

**Friends of Colchester Museums**  
**Lecture Series 2008 onwards**

DATE	LECTURER	ATTEND	SUBJECT
<b>Autumn 2008</b>			
9 September	Rebecca Perry	81	The Work of Colchester Zoo and Charity Action for the Wild
23 September	Robert Needham	58	Ringing in the Old: <i>Experiences of a Town Crier</i>
7 October	Pat Brown	128	New Thoughts on Saxon Essex
21 October	Andrew Phillips	124	Colchester Between the Wars
4 November	Harvey Osborne	67	Game Laws: <i>Leisure and Conflict in Victorian East Anglia</i>
18 November	Mark Davies	92	Colchester's Archaeological Heritage: <i>Asset or Liability?</i>
<b>2009</b>			
14 April	Andrew Phillips	194	Colchester Before Recorded History
28 April	Philip Crummy	113	Postmen, Preachers, Soldiers and Teachers: <i>300 years of Roman Colchester</i>
12 May	Peter Berridge/Philip Wise	147	A Town Well Known to all Men: <i>Late Saxon and Norman Colchester</i>
26 May	Leigh Alston	98	The Cloth Trade in Colchester and East Anglia
9 June	John Ashdown Hill	148	Lost Churches of Medieval Colchester
23 June	Patrick Denney	167	Starvation or Surrender: <i>The Siege of Colchester</i>
8 September	Jess Jephcott	121	The Inns, Taverns and Pubs of Colchester
22 September	Jerry Bowdrey	40	Climate of Change? <i>Species New to Britain in the last 60 years</i>
6 October	Patrick Denney	94	The Great Colchester Pageant and Buffalo Bill
20 October	Andrew Phillips	102	Colchester at War (1914/1945)
3 November	Colchester Film Makers Club	129	Remembering Colchester on Film (part 2)
17 November	Shandi d' Cruze	124	Colchester in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Century
<b>2010</b>			
13 April	Councillor Henry Spyvee	76	Mayor or Colchester: <i>Nearly the Last in Line</i>
27 April	Mark Davies	114	The Roman Temple of Claudius at Colchester
11 May	John Ashdown Hill	94	Sir John Howard and Sir John Marney: <i>Local Gentry in the War of the Roses</i>
25 May	Anthony Roberts	77	The History of the Colchester Arts Centre
8 June	Howard Brooks	72	Who are we and where do we come from? <i>New Genetic Evidence for Human Origins</i>
29 June	Philip Crummy	101	The Puzzle of Mr H G Polley, Draper of St Botolph's St: <i>hear the evidence, weigh up the facts, you the Jury decide!</i>
7 September	Emma Roodhouse	71	Arts for All: <i>An Introduction to the Fine Art Collections in Colchester and Ipswich</i>
21 September	Paul Diggins	64	Behind the Scenes of Local Live Television

5 October	Patrick Denney	83	Colchester Voices: <i>Local History from Oral Sources</i>
19 October	Ciara Canning and Catherine Newley	86	Leading the Way: <i>The Influence of the Suffragettes and the Girl Guild Association on the Women of NE Essex</i>
2 November	Mark Davies	112	The Old Moot Hall, the New Town Hall and a Bottle of Champagne
16 November	Peter Berridge	111	The People of Colchester Castle
<b>2011</b>			
12 April	Philip Crummy	169	Goodbye Rome! <i>The Ending of Roman Colchester and Roman Britain 1600 years ago</i>
26 April	Mark Davies	105	Tymperleys and the Mason Collection of Colchester Castle
10 May	Philip Wise	94	The Golden Age of Colchester Castle Museum 1860 – 1940
24 May	Ronald Ram	81	The Ram Family in Colchester 2550 – 1850: <i>How a Middling Family Adapted to the Modern World</i>
7 June	Cathy Pearson	82	A View from the Castle: <i>The Colchester Journals of E J Rusdale 1920 -1951</i>
21 June	Ken Free	129	Camp 186: <i>The Lost Town at Berechurch</i>
6 September	Howard Brooks	113	Lost and Found: <i>Excavating Colchester's Medieval Churches</i>
20 September	Jess Jephcott	115	Colchester Postcards: <i>Images of a Bygone Era from Old Picture Postcards</i>
4 October	David Morgans	92	Wind and Watermills of Colchester
18 October	Dorian Kelly	109	Theatre on a Shoestring: <i>The Colchester Rep – The Digby Years</i>
1 November	Patrick Denney	124	The Colchester Cloth Trade:
15 November	Andrew Phillips and Patrick Denney	179	The Rise and Fall of the Colchester Rag Trade
<b>2012</b>			
3 April	??	98	Firstsite/Culpable Earth
17 April	Mark Davies	129	Bread and Circuses
1 May	Don Goodman and Andrew White	111	A Ferret's Tale: <i>The Story of the Excavations of the Tudor Hunting Lodge at Wormingford</i>
15 May	David Walton	156	Marshall, Hung, Drawn and Quartered: <i>the story of St John's Abbey</i>
29 May	Peter Berridge		The Treasures of China Exhibition
4 September	Patrick Denney		Medieval Colchester: <i>Religious Houses, Godly Devotion, Crime and Punishment</i>
18 September	Peter Berridge	112	Offensive Privvies, Pet Foxes and Rude and Ignorant Gaolers: <i>the Last Days of the Prison in Colchester Castle</i>
2 October	Andrew Phillips		Aspects of Victorian Colchester
16 October	Norman Jacobs		Essex Seaside Heritage
30 October	Adrian Wright		Railways to the Coast
13 November	Howard Brooks		Recent Archaeological Work in Colchester
<b>2013</b>			

9 April	Roger Simpson		John Constable's Suffolk: <i>Man in a Landscape</i>
22 April	Jane Pearson		Caring for Colchester's Health 1820 – 1880: <i>60 years of Essex County Hospital</i>
7 May	Peter Jones		The Tram Story of Colchester 1904 – 1929. <i>How we got around town before buses</i>
21 May	Prue James		The Shipwreck that grew into Lilies
4 June	Peter Holman		Music in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Colchester
18 June	Dr Elizabeth Hall		Pioneer Women Doctors of Colchester
3 September	Patrick Denney		Colchester at War: <i>Life on the Home Front</i>
17 September	John Ashdown Hill		Looking for Richard III: <i>an update on the project</i>
1 October	Dr Pamela Cox		Presenting TV History: <i>behind the scenes with the famous BBC presenter</i>
15 October	Alan Skinner & Joan Gurney	191	Greyfriars: <i>Colchester's forgotten corner and newest hotel</i>
29 October	Mark Davies	78	Saved for Colchester: <i>significant acquisitions by The Friends of Colchester Museums</i>
12 November	Geoffrey Markham	122	A Young Colcestrian: <i>a life sacrificed for his country</i>
<b>2014</b>			
8 April	Taf Gillingham	142	Remembrance and the Great War: <i>a very British View</i>
22 April	Philip Lyons	125	A Sailor's Life is a merry one: <i>Life at sea for Colchester's Trafalgar men</i>
6 May	Peter Jones	160	The Great Essex Earthquake
20 May	Philip Wise	130	Norman Connections: <i>Colchester Castle in its wider setting</i>
3 June	Andy Moore	115	The History of Colchester Zoo: <i>the first 50 years</i>
17 June	Nigel Hildreth	110	The Music Scene in Colchester over the last 30 years
2 September	Patrick Denney	165	The Real Oliver Twist: <i>the harsh reality of life as a parish pauper</i>
16 September	Roy Waters	150	Growing up in the Dutch Quarter
30 September	Peter Berridge	125	New Discoveries, New Ideas and Some Surprises
14 October	Nicholas Charrington	130	Layer Marney Tower – past and present
28 October	Mark Davies	122	Colchester and its Earliest Historic Record
11 November	Godfrey Thomas	123	Colchester's Links with the War
<b>2015</b>			
7 April	Andrew Phillips	140	200 years of Colchester Lawyers
21 April	Jess Jephcott	134	Colchester from Old Postcards
5 May	Paul Thompson	100	Essex University: <i>The Pioneering Years</i>
19 May	Tom Hodgson	81	Redeveloping Colchester Castle Museum
2 June	John Enfield	75	From the Grande to the Mercury: <i>History of Colchester Operatic Society</i>
16 June	Peter Jones	125	Steam Driven Social Change
8 September	Charlie de Wet and Andrew Phillips	175	The Courtaulds – <i>a Huguenot Success Story</i>

22 September	Patrick Denney	104	To Fetch a Pail of Water: <i>a serious and sometimes hilarious look at water supply and drainage through the ages</i>
6 October	Trevor Hearn	133	450 Years History of Colchester Royal Grammar School
20 October	Roger Taber	116	The History of the Oysters of the Colne and Colchester Oyster Fisheries
3 November	Will Tyler	112	Essex during the Napoleonic Wars
17 November	Mark Davies	100	People of Roman Colchester
<b>2016</b>			
12 April	James Wills	90	My Life in Newspapers ( <i>by Editor in Chief of Newsquest NE</i> )
26 April	Tony Tuckwell	110	New Hall: <i>A Royal Palace in Essex</i>
10 May	Andrew Phillips	100	Four Entrepreneurs of Victorian Colchester
24 May	Philip Crummy	106	Update on Colchester's Roman Circus
7 June	Dorian Kelly	75	The Three Colchester Skating Rinks
21 June	Will Tyler	87	The First Day of the Somme
6 September	Patrick Denney	95	Colchester Voices: <i>Stories from the Archives</i>
20 September	Dr Robert Beaken	82	Civilians, Soldiers and Religion in Wartime Colchester 1914-1918
4 October	Peter Jones	100	Zeppelins over Essex
18 October	Sir Bob Russell	94	18 Years in Parliament
1 November	Mark Davies	103	Colchester Borough Regalia and other Civic Gifts
15 November	Dr Fabrizio Casale	68	History of Essex County Hospital
<b>2017</b>			
11 April	Andrew Phillips	122	Old Heath Recreation Ground's New Gates - <i>History of the Rec as shown on the newly designed gates installed in 2016</i>
25 April	David Grocott	100	John Ball – <i>Colchester's most significant son?</i>
9 May	Tom Hodgson	98	Time on his Hands – <i>Bernard Mason and his 200 clocks</i>
23 May	Bob Finch	108	John Constable in Colchester – <i>Local connections to one of Britain's greatest artists</i>
6 June	Alan Skinner	56	50 years of Adult Education in Colchester – <i>including Greyfriars update</i>
20 June	Peter Jones	90	Martello Towers – <i>keeping the French from the shores</i>
5 September	Patrick Denney	129	A Message from Colchester – <i>local history through local postcards</i>
19 September	Steve Mannix	90	The History and Future of the Mercury Theatre
3 October	Jim Lawrence	81	My Eary Days Barging – <i>direct from one of our last bargemen</i>
17 October	Mike Tabard & Mike Ostler	67	Bata Shoes in East Tilbury
31 October	Norman Jacobs	82	Seaside Entertainment at Clacton

14 November	Mark Davies	75	The Works of Major Bale – <i>an artist's lasting legacy to Edwardian Colchester</i>
<b>2018</b>			
10 April	Michael Poole and Dawn King	113	History of the founding of the Headgate Theatre
24 April	Tom Hodgson	55	Moving to Heckworth Close – <i>the practicalities of moving the museum service from A to B</i>
8 May	Chris Farndell	82	Essex Crime Scenes – <i>how crime prevention has changed over the years</i>
22 May	Philip Crummy	84	Digging in Colchester – <i>best of the best over the last decade</i>
5 June	Peter Walker	75	County Maps of Essex, 1576 – 1805
19 June	Andrew Phillips	96	Colchester and the 1918 Armistice – <i>how Colchester coped with the end of WW1</i>
4 September	Patrick Denney		Essex Towns and Villages
18 September	Dr Paul Byrne	106	Colchester Military Hospital and Soldiers Heart
2 October	Jim Lawrence	85	Further Barging – <i>more voyages along the Essex coast</i>
16 October	Katherine Wood	64	A Concrete Legacy in the Underpass – <i>the murals of Colchester's Henry and Joyce Collins</i>
30 October	Peter Jones	81	The Life and Times of the Eastern Counties Railway – <i>how the Railway came To Colchester</i>
13 November	Mark Davies	82	A Wealth of Cash – <i>the story behind Colchester's coin hoards</i>
<b>2018 – Afternoon Lectures</b>			
19 April	Philip Lyons	29	The Wild West Goes East – <i>Colchester's links with Buffalo Bill</i>
10 May	Paul Gallifant	27	Colchester's Early Motor Trade
7 June	Peter Jones	41	Jumbo – <i>Stories of Colchester's famous landmark</i>
13 September	Roy Waters	44	Growing Up in the Dutch Quarter in 1950/60s
25 October	Alan Skinner	67	Transport of Delight – <i>Colchester's early buses</i>
22 November	Robert Needham	24	Colchester's Town Crier
<b>2019</b>			
9 April	Andrew Phillips	125	Paxmans 1918 – 2018 – <i>Colchester's greatest company</i>
23 April	Philip Crummy	70	Pictures of Peter Froste – <i>archaeological reconstruction paintings of Colchester</i>
7 May	Glynn Davis	68	The Adorn Exhibition – <i>personal adornment through the ages</i>
21 May	Dr Paul Rusiecki	82	Colchester and the Great Flu Pandemic of 1918 - 19
4 June	Jenny Jones	91	History of Castle Park
18 June	Peter Jones	57	Wind and Water – <i>a brief history of milling</i>
3 September	Patrick Denney	128	A Portrait of Victorian Colchester – <i>based on old photographs and documentary evidence</i>
17 September	David Newman	70	Maldon Salt Works – <i>the history of salt extraction on the Blackwater</i>

1 October	Mark Davies		The True History of Tymperleys
15 October	MEETING CANCELLED ON THE NIGHT DUE TO SPEAKERS CAR BREAKING DOWN		
29 October	Dr Fab Casale	90	The History of The Avenue and Lexden
12 November	Penny Youll & Jane Robinson	50	Oysters and Oilskins – <i>the clothes of Victorian East Coast Fishermen</i>
<b>2019 – Afternoon Lectures</b>			
25 April	Richard Scott & Simon Whitney	49	Bourne Mill – <i>nearly 1000 years' history of the only National Trust property in Colchester</i>
16 May	Frances Boardman	35	Pluto's Belch – <i>how ancient cultures explained earthquakes</i>
13 June	Liz White	42	The Avenue of Remembrance – <i>stories behind the bronze plaques on the trees</i>
12 September	Peter Jones	41	Colchester Trams – <i>when rails ran down the High Street</i>
17 October	Brian Light	53	Jumbo - Then and Now – <i>the story of Colchester's famous landmark</i>
14 November	Ray Cantrell		Colchester's River – <i>features and history of the River Colne</i>
<b>2020</b>			
ALL LECTURES WERE CANCELLED FOR 2020 DUE TO COVID-19			
<b>2021</b>			
ALL LECTURES DELIVERED VIA ZOOM IN 2021 DUE TO COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS			
12 April	Adam Wightman		Roman Public Baths and Town Houses – <i>recent archaeological excavations in Colchester town centre</i>
26 April	Glynn Davis and Rory McDaid		Museums from your Armchair – <i>The Museum's Online collection</i>
10 May	Richard Turner		The History of Boxted Airfield – <i>an important US fighter base on our doorstep</i>
24 May	Peter Jones		Keeping Busy – <i>Colchester's Industrial Past</i>
7 June	Dr Jane Pearson		Colchester's Victorian Doctors
22 June	Ian and Ros Mercer		The Thames through Time – <i>how time, ice and floods made a movable river</i>
6 September	Patrick Denney		The Genteel Class of Georgian Colchester and their Homes
20 September	Sue Howlett		Medieval Colchester : <i>evidence from wills</i>
4 October	Emma Boyd		Reviving an Artist's Birthplace – <i>the development of Gainsborough's House</i>
18 October	Hannah Powell		The History of Perrywoods – <i>the growth of a successful local garden centre</i>
1 November	Paul Stickler		The Corner Shop Killings – <i>a murder investigation in 1919</i>
15 November	Laura Howarth		Sutton Hoo – <i>the latest developments</i>
<b>2022</b>			
12 April	Ian and Ros Mercer	80	Essex Rock – <i>geology beneath the landscape</i>
26 April	Andrew Phillips	100	The Rise of Modern Colchester 1940m – 1990
10 May	Chris Fardell	50	Scenes Past – <i>a history of photography in North Essex</i>

24 May	Philip Wise	55	The Friends to the Rescue – <i>25 years of acquisitions by Colchester Museums</i>
7 June	Paul Rusiecki	62	The Calm before the Storm – <i>Colchester 1938-1939</i>
21 June	Sir Bob Russell	65	A Brief History of 45 Colchester Schools
6 September	Colchester Film Makers		Colchester in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century – <i>as recorded in old films</i>
20 September	Sharon Mooney		Colchester Cemetery
4 October	Peter Jones		Essex Lighthouses – <i>maritime safety off the east coast of England</i>
18 October	Joy Hopkinson		The History of St Leonards at the Hythe – <i>the rise and fall of one of Colchester's finest medieval churches</i>
1 November	Peter Walker		The Changing Face of Ordnance Survey One inch Maps of Essex
15 November	Tom Hodgson		Money Talks – <i>British history and daily life seen through coins</i>