## Have a taste of the past @ Christchurch Mansion

## Every Wednesday until October at 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Have you ever wondered about the rich stories and fascinating past of Christchurch Mansion? Do you want to know more about the faces behind the many portraits or about the enchanting families that have lived there in the past? Well now you can find out – absolutely free.

Until October the **Friends of Ipswich Museums** are offering you the chance to have a free 'taster tour' of Christchurch Mansion. On Wednesday's only at 2pm and 3pm you can sample the fabulous guided tour on offer – who knows it may inspire you to book a full tour, if you are thirsty for more!

The taster tours offer you the unique chance to discover more about the mansion, with one of our expert friends of the museum, absolutely free. The tours last up to an hour and there is no need to book, just come along for a taste of the past!

In Christchurch Mansion, which is free to enter, you can explore 500 years of history by soaking up the fantastic objects and stories on display. Enjoy discovering Victorian toys and games as well as beautiful costume and furniture. See period rooms from the 16<sup>th</sup> through to the 19<sup>th</sup> century including The Library, the Music Room with its chiming clocks and the Wash House. Don't miss the Tudor Kitchen and Victorian Scullery as well – with so much to see and explore you will want to come back time and time again!

With a fine collection of Lowestoft Porcelain, as well as original Gainsborough and Constable paintings in the Wolsey Gallery, you can discover so much in Christchurch Mansion. Why not round off your trip with a visit to the tea room, where you can sit and enjoy a selection of drinks and snacks in the beautiful surroundings of this treasured building.

Don't delay, come along and enjoy a free taster tour.

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