

IPSWICH MUSEUMS

What's on

October 2017 - March 2018



IPSWICH MUSEUMS

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www.ipswichregent.com

or call 01473 433100

**Prices given are for advance bookings.
Tickets may be available on the day at a slightly
higher price, please call beforehand. Parents/carers
must remain with their children throughout.*



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Ipswich Museums

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION



Soane Street,
Ipswich, IP4 2BE
01473 433554

Situated in the stunning surroundings of Christchurch Park, this Tudor mansion boasts 500 years of history and is one of Suffolk's most treasured buildings.

OPENING TIMES
NOVEMBER-
FEBRUARY

Tuesday-Saturday:
10am-4pm
Sunday: 11am-4pm

MARCH-OCTOBER

Tuesday-Saturday:
10am-5pm
Sunday: 11am-5pm

IPSWICH MUSEUM



High Street,
Ipswich, IP1 3QH
01473 433551

This fascinating and unique museum gives you the opportunity to meet the famous woolly mammoth and go on a journey through Suffolk's past.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday-Saturday:
10am-5pm
Sunday: 11am-5pm

IPSWICH ART GALLERY



1 Upper High Street,
Ipswich IP1 3NE
01473 433681

Located next to the Museum, Ipswich Art Gallery displays exhibitions of international importance and provides a unique

stage for local artists to show their work and to showcase the region's artistic talents.

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Exhibitions



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Thomas Wolsey: Ipswich's Greatest Son

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2017 –
SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018

Thomas Wolsey was born into humble beginnings in Ipswich in the 1470s. Using his prodigious intellect, he excelled at university and rose to become Henry VIII's chief advisor and one of the most influential men in Europe.

Wolsey made plans for a college in Ipswich, and in other towns around England, which would lead the way in religious thinking. He surrounded himself with finery and planned a grand tomb, decorated with gleaming angels. From this mighty position, Wolsey suddenly fell from Henry's favour. Accused of being a traitor, he died with few friends and all of his worldly goods lost.

The exhibition is on loan from the V&A and brings together objects not seen before outside of London.

Free admission



Exhibitions

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

You Are Here! The Making of Ipswich

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2018 –
SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018

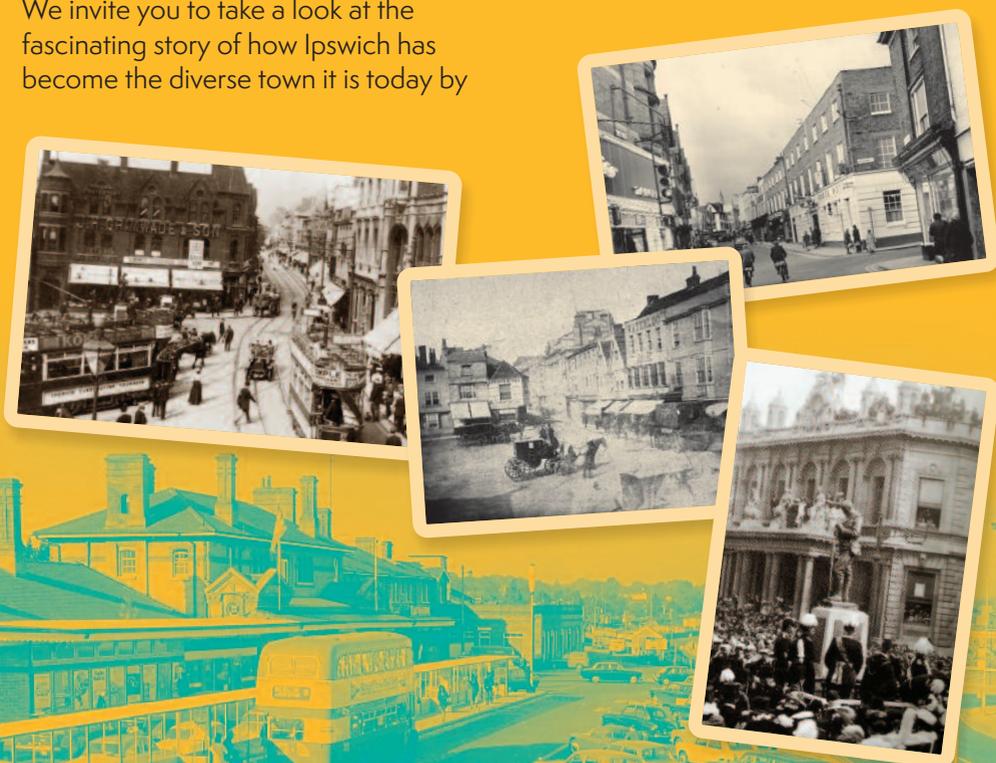
Have you ever wondered how your little piece of Ipswich fits into the story of this ancient town?

We invite you to take a look at the fascinating story of how Ipswich has become the diverse town it is today by

delving into the stored collections and pinpointing their stories on the map.

Find out more about the peoples who have lived in, passed through and shaped Ipswich since prehistoric times, whilst recalling memories, sharing stories and joining a conversation about our rich and vibrant past.

Free admission



Artists in Focus

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Sudbourne Park Printmakers at Christchurch Mansion



SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2018
– MID SEPTEMBER 2018

The Sudbourne Park Printmakers are an established group of East Anglian artists who have been creating new prints in response to the collections in the Mansion and surrounding park.

Free admission

Coming in Summer 2018

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Contemporary Chinese Works on Paper: A Review

APRIL 2018

Join us for the first exhibition of its kind in the UK as we bring together the largest selection of contemporary works on paper by Chinese artists anywhere in world outside of China.

Free admission



Family events

IPSWICH MUSEUM

Mini Mammoths

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Discover the museums through play, stories and activities designed to encourage development and curiosity about the world around us. Each session will have a different fun and interesting topic to focus on. Find out more details on our website.

10.15-11.15am

£2.20 per child*

Age 2-4 | Book online



IPSWICH MUSEUM

Ask the Expert

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Have you ever found something interesting and wondered what it might be? Bring in your own treasured items, share your stories about them and ask questions to a variety of experts at our Ask the Expert day!

In October's session we will be looking at fossils, rocks, bones, teeth and small bugs (if well-contained).

In February we will be focusing on local and social history.

10am-3pm | Free | Drop-in



October half term

MONDAY 23 – FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017

IPSWICH MUSEUM

A Mammoth Eco-event

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017

Delve into the depths of science and discover how you can save your planet, find the 2000 year old bread or make a home to help mini-beasts in this free fun day in partnership with the Teapot Project.

11am-3pm | Free | Drop-in



IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Upcycle It!

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017

Come and upcycle 'rubbish' into plant pots, toys and rag rugs – just like in Bagpuss!

Join our friends from the Teapot Project, Sunrise Community Energy, Eden-Rose Coppice Trust and the University of Suffolk for a fun day of activities including making your own electricity on our pedalling generator.

11am-3pm | Free | Drop-in

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

A Tudor Halloween Murder Mystery

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017

There's been a murder! Lady Catherine Killigrew is dead! One suspect has been identified: Friar Philip. Did he commit the crime or was it someone else? We need your help to solve this ghastly crime!

10.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm

£3.30 per child*

Age 7-11 | Book online



Christmas at the Mansion

SATURDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Father Christmas

Christmas at the Mansion is a special time and this year is no different. Join Father Christmas in his grotto and take part in exclusive craft activities. This is a group experience where you will hear stories and sing songs full of Christmas joy.

10am-3.45pm

£5 per child* - two free adults per booking

Book online



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Festive Family Activities

Create your own hand-made cards and presents, listen to jolly live music and enjoy a mulled wine and a mince pie or two. There are lots of fun activities to get involved in, ranging from free to £1, so come and join in the festive cheer!

10am-3.45pm

Free admission | Drop-in

February half term

MONDAY 12 – FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2018

IPSWICH MUSEUM

Animal Days

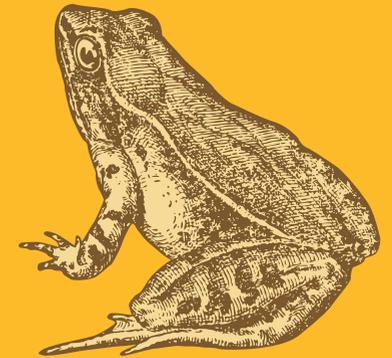
TUESDAY 13 – THURSDAY 15
FEBRUARY 2018

The live animals are back at Ipswich Museum! Learn more about reptiles, insects and mammals from all over the globe as we explore different areas of the planet on different days; check our website for details.

10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm

£3.30 per person*

Age 5+ | Book online



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Tudor Dance Classes

TUESDAY 13 – THURSDAY 15
FEBRUARY 2018

Join our dance teachers to learn a Tudor dance fit for a king in the Mansion's Great Hall. Once you've practised, it will be time to perform your dances for a very special royal guest.

10.30am, 1pm and 2pm

£3.30 per child*

Age 5+ | Book online



Talks & Tours

Curator's Introductions

Curator's Introductions are bespoke tours of new exhibitions by the lead curator responsible for their creation, development and display.

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Thomas Wolsey: Ipswich's Greatest Son

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2017

11am-12pm

£6.60 per person* | Book online

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

You Are Here! The Making of Ipswich

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2018

11am-12pm

£6.60 per person* | Book online



Culture & Cake

Culture & Cake sessions are informal thought-provoking and engaging discussions focused on our work and exhibitions over a cup of tea and slice of cake.



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Thomas Wolsey: Ipswich's Greatest Son

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018

1.30-2.30pm

£6.60 per person* | Book online

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

You Are Here! The Making of Ipswich

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018

1.30-2.30pm

£6.60 per person* | Book online

Museum Secrets

Museum Secrets delves behind the closed doors and gets under the skin of what goes on at Ipswich Museums by giving you the chance to meet our staff and learn about their work, or rediscover some of the characters who used to work and live in our buildings.



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

Explore the life and relationships of Robert Devereux through his portrait in the Mansion.

2.15-3.15pm | Free | Drop-in

IPSWICH MUSEUM

The Accession Registers

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2018

Shown for the first time in public, find out what these books mean for the Museum.

2.15-3.15pm | Free | Drop-in

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Condition Checking

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Join our Conservation Officer Bob Entwistle as he undertakes conservation on Tudor costume and accessories.

2.15-3.15pm | Free | Drop-in





IPSWICH MUSEUM/
CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Community Take Over

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017

Once again we are handing over a museum building to the community to run for a night! We don't know what this event will be because we are inviting local groups and residents to make the decision for us! All will be revealed on our website and social media @IpswichMuseums when details become clear, so keep an eye out for more information.

MUSEUMS
AT
NIGHT

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Rocky Horror Picture Show

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017

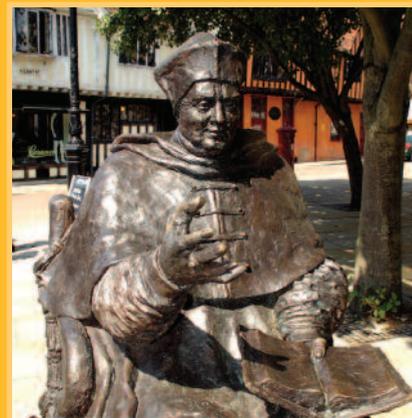
Are you keen to see what's in the lab, ready to give yourself over to absolute pleasure or just a sweet transvestite? Then we have a film screening just for you - dressing up is positively encouraged, although rice and other throwables are strictly prohibited by order of Riff Raff and Magenta. Nevertheless, we're already shivering with antici...

7-9pm

£6.60 per person*

Age 15+ | Book online

Special Events



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

Meet Cardinal Wolsey

14-15 OCTOBER 2017
18-19 NOVEMBER 2017
20-21 JANUARY 2018
17-18 FEBRUARY 2018

Join Cardinal Wolsey as he visits Christchurch Mansion and let him regale you with tales of his life. Each Saturday he will have a selection of special Tudor objects for you to discover. On Sundays join the Cardinal as his special court tries to decide on the king's Great Matter: can king Henry VIII divorce queen Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn?

10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Free | Drop-in

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

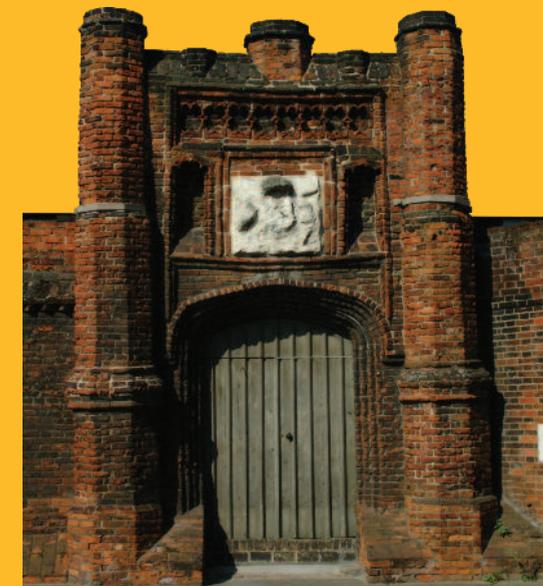
Walking with Angels

17 OCTOBER 2017 – 1.15pm
25 OCTOBER 2017 – 10am
16 JANUARY 2018 – 1.15pm

Join the Town Guides as we explore the sites around the centre of Ipswich connected with Thomas Wolsey and the Tudor age. All of the walks will start from the Tourist Information Centre and will finish at Christchurch Mansion in time for either morning coffee or afternoon tea with time to explore the exhibition. Booking is essential.

£4 per person

Book through the Tourist Information Centre on St Stephens Lane.



CHRISTCHURCH MANSION
**Thomas Wolsey:
Ipswich's Greatest Son
Free Talks**

8 NOVEMBER 2017
6 DECEMBER 2017
17 JANUARY 2018

Discover more about Ipswich's rich heritage in this series of talks focusing on the Ipswich that Thomas Wolsey would have known and recognised. In this series of free talks hear from local historians and academics about the Tudor world and Ipswich.

2-3pm | Free | Drop-in

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION
Sketch Sundays

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

On the last Sunday of the month from October to February draw, write and create your own response to Wolsey's Angels. Bring your favourite sketch pad or use the materials provided.

1-3pm | Free
Drop-in



IPSWICH MUSEUM 
Harry Potter Book Night

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Galloping gargoyles! We have been working like house elves to make Harry Potter Book Night 2018 the best yet. Pack your school trunk, stock up your supplies and join us for an evening of magical mayhem.

6.30-10pm | £9.90 per person*

Age 18+ | Book online

IPSWICH MASONIC HALL &
CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

**Thomas Wolsey
Study Day**

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018

As Lord Chancellor and Primate of England, Cardinal Wolsey is often described as the most powerful man in the realm second only to King Henry VIII. Nevertheless, this portrayal fails to recognise that Wolsey was surrounded by a remarkable cast of personalities whose actions often shaped his approach and determined his legacy. Join us as we welcome leading historians to throw light upon some of the characters who supported, questioned, hindered and ultimately defined Thomas Wolsey for history. Lunch and refreshments included.

10am-3.45pm | £10 per person*

Book online

The Big LEGO® Ipswich Build

**The Big LEGO®
Ipswich Build**

We are celebrating British Science Week in style and bringing in expert Brickologist Brian Hewitt to help you create Ipswich town centre in miniature using LEGO®. We are inviting families, adults and school groups to get involved!

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Public View

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018

Come and see the completed LEGO® town!

10am-3pm | Free | Drop-in



IPSWICH ART GALLERY

General Build Days

SATURDAY 10 – SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018

Bring the family, your friends or just come by yourself and get stuck into recreating Ipswich in LEGO®.

11am-1pm and 2-4pm

£3.30 per person*

Age 5+ | Book online

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

LEGO®

Challenge Evenings

THURSDAY 15 - FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018

Gather your friends and get your geek on at our challenge nights! Bring out your inner Brickologist and see if you can put your engineering skills to the test.

6-9pm | £6.60 per person*

Age 16+ | Book online