

## Heritage Discovery Day: Saturday 16 August 2025.

Morden Library, 10.30am – 4.30pm. [www.merton.gov.uk/heritage](http://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** incl: Dons Den Speedway, Wimbledon in Sporting History, Dons Local Action Group,

**10.30 – 4.00 Motspur Park 100: Unique model railway & displays from Green Valley Railway**

### **Morden Library: GROUND FLOOR – Children's Activities (Ages 6 and upwards)**

**10.30 – 4.00 All visitors - add your Merton memories to our Diamond Jubilee tree.**

**11 – 11.40, 1 -1.40 & 3 – 3.40: Meet a Womble – your chance to make a furry friend.**

**11 – 3.30:** Take part in our special **Womble Walk** and see what you can find.

**1.30 – 3.30: Colouring competition, Craft, Heritage Hunt, Brass Rubbing, Dressing up & historic toys**

**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR: Displays:** Merton 1965:2025. Photographs to celebrate the borough's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Picturing Morden: Images of the local area captured by local residents

### **MEZZANINE**

Stalls including **Merton Historical Society** publications for sale

#### **Displays:**

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

Waste to Waves (WeRPollards, William Morris Primary & Sustainable Merton)

### **MERTON COUNCIL CHAMBER (Accessed via stairs in Civic Centre foyer or Library 1<sup>st</sup> floor):**

#### **Local History Talks:**

**10.45 – 11.05: Amazing Facts About Merton Priory.** John Hawks, Merton Priory Trust

**11.15 – 11.35 Making Merton: Textile Stories Past & Present.** Portia Dadley, Made in Merton

**11.50 – 12.10 The Dons Local Action Group: 2020 - 2025.** Craig Welstead, DLAG

**12.30 – 1.00 Connecting People, Places & Passions: The Story of WimbleComm and Wimbledon Community Association.** David Hall, Wimblecomm

**1.15 – 1.45 Fairground Tales: The Story of Mitcham Fair.** Sarah Gould, Merton Heritage Service

**2.00 – 2.30 African Cultures & Traditions.** Dr.M.Yaa Asantewa, Way Wive Wordz Publications

**2.45 – 3.15 The Role of Afro-Caribbean Women in World War II.** Maureen Dixon, Author

**3.30 – 4.00: Inter-faith Heritage and Guiding.** Richard Smart, Salvation Army, Wimbledon

**4.15 – 4.35: 60 Merton Moments – An Animated History of the Borough.** Merton Council

### **SECOND FLOOR: Stalls, Exhibitions, Merton Memories & Voicebox Recordings**

- **My Merton: Mitcham Camera Club Photographic display**
- **Display:VE Day & VJ Day: Memories of Peace** (Digital Drama & Merton Heritage Service)

**Main event open to all.** Talks must be **pre-booked**. Drop-in availability on the day, subject to space.

**BOOKINGS: Call 020 8545 3239/4040, visit [www.merton.events.mylibrary.digital](http://www.merton.events.mylibrary.digital) or email [local.studies@merton.gov.uk](mailto:local.studies@merton.gov.uk)**