

Club Elite May



Sunday 14 April saw Chelmsford members visit the Combined Military Services Museum in Maldon. This is an excellent museum covering multiple eras and thousands of superb exhibits, with very knowledgeable volunteer staff. We followed up with a lovely lunch at the Muddy Duck, sitting outside in the sun by the river. Superb day out, thanks to Bill for organising.

Diane



The Club Elite AGM was attended by many members, with no real problems being raised. We congratulated Christine for her service to the Club and presented her with a beautiful set of glasses and wine. The full minutes are available for members to view. We welcome Bill and Steve onto the committee to boost up the number of Chelmsford committee members. Bill and Steve are keen to promote joint events for Chelmsford and Colchester members, so this will be something to look forward to. *Anne*



Chelmsford members also had a very pleasant walk at the pretty village of Terling, on Sunday the 7th of April. 10 members enjoyed the walk (plus small dog) . 5 went on for a good lunch at the Rayleigh Arms! *Bill*

Chelmsford members visited the Maldon Food and drinks festival on Bank Holiday Monday. Thirteen members braved the inclement weather. After a brisk walk around, we reluctantly retreated to the pub (some took a direct route, others a more scenic route!). All in all, a really lovely day! *Bill*



A recent walk by members took in a view of the outside of the house designed by the artist Grayson Perry, in Wrabness overlooking the River Stour. A unique and quirky design both inside and out, this house can be rent as a holiday let. It documents the life story of a fictional Essex woman, Julie Cope, told in Perry's unique and stylish way. *Anne*



Chelmsford Club Nights: Tuesdays at **The Saxon Arms**, Witham CM8 1FQ (previously The Old Pottery Kiln), from **7.30pm until 10.00pm**. All Welcome

Colchester Club Night. Please note there are no evening meetings at present.

Chelmsford members: Full information re times of the Chelmsford organised events will appear on their Events WhatsApp page prior to the dates.

Colchester members will get updates via email or WhatsApp.

May 2024

- Wed 1st May **Coffee and Cake** at Beth Chatto's Elmstead Market 2.00pm. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Sat 4th **Alresford Craft Fair**, Alresford village hall, 9am to 12 noon. Free admission.
- 4th-12th **Janes Walks.** The annual week of free local walks led by local people. See their website/leaflet for details.
- Thursdays **Pitch and Putt** every Thursday at Rivenhall Oaks, meet 10.30am for coffee. All welcome
- Sun 5th **Two Island Brunch Cruise** from Maldon – 2 hours - £32 includes bacon/sausage roll, coffee or tea. *Chelmsford Organisers.*
- Sun 5th **Walk** Clacton to Jaywick or Holland. Lunch at Oaklands. Meet 10.30am outside Clacton Pier. *Colchester Organisers*
- Mon 6th **May Bank Holiday**
- Wed 8th **Coffee & Cake** at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2.00pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sat 11th **Midsummer.** A Rom-com with music at the Mercury Theatre, Tickets from the Mercury or on-line. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sun 12th **Adventure Golf at Barleylands**, Billericay, lunch at the Kings Head. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 15th **Midweek coffee/lunch meet-up** – venue TBA. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 15th **Afternoon Coffee and Cake** at the Stanway Garden Centre, London Road. 2.00pm
- Fri 17th **The Holdovers** film at Nayland Village Hall Cinema, , Comedy Drama, £5, starts 7.30pm. Pizza available.
- Sun 19th **Walk** at Tollesbury or Heybridge & lunch. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sun 19th **Walk** in Bonny Woods, with Janet and Phil. **Lunch** at the Rampant Horse, Needham Market, Details to follow. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sun 19th **Harwich Electric Palace** Four Weddings and a Funeral film showing, 7.30pm. Tickets on line or on the door.
- Wed 22nd **Coffee & Cake**, Constable Coffee House. Mannintree/Brantham, CO11 1QR. 2.00pm. Numbers required please. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Sat 25th **Old Time Music Hall** at Stanway Village Hall, £10, BYFD. Organised by The Rotary Club Tickets and info from Steve Williams 07706955404
- 25th/26th **Possible meal**, Ideas for venue needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sun 26th **Cinema & Meal** *Chelmsford Organisers*

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- Wed 29th **Coffee and Cake** at Fillpots, 52 Straight Rd, Boxted, CO4 5RB, 2.00pm.
- Fri 31st **“After Eagles”** at Witham Public Hall. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sun 2nd June **Walk** with Linda R, Walk towards Dodnash Woods. Passing by the Priory ruins. Lunch at the Brantham Bull. *Details to follow. Colchester Organisers*
- Wed 5th June **Coffee & Cake**, Barn Plants. Turkey Cock Lane Stanway. 2.00pm. Numbers needed. *Colchester Organisers.*

If you are interested in any of the following event ideas, please let the Club Organisers know.

Future Events planned or suggested for Chelmsford:

Horse Racing at Chelmsford, Tribute Bands, local Theatre Trips, local Exhibitions, Picnics in the Park, Museum trips London

Future Events ideas planned or suggested for Colchester:

- Spring/Summer **Invitation to view:** Historic House tours, go to www.historichouses.org to see what's on offer in our local area.
- Fri 14th June Nayland Village Hall Cinema, **'The Colour Purple'**, Pizza available
- Sat 29th June **A Live Band** (Dave Perry's group) Organised by The Ramblers at Stanway Rovers Football Club. Details to follow.
- Fri 12th July **Nayland Village Hall** Cinema, **Wicked Little Letters**, Sorry no pizza but cakes/savouries will be available.
- 1st July - 1st Sept Frinton **Summer Theatre.** see website for details: <https://www.frintonsummertheatre.org/>
- Fri 23rd Aug Nayland Village Hall Cinema, **The Taste of Things**, French themed food provided by Mill Street Stores tickets to be purchased in advance.
- Sat 24th Aug **Brentwood Mac** at Flatford Mill, Outdoor Picnic Concert, see website for tickets.
- Tues 17th Sept **Coach Trip** to Scotland with Lochs and Glens. (8 days) *Contact Brenda M.*
- Sat 12th Oct **Barn Dance** at Stanway Rovers. (Joint Event) *Colchester organisers*
- Mon 14th Oct Mid-week break at **Gunton Hall**, *Colchester organisers*
- tba **Train Trip to Norwich** to see Castle or Cathedral or the Shops
- Other ideas: Murder Mystery, Local Quizzes, Theatre trips. Film nights. Long and Short Walks, Eating out, Pitch and Putt in the Park, Ideas welcome.

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The Club tries to put on a variety of events for all tastes so if you have any ideas these would be welcome so please feel free to talk with Club Organisers.

Membership Cards will now only be issued upon request.

Email confirmation of fee payment will be sent instead.

Some Colchester members did a walk near Ipswich golf club recently. As part of this walk is over boggy ground, wooden boards are put down to prevent ramblers getting muddy feet, hence it is known as the boardwalk. We were lucky with the weather it was very warm and dry and the bluebells were on show, the only problem we had was some of the trees had blown down over the board and we had to climb over them. It was on one of these occasions that I was worried that I was going to slip face first into the mud, and it was just at this point that Peter snapped a picture of me. I am glad to say I did not land in the mud otherwise Peter would have photographed that as well. We finished the walk off with a meal at the Golf Hotel. Thank you to those who came, and if anybody knows how Peter managed to take a double exposed picture I would love to know, I haven't really got two heads! *Janet*



CLUB ELITE COMMITTEE

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