

Heritage Discovery Day: Saturday 22 August 2026.

Morden Library, 10.30am – 4.30pm. www.merton.gov.uk/heritage

GUIDED WALKS:

Morden Walk & Talk: Starts at the picnic area near the stable block, Morden Hall Park

10.30 – 11.30: Informal walk in the park and Morden area, ending at the Discovery Day event.

The Industrial Heritage of Morden Hall Park & the River Wandle (Starts from Civic Centre forecourt)

2.00 – 3.00: Circuit walk by John Sheridan of Wandle Industrial Museum, featuring snuff mills & much more.

ALL 3 LIBRARY FLOORS, FOYER & MEZZANINE FLOOR (near the Council Chamber):

10.30 – 4.30: Stalls from heritage, sports, arts, health and community groups.

The Merton Heritage Quiz (Question panels on the 3 library floors)

CIVIC CENTRE FOYER:

10.30 – 4.00 Stalls including: Dons Local Action Group, WISH and Mitcham Athletics Club heritage.

10.30 – 4.00 Raynes Park Station: Unique model rail layout from Green Valley Railway

Morden Library: GROUND FLOOR. Children's & Family friendly activities (Ages 6+)

10.30 – 4.00 Share your memories of Merton's Northern Line stations - add your stories of Colliers Wood, South Wimbledon & Morden Tube stations to our centenary track.

11.30 – 3.00: Tovertafel interactive games, Colouring competition, Womble Hunt, Brass Rubbing and more...

1.00 – 3.00: **The Sweet Factory:** Join Louise Hung for this drawing workshop based on Merton's historic sweet and marzipan factories. (Drop-in session for children and adults)

1st FLOOR: Stalls & Displays:

Performers & Personalities: Famous people with Merton associations

MEZZANINE Stalls including Merton Historical Society publications for sale

Displays: **Mudlarking finds and art** (South River artist, Nagat Abououf)

The Merton United Project including Merton Story textiles & cultural projects

MERTON COUNCIL CHAMBER (Accessed via stairs in Civic Centre foyer or Library 1st floor):

Local History Talks:

10.30 – 10.50 **Ruth's Story: A personal social history.** Dr. Ruth Dawson, Author & educator

11.00 – 11.30 **The Story of Lines Bros. Triang toy factory.** Sarah Gould, Merton Heritage Service

11.40 – 12.10 **The Bookseller's Wife: Merton resident Dorcas Lackington.** Jane Davis (Author)

12.20 – 12.50 **A century of Wimbledon in Print.** Kevin O'Neil, Museum of Wimbledon/Wimbledon Soc.

1.00 – 1.30 **George Parker Bidder.** Philip Bryan

1.40 – 2.10 **From Planet Tooting to Merton United.** Geoff Simmons, Summerstown 182.

2.20 – 2.50 **The Ties That Bind: Africa's colonial past & the influence British culture.** AECHO

3.00 – 3.30 **Lavender Industries of Mitcham.** Alison Cousins, Wandle Industrial Museum.

3.40 – 4.30 (Film screening) **Tapes Up!: The Story of Wimbledon Speedway:** Digital Works

SECOND FLOOR: Assorted Stalls and Exhibitions

Displays: Merton Then & Now: Mitcham Camera Club Photographic retrospective.

- King of the Tattooists (George Burchett of Morden); Colliers Wood: A-Z.

- Old Mitcham: Images from the Tom Francis collection.

Talk: 2.00 - 2.40: Everyone on stage for the Hawaiian number. LGBT+ Voices, Bryan Murphy

PLEASE NOTE: Main event is open to all, **NO BOOKING REQUIRED.**

However, talks must be **pre-booked.** (Drop ins on the day subject to space)

Bookings: (Phone) 020 8545 4040/3239

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