

Exclusive Museum talks and tours for groups this winter at Carisbrooke Castle Museum



The oldest museum on the Isle of Wight, founded by Princess Beatrice in 1898, today Carisbrooke Castle Museum is an Accredited Museum and charity that cares for an extensive collection of artefacts connected to Island life and covering more than 1000 years of local history.

Organise an exclusive visit to the museum for your group this winter and choose from:

- **A tour of Carisbrooke Castle Museum** – Join the museum’s curatorial team for a tour around the building the museum occupies, the governor’s house, and discover its 800-year-old history.
- **Treasures and Curiosities** - Explore the museum’s fascinating collection through some of its most intriguing objects in a talk based on the book “100 Treasures and Curiosities” published to mark the museum’s 125th anniversary.
- **The Captive King** - The story of King Charles I's year on the Isle of Wight, including his failed attempts to escape from imprisonment in Carisbrooke Castle.
- **At Home in a Castle** - discover some of the castle’s most interesting inhabitants from the ‘Lady of the Wight’ Isabella de Fortibus to Queen Victoria’s youngest child and Governor of the Island Princess Beatrice.
- **The Short Life of Princess Elizabeth Stuart** - The tragic story of King Charles I's daughter Elizabeth, an innocent childhood victim of civil war, who died at Carisbrooke Castle not long after her father's execution.
- **John Nixon's Isle of Wight** - The wine merchant and amateur watercolourist John Nixon visited the Island many times between 1779 and 1818, painting the places and people he saw.

- **A Tour of the Island in Sand Pictures** - 'Painting' pictures in sand was a local Victorian craft, enjoyed by both professional artists and amateurs, who have left us with quirky depictions of many Island tourist attractions.
- **Fiction, Fashion and Family Values: a Victorian Magazine for Young Ladies** - The huge range of subjects covered in the Girl's Own Paper, a weekly magazine for girls and young women, give an insight into domestic work and leisure, life's limitations and female aspirations.
- **'Her Earnest Hope and Desire'** - How and why Princess Beatrice founded a local history museum in Carisbrooke Castle, and how she influenced its development.
- **A gentleman's tour of the Isle of Wight** - the photographs of Fernão de Castel Branco who lived in Ryde from the 1920s to the 1970s.
- **Queen Victoria: Grandmother of Europe** - how Queen Victoria's descendants came to occupy most of the thrones of Europe.

All visits include tea and coffee refreshments with plenty of time to ask questions and explore the museum. Please note, these visits take place while the wider castle site is closed so are based in the museum only.

Daytime visits can be booked weekdays from November to February, subject to availability. Visits cost £10 per person (min. charge £100 per group), include refreshments and last up to 2hrs. All proceeds help fund the museum's work in preserving and sharing the Island's history.

To book your visit or for more information please call us on 01983 523112 or e-mail info@carisbrookecastlemuseum.org.uk