

Tea and Talks 2008

Colchester Castle

Every Saturday from 18th October – 15th November

This autumn come along to Colchester Castle and enjoy a fantastic range of talks as Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service hosts its annual 'Tea and Talks' event. Sit back in the beautiful surroundings of Colchester Castle, enjoy a fascinating talk and relax with a nice cuppa. Too good to miss!

Tea and Talks kicks off on Saturday 18th October with a talk from **Dr Lukas Nickel**. Dr Nickel is a lecturer in Chinese Archaeology in the School of Oriental and African Studies and the Institute of Archaeology at University College London. This fascinating lecture entitled **Jade Suits and Clay Soldiers – Burial of the Han Imperial Family** looks at funeral practises and ideas from the Han imperial elite and how these compare with evidence from the tombs of common people. A perfect accompaniment to the 'Guardians to the King' exhibition this is a talk not to be missed.

Following on Saturday 25th October **Roger Hodge** from the Cutty Sark will host **The Cutty Sark – China Tea and the Ships it Created**. This lecture will give an introduction to the Cutty Sark, before recounting how tea became a part of everyday life in Britain and the American colonies.

On Saturday 1st November local historian **Keith Lovell** will discuss **History Through Essex Pub Signs**. In this enchanting lecture Keith will talk briefly about the history of trade signs and their first appearance on hostelrys in our county. A variety of examples local to Colchester will then be looked at in detail, before more from around the country are explored.

If you are intrigued by family history then don't miss your chance to hear local historian **Patrick Denney** and **A Journey into Family History**. With many television programmes inspiring us to research our own family histories the resulting stories can be full of drama and intrigue. Patrick's story is one such example - worthy of any historical novel!

Tea and Talks rounds of this year with **Ringling in the Old**, by Colchester's Town Crier, **Robert Needham**. This delightful lecture charts Robert's development as Town Crier for Colchester and then explores some of the known local history. The talk delves into an extract from William Wire's diary as well as photographs of the Town Criers in 1916 and 1924.

Tea and Talks at Colchester Castle can be enjoyed for only £3.00 a session, or all 5 can be booked for £12.00. Sessions must be booked and paid for in advance by calling Hollytrees Museum on 01206 282940. Talks begin at 3.00pm and entry to the Castle for the event is permitted from 2.30pm. All talks will be British Sign Language Interpreted.