

Press release

Christmassy fun for the whole family

Hollytrees Museum, Colchester

Sunday 11th December

Drop-in 12.30pm – 4pm

Bring the family along to Hollytrees Museum, Colchester on Sunday 11th December between 12.30pm to 4pm and help the servants as they prepare the house for Christmas.

There are lots of activities to take part in throughout the afternoon and you can get creative with some Christmassy crafts!

Grab an activity stamp card for just £2 and you can use a range of materials to make your own Christmas card, get messy with glitter and pipe cleaners to create your own bauble to hang on your tree at home and you can decorate a Christmas tin to keep some of your special treasures or maybe some sweets in!

Take time to meet a curator, get up close to and hear the stories of some real Christmas-related objects from days gone by, including decorations, cards and a Christmas tin from the First World War.

You can then gather round for some seasonal and traditional storytelling from around the world with Mary Last the Hollytrees maid. She will share with you stories of wonder and explores the magic of the season as she remembers Christmas past.

Find out what happened to old Grandma when three wise men appeared in her kitchen one snowy Christmas Eve? Or to the two children guarding their flock of sheep when they hear the howling of a wolf, on the night before Christmas? And what happens to the big white pussycat as he makes his way across the mountains as a Christmas present for a King, and what is his secret?

Finish your visit on a high note with some live music and Christmas songs! Sing along and learn how to sign a Christmas Carol using British Sign Language. Maybe you can teach your family and friends how to do it too!

There is so much to enjoy during this event, it will certainly help to get you and your family in the Christmas spirit! Storytelling, sing and sign and meet the curator are FREE activities. Activity stamp card for just £2 for all craft activities. We look forward to seeing you at Hollytrees Museum, Colchester on Sunday 11th December between 12.30pm to 4pm.

This is just one of many events that take place at Colchester and Ipswich Museums, for more information on events and exhibitions please visit www.cimuseums.org.uk.



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