


**13 January 2025 – 8 March 2025**



**Finsbury  
Winter Warmers  
Programme**

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**CLERKENWELL  
GREEN  
21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY  
COMMON**

Islington Heritage's Finsbury Winter Warmers returns with an exciting 8-week programme featuring over 40 events across more than 14 venues. All events are free and refreshments are provided.

We look forward to welcoming you!

If an event requires pre-booking, this will be included in the event description. To book a place, please visit our website at [Islington.gov.uk/WinterWarmers](https://Islington.gov.uk/WinterWarmers). For password protected Eventbrite registration, please use password WinterWarmers3

## **Walking Football**

**Mondays from 13th January – 3rd March (excluding 17th February)**

**10.00am - 11.00am**

**Finsbury Leisure Centre, Norman Street, EC1V 3PU**

**Either meet at Michael Cliffe House reception at 9.45am for a gentle walk across to Finsbury Leisure Centre or meet at the Centre itself at 10.00am**

Join Islington Football Development Partnership on Mondays for a friendly, slow-paced match of walking football. We'll play at Finsbury Leisure Centre's outdoor artificial pitch, so please wear suitable shoes and clothing and bring some fluids. We will finish with a hot cup of tea and a chat at nearby Islington Museum. **Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Tour of the Museum of the Order of St John: 'From Priory to Pub'**

**Wednesday 15th January**

**Tour starts at 11.00am, refreshments from 12.00pm**

**Museum of the Order of St John, St John's Gate, 26 St John's Lane, ECM 4DA**

Explore the spectacular interiors of St John's Gate! Enjoy a tour of the Tudor gatehouse to discover its history and many uses from its medieval origins to today. The tour includes staircases. **Please book in advance.**

## **Clerkenwell Book Club: Oliver Twist**

**Thursday 16th January**

**6.20pm - 7.30pm**

**Finsbury Library, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Come along to our newest book club to read and discuss books set in Clerkenwell. This month's tale, Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist, tells the story of a Victorian orphan who survives London's unforgiving streets with a little help from his friends. A limited number of copies are available to borrow from Finsbury Library. Ask at Library Counter for Clerkenwell Book Club copies.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Tour of the Old Sessions House**

**Friday 17th January**

**Tours at 5.00pm and 5.30pm, followed by refreshments**

**Knotel at the Old Sessions House, 23 Clerkenwell Green, EC1R 0NA**

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to tour all areas of Knotel at the historic Old Sessions House. Explore the beautiful interiors, including the rarely seen speak easy jail cells. **Please book in advance.**

## **The Angels of Kaos Choir**

**Saturday 18th January**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Join the Angels of Kaos for an eclectic set list of guaranteed crowd pleasers from folk to funk, and lots in between. **Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Easy Steps to Wellbeing**

**Monday 20th January**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

This workshop will provide you with a range of practical tools to use in your daily life to help you feel calmer, happier and more focused. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a bottle of water and pen and paper.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Cook and Eat**

**Wednesday 22nd January**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**The Peel, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HU**

Make a tasty meat or vegetarian lasagna in this fun, practical workshop. No prior cooking skills required.

**Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **“To Clerkenwell, my good creatures, if you please!”**

**Thursday 23rd January 12.30pm - 1.30pm, followed by refreshments**

**The London Archives, 40 Northampton Road, EC1R 0HB**

Join Dr Cindy Sughrue, Director of the Charles Dickens Museum, to hear about how Clerkenwell's landmarks played important roles in his novels. Dr Sughrue will be joined by special guest Ian Dickens - a great-great grandson of Charles Dickens. **Please book in advance.**

## **Volunteer to Uncover Clerkenwell's Stories - Open Evening**

**Monday 27th January**

**6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Finsbury Library, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Hear from local volunteers conducting archive research and oral history interviews, share your local stories and find out how to volunteer with Islington Heritage. **Drop in, no need to book.**

## History Audio Tour of St James Church Clerkenwell

Tuesday 28th January

10.30am - 12.00pm

**St James Clerkenwell, Sekforde Street, EC1R 0EA**

Learn about the iconic and historic church of Saint James Clerkenwell. Please bring a smartphone or tablet, headphones preferred. Assistance available, refreshments provided. **Drop in, no need to book.**

## Circular Tapestry Weaving

Wednesday 29th January

10.30am - 12.30pm

**The Peel, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HU**

Join us to learn basic tapestry weaving techniques, exploring textures and colours. We will help you start a circular tapestry to take home and finish that can be used to decorate your space or to give as a gift!

**Please book in advance.**

## Aromatherapy for Wellbeing

Thursday 30th January

2.00pm - 3.30pm

**The Peel, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HU**

Support your mind and body with aromatherapy! Join us to learn about the restorative properties of essential oils and make a free customised aromatherapy spray to take home. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## Magic Lantern Winter Wonders

Saturday 1st February

2.30pm - 4.00pm

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Masters of the Magic Lantern, Jeremy and Carolyn Brooker, present exploding volcanoes, ghostly apparitions, dancing pigs and more in this family-friendly show that goes back to the Victorian era. **Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Dance Workshops at Sadler's Wells**

**Monday 3rd February**

**11.45am - 12.45pm Jazz dance**

**1.00pm - 2.00pm Contemporary dance**

**Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4TN**

Always wanted to dance at Sadler's Wells? Then join one of our dance workshops to get your energy flowing and learn some new steps. Join our Jazz session for an introduction to the dynamic art of Jazz dance or choose our contemporary session to challenge your body with this introduction to contemporary movement and expression. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes to take part. 18+. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **Emirates Stadium tour and Arsenal Museum visit**

**Tuesday 4th February**

**11.00am - 1.00pm**

Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Arsenal Football Club. Join Arsenal in the Community for a chance to explore the stadium and learn more about this iconic premier-league team. Light refreshments included.

**Please book in advance. Meeting point provided on booking.**

## **Visit to The Postal Museum**

**Thursday 6th February**

**1.00pm onwards**

**5-20 Phoenix Place, WC1X 0DA**

Get a free ticket to the Postal Museum, which explores over 500 years of social and communications history—you can even take a free ride through the tunnels of the old Post Office Underground Railway - Mail Rail. Light refreshments included. **Please book in advance.**

## **Clerkenwell Book Club: The Clerkenwell Tales**

**Thursday 6th February**

**6.20pm - 7.30pm**

**Finsbury Library, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Come along to our newest book club to read and discuss books set in Clerkenwell. This month's book, The Clerkenwell Tales by Peter Ackroyd, is set in 1399 and reveals conspiracy, revolt, and revolution in the heart of England. A limited number of copies are available to borrow from Finsbury Library. Please ask at Library Counter for Clerkenwell Book Club copies.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Children's Photography Talk and Walk**

**Saturday 8th February**

**10.00am - 1.15pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Join photographer Chris Walker to learn how to take great photos around Clerkenwell! See some of the best young people's entries in the Clerkenwell Community Photography Competition and meet some of the photographers. Followed by a short optional walk where you can apply your learning. Includes light refreshments. Age 10+, all children to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **The Clerks' Well – Water, Water Everywhere**

**Tuesday 11th February**

**11.00am - 12.00pm**

2024 marks one hundred years since the rediscovery of the medieval Clerks' Well. Join Islington Guided Walks for a short water-themed tour of the area and an opportunity to view the Clerks' Well. Followed by light refreshments at Islington Museum. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited. Meeting point provided on booking.**

## **Make your own Herbal Teas**

**Tuesday 11th February**

**3.00pm - 4.30pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Do you love a cup of herbal tea? Would you like to learn how to make your own signature blend? Then join our workshop to learn about the wellbeing properties of herbs and make your own free herbal tea bags to take home.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **The Life and Times of Joseph Grimaldi – the 'King of Clowns'**

**Thursday 13th February**

**12.30pm - 1.30pm, followed by refreshments**

**The London Archives, 40 Northampton Road, EC1R 0HB**

Contemporary clown, Mattie Faint, explores the turbulent life of the Regency clown, Joseph ('Joey') Grimaldi who lived and worked in Clerkenwell.

**Please book in advance.**

## **Tour of the Charterhouse**

**Friday 14th February**

**10.00am - 12.30pm**

**The Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, EC1M 6AN**

Join us for an exciting tour of Clerkenwell's historic Charterhouse, home to martyrs, plotters, schoolboys, and since 1611, a community of older people. This guided tour will explore some of the lesser-known histories of this iconic London landmark. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **Winter Tales and Crafts**

**Saturday 15th February**

**12.00am - 3.00pm**

**Three Corners Playground, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HJ**

Come and enjoy winter tales from around the world, crafts activities and finger food. Children of all ages welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

**Drop in, no need to book. Refreshments kindly provided by Tesco Clerkenwell Express.**

## **Kitchen Lithography**

**Monday 17th February**

**10.30am - 1.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Learn how to make art at home—no special equipment needed! Join the Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration to explore DIY printmaking techniques using easy-to-find materials like coke and tinfoil.

**Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **Morning Mindfulness**

**Wednesday 19th February**

**11.00am - 12.00pm**

**The Peel, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HU**

Find out how to start your morning well and stay calm throughout the day. Practising mindfulness can reduce stress and anxiety, improve memory and support sleep. Come along to our introductory workshop to learn more.

**Please book in advance.**

## **How Clerkenwell became the gin capital of the world and nearly brought London to its knees**

**Thursday 20th February**

**6.00pm -7.30pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Victor Keegan, former Guardian columnist and author of 'Vic Keegan's Lost London', asks how this tiny part of London cornered the gin trade. Was it Clerkenwell's famous spring waters or international politics?

**Drop in, no need to book.**



## **Vimala Rowe and Charlie Flint – BEAMING**

**Saturday 22nd February**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Hear a performance of classic songs and new stories by Jazz vocalist Vimala Rowe and pianist/composer Charlie Flint. Enjoy listening to Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughan, all intertwined with Vimala's own story of adoption and how new music and languages brought her love and joy.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Clerkenwell through Maps**

**Wednesday 26th February**

**1.00pm - 4.00pm**

**The London Archives, 40 Northampton Road, EC1R 0HB**

Maps can tell us a lot more than we might imagine. Come and discover Clerkenwell's history through maps held by the London Archives. This event will include a talk and an interactive workshop, followed by refreshments.

**Please book in advance.**

## **Cook and Eat**

**Wednesday 26th February**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**The Peel, Northampton Road, EC1R 0HU**

Learn to make delicious vegetarian burritos in this fun, practical workshop. No prior cooking skills required. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

## **Find your Inner Clown**

**Thursday 27th February**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Join laughter therapist and clown, Mattie Faint, for a movement workshop that will make you smile. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

## **Islington's Pride: One Small Borough's Big Impact on British LGBT+ History**

**Saturday 1st March**

**11.00am - 12.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Seán McGovern of Islington's Pride takes you on a fun and informative trip through Islington's outsized impact on Britain's path to greater equality.

Expect pride, protest, and play. **Drop in, no need to book.**

**Lucinda Sieger**

**Saturday 1st March**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Listen to Glasgow-born singer-songwriter Lucinda, who has appeared on Top of the Pops, perform catchy Latin Jazz Pop songs from her catalogue.

**Drop in, no need to book.**

**Jewellery Making Workshop: Wire and Bead**

**Thursday 6th March**

**2.00pm - 4.30pm**

**Islington Museum, below-ground entrance, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB**

Join our fun jewellery making workshop for complete beginners. Learn how to make a pair of wire and bead earrings to take home! **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

**Materials for this workshop kindly provided by Bellore Rashford.**

**Eleanor Marx on Clerkenwell Green: trailblazing socialist, feminist and trade unionist (this event is organised in partnership with 'Reds on the Green')**

**Thursday 6th March**

**6.00pm - 8.00pm**

**Marx Memorial Library, 37a Clerkenwell Green, EC1R 0DU**

Eleanor Marx's biographer Rachel Holmes explores the life of Eleanor Marx, pioneering activist and daughter of Karl Marx, who had close ties to Clerkenwell Green; a woman whose enormous contribution was previously hidden from history and whose convictions can inspire us today.

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**International Women's Day**

**Saturday 8th March**

A day of events in celebration of International Women's Day. Details will be posted on [Islington.gov.uk/WinterWarmers](http://Islington.gov.uk/WinterWarmers)

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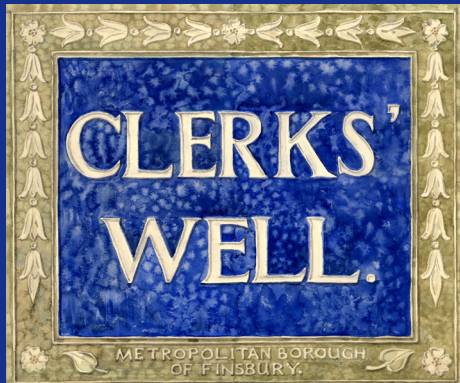
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