

Crops to Shops @ Hollytrees Museum, Natural History Museum and Colchester Castle Park

Saturday 15th March, 10.30am – 4.30pm.

A unique event hosted by Colchester Castle Park Rangers and Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service. With special guest Jimmy Doherty of the BBC's 'Jimmy's Farm'.

Food glorious food! But how does it get to our tables? You can find out in this fun packed family day with plenty to enjoy across three locations - all within a minutes walk of one another.

Throughout the day you can enjoy displays from History Alive in **Hollytrees Museum**. Looking at themes such as Roman Food, Tudor Food and WW2 and rationing these enchanting displays will give you a real sense of food throughout history. Writtle College will be displaying information about the Year of Food and Farming, as well as information on some of the courses they offer. If you fancy getting creative then why not make a seed box to take home with you? In your seed box you can plant herbs, vegetables or whatever takes your fancy!

In Colchester Castle Park on the **Hollytrees Museum lawn** there will be plenty to see and do including a fun quiz hosted by the Castle Park Rangers. In the quiz you can learn about whether items of fruit and vegetables are roots, leaves, stems, flowers or fruit – try the quiz and see how you do, plus take home a small prize!

There will also be butter making, as well as beer brewing with the Wonky Dog brewery. You can see a display of farming machinery including a working tractor as well as a beautiful Suffolk punch horse. Learn about farming methods throughout history and enjoy an interactive display on foraging with the Friends of Castle Park, a craft activity with Highwoods Country Park rangers and some tasty hot food to treat yourself to, so don't forget your pocket money!

The **Natural History Museum** will be buzzing with activities all about bees! You can see live bees and learn about their importance to agriculture, as well as tasting some honey and making a candle from beeswax. There will be the chance to make a bee windsock and enjoy the garden trail learning about the habitats of miner bees.

Ian Baalham, Parks and Recreation Officer commented "This event looks set to be a great day, with lots of free activities on offer that all the family can enjoy. It is a wonderful example of departments across the council working in partnership with one another and we look forward to welcoming visitors to this unique event."

With special guest Jimmy Doherty from the BBC's 'Jimmy's Farm' this action filled family day will be lots of fun and will leave you inspired!

Come along and get fanatical about food!

Free for all the family!

Drop-in 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Beeswax candle making - £1.00 per candle.

All other activities are free.

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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