



# Press release

## **Join us for a Crafty Christmas Carol!**

Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Drop in 10am - 4pm  
FREE Event

Join us at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, between 10am – 4pm, for a fabulously festive celebration – A Crafty Christmas Carol!

You can meet and talk to costumed characters including Mrs Beeton who will talk to you about ‘creating a festive atmosphere’ in your home, Charles Dickens will be in the library reading sections from his famous book ‘A Christmas Carol’ and a Victorian housemaid who will be telling Christmassy stories in the Victorian wing.

Make sure you pay a visit to the kitchen as you won’t want to miss seeing a Victorian chocolatiere who will show you how they make chocolate and sweets! You will also be able to get up close to some real sweet moulds from the museum collections.

Once you have been inspired by the Christmas activities around you have a look around a range of contemporary craft/gift stalls where you will be able to stock up on those special presents, including novelty clocks, greetings cards, handmade soaps, bath and body products, smoked and handmade cooking oils, jewellery, candles and much more!

Then why not have a go at making your own Christmas craft or gift! You can get creative and make your own star decoration for the tree or a peg doll fairy (craft activities are £1 each).

Father Christmas will also be in the house for one day only, so make sure you pay him a visit in his grotto! (Father Christmas £2 per child – small gift included).

There’s no need to book, you can just drop into Christchurch Mansion between 10am - 4pm. All the craft activities are suitable for all ages. You can meet the costumed characters and visit the contemporary/craft stalls for FREE. The Craft activities will be £1 per person (per activity) and Father Christmas will be £2 per child (includes a small gift).

Don't miss our Christmas event 'The Chronicles of Christmas' at Ipswich Museum on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 4pm. Visit [www.cimuseums/whats-on](http://www.cimuseums/whats-on) for more information!

Christchurch Mansion  
Soane Street, Ipswich, IP4 2BE  
Open Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm  
FREE Admission

- Charles Dickens will be in the library, reading his 'Christmas Carol' in four sections – 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm.
- A Victorian housemaid will be telling Christmassy stories up in the Victorian wing 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.

### **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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