

Heritage Discovery Day 2021:

Explore Merton's fascinating history

Morden Library, 21 August, 12 – 4.30pm. ADMISSION FREE

This event is a showcase for the London Borough of Merton's rich and varied history and has gone from strength to strength since it was first launched in 2014. This year's event will feature local history talks, displays, film, children's crafts, heritage trails, a local quiz, book signing and stalls from Merton's many museums, local history and community groups. We will also be hosting the F A Cup and players from Wimbledon F C's historic 1963 and 1988 cup winning teams, in addition to an historic meeting of Wandle and Haydon – the Wimbledon FC and AFC Wimbledon mascots.

Public safety will be paramount. We would encourage the wearing of face coverings and distancing, especially at busy times, there will be a one-way system, extra cleaning and the use of hand sanitiser.

The Discovery Day will be open access but in the interests of Covid safety, all talks, children's activities and the FA Cup/player event **must be pre-booked via [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)**.

The full event itinerary:

Merton Civic Centre Forecourt and Library Ground floor: Meet the Wombles – an historic chance to meet both Wandle and Haydon – club mascots for Wimbledon FC and AFC Wimbledon.

Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre: 1.00 – 4.00: F.A. Cup Glory: **Ticket-holders only.** **Pre-book via Eventbrite** A unique opportunity for football fans to take a selfie with the F A Cup and players from Wimbledon F C's historic 1963 and 1988 squads.

Morden Library: ALL floors and Café Floor 12.00 – 4.30: Heritage Marketplace: Stalls from Merton museums, local history & community groups.

Morden Library: Ground floor: The Merton Heritage Quiz. (Floors 0-2) 1.30 – 3.00: Craft and children's activities: Activities must be pre-booked via Eventbrite

- Heritage colouring competition.
- Block printing – make your own colourful fabric square (Wandle Industrial Museum)

First Floor (Library) and adjoining Café Floor: 12.00 – 4.30 Exhibitions: • The Men of Raynes Park 1914-18: Their lives, deaths and stories. • Airship Over Motspur Park: The West Barnes / Motspur Park Area Between the Wars 1.00 – 4.00: Author Clive Whichelow will be signing and selling his local history books.

Second floor: 12.00 – 4.30 Exhibitions: • 150 Years of Wimbledon Common • Mitcham Fair: A chance to view historic photos and discover extra content via a special app. • Mitcham Camera Club Photographic Display

Council Chamber, Merton Civic Centre: Local History Talks: All talks must be pre-booked via Eventbrite

12.30 - 1.00: Lights, Camera, Merton! : The Story of Merton Park Film Studios (Clive Whichelow)

1.30 – 2.00: Discover Colliers Wood: An A-Z of Local Heritage (Sarah Gould, Merton Heritage Centre)

2.30 – 3.00: Canons House & Grounds: Developments and Future Plans (Amy Keen, Canons Project)
2.50 – 3.05: Jamdani – adding to Merton’s rich textile history (Rifat Wahhab, The Muslin Trust)
3.20 – 4.20: The Postman’s Knock : Special screening of a new film based on the memories of London postal workers. (Digital Works)

Heritage Trail, Merton Park Ward (Self-guided activity): Discover what this area looked like in previous decades from display cards located around the local streets

Eventbrite links:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-talk-the-story-of-merton-park-film-studios-tickets-165395736099> (Merton Park Film Studios)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-talk-discover-colliers-wood-tickets-165397728057> (Discover Colliers Wood)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-talk-canons-house-and-grounds-developments-future-plans-tickets-165398353929> (Canons House)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-event-f-a-cup-glory-tickets-165399697949> (FA Cup)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-childrens-crafts-block-printing-for-youngsters-tickets-165401395025> (Children’s activities)

For information: Tel 020 8545 3239 Pre-bookings: mertonlibraries@eventbrite.co.uk
www.merton.gov.uk/heritage

Please note: We reserve the right to modify or cancel activities in the event of new Government/ local authority instructions regarding public health. All those who have booked for an activity will be notified if such action proves necessary. We will also do our best to offer an alternative format of event if covid safety restrictions are re-imposed. Please check www.merton.gov.uk/heritage and www.merton.gov.uk/memories for the latest updates regarding the Discovery Day.