultimate DIY story!

Volunteer guides regularly open the house on the first Sunday of each month for free visits, and groups are also invited to visit for private tours on other weekdays during each month. Private tours can be booked for a minimum of 5 people (maximum of 20) at a cost of £7.50 per person.

### Ruskin Road Repair Cafe at Little Holland House

Saturday 16 March 14:00-16:00

Join us at Little Holland House for the Ruskin Road Repair Cafe popup event. From broken electronics, a hole in your jumper or a crack in a favourite vase, specialist repair volunteers will be on hand to share skills and advice to help mend whatever needs fixing. Part of *London Repair Week 2024*.

**Advance bookings only.** For full information and bookings, email Ruskin Road Repair Cafe directly: [ruskinroadrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:ruskinroadrepaircafe@gmail.com)

## The Friends' Shop at Honeywood Museum

The Friends' Shop is a real treasure trove of gifts, books and cards. The stock is constantly changing so there is always something new to buy!

We are able to accept payment by cash and through contactless cards



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