

Terrific Tudors @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

Sunday 16th March

Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service is delighted to be hosting a fabulous family fun day at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich delving into the lives of the Terrific Tudors! Come along and take part in this day of fun activities. You can make your own clay Tudor Jug, the more creative your ideas the better, and if you need inspiration you can take a look at the Tudor leather jug on display at the Mansion! You can find out why the Tudors preferred beer to water and much more.

Discover some of the ways the terrific Tudors engineered materials to meet their daily needs. You will learn all about their fascinating way of life and how they managed with what they had. An enchanting Tudor leatherworker will show you how leather was crafted to make durable objects. There will be basic belt, purse and bag making and information on tanning leather too.

In the kitchen at the mansion you will be able to see an important and common skill of Tudor women at work, with demonstrations of fabric and wool dyeing. You can see sources of natural dyes and mordants, as well as a selection of different coloured wools. You'll be surprised at some of the things the Tudors used for dyeing – including urine. But don't worry this example won't be shown on the day!

Explore more about Herbalism and folklore from our enchanting Tudor traveller in the Lower Tudor Chamber. Our traveller will tell you all about the herbalism, charms and potions that the Tudors used in times of need. You can also find out more about how the Tudors built buildings strong enough to last over 400 years.

Celebrating National Science and Engineering Week

10am - 4pm

Free admission to the Mansion

Make your own Tudor Jug, 11am, 12am, 1pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm - £1.50 per person

Bookable event, booking is advised as spaces are limited, book on 01473 433554

All other activities are free

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