

Marvellous Medieval Fun Day!

Saturday 17th July 10.30am – 4.30pm
St Botolph's Priory, Colchester

A whole day packed full of family fun – absolutely FREE

Take a journey back in time this summer and explore the marvellous medieval period in a fun day out packed full of FREE events. Set in the beautiful surroundings of St Botolph's Priory, entrances off Queen Street, St Botolphs Street and Priory Street in Colchester, this is a day out not to be missed!

Throughout the day visitors can enjoy an array of crafts, storytelling, live music, performances, stalls and much more – all inspired by the Marvellous Medieval period.

The fun kicks off at 11am with some live music from the Minstrels and medieval storytelling. Live medieval combat displays start at 11.30am and you can take part in crime and punishment trials from 12pm. During the day there's the chance to talk to a medieval surgeon, discover medieval cooking, enjoy medieval music, talks by local historian John Ashdown Hill, as well as guided walks of the priory and much, much more – at no cost!

There will be the chance to discover more about medieval herb remedies, try brass rubbing, crown making and make your own illuminated letters!

Cllr Nick Barlow, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Portfolio Holder said, "This is a fantastic and free day out for all ages, and as well as having fun you can learn more about how the people of Colchester lived their lives, bringing the towns rich past to life."

The event, hosted by Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service and St Botolph's Church, will also see a variety of cake stalls, bric-a-brac stalls and refreshments. Visitors should bring spending money as lots of tasty treats will be available including a hog roast, ice-cream van but all activities are free!

Laura Hardisty, Assistant Marketing Officer, Colchester Museums says, 'This is an annual event that the museum service put on at St Botolph's to interpret the historical site. It's a varied, full action-packed day that will appeal to all ages and families. Best of all it's a high quality event that is free for all to attend, so we are looking forward to lots of visitors on the day.'

The Marvellous Medieval Fun Day is a FREE event, so visitors are urged to come along for a great day out, in the beautiful surroundings of St Botolph's Priory.

Programme of Events for the day:

11.00-11.15	Minstrel's Gallery – Medieval music
11.00-11.30	Medieval storytelling (inside the church)
11.15-11.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
11.30-12.00	Combat demonstration (in the arena)
12.00-12.15	Minstrel's Gallery - Medieval music
12.00-12.30	Crime and punishment trials
12.00-12.30	Dr John Ashdown Hill presents 'Bear-baiting and brothels - the leisure activities of medieval Colchester' (inside the church)
12.15-12.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
12.45-1.15	Medieval storytelling (inside the church)
1.00-1.15	Minstrel's Gallery - Medieval music
1.15–1.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
1.30-2.00	Crime and punishment trials
1.30-2.00	Dr John Ashdown Hill presents 'St Botolph's Priory' (inside the church)
2.00-2.30	Combat demonstration (in the arena)

2.15-2.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
2.30-3.00	Medieval storytelling (inside the church)
3.00-3.15	Minstrel's Gallery – Medieval music
3.00-3.30	Crime and punishment trials
3.00-3.30	Dr John Ashdown Hill presents 'Religious Life in Medieval Colchester' (inside the church)
3.15–3.45	Guided walk of the Priory (from the Information Point)
3.30-4.00	Combat demonstration (in the arena)
4.00-4.15	Minstrel's Gallery – Medieval music
4.00-4.30	Medieval storytelling (inside the church)
4.30	Event closes

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