

# Discover History with... Heritage Open Days

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Saturday only



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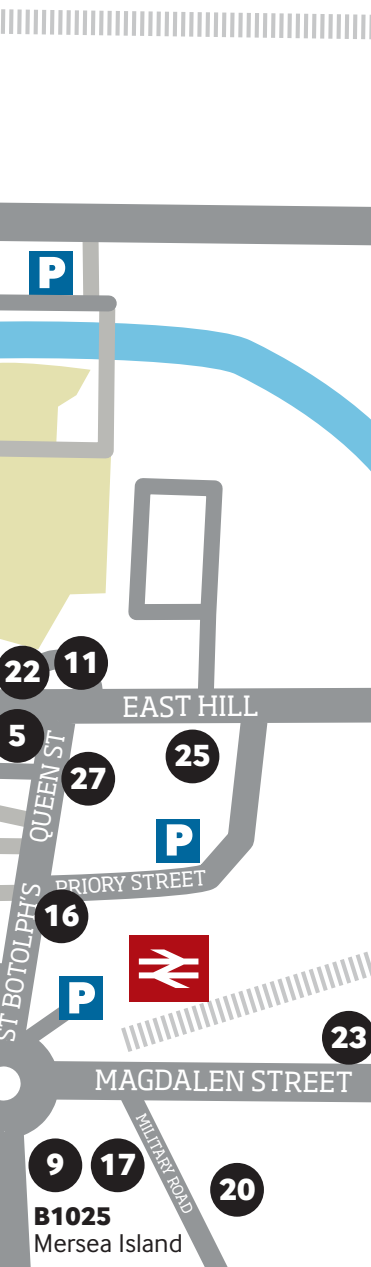
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# Vintage Open Day 2010 Properties

## Properties Open

1. Town Hall
2. Tymperleys Clock Museum
3. Peake's House
4. Roman Theatre
5. War Memorial (departure point for tours)
6. Colchester Castle
7. St Helen's Chapel
8. Sparling Benham and Brough
9. Audley Chapel
10. St Martin's Church
11. Hollytrees Museum
12. St John's Abbey Gatehouse
13. Mercury Theatre
14. Lexden Tumulus
15. Quaker Meeting House (St Mary's House)
16. St Botolph's Church
17. Bourne Mill
18. Colchester Royal Grammar School
19. Roman Church Remains
20. Garrison Church
21. Colchester Cemetery
22. Vintage Bus Service
23. St Leonard-at-the-Hythe Church
24. Headgate Theatre
25. St James the Great Church
26. Vintage Bus Display
27. 'Discover Colchester' at Slack Space
28. University of Essex Latin American Art Collection
29. Colchester Library – Discover Historic Colchester
30. Sailing Barge 'Fertile'
31. Colne Light Ship
32. St Mary at the Walls Church (Arts Centre)





# More information

For more information on the museums and events you can visit [www.colchestermuseums.org.uk](http://www.colchestermuseums.org.uk) or [www.ipswich.gov.uk/museums](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/museums).

Why not stay up-to-date on the latest news and events from the museums? Join our mailing list to receive email updates or information by post.

Call **01206 282938** to join or speak to a member of museum staff.

You can also email us on [museums@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@colchester.gov.uk).

## Colchester Castle

**11th September**

**FREE**

Sat 10am to 4.30pm

## Ipswich Museum

**12th September**

**FREE**

Sun 10am to 4.45pm

## Colchester Castle

**17th July 2010 -  
30th January 2011**

Mon-Sat 10am to 5pm,  
Sun 11am to 5pm

## Ipswich Art School

**10th July 2010  
9th January 2011**

**FREE**

Tue-Sun 10am to 5pm

## Visit for Free

Don't miss out on this chance to explore Colchester Castle as it throws its doors open free of charge for one day only! This is your chance to see the Medieval Treasures exhibition – so make sure you visit!

## Heritage Open Day

Enjoy a rare chance to visit on a Sunday. Enjoy a free mini-tour and discover some of the costume collection which will be 'Out of the Box' for one day only! Little visitors can take part in free drop-in craft activities.

## Medieval Treasures

Following the success of The Medieval Mind Part 1, Part 2 of this spectacular exhibition promises more stunning objects and stories, exploring the workings of the medieval mind and dispelling the myth of an era of darkness and barbarity.

## The Saatchi Gallery at Ipswich Art School

This six-month exhibition from the world renowned Saatchi Collection gives unique access to pieces of work from seven international artists.



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Saturday 11th September				
Map Code	Venue/Activity	Address	Description	Times/Info
1	Town Hall	High Street, CO1 1FR	Impressive building with exciting design by John Belcher, 1898-1902. The tower is surmounted by a bronze figure of St Helena, 162 ft above the street. Tours of private rooms including the courts and mayoral suite.	Tours start at 10am, 11.30am, 1pm (last approximately 1 hour)
2	Tymperleys	Trinity Street, CO1 1JN	Grade 2* listed timber framed building associated with William Gilbert, scientist and physician to Elizabeth I. A rare chance to view the upstairs rooms, while the ground floor houses the clock museum.	10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm
3	Peake’s House	East Stockwell Street, CO1 1HQ	Timber framed house, originally three buildings, the earliest dating from the late 14th century.	11am – 4.45pm
4	Roman Theatre	Maidenburgh Street, CO1 1UB	Remains of a theatre which originally seated 3000 people. Featured in the destruction of Colchester by Boudica in 60AD.	9.45am – 4.30pm
5	‘Camulodunum to Colchester’ trail	Depart from War Memorial, Castle Park gates	A Blue Badge guided tour. Travel through 2000 years of history on this fascinating tour. Why did Boudicca destroy the Roman Temple? Why is the Dutch Quarter so called? Why is a building named after an elephant? And why do little stars twinkle over Colchester? Discover all the answers to these questions and many more.	11.30am. Limited to 20 people, please book at the Visitor Information Centre. Lasts approx 1.5 – 2 hours
6	Colchester Castle	Castle Park, CO1 1TJ	Don't miss out on this chance to explore this award winning museum as it throws its doors open free of charge for one day only. This is your chance to see the Medieval Treasures exhibition.	10am – 4.30pm
7	St Helen’s Chapel	St Helen’s Lane, CO1 1UR	Medieval chapel first mentioned in 1076. Saxon in origin, on Roman foundations, rebuilt several times. Now used as a Greek Orthodox Church.	10am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm
8	Sparling Benham and Brough	3 West Stockwell Street, CO1 1HQ	A superb 15th century half timbered building with remarkable wood carvings, formerly a Merchant’s House and an Inn.	Tours at 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm
9	Audley Chapel	Berechurch Hall Road, CO2 9NU	16th century burial chapel of the Audley family, with a fine hammer-beamed roof , unique monuments and other original features.	10am-4pm
10	St Martin’s Church	West Stockwell Street, CO1 1HQ	Medieval church with impressive 14th century roof, wall painting and Norman tower, which was badly damaged in the 1648 Siege of Colchester.	10am-1pm
11	NEEDFAS in Hollytrees Museum	High Street, CO1 2PG	The North East Essex Decorative and Fine Arts Society (NEEDFAS) are a voluntary group who have worked on the costume collection at Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service. Meet members of the group who will talk about and show off some of their handywork in the surroundings of Hollytrees Museum.	2pm - 4pm
12	St John’s Abbey Gatehouse	St John’s Green, CO2 7HA	Early 15th century gatehouse. Flint flushwork, vaulted roof and battlement flanked by pinnaced corner turrets. The gatehouse also has historical associations with Richard III and the English Civil War.	10.30am-4pm
13	Mercury Theatre	Balkerne Gate, CO1 1PT	A rare chance to take a backstage tour of this wonderful theatre. Built in 1972, it has been hosting some of the country's biggest names ever since.	Entrance by tour only, 10am - 12pm tours every 15 minutes
14	Lexden Tumulus	30 Fitzwalter Road, CO3 3SY	A surviving Iron-Age burial mound associated with Addedomaros, a king of the Trinovante tribe.	2pm-5pm
15	Quaker Meeting House	6 Church Street, CO1 1NF	Grade 2 listed building dating from 1803. Refreshments will be available.	10am – 4pm
16	St Botolph’s church	Priory Street, CO2 7EE	Ruined nave of the first Augustinian priory in Britain. Built c1100-1170. Norman Revival parish church by William Mason, 1836.	10am-4pm
17	Bourne Mill	Bourne Road, CO2 8RT	Built as a fishing lodge in 1591 with stepped Dutch gables, it was later converted to a mill for cloth manufacturing, and then flour milling. Working water wheel. Day includes music, dance and Shakespeare.	10am - 5pm
18	Colchester Royal Grammar School	Lexden Road, CO3 3ND	A chance to look at this historic school, including the library and its Jacobean fireplace, as well as the hall (and its church organ) and the gardens. 20 minute talks will also take place in the hall.	10am – 12pm Talks at 10.20am, 10.50am and 11.30am
19	Roman Church Remains	Butt Road, CO3 3BU	The oldest Christian church in Britain with surviving remains above ground, built c330AD.	Any reasonable time
20	St John’s Orthodox (Garrison) Church	Military Road, CO1 2AN	Grade 2* listed church, run by the Russian Orthodox Church. Built in 1855 to provide services to soldiers going to the Crimean War, this timber church could hold services for 500 people and is the last of its kind.	Entrance is by tour only. Tours at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm
21	Colchester Cemetery	Mersea Road, CO2 8RU	A small exhibition of photographs will be on display, taken chiefly by Friends of the Cemetery, located just outside the Anglican Chapel. There will be a guided tour of the cemetery (Most of the route will be on hard path, but wheelchair users please note that there are some hills).	10am-3pm. Tour at 2pm, lasts approx 1-1.5 hours, meet just inside the cemetery gates
22	Vintage Bus Service	Buses depart at the War Memorial, Castle Park Gates	SERVICE A will link the town centre and King Edward Quay at the Hythe, stopping at Bourne Mill and St Leonard’s Church. SERVICE B will link the town centre with the Hythe and the University of Essex.	Service A departs every half hour from 9.45 – 16.30 Service B departs hourly from 1.30 – 15.30
23	St Leonard-at-the-Hythe Church	Hythe Hill, CO1 2LW	Mainly 14th century church with impressive tower. Bullet holes from civil war still visible in south door, and sailor’s graves in churchyard. The church also boasts a mural.	11am-4pm
24	Headgate Theatre	14 Chapel Street North, CO2 7AT	Built in 1844 as a Congregational Church, this building has also been the Labour Party Headquarters and a ladies health club. Acquired by Colchester Borough Council and refurbished as a theatre by the Theatre Arts Action Trust, it opened as ‘the home of Amateur Theatre in Colchester’ in 2002.	11am-4pm
25	St James the Great Church	East Hill, CO1 2QL	Dating from the 12th/13th century and restored in the late 19th century. Features 18th and 19th century paintings, 17th century brasses, and the original organ from St Nicholas’ Church on the High Street, which was demolished in 1955. John Ball, the radical priest and leader of the 1381 Peasants’ Revolt, used to preach here.	9am-5pm
26	Vintage Bus Display	King Edward Quay, the Hythe CO2 8JB	The Eastern National Vehicle Owners Club show a display of former Eastern National buses. There will be around 10 vehicles, of which 3 would be in use and 7 on display at the Hythe during the day.	9.45am-4.45pm
27	‘Discover Colchester’ at Slack Space	‘The Space’, Queen Street, CO1 2PQ (former Keddies and Shoe World shop).	Slack Space and Colchester Archaeological Trust invite you to ‘Discover Colchester!’ The exhibition features paintings and photographs celebrating our heritage, finds and reconstructions, information and displays. Take part in a treasure trail around the town centre to discover the hidden treasures of Colchester's past.	11am-6pm
28	University of Essex Latin American Art Collection	University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, CO4 3SQ	Take a guided tour of the University’s fantastic collection of Latin American Art. This tour includes the library and the Hexagon – an iconic building soon to be a Museum of Latin American Art, but also remembered as a music venue hosting the likes of Pink Floyd.	Tours at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, lasts approx 30 mins. Meet at the vintage bus stop, North Towers
29	Colchester Library – Discover Historic Colchester	Trinity Square, CO1 1JB	Want to know more about the Heritage Open Day properties and discover historic Colchester? Visit the library where a large map on the ground floor will pinpoint the properties open this weekend in Colchester. Then make your way to the Local History section for a display of books relating to these properties.	8.30am-5pm
30	Sailing Barge ‘Fertile’	King Edward Quay, the Hythe, CO2 8JB	An attractive Swim Head Stumpy Sail Barge which began life as a Thames lighter in 1935. Rescued from Medway scrap yard and restored in the 1970s. Visitors can see her traditional rig and main cabin. There is also a chance to take a 2 hour river trip through picturesque villages and countryside. There will also be a river trip on Sunday for the same cost	Access via gangway. Saturday 10am – 7pm (out of dock 1.30pm-3.30pm) Saturday River Trip 1.30pm, Sunday 2.10pm. £10 per person. Please book on 07884 398860.
31	Colne Light Ship	King Edward Quay, the Hythe, CO2 8JB	Launched in 1954 as a Light Vessel, she served as a navigational light ship. Now used by the Colchester Sea Cadets. Refreshments and bar available. Access is via a gangway and there are steep steps around the ship.	10am – 5pm

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5	Costumed Themed Walking Tours	Depart from War Memorial, Castle Park gates	A themed tour with a costume guide taking you to parts of Colchester.	11am, Siege of Colchester 3pm, Roman Colchester
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