

# Georgian Extravaganza!

## Celebrating Heritage Open Days

**Christchurch Mansion     Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 4pm**

**FREE**

Visitors can celebrate history and heritage on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September as Christchurch Mansion journeys back to the Georgian era to celebrate Heritage Open Days.

Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service celebrates Heritage Open Days every year. The national initiative celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public, as well as special events.

This activity packed day can be enjoyed completely free of charge and there is sure to be something for everyone. Visitors can meet a variety of costumed characters including a tea dealer, a barber surgeon, a prison reformer and more, as well as musicians. There will be fascinating storytelling sessions to enjoy, as well as the chance to learn more about Georgian food, manners and etiquette.

On the day there will be the opportunity to dress up in traditional Georgian style clothes and try out fan making and decorating. Visitors can even join in with some Georgian dancing.

Throughout the day visitors can also see some rare items from behind the scenes at the museums with the items from the art and textile collections. The 'Out of the Box' sessions will have museum curators on hand to discuss the objects and answer any questions that visitors may have.

Christchurch Mansion and the Georgian Extravaganza can be enjoyed completely free of charge and visitors are urged to come along and have fun exploring the past. There is no need to book.

To find out more about Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service's bumper programme of events visit [www.ipswich.gov.uk/Museums](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/Museums) or [www.colchestermuseums.org.uk](http://www.colchestermuseums.org.uk)

Out of the Box sessions 10am - 12pm and 2pm – 4pm  
Storytelling at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm  
Dance performances at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm

### **The Sixties Seen:**

#### **Art, Music and Fashion**

**13<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> November, Colchester Castle**

Take a trip back to the swinging sixties in Colchester Castle and discover the art, music and fashion of the time. See highlights from this innovative decade and discover just how much design influenced everyday life.

### **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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