

October half-term is fast approaching and we've got lots of fun events to keep your children active and engaged! From live animals at Ipswich Museum to Animation workshops at Colchester Castle...what will you get involved with?

### **Warriors, Tribes and Treasures @ Colchester Castle**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Find out about the Iron Age activities in the Castle, including storytelling and re-enactment. Meet characters from the pre-Roman period, hear about the Wickham Market Coin Hoard, take a tour of the Castle vaults, handle objects from the past and have a go at building an Iron Age roundhouse.

Drop-in 10am – 4pm

Free (except the tours and after normal admission to the Castle)

Tours at 10.30am and 11.30am at a small extra cost £1.50 per adult, £1 per child

**British Sign Language interpreted sessions:**

**Vault tour: 10.30am**

**Meet the curator: 12pm and 1pm**

**Object handling: 12.15pm and 1.15pm**

**Sessions suitable for visually impaired people:**

**Object handling: 11.15am and 2.15pm**

### **Buried! Discovery Trail @ Colchester Castle**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Unearth some objects that have been buried in the past and find out why they were buried! Grab a sheet and completed the trail to enter a prize draw.

Drop-in Mon to Sat, 10am – 5pm and Sun 11am -5pm

50p per sheet

### **Animation Stations @ Colchester Castle**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Take part in these 1/2 day workshop with professional animators. You'll make models, animate scenes and create film that tells the stories of an Iron Age coin hoard that was lost for thousands of years. Everyone's work will be edited on to a DVD for you to keep. This activity will be great fun for the whole family.

11am – 1pm (ages 5-7) and 1.45pm – 4.15pm (ages 8-12)

£10 per child (includes Castle entry)

These events are very popular so **booking is essential**, book in advance by calling 01206 282940 or by dropping into Hollytrees Museum, Colchester

### **Why Did I Bury My Treasure? @ Colchester Castle**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Meet 2 members of the Iceni tribe and find out what their life was really like before the Roman invasion. This interactive play will explore the burial of the Wickham Market Hoard of coins. Was it an offering to the gods? Was it stolen treasure hidden by a desperate criminal? Or was it personal wealth hidden from the invading Romans?

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

Free (after normal admission to the Castle)

### **The End of the Iron Age @ Colchester Castle**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Take a guided story tour under the Castle, hearing about life in Colchester before the Roman invasion, and then the coming of the Romans. What then became of the native Britons?

Tours at 10.30am and 11.30am each day

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

### **Victorian School Room @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Join our costumed Victorian schoolmistress for a school lesson you won't forget. Experience what it was like to be a pupil in Victorian times. Learn how to do sums in shillings, what countries formed the British Empire and how to write on slates. Suitable for children age 6+.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

£2 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

### **Making a Pinhole Camera @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Get creative and make your own early version of a pinhole camera. See the way it changes your view of the world!

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

£2 per person

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### **Never Ending Mural @ Ipswich Art School**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Drop-in and find out more about this exciting project that is transforming areas of Ipswich into colourful and expressive works of art. Create your own design to become a part of future murals that will spread across Ipswich and beyond.

Drop-in 10am – 12pm and 2pm - 4pm

Free

### **Animal Invasion @ Ipswich Museum**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

Come and take part in our week long event where we host an exciting mix of live animals for you to learn about and touch. See below for details about what's happening each day.

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Animal Senses**

Discover how some amazing animals make the most of their senses.

Millipedes have simple eyes and are practically blind, snakes cannot hear but sense vibrations through their scales. Handle some of these animals and take a closer look at another way of living.

**British Sign Language interpreted sessions at 1pm and 3pm**

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Lifecycles**

Watch them grow! With the aid of eggs and exoskeletons children can see the stages of different animals' development. Handle and look at real animals, find out how they start in life, how they court and breed in order to ensure their species survival.

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Snakes**

Come and see an amazing array of snakes and find out more about them.

There will be a chance to handle and touch real live snakes and to ask lots of questions. Hope you're feeling brave!

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Mini Monsters**

It's the time of year for creepy crawlies and bugs and where better to discover the wide range of eye-boggling varieties than Ipswich Museum. Find out more about these fascinating creatures, ask questions and if you're feeling brave enough try holding a giant cockroach.

Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

£1.50 per person (under 3s free of charge)

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### **Strike a Pose Victorian Style @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Come along and dress up in a Victorian costume in the surroundings of Hollytrees Museum. The sepia-print photo could be just you, your family or a group of friends! You can also see and handle examples of some of the earliest cameras.

Drop-in 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

£4.50 per photo

### **Tea–Towel Leaf Printing @ Natural History Museum, Colchester**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Autumn leaves are everywhere – on the ground, blowing in the wind ... a few are even on trees! As leaves fall apart, you can see their skeletons. Use these skeletons to print patterns on your very own tea towel to take home and keep.

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

£2 per child

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### **Skeletons and Bones @ Ipswich Museum**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Look at the hidden skeleton within. A chance to see the museum's collection of animal bones and teeth as part of our Animal Invasion week looking at a variety of exotic and sometimes creepy animals and insects.

Drop-in 2pm-4pm

Free

### **Tribal Markings @ Ipswich Art School**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Celebrate the Big Draw. Be inspired by the mankind galleries in Ipswich Museum and the artwork created by Chinwe Roy and design your own tribal markings. Draw around your hands or feet and create your own fantastic designs that express your interests or personality. Perhaps you and your friends will create matching patterns to show your friendship to other tribes.

Drop-in 10-1pm and 2pm – 4pm

£1 per person

### **Travel Through Time @ Colchester Library**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Become a time explorer and investigate museum objects from throughout history at Colchester Library, how much can you and your family find out about the stories of the past?

Drop-in 10am-12pm

Free