

**Cows, Crossrail, Carthusians, Chartists, Churches, and Clowns – A Walk in Clerkenwell
on Thursday 3 March 2011**

This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton.

Come on a **guided walk** to see all sorts of interesting buildings that serve or have served a variety of purposes in this history-laden area of London. We have extended the walk we led in 2005 to start with Smithfield Market and Charterhouse Square. The new route will then take us through the once mediaeval streets and passages of Clerkenwell and other parts of Finsbury bounded by St John's Gate, Mount Pleasant, Exmouth Market, Finsbury Town Hall, Skinner Street and St John's Street. We shall see buildings that were once workshops, banks, schools, a distillery, a brewery and also St James's Church, notable blue and green plaques, warehouses and houses from several centuries.

Meet in Costa Coffee just outside Farringdon Station from 10.30am. It is a few paces round to the right. Please be ready to walk at 11.00am. The tour will be entirely on pavement and tarmac, but it could be cold and possibly wet and so clothes suitable for the weather in early March and shoes for standing still in and well as for walking are advised.

Public transport is the only way there. Farringdon is on Thameslink, the Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith and City Underground lines, and the 63 bus stops nearby. We shall always be fairly close to Farringdon and finish near there too.

Lunch will be taken in the Rookery area, very close to Farringdon, where there is the Hog's Head, a Wetherspoons-style pub, Pizza Express and sandwich establishments.

Timetable:

10.30 – 11.00am Meet for coffee and loo.

11.00 – 12.00am Walk along Farringdon Road, Charterhouse Street and Charterhouse Square.

12.00 – 1.30pm Lunch

1.30 – 4.00pm Proceed to Clerkenwell Green and around.

4.00pm Disperse or join us for a drink in the Sir John Oldcastle in Farringdon Road.

Numbers: We have to keep to a maximum of 25 people including us, because the pavements are narrow and there are many roads to cross.

Cost is just the administration fee of £2.00.

Contacts – Our mobile phone numbers are: 07908156160 (Kate) and 07715172922 (Mike) for use on the day.

Late arrivals – Contact Kate above and you should be able to catch up.