

What's On

ISLINGTON MUSEUM & LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE

JULY - DECEMBER 2012



Exhibitions • Local History • Events



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Museum exhibitions

Medieval Meets Modern

Shooting Clerkenwell, Cripplegate and Finsbury

18 May - 25 August

In 2011 and early 2012 the City of London and Cripplegate Photographic Society documented the area where it has met since 1899. The result is an absorbing exhibition where the historical characteristics of the three featured locations meet their modern-day counterparts.

Supplementing this contemporary photographic survey are captivating historical images of Clerkenwell, Cripplegate and Finsbury selected from the extensive collections held at Islington Local History Centre. These illustrations, together with the Society's 'shoot', provide an invaluable resource in helping to document how and where medieval meets modern in this enduring and ever-evolving part of the capital.



Museum exhibitions

From India to Islington

A 1,000 year Roma journey
28 September - 1 December

Explore the Roma culture through this beautiful exhibition by The Roma Support Group, a Roma-led charity. Written and oral histories, along with photographic works by young Roma refugees, give us a fascinating window into a culture of which many people in Britain have little knowledge.

Music, art, fashion and life in London are all themes that are examined to take you on a journey to experience the essence of Roma culture. The amazing paths that have led these people from India all the way to Islington today are a celebration of life, family and expectations for the future.





A night with Tatcho Drom

Friday 12 October
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Come and celebrate the exhibition by spending a night in the company of the fantastic Tatcho Drom, part of the London Gypsy, at Islington Museum.

A series of associated events will take place during October and November. These will include films, live music and talks.

Keep an eye on our website www.islington.gov.uk/heritage for further information on these events.



Sadler's Wells Theatre Archive

10 September - 20 October

This display highlights the unique Sadler's Wells Theatre Archive and is being held at the Islington Local History Centre. In 2010, the centre was awarded a grant by the National Archives to catalogue and preserve this material.



The Sadler's Wells collection contains materials representing all six theatres that have occupied the site since 1683. These range from 18th century playbills to architects' drawings of the current building. Together these records document the significance of Sadler's Wells to the history of performing arts locally and nationally.



Rebel Clerkenwell

A history of dissent and radicalism

29 October - 19 January 2013

Clerkenwell has long been at the epicentre of many of the radical struggles in the capital's history.

Close to the City of London, and with its open spaces, the area has been used as a gathering point for demonstrations and protests going back as far as the Peasants' Revolt. Clerkenwell has held Chartist uprisings, Tolpuddle Martyr protests, radical socialist presses and, since 1890, annual May Day marches.

This display examines many of the events, groups and individuals which have given the area its radical reputation.



Cartoon Capers



Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 July 10am - 4pm

Bring your favourite cartoon character to life by making it into a puppet. Get some expert help from Little Angel Puppet Theatre. They will help you make your puppet and teach you how to use it.

Book through **Little Angel Theatre** on **020 7226 1787**
Cost: £45/£30 (concession)

Cost for both days £80/£50 (concession)
Bring a packed lunch.



Puppet Making Workshop

Friday 10 August 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Parents and children are invited to join the Jactito Puppet Theatre for a fun packed 'Rat-a-Tat-Tat' event. Make a dragon, dog, tiger, pig or indeed, a rat. Have fun and learn how to bring your puppets to life.



Playing with Shadows

Tuesday 14 August 2pm - 3pm

Do you fancy learning one of the worlds simplest ways to make puppets? Shadow puppets are a fun way to tell stories and create performances. Join us to learn how you can create your own shadow stage and puppets to play with.



Fun in the Frame

**Friday 17 August
2pm - 3pm**

We all love a good photo, but they look even better in a great frame. Come along to Islington Museum and learn how you can create a simple but fun way to show off your photos. We'll even take a picture of you to put in it!



The Owl and the Pussycat

**Friday 24 August
2pm - 3pm**

Help us celebrate 200 years of the birth in Islington of nonsense poet Edward Lear. We are creating story chains of one of his most beautiful poems *The Owl and the Pussycat*. Listen to the poem with us and colour in pictures from the story.

For under 5s.



Strange Beasts and Shields

**Tuesday 28 August
2pm - 3pm**

Do you know that Finsbury used to be represented by a dolphin, or have you ever wondered why Arsenal Football Club has a cannon on its badge? Join us to learn about heraldic beasts and symbols and discover how you can design your own coat of arms.



Caravan Craft

**Tuesday 23
October
Drop-in event**

To celebrate our fantastic exhibition on Roma culture we are building a big Roma road. Come along to Islington Museum and help us design, draw and decorate horse drawn caravans and tell us about your journeys.



Roma Journeys

**Friday 26 October
2pm - 3pm**

Explore some of the fascinating aspects of Roma culture with our story telling extravaganza! From dance to art find out about Roma traditions with this hands-on workshop.



Crafty Christmas Capers

**Friday 7 December
- Saturday 22
December
Drop-in event**

Drop in to Islington Museum in December to take part in our Christmas crafts. Learn how to make decorations, crackers, pop-up Christmas cards and even paper plate penguins!



Olympic Futures

**Tuesday 21 August
2pm**

Join us for a walk from the edge of Islington to the heart of the Olympic Park. The main Olympic site is closer to Islington than you might think. On this 5 mile stroll we will wend our way along the Regent's Canal, across Victoria Park to finish on the Greenway. Come and enjoy the scenery and get walking!

Meeting place: Angel Station

Booking details: Free event. No booking required – just turn up.



Clerkenwell

Radicals, religion and rivers

**Wednesday 31 October 11am
& Saturday 3 November 2pm**

To compliment our display *Rebel Clerkenwell: a history of dissent and radicalism*, join Clerkenwell and Islington Guides for a walk around the area discovering first-hand some of the radical sites of Clerkenwell.

Meeting place: Farringdon Station

Booking details: £6 / £5 concessions. No booking required – just turn up.



A Century in Focus

A history of documentary photography

Thursday 12 July 6.30pm

City of London and Cripplegate Photographic Society member Alan Tucker looks at the history of documentary photography and what photographers today can learn from photos taken 50 or even 100 years ago.

Presenter: Alan Tucker

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



Clerkenwell

Change and Renewal

Thursday 19 July 6.30pm

As part of our *Medieval Meets Modern* exhibition, Clerkenwell-based author and photographer Alan Ainsworth will be joining us to explore his fascinating book. He will examine the wide range of factors which have made change and renewal a feature of Clerkenwell throughout its history.

Presenter: Alan Ainsworth

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



City Limits

Industrial archaeology
on the Islington and
City border

Tuesday 24 July 6.30pm

Chair of the Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society, David Perrett, will look at the industrial and social archaeology of the district containing Smithfield, Charterhouse and Clerkenwell with its meat market, hospitals, transport links and now lost trades.

Presenter: Professor David Perrett

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



From A to B and Beyond

A brief history of
typefoundries in Islington

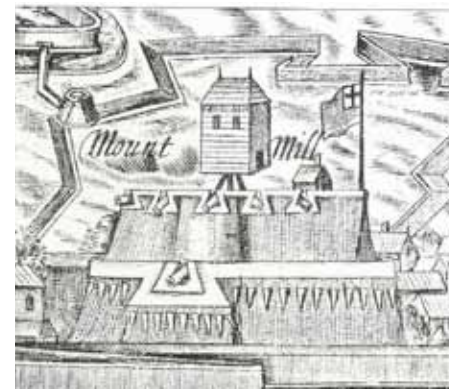
Tuesday 7 August 6.30pm

With some of the largest typefoundries in London having once been located in the borough, this fascinating talk offers an invaluable insight into a centuries-old local profession. Although the capital's typefoundries are now long-gone, some of the buildings survive and their typographical heritage lives on in the area.

Presenter: Chris Rule

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



The Men Dig Like Moles

English Civil War defences
in Islington

**Friday 28 September
6.30pm**

During 1643 four forts connected by a line of ramparts were built in Islington. Military historian David Flinham will explore how and why they were built and the part they played in London's fortifications, the largest defensive system built anywhere during the Civil War.

Presenter: David Flinham

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



The Cavendish's of Newcastle House

**Friday 23 November
6.30pm**

Newcastle House was at the heart of 17th century Clerkenwell. This talk explores the lives of three truly remarkable residents – the eccentric writer and scientist Margaret Cavendish, Civil War General William Cavendish, and Elizabeth Monck, known as the 'Mad Duchess of Albermarle'.

Presenter: David Flinham

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: No booking required. Admission Free.



The Retrial of Dr Crippen

Thursday 18 October 6.30pm

Ever since the trial and execution of Dr Crippen in 1910 for the murder of his wife in their Islington home, doubt has been cast over his guilt. The case made international headlines but was there a miscarriage of justice? It has since emerged that crucial evidence was withheld from Crippen's defence team. The retrial will examine facts presented in the original case but will apply modern day criminal procedures. Practising legal professionals, including criminal lawyers and a circuit judge, will contribute to the evening's debate.

Location: Islington Museum

Booking details: Free event. Booking essential.



Discover the secrets of Clerkenwell and Islington...

If you like walks, here are some more gems from the Clerkenwell and Islington Guiding Association

Murder, monasteries and martyrs:

a walk through Smithfield
Sundays 11am
Meet outside Barbican station

Radicals, religion and rivers:

a walk through Clerkenwell
Wednesdays 11am and
Saturdays 2pm
Meet outside Farringdon station

The Angel's delights:

a walk through the heart of Islington
Sundays 2pm
Meet at Angel station

Walks last up to two hours and cost £6 (£5 concession). Accompanying children are free.

For more information.

visit CIGA's webpage at
www.clerkenwellwalks.org.uk



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