

# Jane's Walk 2017 (May 5-7th)

An international weekend of local walks led by local people, celebrating the legacy of the urbanist & activist Jane Jacobs (1916-2006)



## It's a great weekend for staying in town!

### FRIDAY MAY 5th

#### 1. Sustainable Living in the Town Centre

A walk with Pam Nelson and Emily Harrup highlighting different aspects of sustainable living at stopping points around the town centre, finishing up at the Colchester Famers' Market for a chance to browse and buy local sustainable produce and enjoy lunch with a free cup of tea.

**Meet:** 12 noon, in Culver Square - look out for Emily & Pam in yellow and pink high viz cycling jackets (1 hr).

#### 2. All Trees Great and Small (University of Essex)

An introduction to 30 of Wivenhoe Park's finest trees with arboreal expert Christopher Howard. An ramble taking in some of the fine views across the parkland and some of the less common and notable trees that grace the landscape. Early May is still a time for some of the fresh growth and provides an enticing taster for some of the arboreal surprises and splendour to be found on campus.

**Meet:** 5pm, The Silberrad Centre (2hrs).

#### 3. Exploring the Walk as Art - Place, Story, Artefact

An interactive short walk with Sara Hayes exploring St Botolph's and encouraging dialogue about the effect on the community of the area's transition into a cultural quarter: investigations and observations of the everyday through stories and archaeology of the familiar.

**Meet:** 6.30 pm, The foyer of Space Studios, 37 Queen St. CO1 2PQ (approx. 1 hr.) Walk ends at the Jane's Walk weekend launch, Piatto Café, Queen St.

#### 4. Jane's Walk evening launch party

Help us see the new Jane's Walk weekend in with live music from Sally Army, a paying bar, and plenty of dancing hopefully! An opportunity also to discover more about Jane Jacobs, urbanist, activist and writer, whose life and ideas the Jane's Walk weekend celebrates.

**Venue:** Piatto Café, Queen Street, 7.30-11pm. All welcome.

### SATURDAY MAY 6th

#### 5. 7 am with Anthony Roberts

An early morning walk, celebrating the 7 am photographs Ant publishes on Facebook. The town without people in it. Or maybe just us. It started with a spontaneous snap one morning when I had an early start to meet a deadline at work. Almost by mistake I seem to have stumbled into some sort of project about our sense of home, our memories, the oneness of life, the everyday, the ordinary and the extraordinary. The familiar, and unnoticed. A vision through the tiny lens of a mobile phone camera and a journey to work.

**Meet:** 7am, 10 Inverness Close, CO1 2SA (1.5 hrs.)

#### 6. Concrete Legacy:

##### The Murals of Henry Collins & Joyce Pallot

Join Katherine Wood and the team involved in developing the restoration and interpretation of Colchester's public art murals by husband and wife team, artists Henry Collins and Joyce Pallot. The walk is organised by Colchester Civic Society and Colchester in Bloom who have recently been successful in their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the murals across Colchester's Southway subways.

**Meet:** 10 am, outside the town centre Sainsburys in Priory Walk. (1 hr)

#### 7. Riots, Rebellions and Protests (Part 1):

##### From Boudica to Suffragettes

A walk, and street theatre, with Dorian Kelly around some of the locations that have changed Colchester and a chance to meet some of the amazing people throughout its turbulent history who have stood up and said "enough, no more..." Such as... the woman who struck terror into the local MP and started a revolution; the local man who persuaded people to leave their land and their smithies and to march on the King; the two-day battle at St Botolphs and its aftermath; Colchester's own not-so-holy wars.

**Meet:** 11.30 am, The war memorial. (2hrs)

#### 8. From the Castle to the Tower (and on to the Stadium!)

Spend a Saturday afternoon with Robert Johnstone. See the lovely Castle Park in its full glory, then stroll through the less "manicured" High Woods Country Park. The walk shows how you can easily walk from the centre of town to the Water Tower on Mill Road - by only crossing two roads (following public footpaths - and a bridleway!)

**Meet:** 12 noon, Colchester Castle entrance (approx 1.5 hrs.).

#### 9. Riots, Rebellions and Protests (Part 2):

##### Poll Tax, Iraq War and beyond.

"The great only appear great because we are on our knees. Let us rise". So said James Larkin, the Irish trade union leader. And rise many have, in Colchester as elsewhere. Mike Harwood & Brian Light visit places where Colchester folk vented their anger against deeply resented actions of governments. Two amazing stories for the price of one, and more besides!

**Meet:** 2.30 pm, The Marquis of Granby, North Hill (2 hrs.)

#### 10. Haunted Colchester: North Hill to East.

A walk with local man Rob Brown, from the historic (and haunted) Marquis pub - where a fortifying beverage may be taken - through the dark history of the ancient Dutch Quarter, ending at the Foresters' Arms in Castle Road, after the secrets of haunted East Hill are revealed.

**Meet:** 8 pm, The George Hotel, High Street, Colchester (1.5 hrs.)

### SUNDAY MAY 7th

#### 11. Landscape:

##### The Defence of the Ancient Tribal Kingdom

Mitch Mclean introduces the ancient boundary & landmarks of the stronghold of Camulodunum. Walk part of the ancient Grymes Dyke, built by the Celts and improved by the Romans. Learn about foraging for edible plants along the route.

**Meet:** 11 am, Leather Bottle pub, Straight Rd CO3 4RH (3 hrs).

#### 12. Sunday Trading:

##### Capturing Colchester's streets

Photographer Jonathan Doyle looks at how just half a generation ago, only a few shops traded on Sundays. Fast forward a couple of decades and shops, cafes and bars are all open - vying for your business on the high street seven days a week. Brand new laptop? This season's vest top? Your dad's weird lager top? It's all out there, just waiting for you to want it. People on the high street are often worth a picture. Bring your camera or use your phone, and capture the essence of Sunday Trading as we explore the shopping streets of Colchester. In the days after the walk, they'll be an opportunity to share our favourite pictures. Guidance will be given throughout. All levels welcome.

**Meet:** 11.30 am, Space Studios, 37 Queen St, CO1 2PQ (2.5-3 hrs. including discussion afterwards).

#### 13. All Trees Great and Small (Colchester Castle Park)

A leisurely turn around the Castle Park with arboreal expert Christopher Howard; a tour of some of the 65 beautiful trees gracing the park's slopes. Early May is a time for fresh growth and provides an enticing taster for some of the leafy surprises and splendour to be found when we just take the time to look up.

**Meet:** 12 noon or 4pm (repeats), bridge Castle entrance (2 hrs).

#### 14. Wild Hythe Riverside Ramble

Belinda Federl takes a walk up historical Hythe Hill, visit the old church of St Leonards, ramble along the wild, beautiful Moors to the old Siege House, and stroll by the riverside to Colchester Castle, while sharing stories and memories in true Jane's Walk style.

**Meet:** 12 noon, Hythe Community Centre, Ventura Drive, CO1 2FG. Bring your sandwiches! (2.5 hrs)

#### 15. A botanical walk around the Roman Walls

Mick and Christine Lavelle walk around the ancient walls of Colchester looking at the plants growing on or around this archaeological monument. Many of these species have their own fascinating stories and the guides will be on hand to tell the group more about them. From the bright and showy, to tiny hidden gems, the guides will show that every plant has a story to tell.

**Meet:** 2pm, by the boating lake, Castle Park (2.5 hrs)

#### 16. The Forgotten Churches and Graveyards of Colchester

Robert Johnstone looks at why, from the pre-Christian era to the Victorian, from Greek Orthodox to Quakers, from Muslim to Masonic, we have always had churches - and graveyards. This tour around some of them, will discover many hidden gems as well as highlight the different attitudes to preserving our past.

**Meet:** 4pm, Wild Light Space, next to Queen St Brewhouse (2 hrs)

#### 17. Hidden in Plain Sight

Nicola Burrell and Fiona Broom walk around the south of Colchester town centre as flaneurs, thinking about the layers of stories and memories that places evoke. It is often in the fine grain of places that the most evocative of incidents seem to occur. Places that are not grand, nor even seemingly that intentionally created, can be the most interesting. We will talk about the places that inspire us and that have inspired other artists (the murals by Joyce and Henry Pallot, and paintings of Charles Debenham, who has devoted much of his career to painting such seemingly nondescript places). We shall talk of painting and drawing as a 'deeper way of seeing', a way of noticing what is hidden in plain view.

**Meet:** 5 pm, at The Fat Cat pub, Butt Rd, next to Police Station (1.5 hrs.)

#### Walk timetable information:

[www.janeswalk.org/united-kingdom/colchester/](http://www.janeswalk.org/united-kingdom/colchester/) (Jane's Walk international) and [www.walkcolchester.wordpress.com/](http://www.walkcolchester.wordpress.com/) (Walk Colchester home)

#### Walk accessibility:

Summary information is given on the website against each walk, but for detailed individual enquiries contact Rowena Macaulay (Walk Colchester): 07710 474999, Email: [walkcolchester@rocketmail.com](mailto:walkcolchester@rocketmail.com)

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