

## **Colchester and Ipswich Museum Autumn/Winter Events**

### **Cobbold Together Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich Everyday throughout October**

To celebrate the life of Felix Thornley Cobbold you can come along and reproduce a miniature of Mr Cobbold's portrait, then add it to our giant mosaic artwork!

Free Drop-in 10am – 4pm

No need to book Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper

### **'Out of the Box' present Objects from Colchester's World Heritage Hollytrees Museum, Colchester Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**

As part of the 'Colchester's World Heritage' event Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service will be showing off some objects from our world heritage, not usually on show to the public.

Objects associated with immigrants to Colchester, from the Romans to today, can be seen and you can learn more about these fascinating items and the stories behind them.

**Free event  
12pm – 4pm  
No need to book**

### **Big Draw Fun Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Celebrate the Big Draw and explore the world in charcoal and pastels. Have fun creating your own pieces of art and take inspiration from the Change in Charcoal exhibition. Artist Valerie Irwin will be on hand to give you hints and tips, should you need it!

**Free  
Drop-in 10am-12pm and 1pm- 4pm  
No need to book  
Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

### **The Sixties Seen Exhibition Tour Colchester Castle Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Enjoy a fabulous guided tour of The Sixties Seen exhibition, with the Curator of Costume and find out more about the pieces on show.

**Free, after normal Castle admission  
Tour starts at 2pm  
No need to book  
The tour will be British Sign Language Interpreted**

## **Guided Tour of 'Change in Charcoal'**

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries**

Learn more about the pieces on show in the 'Change in Charcoal' exhibition as artist Valerie Irwin leads a guided tour. Discover more about her works, her inspiration and her techniques.

**Free**

**Tours last for 45 mins and begin at 11am and 2pm**

**Please book by calling 01473 433691 or drop into Christchurch Mansion**

## **100 Years of the Cobbold Legacy**

**Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

One hundred years after his death, Christchurch Mansion is celebrating the legacy left by the great Felix Thornley Cobbold, with a special trail highlighting some of the Mansion's most stunning objects.

**Free**

**10am – 5pm**

**No need to book**

## **Discover and Draw Africa**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Celebrate the Big Draw and explore African history by discovering rare items from behind the scenes at the museum. Get creative and have a go at drawing the objects with some fun techniques.

**Free**

**10am – 4pm**

**No need to book**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

## **'Out of the Box' presents Art from the Stores**

**Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Come along to Christchurch Mansion and discover more about the museum service's rich collection of art.

**Free**

**Drop-in 1pm – 3pm**

**No need to book**

## **'Out of the Box' presents The 1960s**

**Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Visit Hollytrees Museum and celebrate The Sixties Seen exhibition by discovering 1960s items from behind the scenes at the museum, with the Curator of Costume.

**Free**

**Drop-in 1pm – 3pm**

**No need to book**

### **Make an Eco-Poster**

**Natural History Museum, Colchester**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> & Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**

To celebrate National Energy Saving Week and the Big Draw, come along and design your own eco-poster and enter it into our competition. All materials are provided, you just need the fabulous ideas.

**Free**

**Saturday 10am - 4.30pm**

**Sunday 11am - 4.30pm**

**No need to book**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

### **Groovy 60s Mobiles**

**Colchester Castle**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Take inspiration from The Sixties Seen exhibition, have a trip back in time and create a groovy 60s style mobile with fantastic images.

**£1.50 per person, plus Castle admission**

**Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm**

**Please book your place on 01206 282940, or drop into Hollytrees Museum**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

**Sorry we are unable to accept large group bookings**

### **Spider Pen Pots**

**Natural History Museum, Colchester**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Make a fabulous spider pen pot to store all your pens and pencils in. With a scary spider climbing out of it no-one will be borrowing your pens without your permission!

**£1.50 per person**

**Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm**

**Please book your place on 01206 282940, or drop into Hollytrees Museum**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

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### **Curious Creatures**

**Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**

As part of a whole week marking Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, why not come along and create your own curious 'happy mais' creature?

**£1.50 per person**

**Sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm**

**Book in advance on 01473 433691 or drop into Christchurch Mansion**

**Suitable for ages 3+, young children should bring an adult helper**

**Sorry we are unable to accept large group bookings**

### **Meet Bernard Mason**

**Tymperleys Clock Museum, Colchester**

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Take a fascinating guided tour of Tymperleys Clock Museum with our costumed guide as Bernard Mason, former owner of the house.

**£1 per person**

**Tours take place at 11am and 12 noon**

**No need to book**

**(This tour is ideal for adults, but also suitable for children, with worksheets to use while on the tour)**

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**Free**

**Drop-in 1pm – 3pm**

**No need to book**

**A British Sign Language interpreter will be available**

### **Go Live Week, Ipswich Museum**

#### **Cuddly Creatures**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**

See, touch and learn about a whole host of cuddly creatures, including rats, rabbits, gerbils, hedgehogs and sugar gliders.

**£1.50 per person (2 and under go free)**

**Sessions at 11am, 11.30am, 12pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm**

**Book in advance by calling 01473 433691 or drop into Christchurch Mansion**

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#### **Revealing Reptiles**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Get up close and personal with some wriggly reptiles. Meet a python, a milk snake, a blue-tongued skink and a bearded dragon.

**£1.50 per person (2 and under go free)**

**Sessions at 11am, 11.30am, 12pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm**

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## **The Owl Show**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> & Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Discover more about these beautiful birds and see some in flight. Meet a barn owl, a tawny owl and an eagle owl and discover more about their behaviour in the wild. (Species mentioned are subject to change).

**£1.50 per person (2 and under go free)**

**Sessions at 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm**

**Book in advance by calling 01473 433691 or drop into Christchurch Mansion**

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## **Beautiful Bugs**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Learn more about a whole host of bugs and the ways they have adapted to their environment. Meet some African land snails, giant Madagascan hissing cockroaches and more!

**£1.50 per person (2 and under go free)**

**Sessions at 11am, 11.30am, 12pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm**

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## **Smuggler's Tales**

**Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> and Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Hear some fascinating tales of smugglers and local legends of East Anglia. Discover 'The Walberswick Whisperers', 'Shuck the Devil's Hound' and more!

**Free**

**Sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm**

**No need to book**

**On Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Oct a British Sign Language interpreter will be available at 11am and 1pm**

## **Meet Birds of Prey**

**Natural History Museum, Colchester**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Come and meet some beautiful birds of prey. Meet a kestrel, a buzzard and more and learn about their habitat in the wild. (Species mentioned are subject to change).

**£1.50 per person**

**Set shows at 12pm, 1.15pm and 2.30pm**

**No need to book**

**No entry to the museum after the start of each show**

## **Christmas Cracker**

**Ipswich Museum**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Kick off the festive season and get your creative cap on! Try our four fun and wonderfully festive craft activities, including printing your own wrapping paper, making origami Christmas tree cards, creating lolly stick tree decorations and creating a wooden spoon angel.

**Stamp cards are £2.00 per person, includes all four crafts.**

**Drop-in 10am – 4pm**

**No need to book**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

## **A Victorian Christmas**

**Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Enjoy a traditional Christmas in the stunning surroundings of Christchurch Mansion! Listen to Victorian carols, visit Father Christmas, enjoy enchanting Christmas stories, and join in with some of the craft activities that Victorian families would have enjoyed 150 years ago.

**Meet Father Christmas, £2.00 per child (includes gift)**

**All other activities are free**

**Storytelling sessions at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3pm**

**No need to book**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

**British Sign Language interpreted storytelling sessions at 11.30am and 2pm**

## **Deck the Halls**

**Hollytrees Museum, Colchester**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Get into the festive spirit and make some beautiful Christmas decorations to take home with you. You can enjoy making five different decorations in this fun and jolly session.

**£2.00 per person**

**Drop-in 12.30pm - 4pm**

**No need to book**

**Suitable for all ages, young children should bring an adult helper**

## **Christmas Open Evening and Market**

**Colchester Castle**

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Enjoy a special event in association with Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service, the Castle Park Rangers and the VisitColchester information centre. Enjoy entertainment in Colchester Castle with carols, Father Christmas in his special grotto and much more. Stock up on festive treats with a walk around the Christmas market in the grounds of Castle Park and enjoy activities throughout the day at the VisitColchester information centre.

**Meet Father Christmas in his grotto - £2.00 per person (includes a gift)**

**All other activities are free**

**Castle open for Christmas fun 3pm - 8.30pm**

**Christmas Market open 11am – 9pm**

**VisitColchester Information Centre open 10am – 8pm**

**(Please note: the museum will close at 2.30pm to allow time to prepare for the 3pm free opening)**

**No need to book**

**A British Sign Language interpreter will be available from 3pm – 8.30pm**

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