

Winter 2023

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# What's On at Honeywood Museum

## ***Honeywood in Winter***

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

**Closed 24 December to 3 January**

Entrance is free and donations are gratefully received

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## **Exhibitions**

### **From Oranges to Watercress**

Showing until Saturday 13 January

A look at specialist plant growing in the local area from 1500 to 1950 including the innovative plants in two major Elizabethan gardens (one with oranges) and the later farming of lavender, mint and watercress.

This exhibition is part of the Sutton Steams Ahead Lavender Fields Forever project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### **The Wandle Mills:**

### **Changing industry and technology 1650-1850**

Showing until Saturday 13 January

An exhibition looking at how the Wandle mills were adapted in response to shifting markets and increasing demands for power during the Industrial Revolution.

This is a collaborative exhibition with The Friends of Honeywood Museum.

## Christmas Fun

Thursday 7 December to Saturday 6 January

Come and see the fireplace area in the splendid Edwardian billiard room decorated by members of Hello Club Sutton South. Their seasonal displays are always creative and fun.

## Where Are You Going?

Thursday 8 February to 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.

## Events

### Honeywood Book Club

Sunday 17 December 14:30-16:00

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

This month's book will be **Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle** by *Arthur Conan Doyle*.

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.

### Family Christmas Activities at Honeywood

Each Saturday until Saturday 23 December (except 2 December)

Join us for family fun as we get closer to Christmas. Millie the Mouse Winter Creature Trail, make Christmas cards and tree decorations. See Honeywood decorated for Christmas. Tickets: £2, paid on arrival via credit/debit card.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## **See Honeywood decorated for Christmas**

Until Saturday 6 January (throughout opening times)

Come and see our beautiful historic house dressed for Christmas, enjoy the family activities and try some of the tempting treats in the tea rooms.

## **Honeywood Tea Room**

Until Monday 15 January

Honeywood's Tea Room will be serving their tempting menu of tasty savoury treats and their luscious home-made cakes. In addition there will be large spiced mulled wine available for £5 and Honeywood Soup with toasted soda bread also for £5.

## **New Year Fun at Honeywood!**

Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 January throughout opening hours

Join us for the first family events of the year. Make a snowman mask, a midwinter picture and follow Millie the Mouse Winter Creatures Trail around the museum.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets: £2, paid on arrival via credit/debit card.

## **The End of the Roman Empire in the Upper Wandle Valley**

Wednesday 17 January 19:30

A look at the collapse of the Roman Empire in one small area and what happened afterwards. An illustrated talk by John Phillips in Honeywood's billiards room.

Tickets are £5. Please prebook via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](https://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital)

## **Textile printing with the Wandle Industrial Museum at Honeywood**

Saturday 27 January 11:00-16:00

From the 1600's the Wandle Valley started to engage with the textile industry. First with dye mills and bleaching grounds before, in the 1700's, we saw the arrival, brought over to England from France by the Huguenots, of the skill of block printing textiles. William Kilburn who was a leading player in the textile industry had a mill at Wallington Bridge. His Seaweed pattern was a favourite of Queen Charlotte. At this event find out how the textiles were printed, learn more about Kilburn and have the opportunity to make your own block print. FREE, drop in.

## Honeywood Book Club

Sunday 28 January 14:30-16:00

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

This month's book will be **The Rose Code** by *Kate Quinn*.

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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### The Carshalton Wandle from 10,000BC to date

Thursday 8 February 19:30

A look at the development of the river since the end of the last Ice Age, including the mysterious history of the spring heads, mills, gardens and more. 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)

### Half term Fun at Honeywood: Terrific Transport

Saturday 10 to Saturday 17 February throughout opening hours

Join us for Millie's Terrific Transport Trail and fun with crafts. Make a steam train picture, a hot air balloon hanging decoration and a traffic sign headband. See Millie showing off her new costumes and lots more. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets are £3.00 per child and can be booked in advance via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital) or pay on entry.

### SEND Quiet Day

Tuesday 13 February 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.

**FREE**, but pre-booking is essential. When booking a ticket: one ticket per group per half hour (max. group of six).

## Birds of Prey



Thursday 22 February 19:30 (door opens 19:10)

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

A Talk by John Birkett, RSPB Croydon Local Group

When considering 'Birds of Prey' thoughts go to those that hunt and kill other birds and animals, but several of them are scavengers, helping to clean up the landscape. And there are many birds out there that might be considered as born killers, but are not officially birds of prey. Some are just parasitic, but deprive others of a meal!

This illustrated talk will look at various species that are predatory, including not just the raptors, but owls, shrikes, corvids and a few other groups.

Seats £7 (£6 Members) including refreshments.

To book, please contact [susan.hoskin@gmail.com](mailto:susan.hoskin@gmail.com) or 'phone her on 07721 852378.

## Honeywood Book Club

Sunday 25 February 14:30-16:00

### A Friends of Honeywood Museum Event

This month's book will be **Still Life** by *Sarah Winman*.

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 8241 5679 if you would like to join. Please read the book beforehand and bring a copy with you.

## **How did Sutton and the surrounding area develop its bus route numbers?**

Wednesday 28 February 19:30

Why do we have the 127 and 407 bus routes? Where do they go now and why were they introduced? An illustrated talk by John Parkin, well-known local transport historian, who will answer these questions and lots more. His extensive collection of images show local bus routes serving many local landmarks, some of which are now lost.

Tickets are £5. Please prebook via [sutton.events.mylibrary.digital](https://sutton.events.mylibrary.digital)

## **Regular events**

### **Honeywood Adult Colouring Group**

Thursdays 10:30-12:30

December 7 & 21, January 11 & 25 and February 8 & 29

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

December 14, January 4 & 18 and February 1 & 22

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

January 12, 19 & 26 and February 2, 9 & 23

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](https://buytickets.at/honeywoodmiceplaygroup)



# Little Holland House

## Little Holland House Lino Printing & Crafting Fun!

Thursday 4 January 2024, various slots available from 10:00 to 16:00

Little Holland House, 40 Beeches Avenue, Carshalton Beeches, SM5 3LW

Christmas may be done and dusted but there's still some fun to be had! Join us for a creative printmaking session using bespoke linocuts and water-based ink. Additional craft activities will also be on offer AND, if you want, join Millie the Mouse on our new Little Holland House children's trail!

The house will be dressed for Christmas and a seasonal story time will also run during each session.

Appropriate for children ages 5+. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. £4 per child, tickets must be booked in advance.

## Open Days at Little Holland House New Year 2024

Sundays 7 January,  
4 February, 3 March  
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 fiancé, 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.



*Frank Dickinson (self portrait)*

## 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 both chip'n'pin and contactless cards

## The Tea Room at Honeywood Museum

Indoor and outdoor service is provided, as well as takeaways  
Open Monday to Wednesday 10:15-15:45  
and Thursday to Sunday 10:15-16:45

