

Counting Clocks, Time Machines and Fireworks

Half term fun at Christchurch Mansion Ipswich, Ipswich Museum and Gallery 3 Ipswich Town Hall Galleries

Monday 27th October – Saturday 1st November

There is so much on offer at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Museum and Gallery 3 in Ipswich Town Hall Galleries this October half term that visitors will be spoilt for choice. From Monday 27th October until Saturday 1st November 6 events can be enjoyed - 4 of which are completely free of charge.

The fun starts on Monday 27th October with **Tick Tock Make a Clock**. This event takes place at **Christchurch Mansion** and runs until Friday 31st October. In this fun and creative event visitors can have a go at designing their very own clock face. A competition will also take place which will allow visitors to leave their clock faces behind to be displayed until 1st November when judging of the best clock face will take place for which the winner will receive a fabulous prize! Booking for Tick Tock Make a Clock is required and can be made by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554. Sessions are £1.50 per person.

Continuing with the clock theme, from Monday 27th October until Sunday 2nd November visitors are invited to come along to **Christchurch Mansion to Count The Clocks**. This fun quiz trail will allow families to explore the mansion and count how many old clocks can be seen. This activity is offered completely free of charge and there is no need to book. Entrants of the trail will be put into a prize draw to win tickets to Colchester Castle Museum.

From Tuesday 28th until Friday 31st October visitors to **Ipswich Museum** can enjoy **Time-Machine Drama Fun**. Children are invited to come along and take a journey through time with drama games, costume and more. Will they become a cave man or maybe even a famous Victorian like Charles Dickens? Booking for the event is recommended and can be made by calling Christchurch Mansion on 01473 433554. Sessions are £1.50 per child and set sessions will be available for different age groups.

Visitors can explore history in another fun way at **Ipswich Museum** from Tuesday 28th October until Saturday 1st November with **The Tardis Trail**. This free quiz trail exploring the stories and objects in Ipswich Museum is free to enjoy and there is no need to book. All visitors that complete the trail will be entered into a free prize draw.

On Saturday 1st November in **Gallery 3** (Ipswich Town Hall Galleries) **Fabulous Fireworks** will allow a free chocolate firework for every visitor! Additionally children will be invited to get creative and make their own rocket bookmark to take home. This is a fantastic event that can be enjoyed free by all the family. There is no need to book, just drop-in from 10am – 4pm.

The half term fun rounds off with **Meet Bernard Mason** at **Christchurch Mansion** on Saturday 1st November. At 11.00am and 12.30pm the mansion's storyteller character of Bernard Mason will share enchanting tales about his

life. At 12.00pm Bernard Mason will judge the winner from the clock face design competition.

There are plenty of other events to enjoy over the coming months too including, a Tudor Christmas and even the 12 Days of Christmas! Check out the websites to find out more. Visit www.ipswich.gov.uk/Museums/ or www.colchestermuseums.org.uk

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