

250 Years of Grey Friars People



Grey Friars, High Sreet. • An iconic site which has touched the lives of tens of thousands of Colchester people.



Dr Robert Potter
1750s sold site to Rev J. Hallsin residence 1848



Rev John Robert Smythties



Rev Canon JH Marsden
sold house to Dr Fenn 1891



Dr Edward Liveing Fenn
owned house 1891-1903



Edward & Adria Fenn
the last children born there



The Ladies of Nazareth established a convent and school in 1904
They were a Catholic order, just as the Grey Friars of the C13th.



Colchester County High School for Girls – lower school – 1920 - 1957



The adult college – 3 principals in 40 years -Allin Coleman 1965-73; Enid Bishop 1973-83; Alan Skinner 1983-2005
Thousands of local people studied at Grey Friars - reasons including for qualifications or simply the joy of learning!



The Languages Department • The Members' Association Committee • Students protest at cuts in the 1990s



A creative curriculum spanning the Arts • Writing Workshop • Cooking of various kinds • Music • Art and Crafts



The City & Guilds Fashion Design Course • Caretaker Reg collates Staff Bulletins • The College Governors



Volunteers and Administrative Staff - The people behind the scenes who keep the College running smoothly



Out and About - on the Greenstead estate • Travelling classroom at Stanway • The Learning Shop next to Jack's



Saved from the skip! These photos and more, as well as documents, were saved by Joan Gurney (centre) who visited the premises when they were being cleared out. Now deposited at the Essex Record Office and with copies shared at public events, they serve as a reminder of a home-grown Colchester place of learning, now sadly missed.

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Colchester's adult education charity
www.GreyFriarsColchester.org.uk
www.ColchesterLearningTown.org