



Press release

Suffolk artist's illustrated books go on display!

New display at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

Open until 15th April 2012

FREE Admission

A new display is now on show in the China Room at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich until 15th April 2012.

This new display celebrates twins Janet and Anne Grahame Johnstone, imaginative illustrators, who lived and worked in Badingham, Suffolk. They worked together for over thirty years, producing over five thousand illustrations and bringing to life a range of children's books which have been translated into many languages and enjoyed the world over.

Having illustrated many volumes of fairy stories, myths and legends, nursery rhymes and prayers, they reached an even wider audience by producing a large amount of artwork for TV programmes such as *Andy Pandy* and *Bill and Ben, the Flowerpot Men*. In 1956, Dodie Smith invited Janet and Anne to illustrate her first children's book, *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*. Anne created an elegant Cruella De Vil, whilst Janet used Dodie's own Dalmatians as models to create convincing canine characters.

Mary May, an author of five books illustrated by Anne Grahame Johnstone, recently gifted her large collection of Janet and Anne Grahame Johnstone books, puzzles, greetings cards and original illustrations to the collections of Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service.

This display was created by Sylvia Cox and John Gowen who are working at Colchester and Ipswich Museums as Heritage Documentation trainees.

This exhibit shows the achievements of the Grahame Johnstone sisters, virtually unknown as Suffolk artists. It certainly is an enchanting and heart warming display of children's books, puzzles and original illustrations. Well worth a visit!

Christchurch Mansion

in Christchurch Park, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2BE

Open: Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 5pm

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