

FREE Lectures!

Discover history with museum experts...

Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries

Visitors to Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service this summer can enjoy discovering more about history and the museums as two free lectures are offered, hosted by museum experts.

Inspired by the current Anglo-Saxon Art in the Round exhibition two lectures will be offered to museum visitors, free of charge. Both lectures will be hosted by expert staff from Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service and are sure to give a real insight for museum and history enthusiasts.

The first lecture '**The Kingdom of the East Saxons: The Poor Relations?**' takes place on **Thursday 9th July** and is hosted by Heritage Manager, Philip Wise. Anglo-Saxon Essex has long been regarded as the poor relation of Suffolk in terms of Anglo-Saxon studies. However, the recent discovery of the 'Prittlewell Prince', a wealthy male grave rivalling Sutton Hoo, has led to a re-assessment of the significance of the kingdom of the East Saxons. This lecture will explore evidence from all over Essex to reveal something of the county's importance from the earliest Saxon settlements to the reign of Harold II.

The lecture begins at 12.15pm and can be enjoyed free of charge. Booking is recommended by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

The second summer lecture, '**Portable Antiquities: The Public Contribution to Anglo-Saxon Archaeology**' takes place on **Thursday 27th August** and is hosted by Laura McLean, the Finds Liaison Officer for Essex.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme has been running in England for over 10 years. In this time the scheme has recorded a large quantity of archaeological material discovered by members of the public through metal detecting and gardening. The lecture will look at unusual and interesting Anglo-Saxon objects and will consider how they are helping to contribute and change our knowledge of Anglo-Saxon England.

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