

FRIENDS OF CHELMSFORD MUSEUMS

TEA AND TALKS AUTUMN 2026

The talks take place at the Museum. Light refreshments will be served from 1.30 p.m. with the talk commencing at 2.00 and finishing at approximately 3.00 p.m.

Monday 14th September THE RISE AND FALL OF CHELMSFORD STAR by Kevin Pittuck-Bennett. Kevin used to run the Star Co-op Community Card Scheme, which, for 25 years, provided funds to charitable groups whose members used the cards when making purchases at the Co-op. The Friends benefitted by many hundreds of pounds as did many other organisations. Kevin now gives us a fascinating history of a unique local shop and institution now sadly lost to Chelmsfordians.

Monday 19th October CHURCHILL'S INTERVENTION IN NORTH RUSSIA by Andy Stuart. Like his father, Andy Stuart was a professional soldier before moving to the finance markets. Here he dispels the mistaken belief of many that November 11th saw the end of fighting in 1918. Thousands of British and allied troops were in Russia after the Bolshevik revolution. Why were they there and what had Churchill to do with it? Andy speaks of this forgotten period of British history.

Monday 16th November St. John's Church – Serving the Community Then and Now by Anne Ireland and Jacky Langley. Many Chelmsfordians will have noticed the work undertaken this year at St. John's in Moulsham Street. Anne and Jacky will describe the work completed to turn the churchyard into a sharing green space and illustrate the history of the Church since its consecration in April 1837 and the ways it has remained a vital part of the community.

The cost for Members is £7.00, (£20.00 for all three talks) and £9.00 for non-members, (£25.00 for all three talks). Please return the form below with a cheque made payable to The Friends of Chelmsford Museums or pay by credit transfer to Metro Bank, sort code 23-05-80, account The Friends of Chelmsford Museums, a/c no. 43165984. Send the form by post or e mail to David Jones, 93, Hillside Grove, Chelmsford. CM2 9DB:

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Talk 1	14 th Sept.		£7.00		£9.00
Talk 2	19 th Oct.		£7.00		£9.00
Talk 3	16 th Nov.		£7.00		£9.00
All three			£20.00		£25.00

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