

Creative learning and discovery opportunities for young people

MTeam14 - Mills, Mortars & Marriages

MILLS, MORTARS & MARRIAGES was awarded funding by **The Heritage Lottery Fund** in 2013 as a *Young Roots* project. Young people's involvement in exploring Chelmsford and visiting the Mayor's Parlour as part of our 20th birthday celebrations was the inspiration for this project. The young people leading the project call themselves **MTeam14**



WHO: The project, specifically for young people aged between 13 and 25 yrs, aims to develop a greater understanding and awareness of local heritage, through exploring the stories/history of Moulsham Mill, a Grade II listed former watermill and steam mill in Chelmsford, and its links with World War II.

WHAT: Develop new skills, practise existing skills, make friends. Opportunities include making mini documentaries, podcasts, and blogs, meeting people who have lived and worked at the Mill and recording their stories. Plus visits to local/national museums and places of interest, exploring the River Chelmer, baking bread, cooking with wartime rations and more... These are all part of the exploration and discovery.

WHEN: [Check out our Calendar for dates](#)

WHERE: Working in partnership with Essex Record Office and Chelmsford Museum Service, MTEAM14 meets at InterAct's Aspire Centre, adjacent to Moulsham Mill in Chelmsford.

- **Activities include:** Visits to local museums and places of interest, exploring the River Chelmer, as well as getting our hands dirty with a real-life archaeological dig to excavate a World War II spigot mortar gun emplacement.
- **Trips to date include:** Working Watermills in Cambridge - Lode Mill at Anglesey Abbey Gardens, and Houghton Mill on River Ouse; Woodbridge Tide Till and the Suffolk coast; Tilbury Fort... Real adventures!
- **Future activities include:** developing and testing heritage trails around Chelmsford, putting together information displays and leaflets, building a website, and welcoming visitors to Heritage Open Days.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT..... MOULSHAM MILL: craft & business centre with conference room facilities, and home to over 50 local businesses, charities, it stands alongside the River Chelmer, and was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Since the 16th century the Mill has been linked to the Myldmay, Strutt, Bullen and subsequently Marriage families. Rebuilt and modified across the centuries, it is currently **home to InterAct** and many local clubs, craft, social/commercial businesses, but little has been documented about the site.

WANT TO JOIN MTEAM14?

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