

Colchester Castle Open Evening and Dickensian Market

Wednesday 10th December from 4pm – 8.30pm

Come along for a whole evening of free fun that all the family will enjoy and kick off the festive season in style.

Colchester Castle once again opens its doors absolutely free of charge for a night of Christmas magic. You can hear traditional Christmas carols and even join in, if you fancy it. Soak up the beautiful surroundings of Colchester Castle and enjoy a fun quiz trail where you can have the chance to handle some fabulous museum objects.

For just £1.00 children can meet Father Christmas in his beautiful winter wonderland grotto, so make sure you take up the chance to see him whilst he is in Colchester! Plus grab a glass of delicious mulled wine and enjoy a tasty mince pie – all absolutely free of charge.

Brand new this year, you can also enjoy a fantastic Dickensian market in Castle Park. Escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy the open air with lots of festive stalls to help you get stocked up for Christmas. There will be food, hot chestnuts, crafts, wreaths, Christmas cards and other festive treats. Get your Christmas pudding, order your turkey, taste some scrummy sausages and more - you may even bump into a few Christmas characters!

You won't need to dream of a white Christmas either as snow is guaranteed on the night outside Colchester Castle – so come along for a ho ho ho lot of fun. Pop over the road to the Visitor Information Centre too, where fabulous festive treats and music await you!

If you can't wait until the 10th December to contact Father Christmas then why not take up Hollytrees Museum's exclusive mail service, direct to the North Pole? Just pop along to Hollytrees Museum and post your letter to Father Christmas between 22nd November – 16th December. With Hollytrees Museum's guaranteed service you will get a reply from the man himself!

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Christmas Extravaganza

Colchester Visitor Information Centre

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Colchester is the place to be this Christmas!

Local people and visitors alike will love the festive atmosphere of Colchester especially with a jam packed day of Christmas fun at the VisitColchester Information Centre.

From 10am there is so much to see and do at the visitor information centre, that you'll really be spoilt for choice. Dickensian folk will warmly welcome you throughout the day which kicks off at 10am with tasting with the Chocolate Chef, a prize draw for a delicious Wilkins and Sons hamper, a lucky dip and a fabulous market stall with oodles of festive treats for sale.

A special guest will be appearing at midday and then from 2pm there will be delicious tasting with mince pies, Christmas puddings and traditional Caribbean food! From 4pm – until 8pm you can enjoy a competition to win tickets to some wonderful attractions, wine tasting and live music from 2 choirs and a band. At 5.30pm don't miss the fun and lively performance from Nick the Gaoler, his wife Mary and the woman who steals mince pies!

Come along, have some fun and get into the festive spirit absolutely free with the VisitColchester Information Centre.

Why not pop over the road to Colchester Castle between 4pm – 8.30pm for some snow and Christmas magic too?

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