



The Glass  
Association



## **Christchurch Mansion Meeting**

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## **A Member's Private Collection**

**Saturday - 16th September 2017**

The Glass Association together with The Glass Circle is hosting a morning at the historic Christchurch Mansion Museum in Ipswich, IP4 2BE. Christchurch Mansion was built in 1548 and is the home of a great collection of paintings by local Suffolk artists John Constable and Thomas Gainsborough. It also boasts fine wood carvings, tapestries, costumes and a collection of Lowestoft porcelain among other treasures. Part of the collection is a cabinet of 18th and 19th century drinking glasses, many of which are not identified and **YOUR** help is requested to attribute these items. Brian Clarke and John Smith, chairs of the G.A. and G.C. respectively, will be leading the group

After a buffet lunch at the museum, you are invited to visit John Smith's glass collection at his home in Thorpeness, just north of Aldeburgh, where he'll both host our viewing of his collection and give an explanatory talk. His main focus has been on 20<sup>th</sup> century glass from post-war Czechoslovakia, Val St Lambert of Belgium and glass from the UK. There are also many examples of 18<sup>th</sup> century English and Victorian glass.

- 9.30am - Arrival, registration, coffee.
- 10.00am - Introduction by Brian Clarke and John Smith. Brian and John will then lead the group and begin the identification session.
- 11.30am - Coffee break.
- 11.45am - Identification session continues/opportunity to look round the museum.
- 1.00pm - Lunch.
- 2.00pm - Leave for Thorpeness.
- 2.45pm - Refreshments. View John Smith's collection.

The nearby Dolphin Inn is recommended by John for an early evening meal. Reservations for an evening meal should be made when purchasing tickets.

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Coldfield B73 6LZ.

No. of people @ £18 / 22 per person. Total = £..... Evening Meal ..... persons

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Details of John's full address and also the route between Ipswich and Thorpeness  
will be given upon payment for tickets. For those travelling by public transport there  
will be enough cars to give people lifts to Thorpeness and then to a rail station.

*If you are coming on public transport please let us know when you book.*

Numbers are limited. Full details will be provided when we have confirmed your  
booking. The cost is £18 per person for Glass Association & Glass Circle members.  
and £ 22 per person for non members. The Glass Association is registered as a  
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Meeting Date Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017