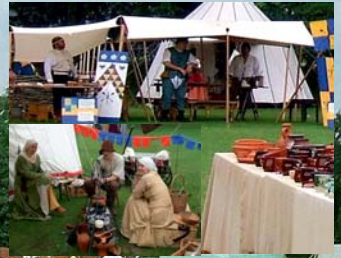


Colchester Medieval Festival

Four days of bank holiday Entertainment

June 2nd to 5th 2012

featuring The Oyster Fayre Market plus, for this year only,
The 5th International Festival of Town Pipers
Lower Castle Park ~ 10.30 to 5.00
"The finest market setting in the Land"



Also Archery, Falconry, Armed Combat, Mummers, Storytellers, Theatre, Music, Puppetry, Artisans, Singing & Dancing. An Excellent Food Court & Beer Tent too. Plus the Authentic Merchants' Market.

Admission: £6 adults £4 under 14s & concessions

Family entrance £18 (2 under 14s max.) Plus a free programme while stocks last

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The four day programme & entertainment may vary without prior notice.



The Colchester Medieval Festival & Oyster Fayre Market

Our Festival celebrates much of the entertainment & activities associated with an annual Town Fayre of pre 17th Century England. The centrepiece being the period market, **The Oyster Fayre**. This brings together a host of **Merchants from all parts of the UK**, many using **period tents & booths**, wishing to ply their trade at this prodigious event. Everything from a brass pin to a full suit of clothes will be on sale; along with arms & armour, bows, wooden & leather items, pottery, toys, baskets, metal implements & much much more.

Back again this year is **Country Backswording**. Cudgel wielding combatants will 'throw their hats into the ring' to see who will fight whom. By the end of the second day we shall find out who is the backswording '**Champion of the Fayre**'. Also in **The Tournay Rings** will be **Armed Combat**, **Cornish Wrestling** and maybe even a demonstration of **West Country Shin Kicking**.

Meet **the Falconer & Birds of Prey** at the Mews then marvel at the birds as they take to the air.

Also the ever popular Archer of the Fayre **English Longbow Competition**. This fine spectacle of period Archery takes place over both weekend days. Costumed **Archers** will be challenged by various targets, even some across the river, to win the treasured '**Archer of the Fayre**' trophy.

We are delighted to be including this year **The 5th International Festival of Town Pipers**. This gathering of **Town Waits Bands** brings the likes of **The York Waits** to Colchester and our Fayre. With bands coming from Britain the Continent & America this for us will be a very special event. Also back this year are **Melford hys Companie**, a troupe of **Mummers & Players**, but no matter where you are in the park you should not be far from **Dance, Theatre, Music & Song**.

So much to see & do, eat & drink, you will need to spend an entire day with us. Bring the whole family, tell your friends, & enjoy what is **The Finest Medieval Festival in the East of England**.

