

Book your visit to Colchester and Ipswich Museums now for the Spring term and Summer term 2011

Our new whole day '**Journeys into Ancient Egypt**' session in our brand new Egyptian gallery at Ipswich Museum has been fully booked with school visits this term. Teacher's and children's comments give a feel of the excitement,...discovery and learning they gained on their visit to Ipswich Museum.

'A really excellent visit. All staff and children had a fantastic day' (Teacher, Spring Meadows Primary School)

'Museum led activities were focussed and valued children's ideas. Well organised. Led with a sense of awe and wonder!' (Teacher, Gorseland Primary School)

'The visit has been a wonderful stimulus for our new topic. They have been introduced to a range of Egyptian themes and learnt new skills of investigating objects. The children will refer back to their experience each lesson so it has been very valuable'. (Teacher, St Marys Primary)

'This is the best trip I have ever been on'. (Tattingstone Primary School) 'This mummy is amazing' (Pupil, Spring Meadows Primary School)

'The best trip I have ever been on. When are we going to come here again?' (Pupil, St Louis Primary School)



At Colchester Castle, the diary is already booking up for '**Romans**' visits and our exciting interactive '**Castles as homes**' day which will fire your childrens' imagination and inspire a whole term's work.

'Children learned more in a day, than in half a term! Really bought the subject to life for them and we will continue our topic with much enthusiasm'. (Willow Brook Primary school)

To book at session or to find out more please ring:

Colchester Museums: Jo Besant 01206 282937

Ipswich Museums: Rachel McFarlane 01473 433570

Wildlife Photographer of the Year First for Ipswich!

Opening 20th November 2010 (until 25th February 2011)

Free Admission

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition opens at the Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich on Saturday 20th November 2010. There are over 100 photographs from the competition's 18 categories in a visually stunning and inspiring exhibition that debuted at the Natural History Museum, London and is now on the first stop of its tour - in Ipswich!

This is a large scale exhibition in the heart of the town centre for all to enjoy. Providing this exhibition to the public demonstrates the benefits of this unique museum partnership that both Ipswich and Colchester Borough Council have. Working in this way shows the partnership can now attract national touring exhibitions to the region and give greater access to a range of exciting public exhibitions across a range of mediums.

Cllr. Andrew Cann, Ipswich Borough Council, Culture Portfolio Holder said, "Being the first venue for the UK tour is a real coup for Ipswich and the region and we hope that the local community and visitors to the region enjoy this rare opportunity to experience this collection's inspirational photography from around the world."

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is now in its 46th year and is an international showcase for the very best nature photography. Being placed in the competition, whether commended or a prize-winner, has become the ultimate accolade, one to which photographers worldwide aspire.

The much coveted title of Veolia Environment Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2010 was awarded to Hungarian photographer Bence Máté for his image '*A marvel of ants*', a simple shot that captures the complexity of the behaviour of leaf-cutter ants in the Costa Rican rainforest.

Mark Carwardine, Chairman of the judging panel commented on the winning photograph saying, "Imaginative, well-executed and striking, this is a picture that jumps out at you. Deceptively simple, yet with so much going on, it forces the eye to explore every single corner."

This fantastic exhibition showcases stunning images captured from the natural world around us. You can explore these wonderful photographs, then take a visit to Ipswich Museum (which is just round the corner) to find out more about the natural world and the creatures we share it with. Admission to the Town Hall Galleries and Ipswich Museum are both FREE!

Town Hall Galleries

Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 1BH

Opening times: Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

Admission Free

Turn Back Time on the High Street BBC Hands on History event

Colchester Library

On display until December 31st 2010

FREE

As part of the BBC's Hands on History: Your High Street initiative, Colchester and Ipswich Museums and Colchester Library are turning back time to look at the history of our High Street in Colchester.

Come along to Colchester Library anytime until 31st December and visit the Turn Back Time on the High Street display. There is an interactive memory wall, where photographs of Colchester's historic high street will take you back through the decades. You will find out how history has shaped the High Street into what you see before you today.

Why not get involved and add your own memories and photos of Colchester to the memory wall and help to create a community legacy of your home town for future generations.

You will also be able to explore the display of objects from Colchester and Ipswich Museum's learning collection... can you recognise any of the high street brands that are still around today?

The free display is on at Colchester Library until 31st December, take a trip down memory lane and leave a legacy for future generations!

Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service

Our vision is to create a museum service that is a source of pride, inspiration and fun.

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