

# **Inventive Victorians Fun Day**

## **Discover an Age of Change**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

10.30am – 4.30pm

Free Entry (craft activities stamp card £1)

St Botolph's Priory, Colchester

Travel back in time this summer and discover how the Victorians became innovators within history.

Come along To St Botolph's Priory, Colchester on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July between 10.30am – 4.30pm for an opportunity to learn more about the Victorian past, and what they did for us in a fun and interactive way. Discover how they revolutionised the way in which people travelled through the introduction of railways, the medical marvels that they discovered, the introduction of photography and much, much more!

The day will kick start at 10.30am, and will involve a variety of different, fun activities that you'll definitely want to get involved with. Throughout the day there will be music and plays, re-enactment, and of course craft activities that both you and the kids can get involved with. Who knows, maybe you'll even be able to meet Queen Victoria! Or perhaps you'll decide to have a go on the swing boats.

Fancy hearing more about the Victorian era itself? Then why not listen to one of the talks that will be given by local historian Patrick Denney, who will tell you many things about the Victorian age. You'll also have the chance to talk to Museum curators throughout the day, who will be able to broaden your knowledge about the Museums own role during this era. There will also be the opportunity for you to get close to real Victorian objects that have come out of the Museum stores for one day only!

Take a tour of the priory ruins and discover the history of one of the inventions that the Victorians were most famous for creating: the railways. Throughout the day there will be plays exploring this part of their history as well as the chance to learn more about this from the East Anglian Rail Museum.

Laura Hardisty, Marketing Officer at Colchester and Ipswich Museums says, 'This is an annual event that the museum service put on at St Botolph's Priory to interpret the historical site. It's a varied, full action-packed day that will appeal to all ages and families. Best of all it's a high quality event, so we are looking forward to lots of visitors on the day.'

The event, hosted by Colchester and Ipswich Museums and St Botolph's Church, will also see a variety of cake stalls, bric-a-brac stalls and refreshments, and make sure to bring a little bit of pocket money to buy yourself some candy floss!

This is an exciting fun filled day of events for all the family that you definitely won't want to miss out on. The event is free to enter, but there is the small price of £1 to purchase an events activity stamp card. But don't forget; hand in your completed stamp card at the end of the day, and you'll be in for the chance to win a prize!

St Botolph's Priory,

Colchester, Essex, CO2 7EE

Entrances off Priory Street, Britannia Car Park and St Botolph's Church Walk

## Programme of events

11.00-11.15	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
11.15-11.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
11.30-12.00	An audience with Queen Victoria (inside the church)
12.00-12.15	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
12.00-12.30	Patrick Denney presents ‘A Portrait of Victorian Colchester’ (inside the church)
12.15-12.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
12.30-1.00	Theatre Fun
1.00-1.30	An audience with Queen Victoria (inside the church)
1.00-1.15	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
1.15–1.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
1.30-2.00	Patrick Denney presents ‘A Portrait of Victorian Colchester Colchester’ (inside the church)
2.00-2.30	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
2.15-2.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
2.30-3.00	An audience with Queen Victoria (inside the church)
3.00-3.15	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
3.00-3.30	Patrick Denney presents ‘A Portrait of Victorian Colchester’ (inside the church)
3.15–3.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
4.00-4.15	Platform 4 Theatre – ‘From the Pen of Fanny Kemble’, a story of the dawn of the railways.
4.00-4.30	An audience with Queen Victoria (inside the church)
4.30	Event closes

## Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service

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