

Islington Museum and  
Local History Centre

# What's On

January - June 2010



Exhibitions • Local History • Events



# A Fair Cop!

## Historic crime and punishment in Islington

16 November 2009 - 13 February 2010

This exhibition traces crime and punishment in Islington, from the 18th century to the 1950s. It explores the development of the Metropolitan Police, the desperate no-go areas of the overcrowded Victorian slums and a number of high-profile Edwardian murder cases.

It concludes with the story of Ruth Ellis who was executed in Holloway Prison - the last woman to be hanged in England - and the passionate debate about the death penalty sparked by her case.

Pickpocketing, prostitution, muggings, state executions and notorious murders- Islington has seen them all. Visit the museum and find out about these ghastly deeds.



# Hugging Trees

An exhibition of work by Avis Saltsman

20 February - 20 March



Avis Saltsman's artwork spans the last forty years and draws inspiration from the natural world. In the late 1960s, she produced a quartet based on the elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. Since then, many of her artworks have had an environmental theme. In the 1970s, Avis took inspiration from Kew Gardens to create major pieces based on trees and their textures, producing a series of prints, batiks and collages. Since moving to Islington in 1989, Avis has expanded upon her wide variety of printmaking techniques.

**Artwork and prints are for sale.**

# Care

Exploring the issue of care across generations

6 April - 28 May

Age Exchange presents a series of works by artists Tanya Kapielian and Tim Sutton who worked for six months alongside carers across London. They conducted projects and interviews with older people, carers and healthcare professionals and their works reflect the artists' personal experience of the project and the emotive subject of what it is to be a carer or to be cared for.



# Cubitt People's Republic: The Exhibition

7 June - 10 July

An exhibition of work created as part of Cubitt People's Republic, a series of events, workshops and experiments hosted by Cubitt Education in collaboration with the people of Islington.

The exhibition, curated by the participants and artists, will display work from these events:

- Picturing Democracy, Picturing Community: portraits by young people of local councillors and community leaders.
- Choose Your Own History: art workshops held at the Museum during February half-term.
- Inside Art Outside: creative walks exploring and engaging the built environment and ownership of Islington's streets.



Cubitt People's Republic: The Exhibition is part of Islington Exhibits, a borough-wide programme of events to open new venues, uncover hidden talent and bring contemporary practice to the streets of Islington.



# Barnard Park: conflict, change and the urban landscape

7 December 2009 - 6 March 2010

Islington's Barnard Park was developed in the 1960s and 1970s on the site of houses destroyed by the Blitz. The Local History Centre recently worked on an archaeology and history project with local schools, using ground penetrating radar to identify the underground remains of Victorian houses which stood on this site.

This exhibition presents the results of this survey and displays historical maps and photographs alongside modern images to illustrate how the Barnsbury area developed and how it was affected by the war and post-war reconstruction.

This project is funded by a 'Their Past Your Future' programme, which is funded by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council with support from the Big Lottery Fund.



# King's Cross Voices Exhibition

15 March – 29 May

The King's Cross Voices oral history project was set up to record people's memories and unique experiences of life in the King's Cross area. This fascinating exhibition produced by Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre features oral histories and photographs collected during the project. These tell the stories of many people who have lived and worked in King's Cross, both past and present, including railway workers, market traders, artists, campaigners, politicians, former sex trade workers,

housewives and publicans.

King's Cross Voices was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington and received support from King's Cross Central, the British Library Sound Archive and South Camden Community Learning Centre.



# Sadler's Wells Theatre Archive

Free

7 June - 11 September

An exhibition highlighting the archive of the Sadler's Wells Theatre, which is held at the Local History Centre.

Sadler's Wells Theatre has survived in many guises as the name of six different theatres which have stood on the Rosebery Avenue site since 1683. It has thrived as a music hall, as a drama and opera theatre and now as a venue dedicated to international dance

On display will be material illustrating the history of the Sadler's Wells site, as well as playbills, programmes, posters, photographs and scripts from the many productions staged here.





As part of the 'Museums at Night' celebration, Islington Museum is looking at local life in wartime. Join us on 13 May for a walk and a talk exploring the impact of modern warfare upon Islington's residents.

## Walk

### Finsbury at War

Guided walk by CIGA guide David Evans

Thursday 13 May, 5.30pm

Islington Museum has teamed up with Clerkenwell and Islington Guiding Association to bring you a fascinating walk exploring Finsbury's wartime past.

**Meet at Islington Museum - just turn up!**

£6 / £4 concessions.



## Talk

Free

### Islington's War

Stories from the Book of Remembrance

Thursday 13 May, 7pm

**John Shepherd, Book of Remembrance Project Manager**



Since the end of the 19th century, over 12,000 Islington residents have lost

their lives as a result of war and its consequences. Behind this number, there are individual lives, individual stories - and many individual tragedies.

This talk is a chance to look beyond simple lists of names and examine some of those former Islingtonians in a little more detail. Some stories bear witness to the bravery of people in conflict, others to the simple horror and fear of warfare.

# Islington's 'Baby Farms'

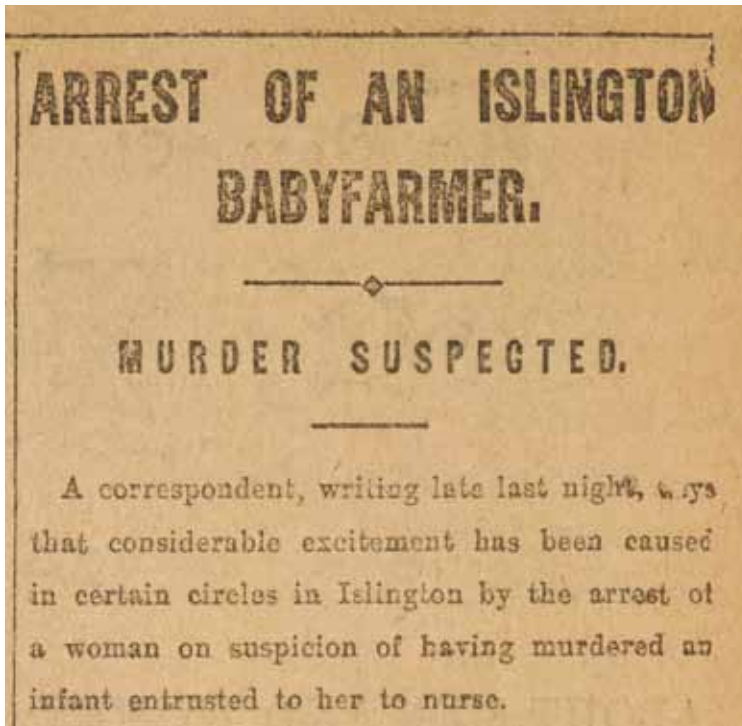
Free

A talk by author and crime specialist Joan Lock  
Islington Archaeology and History Society

Thursday 21 January, 8pm

Former policewoman Joan Lock is the author of several books on crime and policing. In this talk, she investigates baby farming, a 19th and early 20th century practice of minding or taking in babies for a fee. The scandal of infants neglected or killed by baby farmers resurfaced many times during the late Victorian period and was discussed in Parliament.

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# A History of Criminal Islington

Free

**By:** Cllr Greg Foxsmith, civil liberties and criminal defence lawyer

**Thursday 4 February, 6.30pm**

Join Islington Museum in getting an expert's perspective on crime in Islington.

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# Grandma was a Suffragette

Free

One woman's part in the 'votes for women' campaign

**By:** Barbara Andrew

**Tuesday 23 February, 6pm**

Barbara Andrew will be talking about the life of her grandmother, Thirza Cove, who was sent to Holloway Prison for her part in the Suffragettes' campaign. Barbara will be talking about the long struggle for women's suffrage and showing the audience objects inherited from her grandmother, including photos, badges, sashes, belt buckles and pictures drawn during her sentence in Holloway.

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# Children's Events at Islington Museum

All children's events are FREE

## Under 5's

Friday 5 February  
2pm

### Teddy Bear Stories with Terry

#### 15 places

It's National Storytelling Week so bring your teddy bear to a teddy themed story workshop. Don't let the winter rain and wind stop you going on a picnic. Here at the museum we are decorating a huge teddy bear then having a teddy bears picnic snack and teddy stories with Terry. There is even a prize for the best fancy dress teddy bear brought from home. Don't be late - the 5th is the day the teddy bears have their picnic!

**Booking required** - please call 020 7527 2837 or email [islington.museum@islington.gov.uk](mailto:islington.museum@islington.gov.uk)



## Under 5's and Over 5's

Friday 9 April  
Drop in, 10am-5pm

### Eggstream Easter Egg Hunt

Join Islington Museum for an eggucational Easter egg hunt! Follow clues to gain not only an egg but also a whistle stop tour of the museum.



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## Over 5's

**Saturday  
6 March  
2pm-3pm**

### **Creative Collage**



#### **15 places**

Come and learn how to use different collage techniques to decorate an everyday object.

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**Tuesday 13 April  
11am-12pm  
and 2pm-3pm**

### **Origami Workshops**



#### **15 places**

Come and try the ancient art of origami or paper folding. Origami is a traditional art originating from China. Come along and make paper lanterns, fans, pandas and goldfish to take home.

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**Tuesday 1 June  
11am-12pm and  
2pm-3pm**

### **Gorgeous Georgians Workshop**

#### **15 places**

Make yourself a 18th century wig or a bicorn hat like the one worn by Lord Nelson. Decorate a fan or design a costume. Find out more about life in Georgian Islington at this workshop.

**Booking required** – please call 020 7527 2837 or email [islington.museum@islington.gov.uk](mailto:islington.museum@islington.gov.uk)



# Cubitt People's Republic, 15-19 February 2010 (half-term)

Open to all ages

Cubitt, an artist-led organisation based at the Angel, is running a series of events and projects at Islington Museum. The 'People's Republic' programme uses art to explore local heritage, local democracy, active participation, creative autonomy and the power of community.

## 'Choose Your Own History' Open Studio

Open Studio offers materials, equipment and professional support for a range of creative activities.

You are welcome to take part in group sessions or choose your own independent project.

Be inspired by fascinating objects in Islington Museum's collections, including Joe Orton's infamous book cover alterations, Walter Sickert original sketches and materials from the Sadler's Wells Theatre archive.

Open Studio will run from 10am to 1pm each day. Places are limited - booking is essential.



## Workshop sessions

Alongside the freedom of the Open Studio, the following workshops will provide an introduction to techniques and materials and the opportunity to engage in experimental projects.

### **Monday: An introduction to pinhole cameras**

Make your own camera and use it to take pictures inside the museum.

### **Tuesday: Watercolours and experimenting with pigments**

Learn about the history of pigments and experiment with colour.

### **Wednesday: The Little Theatre of Curious Objects**

Make scenes and characters for a paper theatre based upon historical designs using a variety of drawing and painting techniques.

### **Thursday: Moving Pictures**

Explore the emergence of the cinematic image through drawing, flick books, animation and shadow-making.

### **Friday: Drawing on history**

Learn unusual and experimental historical drawing techniques using material from the museum collections.

**Workshops will run from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. There are ten places per workshop - booking is essential.**

Further events and talks will be announced early in 2010.

For further information about these activities or to reserve your place please email [education@cubittartists.org.uk](mailto:education@cubittartists.org.uk)



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**Opening:**

Monday and Thursday: 9.30am-8pm

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 9.30am-5pm

Wednesday and Sunday: Closed

Closed from 1pm-2pm daily.

## How to get there:



**Nearest tube:** Angel, Farringdon

**Buses:** 153, 38, 19

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