

St Paul's Bedford Tower, Clock, & Bells Appeal

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A rare opportunity for a Guided Tour of Southill Park House by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Charles Whitbread Friday 5th June 2026 at 2.30pm

Charles Whitbread, the present owner, and James Collett-White, the Whitbread's archivist, lead the tours of the house. Light refreshments will be served following the tour with an opportunity to walk in the beautiful and extensive gardens



Tickets £20.00 in advance only from:

**Ann Collett-White, Email clockandbells@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk
Visitor numbers are restricted so early booking is advised**

Southill has been the home of the Whitbread family for over 200 years. The house was bought in 1795 by Samuel Whitbread I, the famous London brewer, from Viscount Torrington.

Samuel Whitbread I died in 1796, a year after buying Southill Estate and his son, Samuel Whitbread II, a prominent Whig politician, employed Henry Holland and his successor Charles Heathcote Tatham, to rebuild the existing house, furnish and decorate it. The interior of the house is much as it was in 1815 with its furniture, decorative scheme and pictures still in place, a remarkable survival.

Holland was the fashionable architect of the day who worked for The Prince of Wales (later George IV) and the Duke of Bedford both at Woburn and The Swan Hotel in Bedford.