

## Tea and Talks Spring 2024

The talks will take place at the Museum. Refreshments will be served from 1.30pm and the talks will commence at 2.00pm and finish at 3.00pm.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January    The Martello Towers of Essex    by Peter Jones**

At the end of the eighteenth century Britain is at war with France. Napoleon's army is threatening to invade having already made two attempts. All that is standing between us and the French is the Royal Navy and a long line of Martello Towers — this is their story.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February    God's Bouncers - The Wandsmen of St Paul's    by Patrick Wilkins**

A brief history of St Paul's Cathedral, how the Wandsmen came into being, their duties and some interesting instances in St Paul's over the years and how they have been dealt with.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March    History and Work of the RNLI    by Linda Cook**

The presentation begins with a potted history of the beginnings of the RNLI and then how it has developed into what it is today. Using examples of different types of rescue and rescue craft we learn a little of the dangers and challenges faced by the volunteer crew. Finally, we learn of the fundraising and events that make the RNLI such a special charity.

The cost will be £6.50 for members (£18.00 for all three talks) and £8.50 for non-members (£24.00 for all three talks)

Please return the form with a cheque, made payable to "The Friends of Chelmsford Museums", to Ros Webb, 24 Weymouth Road, Chelmsford, CM1 6LP. Alternatively, payment may be made by credit transfer to Metro Bank, sort code 23-05-80, account: The Friends of Chelmsford Museums, a/c no. 43165984. Whichever payment method is used, the booking form should be completed and sent to Ros Webb (email: ros.webb49@gmail.com).

**Booking is essential as we are only allowed a maximum of 40 people at each talk to comply with Health and Safety requirements.** This event is subject to the Friends' Events Booking Terms and Conditions; a copy of this is available on request from the Talks organiser.

*Please return only the lower portion of this form, retaining the top section for dates & details*

I/We will be attending

|                 | Date                      | Number of People | Cost per member | Number of People | Cost per non-member |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Talk 1          | 8 <sup>th</sup> January   |                  | £6.50           |                  | £8.50               |
| Talk 2          | 12 <sup>th</sup> February |                  | £6.50           |                  | £8.50               |
| Talk 3          | 11 <sup>th</sup> March    |                  | £6.50           |                  | £8.50               |
| All three talks |                           |                  | £18.00          |                  | £24.00              |

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Names of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

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