

things you didn't know about...

tendring

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1 Sometimes referred to as the "Tendring Peninsula", the District was formed on April 1, 1974 as a merger of the borough of Harwich, with Brightlingsea, Clacton & Frinton & Walton Urban Districts & Tendring Rural Districts. The name Tendring comes from the ancient **Tendring Hundred** which is named after the small Tendring Village at the centre of the area.

2 Matthew Hopkins was a notorious English witch-hunter whose career flourished during the time of the English Civil War. A lawyer by trade, he held, or claimed to hold, the office of **Witchfinder General**, although this was not a title ever bestowed by Parliament. He conducted witch-hunts in the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and other eastern counties of England. Hopkins is believed to have died and been buried in Mistley in around 1647.

3 Manningtree is **England's smallest town** – at just over 19 hectares!



4 **Gt Bentley Village** is reputed to have one of the largest village greens in the country, at a size of 43 acres and has won 'Village of the Year' several times.

5 **Old Knobbly**, an ancient English Oak Tree, grows in an area of woodland on Furze Hills, Mistley. It is thought that he could be as much as 800 years old!

6 Christopher Jones was born around 1570 in Harwich. In 1609 he became the master of the **Mayflower**, owning a quarter of the ship. The ship was employed transporting goods such as wine, spices, and furs. In 1620, he took the Pilgrims to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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essex

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1 The name **Essex** originates from East Seaxe or East Saxons - The Land of the East Saxons. The county emblem has three seax on it. A seax was a single-edged knife or sword.

2 Colchester is Britain's **oldest recorded town**.

3 In what became Britain's **first advertised public radio broadcast** in 1920, a recital by singer

Dame Nellie Melba was broadcast internationally by means of a Marconi 15 kW telephone transmitter at the Marconi works in Chelmsford.

4 Brentwood is where the **Peasant's Revolt** began in May 1381.

5 Did you know that St Botolphs Church in Hadstock has the **oldest door in England** - its over 1000 years old!

6 A variety of **famous people** come from Essex, Dermot O'Leary, Alison Moyet, Sade, Ruth Rendell, Dick Turpin, Ross Kemp to name but a few!

