

The Friends of Chelmsford Museums present

THE ANNUAL MUSEUM LECTURE

at Cramphorn Theatre (Studio), Civic Centre, Friday 20th March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.



LAYERS OF MEMORY: THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE OF THE CHELMER VALLEY

Nigel Brown

The landscape of the Chelmer Valley is of great natural, historic and archaeological interest, increasingly recognised as the landscape of one of the greatest nature/landscape writers of 20th Century, J.A. Baker of Chelmsford. The lecture will focus on the historic landscape, the product of 6,000 years of human activity and show how it has been shaped by these 'layers of memory' to quote Baker. It will offer some thoughts on how the understanding of the antiquity of the landscape may be used to enhance our understanding, appreciation and management of the valley. **Nigel Brown** is an archaeologist, specialising in the Neolithic and Bronze Age, who has worked for many decades in Essex, closely involved in field work and research including the Chelmer Valley and Blackwater estuary. He has published many articles and books on various aspects of the archaeology of the County.

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