

Essex Record Office

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Events Guide March 2013 to March 2014

Celebrating 75 years 1938-2013



Essex County Council



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Essex Record Office Services

Talks and tours with the archivists

Our archivists regularly give talks about our work to organisations around the county. They are also delighted to welcome group tours to the Record Office. Each tour includes a display of original documents tailored to the group's interest. There is a charge for both talks and tours.

For more information please email ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk or call 01245 244644.

Search service

The Essex Record Office offers a dedicated search service for those who are unable to visit us in person. There is a charge for this service.

For more details please email ero.searchroom@essex.gov.uk or call 01245 244644.

Sessions for schools

The Record Office provides taught sessions for schools, based on items from the Record Office's huge collection. These can be delivered by trained teachers either at the Record Office or in your classroom.

To find out more please email heritage.education@essex.gov.uk

Cover image: *Elephants advertising Bond Ltd, a department store on Moulsham Street in Chelmsford which stood on the site now occupied by Pizza Express. From the Fred Spalding collection (D/F 269/1/4861)*

Essex Ancestors

The Essex Ancestors subscription service provides online access to more than 550,000 digital images of Essex parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials and Essex wills.

To find out how to subscribe and to begin your journey of discovery, visit www.essexancestors.co.uk

Volunteering

There are some opportunities for volunteers to work at the Record Office.

If you would like to know more about how you can help the Record Office by volunteering, please email ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk or call 01245 244644.



Crown grant to Sir William Maynard, knight and baronet, of the barony of Maynard, with portrait of James I in initial letter. 1620 (D/DMg F1)

Welcome to the Essex Record Office

The Essex Record Office collects and preserves the written, oral and visual heritage of the county, ensuring that it remains available to both present and future generations. This unique collection of records, based in Chelmsford, tells the story of a thousand years of Essex's history and can help you to discover the history of your family, home, village or town.

During a visit to the Record Office you can access documents, maps, photographs, diaries, accounts, letters, deeds, sound recordings and video. We hold the parish records for the Diocese of Chelmsford, which are particularly useful for family historians. Additionally, there is an extensive reference library of books about Essex's history.

It is free to visit the Record Office. You do not need to make an appointment but you will need a County Archive Research Network (CARN) reader's ticket if you want to look at original documents. Readers' tickets are issued free of charge, but you must bring some form of identification that includes both your address and signature to obtain one.

Our friendly, expert staff members are always pleased to advise you on how to begin to use the Record Office. We have a range of leaflets which will help you to understand more about how to use the Record Office, our collections, and some types of research. These are available free of charge. There is also a secure locker room for the storage of bags, which are not permitted in the Searchroom.

The building is fully accessible for people in wheelchairs and all the public reception desks, lecture theatre and several smaller conference rooms are serviced by an induction loop. The Searchroom has access to wi-fi. Public facilities include toilets, cloakroom, snack vending machine and a hot and cold drinks machine. There is a seating area for people who want to bring their own packed lunch and there is a variety of cafés, restaurants and sandwich bars within a 5-10 minute walk.

There is also a programme of events that is designed to help you get the most from the Record Office – you will find details on the following pages. Please note that unless otherwise indicated, all the events listed take place at the Essex Record Office, Chelmsford. Unless otherwise stated all our events, even if they are free, need to be booked in advance – please call the telephone number shown to book tickets.

2013 marks the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the ERO, making it one of England's oldest county record offices. Today, the ERO is housed in a purpose-built facility to provide the best conditions for the fragile documents which we care for, whilst also ensuring public access to them. This year we are celebrating the work of the ERO in preserving the past for the present and future, and making it accessible for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Essex Record Office.

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Every March, venues throughout Essex fill with people eager to listen to some of their favourite authors, and we are proud to be one of those venues.

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Join our expert conservators to find out how to make your own book from scratch.

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Creative family fun, based on items from the ERO's collections and Essex history.

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A series of guided walks in various locations in the county.

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The ERO holds records which cover the whole of the historic county of Essex, and our staff are often out and about in the county.

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Discovering the Essex Record Office

Get to know the ERO, and find out how to use our documents to research the history of your family, house or local community.

Searchroom Tour

This forty-five minute tour will show you how to get the very best from the Record Office's Searchroom and is ideal if you are just starting your research. The tour includes an introduction to Seax and Essex Ancestors, microfiche and microfilm, maps, the Essex Sound and Video Archive and the ERO library.

Wednesday 20 March 2013	10.30am – 11.15am
Saturday 13 April 2013	9.30am – 10.15am
Tuesday 21 May 2013	10.30am – 11.15am
Saturday 17 August 2013	9.30am – 10.15am
Wednesday 25 September 2013	10.30am – 11.15am
Saturday 26 October 2013	9.30am – 10.15am
Wednesday 19 March 2014	10.30am – 11.15am

Tickets: Free

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

Please note a tour may be cancelled if fewer than six people have booked.

Discover: Family History for Beginners

Get to grips with the basics of family history in a session for beginners. Discover what civil registration and the census can reveal about your ancestors. We will also look at internet sources.

Saturday 27 April 2013

10.00am – 12.00noon

Saturday 18 January 2014

10.00am – 12.00noon

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

See p35 for details of *Family History for Beginners* session in locations around the county.

Discover: Parish Registers (1538-present)

Parish registers contain information of great value to the family historian, but they may seem daunting if you have not used them before. This session will explain what you might expect to discover in parish registers and how to get the best from them.

Thursday 9 May 2013

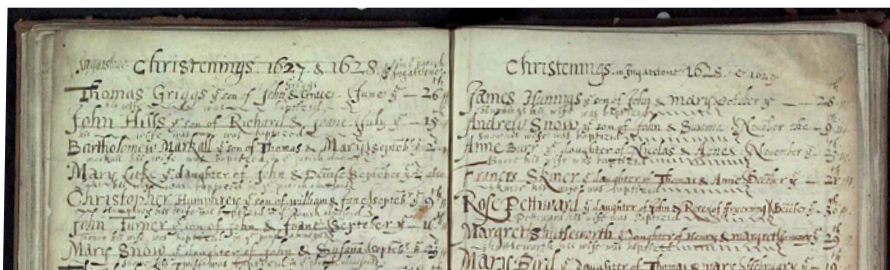
2.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 30 January 2014

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Extract from register of baptisms, marriages and burials,
St Edmund and St Mary, Ingatestone, 1558-1732 (D/P 31/1/1)

To book please call **01245 244614**

Discover: Wills (1400s-1858) – new for 2013

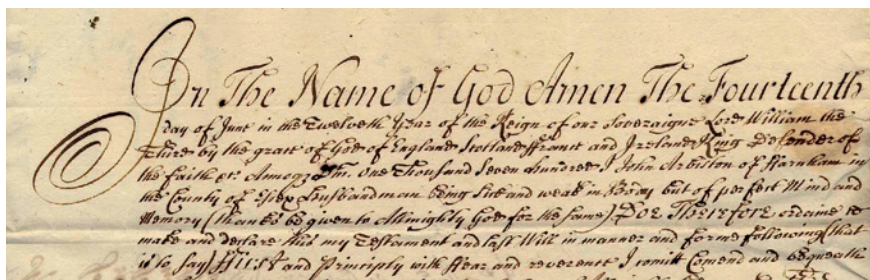
Wills are a very valuable source of information about life in the past. This session will show you how to find out if your ancestors made a will, what you might find in a will, and explain other probate records which may be useful.

Thursday 13 June 2013

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Extract from will of John Arbiston of Farnham, husbandman, 1700 (D/ABW 76/236)

Discover: Maps

Join members of our Searchroom team for a practical session that will explain how to use some of the many different kinds of maps that can be found in the Record Office.

Tuesday 10 September 2013

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 12 February 2014

10.00am – 12.00noon

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

Discover: Your House History

Who used to live in your house? Have you ever wondered about the history of your home? Whatever type of building you live in, it, or the land it is built on, is sure to have a history and the Record Office may hold the key to unlocking your home's past. This session will enable you to begin to discover the history of your house, or other buildings, using documents from the Record Office's collections.

Thursday 7 November 2013

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

You can also attend one of our House History sessions at Southend Central Library on Wednesday 24 April. See p34 for details.



Historic houses in Thaxted

To book please call **01245 244614**

Discover: Manorial Documents (1200s-1900s) – new for 2013

What did it mean to live and work under a Lord of the Manor? Join one of our archivists for this introduction to some of our earliest documents. Manorial documents can be challenging but fascinating; even very ordinary people may be mentioned in accounts and court rolls, giving us an insight into how past society functioned. Whether you want to take your research further, or just want an opportunity to dip into these fascinating records, this session is for you.

Tuesday 31 October 2013

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



*Court roll from the Manor of Tollesbury Hall,
1547-1612 (D/DDc M179)*

Discover: Essex Place Names

This session, run by the Essex Place Names Project, will provide an introduction to the place names of Essex, including how they evolved and what they mean. We will look at both major towns and villages and also farms, fields and natural features of the landscape. We will also explain the work of the Essex Place Names Project which provides a unique record and an opportunity for people to get involved in their own parish history.

Tuesday 25 June 2013

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets: £10.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

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Extract from Broomfield tithe award showing names of fields, 1846 (D/CT 54A)

1938-2013: 75 years of the ERO

2013 marks the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the ERO, and we are celebrating the work of the ERO in preserving the past for the present and future, and making it accessible for everyone.

Heritage Open Day: ERO at 75

Join us for a celebration of the ERO's 75th birthday. See behind the scenes on guided tours (including a special tour for families), visit the ERO Helpdesk for expert advice on family, house or local history, see some of the ERO's 'treasures', and watch archive films. See www.essex.gov.uk/EROevents from August 2013 for more details.

Saturday 14 September 2013

10.00am – 4.00pm

In conjunction with Heritage Open Days



The ERO Searchroom in the 1940s

To book please call **01245 244614**

Essex Book Festival

The Essex Book Festival is the biggest reading and writing event in the Eastern region, and has been running successfully for 12 years as a key event in the county's cultural calendar. Every March, venues throughout Essex fill with people eager to listen to some of their favourite authors, and we are proud to be one of those venues.

Peter Conradi: The Great Survivors – How Monarchy Made it into the Twenty-First Century

This new book from the bestselling author of *The King's Speech* (written with Mark Logue) compares and contrasts the history of the House of Windsor with that of its continental counterparts. It looks at monarchy today, its political role, the way it is financed, its relationship with the media, the threat it faces from republicanism – and the often controversial behaviour of its members.

Monday 25 March 2013

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Tickets: £5.00/£4.00 concessions

**Please call the Essex Book Festival box office: 01206 573948
(Mercury Theatre, Colchester)**

The logo for the Essex Book Festival, featuring the words "ESSEX BOOK FESTIVAL" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters stacked vertically on a red rectangular background.

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Essex History Group

This group is open to anyone who has an interest in history. It meets on the first Tuesday of the month for an informal lecture and a cup of tea. The talks are free, although a small charge is made for refreshments. There is no formal membership, so drop in and discover something new!

Talks start at 10.30am in the ERO lecture theatre, ask at the ground floor reception. The lecture theatre is accessible to people in wheelchairs and is fitted with an induction loop.

The Floods of 1953 in Essex	
Jane Allnutt	
Tuesday 5 March 2013	10.30am
Ancient Egyptian Language	
Janet Brewer	
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The Epping Ongar Railway “past – present – future”	
Simon Hanney	
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Around the World with Colonel Whitmore	
Allyson Lewis	
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The Essex Record Office – Reflections on its 75th Anniversary	
Vic Gray	
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Victorian Crime and Punishment	
Doug Newlyn	
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History of the Royal Gunpowder Mills and gunpowder manufacture	
Speaker from the Royal Gunpowder Mills TBC	
Tuesday 5 November 2013	10.30am

Mud and Monuments – The Archaeology of the Essex Coast

Ellen Heppell

Tuesday 3 December 2013

10.30am

Speakers TBC

Tuesday 7 January 2014

10.30am

Tuesday 3 February 2014

10.30am

Tuesday 3 March 2014

10.30am

**The 2014 programme will be available from December 2013.
For information please contact 01245 244614.**



View of Pier from the beach, Southend, c.1900 (I/Mb 321/1/66)

Conferences

Attend an informal one-day conference at the Essex Record Office and hear expert speakers tackle a range of subjects. Refreshments and a buffet lunch are included in the price unless otherwise stated. All conferences are in the ERO Lecture Theatre, which is fitted with a hearing induction loop and is accessible to people in wheelchairs.

Community Archives and Heritage Group Regional Conference: Funding your Community Archive

Community Archives gather copies of photographs and other documents along with memories relating to the history of a particular community, and make them publicly available online. This workshop run by the Community Archives and Heritage Group (CAHG) will give you essential advice on how to source funding for your Community Archive, including from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The focus of the day will be on Community Archives, but it will also be relevant to those involved in museums or other heritage projects. All welcome, whether you are already involved in a Community Archive or other heritage project, or would like to become involved. To explore Essex's existing network of Community Archives, visit www.seeca.org.uk

Tuesday 16 April 2013

10.30am – 3.00pm

**Free, please register in advance at
www.communityarchives.org.uk**

Please bring a packed lunch with you.

Essex's Industrial Archaeology

Since large-scale industrialisation began in the eighteenth century, industrial development has had a huge influence on the way people have lived. Essex is often overlooked as an industrial county, but industry is a fascinating aspect of the county's past. This one-day conference will take a look at the industries which sprang up here, and the impact they had on local people's lives.

Saturday 6 July 2013

9.30am – 4.00pm

Tickets: £15 including refreshments and buffet lunch

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Women at work in Marconi's factory, c.1920 (D/F 256/1/3678)

The Fighting Essex Soldier: Recruitment, War and Remembrance in the Fourteenth Century

During the fourteenth century, successive English kings sent their armies to do battle in Wales, Scotland and France. As a result, the number of men involved in warfare increased dramatically. What's more, these soldiers are well documented, enabling us to find out more about the men who served in these campaigns than any earlier ones, especially those drawn from the gentry and nobility. This conference will take a look at the impact these many conflicts had on Essex society, and how soldiers were remembered after their deaths. Further details to follow in late 2013.

Saturday 8 March 2014 9.30am – 4.00pm

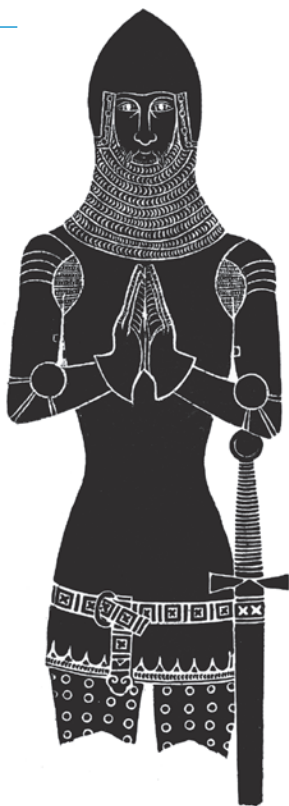
Tickets: £15 including refreshments and buffet lunch

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

In association with
the Friends of Historic Essex.



*Brass to Thomas Stapel in Shopland church,
c.1370*



Introduction to Bookbinding

This six week course in the Conservation Studio at the ERO will introduce you to the world of Bookbinding. Learn how to make your own books from scratch starting with a simple pamphlet style binding working up to a sewn hardback book using traditional methods. This course will give you a good grounding from which to pursue this traditional craft.

Monday evenings 3 June – 8 July 2013

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Monday evenings 24 February –
31 March 2014

6.00pm – 8.00pm

**Tickets: £120.00 per person
(including all equipment and materials)**

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Bookbinding workshop at the Essex Record Office

Family fun

New for 2013, the ERO is pleased to offer two sessions for families. Come along for creative family fun, based on items from the ERO's collections and Essex history.

Gingerbread Storytime

A storytelling and biscuit decorating activity for all the family, based on the Ladybird book, 'The Gingerbread Boy' from the 1966 Well-Loved Tales series. The illustrator, Robert Lumley, used Barker's Cottage in Hatfield Broad Oak as inspiration for the cottage in the illustrations.

Maximum two children per adult (children must be accompanied by an adult).

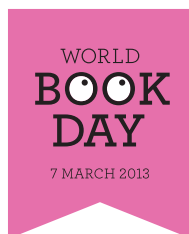
Saturday 9 March 2013	10.00am – 11.30am or 1.00pm – 2.30pm
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Tickets: £2.50 per child including refreshments

Suitable for ages 2+

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

In conjunction with World Book Day, 7 March, 2013.
www.worldbookday.com



3D Tudor Chelmsford

Help us to bring Tudor Chelmsford back to life! In 1591, a very special map was made of the town, showing each individual house and shop. Come along to make a Tudor house and place it on our large map.

Maximum two children per adult (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Wednesday 29 May 2013

10.00am – 12.00noon

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Tickets: £2.00 per child

Suitable for ages 5+

Just drop in



Extract from the Walker map of Chelmsford, 1591 (D/DM P1)

Walks

Join one of our staff members on our guided walks to explore more of our county's rich heritage.

Chelmsford: Walking with Walker

The Walker map of Chelmsford is one of the gems in the Record Office's collections. Using this as a starting point, we will uncover some of the secrets of Chelmsford High Street. The walk is on flat terrain and under one mile.

Wednesday 12 June 2013

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Tickets: £5.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Chelmsford High Street, c.1950 (D/F 269/1/3140)

Southend-on-Sea: The arrival of the railway

Discover how the town developed with the coming of the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway. A one-mile walk on flat terrain through the Cliff Town conservation area.

Wednesday 10 July 2013

10.30am – 12.00noon

Tickets: £5.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.



Ordnance Survey map of Cliff Town in Southend, 1874

Manningtree: In the footsteps of a Witchfinder

Join this popular walk and discover Manningtree as Matthew Hopkins, the infamous Witchfinder General, would have seen it. A two and a half mile walk with some gentle slopes.

Wednesday 23 October 2013

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 24 October 2013

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Tickets: £5.00

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

Out and about in Essex

The ERO holds records which cover the whole of the historic county of Essex, and our staff are often out and about in the county, running workshops or giving talks about our collections. If we are not already appearing in a location near you, see p3 for information on booking a talk with one of our archivists.

Saffron Walden

The Essex Record Office has an Archive Access Point at Saffron Walden Library, King Street, Saffron Walden. Its resources are available to use during library opening hours and it is staffed on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.00am – 5.00pm (closed for lunch 1.00pm – 2.00pm) and Saturdays, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Saffron Walden on the Map

In spring 2012, a map of Saffron Walden dating back to 1757 – the oldest known map of this historic town – was discovered in an outbuilding on a local farm. It has now been transferred to the ERO to be cared for in our specialist storage facilities, and will be in Saffron Walden for one day only for a special event. Join us to see the original map, and for a display and series of talks explaining how it has been conserved. For more details nearer the time, please see www.essex.gov.uk/EROevents.

Saturday 16 March 2013

10.30am – 3.30pm

Free, no need to book

Saffron Walden Town Hall, Market Square,
Saffron Walden, CB10 1HR

By kind permission of Lord Braybrooke

In association with the Saffron Walden Archive Access Point

Supported by Saffron Walden Town Council



Extract from Edward John Eyre's 1757 map of Saffron Walden, the oldest known map of the town

Discover: Maps for Local Historians and Family Historians

Maps are a key source for local historians but are surprisingly useful for family historians too. This session will look at Ordnance Survey maps in 6", 25" and 120" scales, tithe maps, enclosure maps and estate maps and explore how to get the most out of them.

Tuesday 9 April 2013

10.30am – 12.00noon

Tickets: £10.00

Saffron Walden Archive Access Point

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10.30am – 12.00noon

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Southend

Discover: Your House History

Who used to live in your house? Have you ever wondered about the history of your home? Whatever type of building you live in, it, or the land it is built on, is sure to have a history and the Record Office may hold the key to unlocking your home's past. This session will explain how you can begin to discover the history of your house, or other buildings, using documents such as maps, deeds, directories, and census material.

Wednesday 24 April 2013

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Tickets: £10.00

Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6EX

Please book in advance on 01245 244614.

Discover: Family History for Beginners

Get to grips with the basics of family history in a session for beginners. Discover what civil registration and the census can reveal about your ancestors. We will also look at internet sources.

Witham Library

18 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2AQ

Thursday 13 June 2013

10.30am – 12.30pm

Thurrock Museum

Thameside Complex, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX

Thursday 22 August 2013

10.30am – 12.30pm

Bishops Park Library

Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, C016 8BE

Thursday 14 November 2013

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets: £10.00

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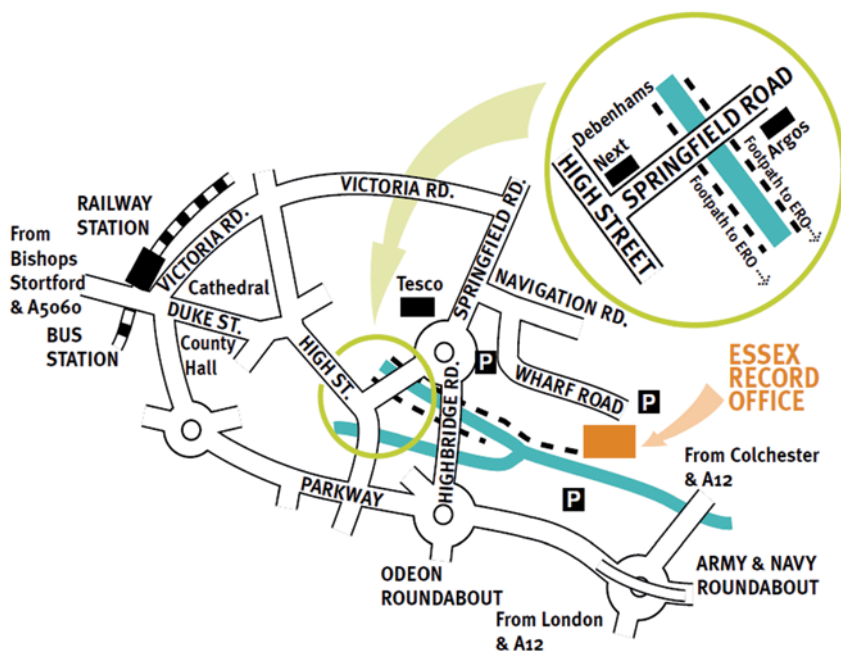


The Stagg family of Kirby-le-Soken, c.1896 (I/Mb 201/1/1)

To book please call **01245 244614**

How to find us

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Our opening hours

Monday	9.00am – 8.30pm
Tuesday – Thursday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday – Saturday	9.00am – 4.00pm

When we are closed:

The Essex Record Office is closed every Sunday. In addition, the Searchroom is closed on the following days in 2013:

Easter	Friday 29 March Saturday 30 March Monday 1 April
May Day	Monday 6 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August
Stocktaking	Monday 25 November to Saturday 7 December inclusive
Christmas/New Year	Tuesday 24 December – early closing at 1pm
	Wednesday 25 December
	Thursday 26 December
	Friday 27 December
	Saturday 28 December – closed all day
	Wednesday 1 January 2014 – closed all day

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- A quarterly newsletter
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- The opportunity to attend special member-only events
- The opportunity to be involved in special projects at the ERO
- An annual meeting in a place of historic interest in the county
- Contact with others who share your interests

Membership costs £10 a year.

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Opposite: Chelmsford Borough Fire Brigade demonstrating their new fire escape ladder at the Corn Exchange, 1899 (I/Sp 15/350)



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