

1. The Society's programme for the 2024-25 season is as wide ranging as ever and attempts to both inform and entertain. It combines a broad spectrum of music with a variety of illustrated talks. The Society strives to maintain our traditional high standards of presentations and speakers.
2. As we are a Charity, we are keen to keep the price of the season ticket as low as possible for our members. One way that we do this is by encouraging sponsorship of individual presentations by local businesses, societies and individuals. The society would like to thank those who have done so in this season. Sponsorships are visible underneath each artist.
3. If you want to become a member of the society, please contact our membership secretary – Debbie Day – on 01255 421579, or email her at day797@btinternet.com If we cannot offer membership at once, we maintain a waiting list.
4. If you are not a member but wish to attend a presentation, admission costs only £10 on the door



2024/2025

**CLACTON &
NORTH EAST ESSEX
ARTS and LITERARY SOCIETY**

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**MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7.30pm
7th OCTOBER TO 10th MARCH**

**THE PRINCES THEATRE
TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA**

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ADMISSION CHARGES

SEASON TICKETS (For All 16 Performances) £55.00
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OFFERS 16 MONDAY EVENINGS OF SUPERB ENTERTAINMENT AT THE PRINCES THEATRE

7th OCTOBER 2024 – 10th MARCH 2025

October 7th – Our season opens with a step back to 1920 Harlem's famous nightclub with **SWINGING AT THE COTTON CLUB** featuring **THE LINDY HOP DANCE COMPANY** and **THE HARRY STRUTTERS HOT RHYTHM ORCHESTRA**.
Sponsored by THE SQN. LDR. HARTLEY EVENING.

October 14th – This evening we are in the company of **NICK PENNY** with a talk entitled **CALL OF THE KINGFISHER, A YEAR BY THE RIVER**. An inspiring speaker, with passion and care about wildlife and birdsong.

October 21st – Tonight **CANTANTI**, delight us with **OPERA FOR EVERYONE**. A unique and exciting classical vocal duo presenting a refreshing repertoire of well-loved operatic, classical and musical theatre arias. From the Finals of 'The Voice', Sophie & Emily have already gone on to support acts such as Gary Barlow and Alfie Boe.
Sponsored by June Catchpole, Margaret Geale and 2 long standing members of the society.

October 28th – This evening comedy writer, TV producer, podcaster and speaker **JUDITH HOLDER** presents **OLDER AND WIDER**. Having originated 'Grumpy Old Women' we are in for an uplifting and inspiring talk about ageing. Her talk will be affectionate, intuitive, funny and authentic.

November 4th – We extend a very warm welcome back to the **CHRIS INGHAM QUARTET**, showcasing **THE JAZZ OF DUDLEY MOORE**. Celebrating Dudley as a pianist, composer and musician. An emotional range of music with swing and humour. An evening of Jazz joy.
Sponsored by Jan Rodwell, a long standing member of the Society.

November 11th – Join us for an evening with **JJ (JOHN JAMES) CHALMERS**. Former marine commando, Invictus Games Gold medallist and now TV presenter and speaker. An inspirational speaker on his recovery and many life achievements.

November 18th – To end the first half of the season we have **CHRISTMAS WITH DICKENS**, presented by **ROBERT POWELL AND LIZA GODDARD** joined by Clive Conway on the flute and Nathan Tinker on piano. Celebrating **DICKENS**, his life and times through his writings and scenes from his best-loved novels, with a seasonal twist.
Sponsored by Sue and Eamonn Gray.

Your Committee wish you a very Happy Christmas.

January 13th – The New Year starts with a sublime treat. **JULIAN AND JIAXIN LLOYD WEBBER** presenting **BACH EXPLORED – LLOYD WEBBERS REVEALED!** World renowned musicians Julian and Jiaxin will take us on a unique 'double-sided' journey of live music and 'behind the scenes' stories. From exploring Bach's Cello suites to playing with modern day icons, including Elton John, Yehudi Menuhin, not forgetting (his brother) Andrew Lloyd Webber. This evening is not to be missed.
Sponsored by long standing supporters of the Society.

January 20th – This evening, the delightful **KATE HUMBLE** presents **EVER SO HUMBLE**. Starting at the BBC as a researcher with "Animal Hospital", then to "The Holiday Programme". 20 years on she is a much loved TV presenter (for BBC1, BBC2, BBC4, BBC1 Wales, and Sky) and writer of articles and books.
Sponsored by a long standing member of the Society.

January 27th – Tonight we warmly welcome back **CHRISTINE BOVILL** presenting her show **SPEAKEASY**. Singing some of the most celebrated songs and engrossing stories from the 30's era. Taking us through a decade of heroes and villains, of sex scandals, literary giants and criminal low lives, all beautifully bound with her seductive voice.
Sponsored by Lesley Barlow, Clacton-on-Sea.

February 3rd – This evening **NICK SANDERS**. A professional adventurer for 42 years, who has ridden around the world by motorbike and bicycle 11 times, clocking up 1 million kms and Guinness records. With 17 books and 71 TV shows, we are in for a thrilling evening.

February 10th – This evening the multi-talented **STEVE WILLIAMS** performs. A piano player and singer. His style and albums varying from an eclectic mix of tunes and styles from a lifetime of musical influences to compilations of classic covers arranged for piano and voice.

February 17th – A freelance writer, quiz master, producer for TV and theatre and writer, speaking this evening is **CHRISTOPHER WINN** on **I NEVER KNEW THAT ABOUT LONDON**. His books include, the bestselling 'I Never Knew That About England', 'I Never Knew That About Coastal England' and 'The Book of Christmas' to name but a few.
Sponsored by long standing supporters of the Society.

February 24th – Introduces the talented **BOOTLEG SHADOWS**. Keeping the sounds of The Shadows alive, featuring hits from 1960 to the early 80's. Join them for a trip down memory lane, with Foot Tapper, Man of Mystery, Atlantis, Wonderful Land, Kon Tiki, Don't Cry for Me Argentina, FBI and many, many more.
Sponsored by Peagrams (Estate Agents) Clacton-on-Sea.

March 3rd – Our penultimate presentation will be in the company of **STEVE HAYWOOD**. A writer, journalist and filmmaker, and the author of five previous waterways books. He's been a devoted inland waterways narrowboater for fifty years. An evening of travels and tales.
Sponsored by Friends of Frinton Theatre.

March 10th – To close out our season, a night with the world famous **THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA**. From 'In the Mood', 'Moonlight Serenade', and 'American Patrol' – through to 'Little Brown Jug', 'Tuxedo Junction' and 'Pennsylvania 6-5000' ... to name just a few. An evening most definitely not to be missed.
Sponsored by Michael and Julie Payne.

April 7th – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Entertainment. NICOLA KEEN and MALCOLM McKEE, perform "An Evening with Joyce Grenfell". Transporting us back to the 1940's and 50's.