

1. The Society's programme for the 2023-2024 season is as wide-ranging as ever and attempts to be both informative and entertaining. It combines a broad spectrum of music with vastly differing subjects for illustrated talks, ever mindful of the high standards sought by the Society.
2. Having regard to our charitable status, it is our policy to keep the price of the season ticket as low as possible. Our success in doing so rests, in no little way, on getting local businesses, societies and individuals to support, by way of sponsorship, each of our presentations. The Society acknowledges with gratitude the assistance and interest given for the 2023-2024 season by those listed in the programme.
3. The capacity of the theatre determines the size of the Society's membership. Should you wish to apply for membership, please contact Debbie Day on 01255 421579 to place your name, address and telephone number on our waiting list, in order that we may contact you as soon as a vacancy arises. Should you not be a member and there is a presentation which particularly attracts you, the price of admission is then £10.00.

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2nd OCTOBER 2023 – 4th MARCH 2024

October 2nd – Our season opens with **THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA** presenting **'BIG BAND BRASS'**. Directed by Chris Dean, the band will present a rip roaring, exciting swing journey, offering the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald to name but a few.

THE SQN. LDR. HARTLEY EVENING.

October 9th – This evening we are in the company of **LOUISE MINCHIN**. Louise is a TV presenter, journalist, author, podcaster, and a keen athlete. Her first book Dare to Tri, charted her journey from the BBC breakfast sofa to competing internationally in triathlon.

October 16th – Tonight **ELLIOT JAMES**, actor, writer and teacher will present **'THE IMPORTANCE OF HAPPINESS'** with an account of Noel Coward's presidency of the long-forgotten Actor's Orphanage. Along with **'SHAKESPEARE DEMYSTIFIED'** a humorous take on the great Bard.

Sponsored by FRIENDS OF FRINTON THEATRE.

October 23rd – This evening, singer **CHRISTINE BOVILL** presents **'PIAF'**. A night of Edith Piaf music and popular classics. An award-winning songwriter in her own right Christine has toured throughout Europe with her self-penned homage to the Little Sparrow.

October 30th – Presenting **DR RICHARD SHEPHERD** Forensic Pathologist with **'UNNATURAL CAUSES – Some Tales of the Unexpected'**. With a career that spans over 30 years, Richard has been involved nationally and internationally in the forensic investigation of over 23,000 cases of deaths from unnatural causes.

Not Suitable for Under 16's.

Sponsored by a long-standing member of the Society.

November 6th – Join us for a musical evening with **HUW WIGGIN** and **TIM ABEL**. Huw is professor of saxophone at the Royal Academy of Music in London and has performed in venues all over the world. Tim has enjoyed a varied career as a freelance pianist and has also performed at some of the UK's top venues along with being a solo cabaret artist for several cruise lines.

November 13th – This evening we welcome back **MARK SMITH** the Medals and Militaria expert. Having proved so popular last time he will continue with more moving stories in connection with, **'FOR VALOUR – THE STORY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS, PART TWO'**.

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November 20th – To end the first half of the season we present **'CHRISTMAS SWINGTIME'**, Fronted by singer **JOANNA EDEN** and featuring the **CHRIS INGHAM QUARTET**, this festive jazz entertainment presents songs by the likes of Ella, Frank, Doris and Dean, the perfect way to swing into the holidays.

Sponsored by MICHAEL and JULIE PAYNE

**Your Committee wish you a
very Happy Christmas.**

January 15th – The New Year starts with concert pianist **'HIROAKI TAKENOUCHI'**. As a soloist, Hiroaki has appeared on many concert platforms. His curiosity and a natural penchant for integrity makes his playing and vast repertoire unique amongst his generation of pianists.

Sponsored by CLIVE and JEANETTE HARRE.

January 22nd – This evening **JOHN BENJAMIN** presents **'THE HISTORY OF EUROPEAN JEWELLERY'** - Elizabeth 1 to Elizabeth Taylor. Broadcaster, writer, jewellery expert and valuer, John appears regularly on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow.

January 29th – **'AN EVENING WITH THE REV'D CANON KATE BOTTLEY'**. The Reverend Kate Bottley is a parish priest, journalist, radio presenter and TV personality who is passionate about sharing stories of her faith to the widest possible audience.

**Sponsored by PEAGRAMS (Estate Agents)
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February 5th – Tonight, **OLLIE GIFFIN**, Flamenco Dancer, Choreographer, and Teacher presents **'CAMINO'**. An evening of Flamenco dance, guitar music, and song, provided by the nine members of this exciting group. A lively evening will be had by all.

February 12th – This evening Colchester historian **PATRICK DENNEY** presents **'COLCHESTER : THE ROMAN CONQUEST and BOUDICA's REVENGE'** Patrick is a well-known local and family history tutor as well as being an author of numerous books and articles on the history of Colchester.

February 19th – Performing this evening, **STRINGFEVER**. An entertaining group of four talented musicians that have lived and breathed music since a young age. Stringfever's selections range from inspiring classics to popular music.

February 26th – Our penultimate presentation introduces **'TOES IN THE SOIL-GARDENING'** with **SUE KENT**. Sue is an inspirational gardener, and says "I garden with my small hands, but also with my feet due to an upper limb disability. Sue uses her knowledge of plants and design ideas to make gardening easy and enjoyable for every age and ability.

Sponsored by SUE and EAMONN GRAY.

March 4th – To close our season **'JAN HUNT'** presents the great sound of **'THE MAGNIFICENT MUSIC HALL'**. With an exciting show featuring a varied programme of music, song and dance, that will transport you back to the golden days of the music hall.

Sponsored by LESLEY BARLOW, Clacton-On-Sea.

**April 15th – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Entertainment. MOTLEY CREW. Hailing from
Brightlingsea, the Motley Crew was formed
23 years ago. They sing shanties and songs with
a nautical theme, delivered in robust four or
five-part harmony to their own arrangements.**

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