

## Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service

### **Beatrix Potter Family Day @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

The tales of Beatrix Potter have come to life in Christchurch Mansion, with amazing costumes from the Royal Opera House Ballet. Bring a picnic and join in the fun. Hear 'Beatrix Potter' telling her stories, follow Peter Rabbit's trail through the Mansion to find all his friends, help Mrs Tiggly Winkle with the washing in the laundry and make your own animal mask. There is fun for all the family.

Drop-in 10am – 4pm

Free entry to storytelling and trail

Craft activities £1

### **Inventive Victorians: Discover an Age of Change @ St Botolph's Priory**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

An exciting fun-filled day of music, plays, re-enactment, craft activities, talks and games based on Victorian innovation. You will be able to get close to real Victorian museum objects, hear about the growth of the railways, meet Queen Victoria herself and play on the swing boats. There will also be a bric-a-brac, cake sale and refreshments available.

Drop-in 10.30am - 4.30pm

Free entry to the event and most of the activities.

£1 buys you a stamp card to take part in all craft events.

### **Discount Day at the Castle @ Colchester Castle**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

We have caught the carnival fever at the Castle and are reducing the entrance fee to £2 a person, for one day only!

10am – 5pm

£2

Not bookable

### **Gruesome Prison Tours @ Colchester Castle**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Discover the gruesome side of Colchester Castle on an after hours tour of the Castle prisons. Suitable for a family audience.

*This event is part of the Festival of British Archaeology and in association with BBC Hands on History Dig!  
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Tour at 5.30pm

Adults £4.50, children £3.50

Places must be booked in advance on 01206 282940, or by dropping into Hollytrees Museum, Colchester

### **Eastern Promise! @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Enjoy a colourful and fun-packed Chinese themed day and help us mark the one year countdown until the Olympics. There will be plenty of activities for the whole family to take part in and you can get creative with free art and craft activities.

Drop-in 11am – 4pm

Free

### **Descend into the Past @ Colchester Castle**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Join our family-friendly tour underneath Colchester Castle. Find out more about the Roman invasion, the development of Colchester's Roman Town and Boudica's revolt against it!

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Tours take place at 10.30am and 11.30am each day

£1.50 per adult, £1 per child (after normal Castle admission)

Please book your place on arrival

**Animal Trails @ Ipswich Museum  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Set off on your own expedition; use a magnifying glass or binoculars to discover the animals hiding all over the museum. Just grab a special trail sheet from the museums reception.

Drop-in Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 5pm  
50p per trail sheet

**Beatrix Potter Baskets @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Borrow a story basket and find a quiet place to spread out the rug and enjoy a Beatrix Potter tale. You can then head into the Mansion to look for your favourite characters.

Drop-in Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm  
Story baskets are £1 (+ £5 refundable deposit)

**Beatrix Potter Trail @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Find characters from Beatrix Potter's tales by following this interactive trail through the Mansion. Have fun as you help them solve different problems and puzzles.

Drop-in Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm  
50p per trail sheet

**'The Servant's Lost Tools' Trail @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September (except Mondays)**

Help! It has been a hard, busy day and in their fluster the servants have accidentally left their tools and equipment around the house. They need your help finding these objects before the Master finds out. Grab a trail sheet and find the missing objects. Answer all the questions and enter your sheet into a competition to win a prize.

Drop-in 10am-5pm  
50p per sheet

(Visitors can enter the draw without buying the trail sheet by giving their name and address at the front desk during the course of this event)

**Jungle Safari @ Ipswich Museum  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

"Going on safari with the beat in your feet, think of an animal you'd like to meet." Use your imagination to create some really wild jungle animals, maybe a colourful spiral snake, a stripy zebra or a lion with crazy mane. You can also make a pair of binoculars or a camera for your museum jungle safari. What will you spot from our special 'jungle hide'? Especially suitable for little visitors with their own adult helper!

Our 'jungle hide' will be up in the museum throughout the summer holidays, so why not come back for some more jungle adventures.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

£1.50 per child

These events are very popular so **booking is essential**, book in advance by calling 01473 433691 or by dropping into Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

**Wet Wash Days @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28 July**

This summer 'Mrs Tiggy Winkle' is hard at work in Christchurch laundry. Come and help her with the washing. Try using the washing 'dolly' to pound the clothes in the tub, scrub clothes on the wash board and squeeze them through the mangle, then peg them out and have a go ironing with a box iron – a really fun, hands-on experience being a human washing machine!

Sessions at 10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm and 1.15pm  
£1.50 per child

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### **Creative Carnival @ Ipswich Art School Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July**

Join Caribbean Artist DeDe, who is working on a project in Ipswich Art School this summer and be really creative making amazing colourful carnival accessories that will make a big impact!

Sessions at 10.00am, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm  
£2 per child

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### **The Vikings in East Anglia @ Colchester Castle Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Meet a local Viking settler and hear about Danelaw, the Battle of Maldon and more. He will be demonstrating his Viking weaponry and will tell you about how the Vikings settled in East Anglia and sheds light on this unsettled period of East Anglian history.

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Meet the Viking sessions a day at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm  
Free (after normal Castle admission)

### **Clay Teacups @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

What is better on a summer's day than a cup of tea and slice of cake? Come along and get creative by making your own teacup out of clay. You can paint with any pattern you like. Come back later in the week and you can also make your own clay cup cake to go with it!

Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm  
£1.50 per child

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### **Make Do and Mend Week @ Ipswich Museum Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Step back in time and meet a family who is living in Ipswich during the war. Find out for yourself what it was like living at this time as you help different members of a family. You can have a go at building an Anderson shelter or make your own gas mask, learn how to rag rug or be creative turning odds and ends into a new toy, handle objects and hear stories about life in the wars. There are different activities everyday.

Sessions at 10.15am, 11.15am, 2.15pm and 1.15pm  
£1.50 per child

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### **Animal Masks @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Have fun using colourful foam to create your own animal mask inspired by the Beatrix Potter characters in the Mansion. Cut and shape the foam, adding details to give your animal real character! What will you make?

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm  
£1.50 per child

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### **Clay Cup Cakes @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Everyone likes cup cakes, and now you can make your own cup cake decoration out of clay. Then use your imagination to paint and decorate it in your own colours.

Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

£1.50 per person

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### **Freeze Frames @ Ipswich Art School**

**Thursday 4 and Friday 5 August**

Join our friendly drama leader to create a picture and become part of a painting. What characters might you meet or become on a Caribbean beach or roadside cafe? From a frozen scene in time you will spring into action to sounds and bring the picture to life. Suitable for ages 8+.

Drama sessions at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm (lasts 1½ hours)

£3 per person

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### **Medieval Tales @ Colchester Castle**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Join our colourful story teller in the surroundings of Colchester Castle and hear as they bring some stories from medieval times to life! This isn't just listening, you will all have the chance to really get involved and become part of the story.

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Storytelling sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Free (after normal Castle admission)

### **Go Live Week @ Natural History Museum, Colchester**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

£1.50 per person. Charging begins at 11.30am

### **The Big Bug Show**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Get close to some unusual insects, much larger than you are used to!

Drop-in 12pm-4pm (last entry 3.45pm)

### **Snakes!**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Meet some great snakes including the large Burmese Python, a milksnake and a cornsnake. You can also meet their exotic friends, including a chameleon, scorpion and bearded dragon.

Drop-in 12pm-4pm (last entry 3.45pm)

### **The Owl Show**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Discover more about these beautiful birds and experience them up close and in flight.

Shows at 12pm, 1.15pm, 2.30pm

The museum will be cleared after each show.

### **Petting Zoo**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Get close to some fascinating creatures, including meerkats, a pygmy hedgehog, cockatoo and, if you dare, one of the largest tarantulas on the planet!

Drop-in 12pm-4pm (last entry 3.45pm)

**Arty Croaks @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Make your own 'frog pot planter', to sit among your indoor plants. Will yours be a frog prince or has it got warts and all? Be creative, using lots of different materials to bring your frog to life!

Sessions at 10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm and 1.15pm

£1.50 per child

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**Spring, Twirl, Whirl 3D Words Workshop @ Ipswich Art School**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

How can you make a word 3D? How would 'stretch' look? What shape might a 'rhythm' become? Inspired by the Royal Opera House exhibition in Ipswich this summer mould a dance related word into the action and shape it might become using our colourful moulding putty.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

£1.50 per child

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**Anglo Saxon Metal Work @ Ipswich Museum**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Take inspiration from the intricate Anglo Saxon designs on their metal work to design your own pendant, medal, bracelet, rings and amulets. Use pliers to bend, twist and shape copper wire, incorporating colourful beads to add jewels to your work.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

£3 per child

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**Opening up the Doll's House @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Join the Hollytrees servant as they open up our Doll's House replica of Hollytrees for a peek inside. Hear about the duties of the servants and how houses have changed since the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Doll's House sessions at 11am, 2pm and 3pm

Free

**Time Capsules @ Colchester Castle**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Have a look at our 'Buried' exhibition, with lots of objects people buried many centuries ago. Be inspired to 'bury' a time capsule from 2011 for future generations to find and maybe this will be in a museum in hundreds of years' time! Using plaster and clay, make casts of everyday objects to create your very own time capsule. Why not bring some objects from home that you would like included? You can then take it home and bury it in your garden.

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Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

£1.50 per person (after normal Castle admission)

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**Victorian Toys and Games @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Join us to design and make your own Victorian toy or game. Come back each day and do something different if you like, or you can choose just one or two.

Tuesday: Game of skill - make a cup and ball

Wednesday: Moving toy - acrobat

Thursday: Competitive game - skittles and ball

Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

£1.50 per person

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**Cinderella Week @ Ipswich Museum**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Help us to make preparations for the ball at Christchurch Mansion, with different activities each day, preparing food, masquerade masks, giant wigs, dancing and dressing up. Decorate your invitation and make sure you come back to see Cinderella and prince charming at the ball on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm.

Sessions at 10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm and 1.15pm

£1.50 per child

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**Young People's Photography Workshop @ Ipswich Art School**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 August**

A rare opportunity to take part in an 'experimental photography workshop' with professional photographer, Sam Mellish. Hear Sam talk about his work on display in the Art School, and the techniques he uses, then put ideas and techniques in a practical photography session in Christchurch Mansion or Ipswich Museum. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Suitable for ages 14 to 18 years.

Sessions at 10am and 1.30pm (last for 2 hours)

£8 each person

These events are very popular so **booking is essential**, book in advance by calling 01473 433691 or by dropping into Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

**Tutenkahmun, Stories from a Pharaoh @ Ipswich Museum**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Come face-to-face with Tutenkahmun and let him take you on a journey back in time, as he tells you exciting and fascinating stories about the life of a Pharaoh, Ancient Egypt and the afterlife.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

£1.50 per person

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**Roundhouse to Villa @ Colchester Castle**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

When the Romans arrived, townscapes changed completely, almost overnight. Join in this fun as we look at the huge changes from mud to that new invention – concrete. By looking at giant models of a Celtic Roundhouse and a Roman Villa, as well as real objects, you will be able to see the way new technology has changed buildings and how some aspects of the old remained.

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Sessions at 10.30am, 11.15am, 2pm and 3pm

Free (after normal Castle admission)

**Peg Puppets @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

Be inspired by the amazing Cinderella and Beatrix Potter costumes in the Mansion this summer, then let your imagination go, creating your own 'peg puppet' to take centre stage in our theatre. What character will your puppet be? An ugly sister? spaceman? footman? fairy or pirate? You decide!

£1.50 per child

Sessions at 10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm and 1.15pm

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**Make Your Mark! @ Ipswich Art School  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25 August**

Make a bold mark, working with Caribbean artist DeDe, in this textile printing workshop. Take inspiration from our collections and DeDe's work and experiment with designs, colour and pattern to create your own unique bag for school or your swimming things!

£4 per child

Sessions at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm (lasts for 1½ hours)

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**Recycled Scrapbooks @ Natural History Museum, Colchester  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

Make your own scrap book out of recycled materials. Make it look fantastic by decorating it with a natural history theme. Will you use yours as a photo album, or to keep memories of your summer holiday?

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

£1.50 per person

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**The Grand Tour (Museum Expedition) @ Ipswich Museum  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Pack up your bags and imagination and step back in time to for a dramatic adventure as you join the 'Grand Tour'. Will you discover a hidden tomb in Ancient Egypt, uncover the giant bones of a long extinct animal, or be chased by a rhino in Africa. What stories and things will you bring back from your travels? Drama, action and adventure for all!

£3 per child

Sessions at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm (lasts for 1½hours)

These events are very popular so **booking is essential**, book in advance by calling 01473 433691 or by dropping into Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

**Castle Free Day  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Colchester Castle opens its doors for free for one day only. Grab this chance to see this award-winning museum. *In association with BBC Hands on History Dig! [bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory](http://bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory)*

10am - 4.30pm

Free **for one day only**

**Heritage Open Days, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Historic buildings and events taking place across Colchester free of charge. See publicity nearer the time for the full listings and times. Join our mailing list and be the first to find out!

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