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Heritage Open Days 13 - 22 September 2019

Discover Colchester's heritage in the annual celebration of historic buildings and sites













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Heritage Open Days 2019 Properties





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- 22. Claudius Gateway
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- 30. Grey Friars (GreyFriars Luxury Hotel & Restaurant)

Visit www.colchester.gov.uk/parking for all deals and locations.

- **31.** Bourne Mill
- 32. Trinity Street
- **33.** Headgate Theatre

Enjoy your visit with great value parking and cashless phone or online payment at these easy-access car parks across the town. Part-day deals available from £2.50, or stay all day on Friday and Saturday from £3.50 and from £1.00 on Sunday.

MAGDALEN STREET









= Further out of town

B1022 **Tiptree** Maldon





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B1025 Mersea Island

Friday 13th September

24 | St Peter's Church

North Hill, CO1 1DZ

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Saturday 14th September

8 | Colchester Castle

Castle Park, CO1 1TJ Europe's largest Norman keep, built on the foundations of the Roman Temple of Claudius. Since 1860 a museum with internationally important collections.

10.00 - 17.00 (last entry 16.30)

15 | St James the Less & St Helen's Church

51 Priory Street, CO1 2QB Built in 1827 and designed in a Norman style by J J Scholes, this was the first post-Reformation Catholic parish church in Colchester. 10.00 - 17.00

A talk by Francoise Guild on her new painting of St Helena, the patron saint of Colchester. Talk starts at 14.00

15 | Catholic Colchester Tour

A guided walk around Colchester, focusing on places and stories associated with the town's medieval Catholic heritage including St John's Abbey.

Tour starts at St James the Less & St Helen's Church at 11.00 and lasts 1 hour

25 | St John's Orthodox Church (Former Garrison Church)

Military Road, CO1 2AN Built in 1855 at the time of the Crimean War. A unique survival, this timber church is now run by the Russian Orthodox Church. Tour at 16.00

12 | Sherman's House

High Street, Dedham, CO7 6DE Timber-framed building behind a Georgian brick façade of 1730-1. Ancestral home of Gen. Sherman, commander of the Union army in the US Civil War. National Trust. 11.00 - 16.00

16 | Holy Trinity

Trinity Square, CO1 1JN Colchester's only surviving Saxon building. Memorials to the Tudor scientist William Gilberd and composer John Wilbye. 13.00 - 16.30; tours at 14.00 and 15.00

5 | Quaker Meeting House

6 Church Street, CO1 1NF Georgian brick building of 1802-3 refurbished in 1971 by Quakers after a long history of worshipping in the town. Refreshments. 10.00 - 16.00

19 | Town to Sea Trail

War Memorial, Castle Park, CO1 1TJ A guided walk from Castle Park to the historic Hythe port area focusing on Colchester's seafaring heritage. Tour starts from the War Memorial at

11.00 & lasts 2 hours

19 | Walking the Walls

War Memorial, Castle Park, CO1 1TJ A guided walk around Britain's oldest town wall. Built in response to the Boudican Revolt of AD 60, over two-thirds still remain. Tour starts from the War Memorial at 14.00 & lasts 2 hours

11 | Audley Chapel

Berechurch Hall Road, CO2 9NU 16th-century burial chapel of the Audley family, with fine hammer-beam roof and unique monuments and features, 10.00 - 13.00

22 | Claudius Gateway

1 Castle Park, CO1 1TH Archaeological remains of the extraordinary precinct wall around the Roman temple of Claudius, built after AD54, are visible below a glass floor in a modern development. Refreshments. 10.00 - 16.00

8 | 'Roman Colchester: An archaeologist's view'

Colchester Castle, Castle Park, CO1 1TJ A guided tour led by Philip Crummy, Director - Colchester Archaeological Trust from Colchester Castle to the Roman Circus Centre. Booking necessary: tel. 01206 501785 (option 6) / email info@catuk.org 10.00 - 12.00 & 13.00 - 15.00

26 | Firstsite

Lewis Gardens, CO1 1JH Contemporary art gallery designed by Uruguayan architect Rafael Viñoly in 2012. Temporary exhibitions and famous Berryfield Mosaic, a rare survival from Roman Colchester. 10.00 - 17.00

31 | Bourne Mill

Bourne Road, CO2 8RT A delightful piece of late Elizabethan playfulness. Built for banquets and converted into a mill in the 19th century. Working waterwheel and attractive grounds. 11.00 - 16.00

Sunday 15th September

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28 | Hollytrees Museum

High Street, CO1 1TJ Georgian house, now home to Colchester's Visitor Information Centre and a museum of family life. Meet Mrs Sibylla Round who will be 'At Home' to visitors between 10.00 -12.00 & 14.00 - 16.00

21 | St Mary-at-the-Walls Church (Arts Centre)

Church Street, CO1 1NF Late 19th-century church with medieval tower badly damaged during the 1648 Siege of Colchester. Interesting monuments including John Rebow, died 1699. Tours of the church at 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00

9 | Town Hall

High St, CO1 1FR Impressive building designed by John Belcher, 1902. Tower surmounted by a bronze figure of St Helena, 162 feet above the street. 'Meet and Play the Moot Hall organ' event at 12.00.

19 | Costumed Tours of Colchester

Tours from 10.00 to 12.00

War Memorial, Castle Park, CO1 1TJ Explore Colchester's amazing past with an entertaining and knowledgeable Blue Badge Guide. Tours start at 11.00 (Civil War) & 15.00 (Romans)

30 | Grey Friars (now GreyFriars Luxury Hotel & Restaurant)

High Street, CO1 1UG Exhibition of social and architectural history. Walks within the north-east Roman wall, followed by a tour of the refurbished 18thcentury building. Refreshments including lunch and afternoon tea available. 11.00 - 17.00; tours at 12.00, 13.00, 15.00 & 16.00. To book places on the tours tel. 01206 575913 or email events@greyfriarscolchester.co.uk

Saturday 14th & **Sunday 15th September**

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17 | Peake's House

East Stockwell Street, CO1 1ST Timber-framed house in the Dutch Quarter. Originally three weaver's cottages, the earliest dating from the late 14th-century. Landmark Trust. Sat. & Sun. 10.00 - 16.00

18 | St John's Abbey Gatehouse

St John's Green, CO2 7HA Early 15th-century gatehouse. Flint flushwork, vaulted roof and battlements flanked by pinnacle corner turrets. 10.00 - 16.00

27 | Boxted Airfield Museum

Langham Lane, Langham CO4 5NW WWII US airfield, home of 56th Fighter Group which took part in D Day and the Battle of the Bulge. www.boxted-airfield.com 10.00 - 16.00

6 | Mersea Barrow

East Mersea Road, CO5 8SL Roman burial mound dated AD 100 - 120. The finds from the barrow are on display at Mersea Museum. 10.00 - 17.00

29 | St Leonards-at-the-Hythe Church

Hythe Hill, CO1 2NP

14th-century church bearing the scars of the 1648 Siege of Colchester, Napoleonic graves in the churchyard. Heritage displays and siege booklet. 10.00 - 15.00

13 | Tymperleys

Trinity Street, CO11JN Timber-framed Tudor merchant's house. Birthplace of the scientist and physician William Gilberd (1544-1603). Interior with late 17th-century staircase. Garden with mulberry tree. 10.00 - 17.00

1 | The Minories

High Street, CO1 1UE Tudor timber-framed house remodelled in 1776 for Thomas Boggis, a prosperous weaver. Gothick Summerhouse by James Deane, 1745. Now the home of Colchester School of Art, part of Colchester Institute. 9.30 - 17.00, tours at 11.00 & 14.00

4 | St James the Great Church

East Hill, CO1 2QL Late medieval church in imposing position.

Interior wall paintings, stained glass and monuments. Associated with John Ball of the Peasants' Revolt. Sat. 9.00 - 17.00; Sun. 12.00 - 16.00

3 | St Helen's Chapel

St Helen's Lane, CO1 1UR Medieval chapel. Saxon built on Roman foundations. Re-built several times, currently a Greek Orthodox Church. Sat. 10.30 - 13.00; 14.00 - 16.30 Sun.14.00 - 16.30

7 | Roman Theatre

Maidenburgh Street, CO1 1UB Remains of theatre which originally seated 3,000 people. Featured in the destruction of Colchester by Boudica in AD 60. Sat. 09.45 - 16.30; Sun. 10.30 - 16.30

14 | 'Step Back in Time': Wivenhoe High Street History Trail

The Wivenhoe Bookshop, High Street, CO7 9BE Follow in the footsteps of people who were living and working in Wivenhoe High Street 100 years ago. Souvenir guide available for £1. Sat. 9.30 - 13.00, 14.00 - 17.00 Sun. 10.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 17.00

13 | Trinity Street Heritage Tours

Trinity Street, CO1 1IN Blue Badge guided tour of the street's varied and colourful history. Booking necessary. tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk, maximum 20 people.

Tour starts from Tymperleys at 11am.

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Castle Park, CO1 1TJ Special interest guided tour focusing on the Iron Age story of Colchester, including recent research relating to Gosbecks Archaeological Park. Free following normal admission charges to the Castle. Sat. only: 10.30 & 11.30

10 | Sparlings Solicitors

3 West Street, CO1 1HQ 15th-century half-timbered building with remarkable wood carvings. Previously a merchant's house and an inn, Sat. only: tours at 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30 & 15.30

23 | Lepra Museum

28 Middleborough, CO1 1TG Museum tells the story of this UK charity working to beat leprosy since 1924. Guided tours, films, display on Lepra's focus on mental health. Sat. only: 10.00 - 15.00, tours at 11.00 & 14.00

20 | St Botolph's Priory

Priory Street, CO2 7EE Completed around 1170, this ruined church is an outstanding example of Norman architecture which was badly damaged during the English Civil War. Family fun day and market. Sat. only: 10.00 - 17.00

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33 | Headgate Theatre

14 Chapel Street North, CO2 7AT Built in 1844 as a Congregational chapel, this building was refurbished as a theatre in 2002. New extension in former church hall and Sunday School. Sun. only: 10.00 - 15.00