



# Preston ARTS Festival

We are delighted to have been asked to participate in this year's **Arts Festival** which takes place every October. We are offering a programme of **Guided Walks, Talks** and a chance to see our **Women of Winckley Square Exhibition**.

**Walk: 'A Walk In The Park'**

**Guide: Fiona Candy:** Friend of Winckley Square

A convivial amble from Winckley Square through Avenham Park with artist Fiona Candy who will explore a series of simple, creative ways to connect with the landscape, atmosphere and sensory qualities. We will work together to experience and experiment, using materials provided. Group size: 15 max. No previous experience of art workshops required. **Best suited to adults, not recommended for younger children. Cameras may be useful, but not essential.**

**Walk: From Fishergate to the Ribble; West Preston shaped by power and influence**

**Guide: Steve Harrison:** Friend of Winckley Square

Churchgate and Fishergate; where Preston's rich and powerful families lived until factory building in the late C18th. Subsequently the west end of the town was shaped by local oligarchs. Private and public buildings were erected. Did the powerful create a world just for themselves or was philanthropy a key motive?

**Walk: Preston It's a Gas!**

**Guide: Peter Wilkinson:** Friend of Winckley Square

Preston was the first town outside London to have a public gas supply. On this guided walk you will visit key locations around the city centre including the site of the first gas works, the obelisk where the opening ceremony took place in Feb 1816, the coal yards and some of the buildings first lit by gas.

**Walk: Edith Rigby Trail**

**Guide: Judy Beeston:** Friend of Winckley Square

Follow the "Edith Rigby Trail" An opportunity to find out more about her childhood, her marriage, her time as a suffragette and her war work. A two hour walk includes a stop at the Olive Cafe, Lune Street Methodist Church.

**Talk: The Lot of a Woman in a Man's World**

**Speaker: Susan Douglass:** Friend of Winckley Square

Virtually every aspect of English life between 1674 and 1913 was influenced by gender. Views about the particular strengths, weaknesses, and responsibilities shaped everyday lives.

**Directions: Chapel Street: main entrance and then on the left.**

**Talk: Three Women who shaped Preston**

**Speaker: Patricia Harrison:** Friend of Winckley Square

Ellen Cross, Cornelia Connelly and Beatrice Todd had a significant impact on the lives of people who lived in Preston. Come and listen to their unsung stories.

**A performance: of 'An Evening with Edith Rigby'**

**with Judy Beeston:** Friend of Winckley Square

Come and hear about Preston's most famous suffragette - Edith's time as a suffragette, her marriage and working with women's groups: Proceeds will go to the Fox Street Shelter.

**Exhibition: Extraordinary Women of Winckley Square**

Some of the Friends of Winckley Square have researched many of the women who lived, worked or were associated with the Square. Learn about some of their untold stories which will fascinate, surprise and possibly shock you. The Exhibition will be exhibited in St. Wilfrid's Church for the duration of the Arts Festival.

**Viewing times:**

**Mon-Friday 1.00-6.00 Sat. 1.00-5.00 Sun. 1.00-4.00**



**ALL WALKS AND TALKS ARE £4.00** The walks are limited to 20 places. You can just turn up but to be assured of a place you need to book through [Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) OR contact [patricia@winckley.org.uk](mailto:patricia@winckley.org.uk) Tel 01772 254395

**Walk 1**

Sat. 5th Oct  
2.00 - 4.00

**Walk 2**

Sun.13th Oct.  
10.00- 12.00

**Meet:** Winckley Square, Centre of the Gardens

Tues 15th Oct.  
11.00 - 12.30

**Meet:** Winckley Square, Centre of the Gardens

Wed. 16th Oct.  
11.00 - 12.30

**Meet:** Winckley Square at the Robert Peel Statue

Sat. 19th Oct.  
10.00 - 12.00

**Meet:** Winckley Square, Centre of the Gardens

Mon. 7th Oct.  
2.30 - 3.15

St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre: Chapel Street

Mon. 14th Oct.  
7.00 - 8.15

St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre: Chapel Street

Wed. 16th Oct.  
7.00 - 8.00

Lune Street Methodist Church

Mon 30th Sept to Mon 21st Oct

St Wilfrid's Church, Chapel Street  
**(Chapel Street: Church entrance, left to baptistry and confessional area.)**