

Whitehall Historic House

Reopens Saturday 16th June



Opening hours 10am–5pm Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
Whitehall Historic House, 1 Malden Rd, Cheam, Surrey SM3 8QD

Enquiries and bookings:

Tel: 020 8770 5670 Email: whitehallmuseum@sutton.gov.uk

For full details of the events programme please see
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Disabled Access

Whitehall is approached by a wheelchair access ramp or by a path with steps. The Tudor building was built on several levels so within the building on the ground floor there are ramps between some rooms. There is a lift to the first floor. The second floor can only be accessed via a steep spiral staircase. Whitehall has some narrow doorways and low ceiling beams. DDA compliant toilet facilities are available on the ground and first floors.

We look forward to welcoming you but if you have any questions before your visit please call.

Volunteering at Whitehall Historic House

Now is the perfect time to get involved at this beautiful historic building and join our brilliant team of volunteers. If you would enjoy welcoming visitors, stewarding, guiding, helping in the tea room or with activities we would love to hear from you.

To find out more please see sutton.gov.uk/librariesvolunteers

Whitehall Tea Room open 10.30am–4.30pm Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

Relax in the pretty tea room or at the tables on the garden terrace and enjoy delicious traditional cakes, teas, coffee and soft drinks.

New Exhibition Galleries

Our new exhibitions tell the stories of Cheam and the local area through the eyes of the people who have lived and worked locally. Meet our cast of characters from Tudor kings to young soldiers in the First World War. Learn how Whitehall was built and how it has evolved over 500 years of history.

Until January 2019 Never had it so good? Cheam in the 1950s

The 1950s were a time of optimism and change following the Second World War although its impact was still felt in every avenue of life. Explore 1950s Cheam through our first exhibition and accompanying activities.



Cheam Fair, 1959

Thursday 26th July–Sunday 2nd September throughout opening hours

The Terrific Tudors Summer Holiday Activities

With larger than life characters, fabulous fashions and spectacular banquets, life at Tudor Court was always exciting – if you could keep your head!

Find out more about life in the first hundred years after Whitehall was built with a programme of bookable and drop in crafts and activities. Follow the “Don’t Lose Your Head” Trail to its gruesome end.

Thursday 9th August 11.30am–4pm
Thursday 8th November 11.30am–4pm

Revealing our Collections

Come and have a closer look at items from our collection not usually on display, at this free drop in event. Our Museum Collections team will be on hand to give more information about the items and insight into how we look after our collection.



Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd September

Open House London

Whitehall will be taking part in the world’s largest architecture festival with tours and activities throughout the weekend.

Sunday 7th October 10am–5pm
Grandparent Day

A day when we particularly welcome grandparents, their families and grandchildren to Whitehall and celebrate their special place in the family. Join us for a day of crafts and storytelling to enjoy together.



Regular Activities

Whitehall Historic House Reading Group

First Wednesday of every month from 7pm–8pm at Whitehall Historic House
For anyone with an interest in history that loves a good read!

4th July

Bernard Cornwell: Fools and Mortals or **Andrew Taylor: The Ashes of London**

1st August

What have you been reading?
Bring along any book that you've enjoyed and share with the group!

5th September

Emma Donoghue: The Wonder or **Frances Hardinge: The Lie Tree**

3rd October

Helen Dunmore: Birdcage Walk or **Laurie Graham: A Humble Companion**

7th November

Elizabeth Buchan: The New Mrs Buchan or **Robert Harris: Munich**

5th December

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If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Jane Allen.

Email: jane.allen@sutton.gov.uk

Tel: **020 8770 4622**

The Whitehall House Mice (under 3yo)

First Thursday of every month 10.30am–11.30am starting September

Find out where the mice have been on their adventure and become a Whitehall House Mouse to join in their fun. Sessions can include messy play, stories, movement, music and sensory play.

For crawlers up to the age of 3yrs.

Baby changing space available.

Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Tickets are £2.50. Please telephone **020 8770 5670** to book.

Thursday 6th September Captain James Killick

Messy play: Squish and splash your way into history, exploring colour and texture. Messy play can get very messy for some; remember to bring a change of clothes!

Thursday 4th October Day time, Night time

Role play, stories and colourful characters are brought to life through songs, dance and games.



Thursday 1st November Fireworks

Play with instruments, discover new stories, role play as a firework and explore colour.

Friday 6th December

Christmas

Story time, immerse yourselves in the sounds and smells of Christmas. Help tell the Christmas stories through rhymes and listen to carols from the past.

History and Tea Afternoons

Third Sunday of every month 2pm–4pm

A regular date for your diaries! Each month we will explore the history of the area followed by an informal discussion over tea, coffee and biscuits. We will begin by taking a closer look at Whitehall.

Spaces are limited, please telephone **020 8770 5670** to book.

Sunday 15th July

Whitehall as a timber framed building

John Phillips explores Whitehall looking at the way it was constructed and how it fits into the wider history of timber framed buildings.

Tickets are £4 (£3.50 Friends). Refreshments included.



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Sunday 19th August

A look at the sources for the history of Cheam

John Phillips explores the maps, old photos, books, documents and other sources in Sutton Central Library Archive and Family History Centre which can be used to investigate the history of Cheam.

FREE. This month's event is at Sutton Central Library. Please do still book as capacity is limited.



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Sunday 16th September

Whitehall: The evolution of a house

John Phillips looks at how the development of the building reflects changing life styles from the late 16th to the 19th century.

Tickets are £4 (£3.50 Friends). Refreshments included.

Events

25th–28th October
(throughout opening hours)

Half Term Activities

Thursday 25th October
Museum at Night Event

Frighteningly good fun for all the family with a programme of spooky bookable and drop-in crafts and activities. Miss it if you dare!

Friday 7th December
Cheam Christmas Fair Evening

A special festive visit to Whitehall with Father Christmas, other Christmassy activities PLUS the opening of our Dreaming of a Whitehall Christmas Craft Fair which continues all day on Saturday.

Friday 7th evening and
Saturday 8th December 10am–5pm
Dreaming of a Whitehall Christmas Craft Fair

Visit the house this weekend to browse and buy unique handmade gifts for Christmas.

Dates to be announced
Crafts of the Past

An exciting series of weekend events exploring traditional crafts and skills that have been important in the local area. They will include demonstrations, talks and children's activities.

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Schools Programme and Loan Boxes

Tudor Everyday Life

Our interactive and sensory session will give students the chance to discover Tudors and their changing lives. We explore the everyday life of the Tudors in the local area with primary document sources, artefact handling and an investigation of the Cheam High Street excavations with real pieces of Medieval Cheam pottery.

At the end of your session, you are welcome to stay and explore the house and garden further. A self-directed trail is available.

Loan boxes are also available.

For further information and bookings please email:
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FREE Whitehall Explorer Backpacks

Filled with fun, interactive resources for families to discover Whitehall Historic House and garden, our explorer backpacks are aimed at 5 – 11 year olds. Available to borrow from our Tudor Hall.

Room Hire and Children's Birthday Parties

Looking for a special venue to hold a meeting, private event or child's birthday party? Whitehall's activity room is available for hire. Contact us for full details.

Friends of Whitehall

Support your local Heritage by joining the Friends of Whitehall. The Friends group was set up 40 years ago to support and promote Whitehall Historic House. As Whitehall enters a new phase in its history, the Friends continue to give their support - so come and join them!

Yearly Subscription: Individual membership £7; Family £12

To join and for further information, contact Chris Roberts, Membership Secretary:

Email: **chrisbryanr@hotmail.com**

Tel: **020 3609 2286**



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