



# CHELMSFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

'Mindful of Chelmsford's Heritage and Shaping its Future'

## October/November/December Newsletter



22nd Oct-12th Nov



*Your City*  
*Your Festival*  
*Your Possibilities*

A Changing Chelmsford initiative  
[www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org](http://www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org)

The Society's autumn programme forms part of the Chelmsford Ideas Festival: running from 22nd October to 12th November. This year there are 93 events: by far the largest number ever; and 11 separate venues. The Festival is run by two Directors: Victoria Button and Lucy Evans. Key supporters are Edith Miller, Manager of the Ideas Hub, and Rachel Moss from the Community Engagement team at Anglia Ruskin University. Roger Estop, from the City Council, and Nephazi Odeleye, a lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University, have organised events under the Your City umbrella: involving the Royal Society of Arts and the Academy of Urbanism. We have a Steering Group which includes members of the City Events team. The City Council and Anglia Ruskin

University are the main Festival sponsors. The themes this year are: Arts; Your City; Technology/ Science; Heritage; Food; Wellbeing. Events are open to all. Marconi Science Worx have loaned items from the Marconi Exhibition to Chelmsford Museums. They will be on display at Sandford Mill Sunday 23rd October.

The programme and booking arrangements are set out on the Festival website: [www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org](http://www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org)

The Festival box office is located in the Ideas Hub on Market Square.

Malcolm Noble

Civic Society Programme: Ideas Festival 2016

'What was it like to be a teenager in the sixties'? A talk by Elizabeth Woodcraft, with Society Secretary in the Chair. This runs from 14.30 to 16.00 on Tuesday 25th October in the Ideas Hub. 'The Women with the Whip.' A talk by Society Secretary Stephen Norris on the Suffragettes of Chelmsford. Stephen is author of a history of our City, entitled 'From a Borough to a City. A History of Chelmsford 1888 – 2012'. The talk will take place at the Ideas Hub on Friday 11th November between 14.00 and 16.30 in the Ideas Hub.

The Festival's flagship event is our showing of the original 1916 film 'The Battle of the Somme', in Chelmsford Cathedral. This will take place between 8.00 pm and 10.00 pm on Thursday 27th October. The film is silent with captions and will be accompanied by music played by the Cambridge Concert Orchestra: conducted by Suzanne Dexter-Mills. The music has been commissioned for this year's centenary and the composer Laura Rossi will be present. The film showing will be followed by a panel session with Laura, Dr. Tony Haggath Senior Curator at the Imperial War Museum and Ian Hook Curator at The Essex Regiment Museum. The event is sponsored by Chelmsford City Council.

# Society social (RSVP) and the New Year



We are aiming to have a lunch time social this year on Thursday 1st of December at 1pm it will involve a buffet lunch and a catch up. Please could you email [info@chelmsfordcivicsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@chelmsfordcivicsociety.co.uk) or call or text 07940 571069 if you wish to attend. We need to have an idea of numbers before booking.

The next newsletter will contain our programme for the first half of 2017. This includes the AGM to be held on 17th March. Our guest speaker will be Sir Simon Burns MP. He will reflect on his time representing Chelmsford in Parliament. Following the opening of the Bond Street development, with the

John Lewis store, we plan to look at the future of retail in our City centre.



The City Council commissioned the Society to run this year's programme. Alan Pamphilon, known for his programme of historical walks, was the organiser. He was supported by Paul McLean. There were 22 sites open to visitors this year and the event overall was well advertised in the City. Typical of the responses Alan received afterwards, was the comment by one Chelmsford resident: 'I have lived here nearly 30 years and have always wanted to look round Marriage's Mill; so thank you for making my dream come true'.

## Planning Matters

The Society comments regularly on important planning applications. An example recently concerned plans by Taylor Woodrow to develop part of the Chelmer Waterside site.

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