

### **Make Your Own Chinese Art @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Sat 5th July

FREE

Come along to Gallery 3 and see the enchanting Dragons, Silks and Stories exhibition! There is so much to see and explore that you will be spoilt for choice. Be amazed by the beautiful art and paintings on display in the exhibition, then have a go at our fun art activity. Take your pick from a selection of some of the most beautiful and colourful pieces of art in the exhibition, then have a go at recreating your own version.

Free activity and free entry to Gallery 3.

Drop-in 10am – 4pm.

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### **Yellow Earth Theatre @ Colchester Castle**

Sat 19th & Sun 20th July

To celebrate the opening of the 'Guardians to the King' exhibition you can meet some fabulous Chinese soldiers from the past. Yellow Earth Theatre's enchanting Chinese warriors will be on hand to tell you all about life in the army in the Han Dynasty, over 2000 years ago. Come along and be amazed by their enchanting stories and skills - you may even be recruited to take part in the fun!

Free event after normal admission charge to the castle.

Sat 19th July. Drop-in and meet characters 10am – 4.30pm.

Sun 20th July. Drop-in and meet characters 11am – 4.30pm.

Demonstrations at 11am (Sat only), 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

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### **The Silk Trail @ Ipswich Museum, Christchurch Mansion & Gallery 3, Ipswich**

Thu 24th July – Sun 31st Aug

FREE

Everyday over the summer holidays you can enjoy a fun quiz trail at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Museum and the Dragons, Silks and Stories exhibition at Gallery 3 in the Town Hall Galleries. In the quiz trail you can learn more about the museums and how many of their fascinating objects were inspired by, or came from the East. Plus, everyone that completes a quiz trail form will be entered into a prize draw, for the chance to win a fabulous prize.

Ipswich Museum open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am - 5pm.

Gallery 3, Town Hall open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am - 5pm.

Christchurch Mansion open Monday – Sunday, 10am - 5pm.

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### **Yellow Earth Theatre @ Colchester Castle**

Mon 28th July – Friday 1st Aug

Meet some fabulous Chinese soldiers from the past. Yellow Earth Theatre's enchanting Chinese warriors will be on hand to tell you all about life in the army in the Han Dynasty, over 2000 years ago. Come along and be amazed by their wonderful stories and skills - you may even be recruited to take part in the fun!

Free event after normal admission charge to the castle.  
Drop-in and meet characters 10am – 4.30pm.  
Demonstrations at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

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### **Broccoli Landscapes @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 28th July – Fri 1st Aug

Have you ever thought that broccoli looks a bit like a tree? Well Thomas Gainsborough thought the same thing and used them to create his own mini still life landscapes before he drew them. Now is your chance to make your own mini still life landscapes to inspire your artistic side. Will you use a mirror for a lake, a pebble for a rock and broccoli for a tree? Come along and see what kind of a beautiful landscape you can create before painting or drawing it into your very own fine art masterpiece!

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person.  
Booked sessions at 10.30am, 11.30pm, 12.30pm, 2pm & 3pm.  
Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.  
Sorry, we cannot take bookings for large groups.

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### **Meet Thomas Gainsborough @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Tue 29th – Thu 31st July      FREE

Come to Christchurch Mansion, step back 250 years to 1758 and meet the wonderful Thomas Gainsborough when he was still painting in Ipswich. Find out what inspired him to create the magnificent masterpieces currently on display in the Wolsey Art Gallery, and how he went about painting them. Listen as Gainsborough shares fascinating tales to help bring the pictures to life with the stories that are hidden within them.

Drop-in.  
Performances at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
FREE.

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### **Chinese Lion Dance Puppets @ Natural History Museum, Colchester**

Tue 29th – Thu 31st July

The traditional Chinese Lion Dance dates back thousands of years. The lion brings protection, good luck, prosperity, health, longevity and blessing and in this creative session you can make your own miniature lion puppet. Your puppet will fit over your hand and lower arm and can be decorated with lavish colours, just like the Chinese lions. When you have made your masterpiece why not move your arm to create your own lion dance?

£1.50 per person. Suitable for ages 5-12.  
To book call 01206 282940 (10am - 4.45pm), or drop into Hollytrees Museum.  
Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Limited spaces, please book early.  
Sorry, we are unable to accept large group bookings.

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### **Chinese Animal Prints @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Tue 29th July – Fri 1st Aug

Put your stamp on history and come along to Ipswich Museum to create your own fabulous Chinese print stamp from which you can create amazing pictures. Take inspiration from the beautiful animals on display in the Natural History Gallery and see how these creatures influenced Chinese prints. Have your turn to create your own print stamp out of foam or lino and use it to make beautiful print pictures that you can take home as a memento of your day.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person.

Booked sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm.

Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

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### **Chinese Calligraphy @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Thu 31st July

Come and have a go at doing some Chinese Calligraphy in this enchanting activity. In this session our professional Chinese Calligrapher will demonstrate this art and help you to complete your own banner to take home. She will also reveal more to you about this fascinating and beautiful art of writing Chinese characters.

Chinese Calligraphy, £1.50 per person (suitable for ages 7+).

Bookable activity, sessions at 12pm, 2pm and 3pm.

Spaces are limited, please book by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am - 5pm.

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### **Chinese Valentines Day @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Sat 2nd Aug

Come and celebrate Chinese Valentines Day, which traditionally takes place on the seventh day of the seventh month of the Chinese calendar. In this fun activity session you can have a go at making your own enchanting matchstick temple. In imperial China an Emperor was represented by a Dragon and an Empress by a Phoenix, and the two would be united at a wedding. Come and decorate your own cardboard puppets of these mythical creatures to make up your own stories with and have some fun.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am - 5pm.

Drop-in activities, 10am - 4pm.

Make your own Phoenix or Dragon puppet, 10am - 4pm. 50p per child.

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### **A Victorian Weekend @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd Aug                      FREE

Come along and take a journey into the past with a whole weekend of events that can be enjoyed absolutely free. See a Victorian lacemaker demonstrating with authentic Victorian bobbins, as well as purse making, examples of bead embroidery and a spinning wheel. Learn more about a typical school day for a

Victorian child with our Victorian school mistress when you can see a range of Victorian toys and games, plus learn more about life at the time.

Free event.

Drop-in 10.30am – 4.30pm (Sat). 11am – 4pm (Sun).

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### **Fan Decorating @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug

Cool yourself down this summer by coming to Christchurch Mansion and having a go at decorating your own fan. Be inspired by the beautiful collection of fans on display and have a go at designing your own. What kinds of patterns and pictures will you create on your fan? Using metallic pens and other decorative items this fun and creative session will get your design skills flowing! When you get hot from running around in the beautiful Christchurch Park, you will be able to fan yourself down with this memento of your fun day out.

Free admission to the museum, activity £1 per person.

Drop-in event 10.00am – 12.45pm and 1.45pm – 4.30pm.

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### **Make Your Own Terracotta Figure @ Colchester Castle**

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug

Now you can have your chance to make your very own piece of history! Taking inspiration from the 'Guardians to the King' exhibition you can make your own ancient figure out of clay. What will your figure be like? Come along and let your imagination run wild in this fun and creative workshop.

£1 per person. Normal admission charge to castle applies.

To book call 01206 282940 (10am - 4.45pm), or drop into Hollytrees Museum. Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Suitable for ages 4 and up.

Sorry, we are unable to accept large group bookings.

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### **Tea Clipper Week @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug

Tea, wonderful tea! What better way to celebrate one of our nation's favourite drinks than in the beautiful surroundings of Hollytrees Museum? In this special week of activities you can enjoy lots of tea related activities and discover more about how tea came to Britain. During the afternoons you can meet Captain Gilbert and hear his tales of life on the high seas doing the tea run. You can also have the chance to see and touch objects related to tea that are not usually on display in the museum such as a tea caddy and sugar nippers.

Why not make your own souvenir tea towel to commemorate the tea clipper and tea trade? Create your own print using fabric paints, which you will then transfer to a supplied blank tea towel. Take it home, iron it, and you have your own uniquely designed and ready-to-use tea towel!

Tea towel making £1.50 per person. Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
To book call 01206 282940 (10am - 4.45pm), or drop into Hollytrees Museum.  
Sorry, we are unable to accept large group bookings.  
Tea towel activity suitable for 4-12 yrs.  
Storytelling and object handling takes place 2pm and 3pm.

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### **Go Live Week @ Natural History Museum, Colchester**

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug

Enjoy getting closer to nature this summer, as the Natural History Museum hosts Go Live Week. Every day you can meet and learn more about a selection of birds, reptiles and amphibians. So why not come along for a fun day out?

#### **The Owl Show**

Mon 4th & Tue 5th Aug

Marvel at these beautiful birds of prey and watch as they swoop over your head.

Shows at 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm.  
£1.50 per person (2 years and under free).

Doors will be closed after the start of each owl session. Unfortunately no entry is permitted once each owl show has started.

Entry to owl shows are by ticket only.  
Tickets are only sold on the day at the museum, on a first come first served basis.  
When shows are fully booked tickets will be offered for an alternative time.

#### **Snake Show**

Wed 6th Aug

Take a closer look at these beautiful reptiles and ask all you ever wanted to know about slithery snakes.

#### **Recycling Roadshow**

Thu 7th Aug

Learn about recycling from amphibians, rodents, insects and others!

#### **The Rainforest**

Fri 8th Aug

Come face-to-face with some amazing creatures including tree frogs, giant snails, and much more.

Drop-in 12pm - 4pm.  
£1.50 per person (2 and under free).  
Entry charge applies from 11.30am. Last entry 3.45pm.  
Suitable for all.

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## **Egyptian Embalming @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Tue 5th – Fri 8th Aug

Do you want to know how the Ancient Egyptians mummified their Pharaohs? Ever wondered how they got the brains out of the nose? Well come and take part in an enchanting embalming ceremony to find out. As well as getting the chance to see precious Egyptian objects that are not normally on display, you will also be able to take part in some fun role-play. Will you play a Pharaoh or perhaps a God? With fun masks and costumes to wear, as well as props to use, you won't find it hard getting into character! Come along and discover Ancient Egypt.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1 per person.  
Booked sessions at 10.30am, 11.30pm, 12.30pm, 2pm & 3pm.  
Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.  
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## **Meet the Egyptian Storyteller @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Wed 6th – Thu 7th Aug                      FREE

Come along to Ipswich Museum and hear tales of Pharaohs and Gods with our enchanting Egyptian storyteller. She will take you on a journey into the past and tell you about life in Ancient Egypt. Take a closer look at an Egyptian headrest and learn about what the Egyptians would have used as a mirror.

For a fascinating insight into the past why not come and explore the Egyptian Gallery in Ipswich Museum too. Discover a mummy mask, amulets, jewellery, and lots more.

Drop-in.  
Performances at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
FREE.

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## **Great Wall of China @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Thu 7th Aug                      FREE

Add your own piece of art to our Great Wall of China mosaic in Gallery 3 this summer. A professional artist will be on hand to assist you to complete a section of the wall with a basic mosaic inspired by your favourite object in the exhibition. Leave your mark by taking part in this fun and free activity.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am – 5pm.  
Free drop-in activity, 10am – 4pm.

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## **Make Your Own Tudor Instrument @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 11th – Wed 13th Aug

Come to the Christchurch Mansion this summer and have fun making your own unusual cardboard Tudor instrument. Using a template your Tudor instrument will be a work of art and make some great sounds! Our friendly freelancer will be on hand to help you make your instrument and you can decorate your instrument however you like. Take it home and amaze your friends and family with the music you'll be able to create.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person.  
Booked sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm.  
Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.  
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### **The Gladiators! @ Colchester Castle**

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Aug

Step into the arena at Colchester Castle and watch in awe as two Roman Gladiators warm up for their next fight! Meet 'Vulpus the Barbarian' and 'Ferrox' in this rare and enchanting appearance that will give you a real insight into the lives of these Roman heroes. Vulpus and Ferrox will show you some of their fantastic moves which allowed them to win fights and live to battle another day. You will see their weapons and armour and how these were used for maximum effect. If you are lucky you may even get to touch some of these prized items!

Free event after normal admission charge to the castle.  
Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
Suitable for all ages.

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### **Mavis the Land Army Girl @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Aug

FREE

The Second World War is raging, and local girl Mavis is one of the many women working hard to keep Britain running. Come along and meet Mavis at Hollytrees Museum to see all of the work that needs doing, and hear more about the troubles of life at this time.

Free sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
Suitable for all.

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### **Koi Carp Windsocks @ Natural History Museum, Colchester**

Tue 12th – Thu 14th Aug

In Chinese culture the fish symbolizes joy and endless happiness and in this fun session you can have fun making your own windsock. Make a colourful koi carp windsock, place it somewhere breezy and watch as it swims through the air.

£1.50 per person. Suitable for ages 5-12.  
To book call 01206 282940 (10am - 4.45pm), or drop into Hollytrees Museum.  
Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
LIMITED SPACES – BOOK EARLY.  
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**Tudor Minstrels @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Wed 13th Aug                FREE

Don't miss your chance to listen to professional Tudor musicians playing at Christchurch Mansion this summer! Gather in the beautiful surroundings of the Main Hall and hear some traditional Tudor music. If you're in need of some tranquillity this summer come along and enjoy this fantastic free event in the enchanting surroundings of Christchurch Mansion.

Drop-in.

Performances at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm.

FREE.

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**Emperor's New Clothes @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Thu 14th Aug

Why not come and visit the Dragons, Silks and Stories exhibition this summer and have a go at designing some new clothes fit for a Chinese Emperor. Colour and detail your Emperor and stand him tall, ready to be fitted with clothes that you can colour, cut and hang on your Emperor figure.

Drop-in activity, 10am – 4pm.

50p per child.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am - 5pm.

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**Chinese Magic @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Thu 14th and Fri 15th Aug                FREE

Visit Ipswich Museum this summer and be dazzled by some traditional Chinese magic like you've never seen before. With our enchanting magician Hui Ling Zhu you can see a variety of close-up tricks! Take this rare chance to encounter a spectacle in the enchanting backdrop of Ipswich Museum.

Drop-in.

Performance at 12pm.

FREE.

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**Circus Skills Workshops @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Thu 14th and Fri 15th Aug

Ever wanted to join the circus? Then why not come and take part in a circus skills workshop where you will have the chance to have a go at plate-spinning, ribbon dancing and using a Diablo. Our professional Chinese acrobat and performer will teach you these skills so that you can take them away with you to amaze your friends and family. Don't miss out – book now!

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per child.

Booked sessions at 1.30pm, 2.30pm, and 3.30pm.

Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

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### **Build an Olympic Athlete @ Colchester Castle**

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Aug

The games are on and now you can explore your favourite Olympic sport by making your very own athlete! Based on the 35 sport icons that make up this year's Olympic Games pictograms you can choose one and then make your own athlete with the appropriate sports equipment. Your athlete sculpture will be made from recycled materials and household items and once you have made him or her (and their sporting equipment) you can colour in a draw details on them. Come along and get creative!

£1 per person after normal admission charge to the castle.

To book call 01206 282940 (10am-4.45pm), or drop into Hollytrees Museum. Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Suitable for ages 4 and up.

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### **Shadow Puppets Workshop @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Aug

Come along to Christchurch Mansion and create your own Chinese birth year shadow puppet. Are you a rat, a tiger, a dragon or a monkey? Depending on what year you were born in you can discover the animal that represents you in the Chinese zodiac. Have fun making your puppet and why not have a go at making your own mini theatre so that you can have hours of fun putting on your own shadow puppetry performances at home.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person.

Booked sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm.

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### **Toy Talks @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Aug

FREE

Come along to Christchurch Mansion and be enchanted as you are guided through some of the fascinating toys in the collection. Can you guess what they are made from and which one made an appearance in the Great Exhibition? How did the Victorians get toys to move without batteries or electricity? Come and find out more about this beautiful collection.

Drop-in talks at 10.30am, 11.30pm, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm.

FREE.

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### **Animals Go Live! @ Ipswich Museum, High Street**

Tues 19th – Sat 23rd Aug

Enjoy getting closer to nature this summer, as Ipswich Museum hosts Go Live Week. Every day you can meet and learn more about a selection of birds, reptiles and bugs. So why not come along for a fun day out?

### **The Owl Show**

Tue 19th & Wed 20th Aug

Marvel at these beautiful birds of prey and watch as they swoop over your head.

Booked sessions at 1.30pm, 2.30pm, and 3.30pm. Entry to owl shows by ticket only.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person (2 years and under free).

Doors will be closed after the start of each owl session. Unfortunately no entry is permitted once each owl show has started.

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### **Big Bugs**

Thu 21st Aug

Don't miss your chance to get closer to some unusual and fabulous big bugs. Booking is advised.

### **Fluffy Creatures**

Fri 22nd Aug

Come and have the chance to find out some great facts and stroke some amazing fluffy creatures. Booking is advised.

### **Snakes**

Sat 23rd Aug

Find out more about the fascinating world of snakes and get closer to some real life slithery friends. Booking is advised.

Free admission to the museum, sessions are £1.50 per person starting from 12pm.

Last session finishes at 4pm.

Book through Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

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### **Opera-Masks @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Thu 21st Aug

Chinese opera performers wear masks and the colours give us clues about their character's personality. Create your own opera character and make a mask, which you think shows the audience what they are like. Our professional artist will show you how to make your foam mask and then you can decorate it with beautiful colours and all sorts of sticky bits and bobs!

Opera-masks, £1.50 per person.

Bookable activity, sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Spaces are limited, please book by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am-5pm.

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**Discover the Doll's House @ Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

Thu 21st – Fri 22nd Aug

FREE

Come along and explore the beautiful doll's house and its rooms, with the help of one of Hollytree's servants. Hear about the work of the servants in Hollytrees Museum as they show you how different life was before central heating, electricity and alarm clocks!

Free. Sessions at 2pm and 3pm.

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**The Victorian Chimney Sweep @ Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Mon 25th and Tue 26th Aug FREE

Have you ever noticed how many chimneys there are on a mansion? How did a Victorian chimney sweep manage to keep all the chimneys on a house like Christchurch Mansion so clean? Just how did he hide the mess from the rich lady of the house? Come and find out from our Chimney Sweep and try and have a go at some of his sweeping techniques in this interactive and fun storytelling session.

Performances at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.  
FREE.

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**Chinese Hats @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Thu 28th Aug

Be inspired by the beautiful hats in the collection and have a go at making your own Chinese summer hat using a variety of unusual materials. Our friendly artist will help you to construct and decorate your hat to take home with you to remind you of your visit to this fascinating exhibition.

Chinese Hats, £1.50 per person.

Bookable activity, sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Spaces are limited, please book by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am-5pm.

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**Archery Fun @ Colchester Castle**

Thu 28th Aug

Don't miss the unique chance to have a go at the ancient skill of archery in the fabulous surroundings of Colchester Castle. With help from our medieval archery teachers, you can have a go at archery, shooting at targets. There will be small range for younger children, while braver people can have a go at a longer shot! Come along and test your skills.

50p per 3 arrows after normal admission charge to the castle.

Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Drop-in 10am – 12.30pm, and 1pm – 4pm.

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### **Through the Ages @ St Botolph's Priory**

FREE Family Fun Day      Sat 30th Aug

Join in all the fun of times gone by in a free large scale event set in the beautiful surroundings of St Botolph's Priory. Step back in time and enjoy a journey that will take you through the ages from Roman times to the present day.

St Botolph's Priory, Queen Street, Colchester.

10.30am – 4.30pm.

Free event.

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### **Chinese Moon Festival @ Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Sat 6th Sept      FREE

The Moon Festival, or Mid Autumn Festival as it is often referred to is when the Chinese celebrate the moon being at its fullest and brightest. Come along to Gallery 3 and gather around our storyteller to listen to this and other fabulous stories. There will also be the chance to sample some moon cake and take part in other free activities. Don't miss out.

Free entrance to Gallery 3, 10am - 5pm

Drop-in activities, 10am - 4pm

Storyteller, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

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### **Heritage Open Days – Colchester**

Sat 13th & Sun 14th Sept      FREE

Don't miss out on your chance to explore Colchester's heritage as part of a special event taking place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2008.

The two-day event opens the doors to properties, many of which are not normally open or accessible to the public. Heritage Open Days provide you with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy these sometimes hidden, often curious and always interesting places in the Colchester area completely free of charge!

Free

In and around Colchester

From 10am on both days

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### **Heritage Open Days – Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Sun 14th Sept      FREE

Come along to Christchurch Mansion for a day of free activities exploring the fabulous Victorian era. You can enjoy some traditional Victorian games on the lawn in front of the house which will be great fun for all of the family. There will be Victorian washing in the garden with your chance to use a dolly, copper, and carpet beater. How would you have done being a Victorian maid and washing the clothes for all of the people in the Mansion? Come and find out!

You can also enjoy demonstrations of some traditional Victorian crafts including crochet and tatting and lots more.

Free Drop-in 10am – 4pm  
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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