

Finsbury Winter Warmers

February / March Events

A day of events in celebration of International Women's Day

Inspirational Clerkenwell Women – a guided walk

Saturday 8th March

🕒 **11.00am-12.00pm (followed by refreshments at Islington Museum)**

Come and explore the stories of some extraordinary women associated with Clerkenwell, including a bare-knuckle boxing 'Championess', a world-famous architect, and a trade union leader. **Please book in advance, numbers strictly limited.**

📍 **Meeting point provided on booking.**

Amelia B. Edwards: from Islington to the Nile

🕒 **Saturday 8th March 2.30pm-4.00pm (includes tea and cake after the talk)**

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

Join author Margaret C. Jones to discover the story of Clerkenwell-born nineteenth-century trailblazer Amelia B. Edwards—a thrilling travel writer, best-selling novelist, pioneering Egyptologist, and founder of University College London's Egyptology Department and the Egypt Exploration Society. **Drop in, no need to book, but please arrive by 2.30.**

The Clerks' Well – Water, Water Everywhere

🕒 **Tuesday 11th February 11.00am - 12.00pm**

2024 marked 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**

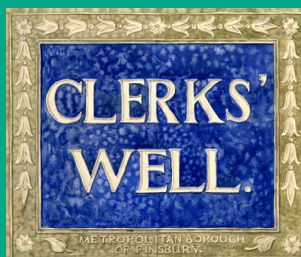
Come and enjoy winter tales from around the world, crafts activities and finger food. Children of all ages welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. **Drop in, no need to book. Refreshments kindly provided by Tesco Clerkenwell Express.**

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.**



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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.

Clerkenwell Book Club: The Nether World

🕒 **Thursday 27th 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 Nether World by George Gissing, is a vivid portrayal of life, poverty and ambition in Victorian Clerkenwell. Please ask at the Library Counter for Clerkenwell Book Club copies. **Drop in, no need to book.**

Islington's Pride: One Small Borough's Big Impact on British LGBTQ+ 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

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🕒 **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. **Drop in, no need to book.**

Emirates Stadium tour and Arsenal Museum visit

🕒 **Friday 7th March**
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.**

Walking Football

🕒 **Mondays (excluding 17th February) until 3rd March**
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.**

Check the back for more events!