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What's On

November 2016 to February 2017



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Maidstone Museums...

A trio of treasures to explore

Maidstone Museum & Bently Art Gallery

An exceptionally fine regional museum, whose collections comprise a rich and impressive variety of historical objects, fine art and natural history from around the world.

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regimental Museum

Packed with fascinating, colourful and thought-provoking exhibits, discover the story of this famous local regiment.



The Tyrwhitt-Drake Museum of Carriages

Home to a unique collection of more than 50 vehicles, from grand carriages and ornate sleighs, antique sedan chairs and Victorian cabs, this is one of the finest carriage museums in Europe.



Maidstone Museum & Bently Art Gallery

Throughout the year we offer a stimulating and diverse programme of events designed to complement our gallery themes.

With temporary exhibitions that change regularly, there is always something new to see.

This 'at a glance' guide includes details of our forthcoming events and exhibitions to help you make the most of your next visit.





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Front Cover Image
'C'Mon Missus', by Graham Clarke


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Events at a Glance







	Museum Lates
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November

	2 Nov	Musical Merry-Go-Round
	4 Nov	Story time
	11 Nov	Story time
	18 Nov	Story time
	19 Nov	World War I - A Soldier's Life
	25 Nov	Café Culture
	25 Nov	Story time
	26 Nov	Talk: Seaweeds and their Secrets

December

	1 Dec	Museum Lates: Christmas Music
	2 Dec	Story time
	3 Dec	Brenchley Celebration
	7 Dec	Musical Merry-Go-Round
	9 Dec	Story time
	16 Dec	Story time

January

	4 Jan	Musical Merry-Go-Round
	6 Jan	Story time
	13 Jan	Story time
	20 Jan	Story time
	26 Jan	Museum Lates: An evening with Graham Clarke
	27 Jan	Café Culture
	27 Jan	Story time
	28 Jan	Arts Award 'Discover in a Day'

February

	1 Feb	Musical Merry-Go-Round
	3 Feb	Story time
	10 Feb	Story time
Half Term Tues 14 - Fri 17 February		
	14 Feb	Make It! (T-shirts)
	15 Feb	Make It! (Dinosaur Caps)
	16 Feb	Make It! (Shields)
	17 Feb	Make It! (Masks)
	17 Feb	Story time
	23 Feb	Museum Lates: Romance
	24 Feb	Café Culture



Exhibitions

Coming Home: Conflict and Care in 1916

24 September 2016 - 7 January 2017

An exhibition exploring the experiences of the people in two paintings of 1916 in Maidstone Museum's collections - 'Trones Wood', a battle scene from the Somme and 'Arrival of a Convoy of Wounded Soldiers at Maidstone East', both by Frank Hyde (1849 – 1937).

The 'Trones Wood' painting is accompanied by an array of items, sounds and images from the conflict. Uniform and military equipment used by the soldiers are shown, including a Lewis gun (which enabled the 7th Queen's Own to hold Trones Wood).

The 'Arrival of a Convoy of Wounded Soldiers at Maidstone East' painting tells a different story, of the home front. Images and objects such as prosthetic limbs, medical uniforms and equipment and even a wedding dress, reveal the lives of the injured returning home and of the people who remained at home.

During World War I, 60,000 men served in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) with a total of over 750,000 British men losing their lives.

*'Trones Wood',
by Frank Hyde*



Detail: 'Arrival of a Convoy of Wounded Soldiers at Maidstone East', by Frank Hyde

Exhibitions

Graham Clarke: 'Now and Then'

21 January - 18 March

Artist, author, illustrator and humourist Graham Clarke is one of Britain's most popular and best-selling printmakers. This entertaining exhibition of etchings, block prints, watercolours and sketchbooks spans 50 years of this prolific Kentish artist's work, demonstrating his unique style found in national collections, royal palaces, galleries, pubs and private homes across the world.

Don't miss 'An Evening with Graham Clarke' at our Museum Lates on 26th January (see page 12 for more details).

'C'Mon Missus',
by Graham Clarke



Detail: 'Tympen & Frisket', by Graham Clarke

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Other Exhibitions

Seaweeds and their Secrets

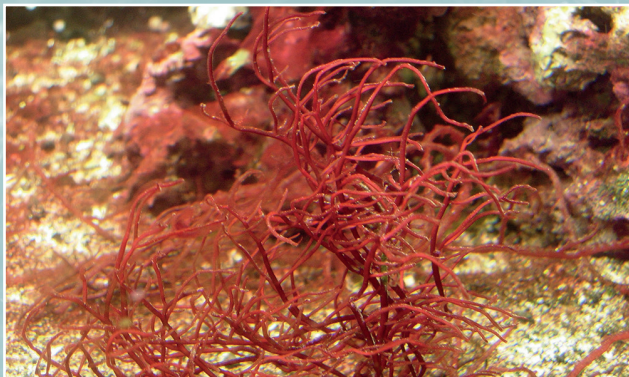
4 October 2016 - 4 April 2017

with the Kent Field Club

Natural History Gallery

Come and enjoy this pop-up exhibition which takes a delightful look at the variety of seaweeds around the Kent coast and their sometimes surprising uses in everyday products.

Learn more about this fascinating subject at a talk by Ian Tittley on 26th November (see page 13 for more details).



Seaweeds

Café Gallery Exhibitions

'A Breath of Fresh Air'

2 - 26 November 2016

Artists from the White Cliffs - Mark Baldock, Ellen Fraser, Wendy Fraser, Frances Hutley, Lorraine Wilkie.

A selection of works by five artists living on the south Kent coast, celebrating the great outdoors using a wide variety of media and subjects.



'Kingsdown Beach', by Wendy Fraser

Since its launch in July 2013, the Café Gallery at Maidstone Museum has attracted many new visitors and added a wonderful touch of colour to the café area. The gallery has made it possible for local artists to display their work, with a host of art forms and exhibitions shown over the past few years.

Please check the website for details of other forthcoming exhibitions in the Café Gallery. If you're a local artist and wish to use the Café Gallery to display your work, please contact us for further details.

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Museum Lates

Christmas Music

1 December

Enjoy an evening of festive music and delight as the orchestra and choir of Invicta Grammar School perform in the Museum. Half hour performances will start at 7pm and 8pm.

'Bananas Remanded in Custardy' - An Evening with Graham Clarke

26 January

Come and enjoy an evening in the company of Graham Clarke. Gain an insight into his work in an evening of humour and anecdotes from the artist's life. Suitable for ages 12+.

Romance

23 February

Join the curators at 6.30 for a talk and tour on the objects in the Museum's collections inspired by love or lust. Followed by a free cocktail in the café at 7.30pm and a classic film.

£10, £9 Concessions & MMF (book in advance).

Last Thursday of every month (except 1 December Late)

Activities start from 18:00, Museum open until 21:00

Whilst our Lates are generally aimed at adults, they may sometimes be suitable for children.

The Museum is open throughout, including our licensed café/bar. Admission to the Museum is free but some Lates activities may incur a charge.

Events for Adults

Seaweeds and their Secrets, a talk by Ian Tittley

Saturday 26 November

14:00 - 15:00

Library

Come and hear a fascinating talk by Ian Tittley of the Kent Field Club and Natural History Museum. Ian will be talking about the amazing variety of seaweeds around our Kent coast and their sometimes surprising uses in products found in our kitchens, bathrooms and elsewhere!

Adults: £4, Concessions & MMF members: £3

Café Culture

Last Friday of every month

10:30 - 11:30

Café



Café Culture is our monthly drop-in session for the over 65's. Join us in the café on the last Friday of the month, for object handling and a chat.

No booking required - for more info call
Becky on 01622 602854
or Roz on 01622 602853.

Please note there is no meeting in December.

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Events for Families

World War I - A Soldier's Life

Saturday 19 November

10:00 - 15:30

Great Hall, Library & Learning Zone

Come and find out about being a soldier in World War I. Hear about the call up, uniforms, rank and PALS from the 'They Shall Not Grow Old' re-enactment group.

Three interactive sessions throughout the day at 10:30, 12:30 and 14:30, with opportunities to look closely at, and handle, objects.

Children can also make a WWI Sopwith Camel plane to take home (£2 per child).

Brenchley Celebration

Saturday 3 December

10:30 - 15:00

Great Hall, Library & Galleries

Join us to celebrate the 200th birthday of Julius Brenchley, a key benefactor of Maidstone and the Museum.

Our curators will be giving an 'Intimate Portrait of Julius Brenchley' talk and tour from 11:00 - 12:00, and children can enjoy making a Brenchley beard (£2 per craft).

Come and celebrate the man behind the beard!



Arts Award 'Discover in a Day'

Saturday 28 January

10:00 - 16:00

Learning Zone

We are excited to offer children age 5+ the opportunity to gain a 'Discover' Arts Award - all in one day! Children, with a parent/guardian, investigate different art forms, find out about an artist or collector, create a piece of art and share their work. We are lucky to have Graham Clarke as our guest artist to work with the children!

Upon completion, a certificate is awarded by Trinity. Please note, children's work is moderated by the team and certificates are ordered on completion. Delivery of certificates can take 6-8 weeks. A museum certificate is awarded on completion of the day and the official Arts Award Certificate will be sent or can be collected from the museum.

All resources will be provided, however this is a full day activity with a 30-45min lunch break, so please bring a packed lunch or eat in our café.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, who can work with up to 3 children.

Booking essential as space limited to 15 children.
£20 per child



Events for Children

Musical Merry-Go-Round

**First Wednesday of every month
(except school holidays)**

10:30 - 11:30

Bentlif Art Gallery

Join us for singing and storytelling activities. Ideal for under 5's.

No booking required, just drop in.

£3.50 per child, £1 per additional child

Story Time

Every Friday

From 10:30

Bentlif Art Gallery

Storytelling and craft activities in the galleries lasting around 30 to 45 minutes. Ideal for under 5's.

No booking required, just drop in.

£2.50 per child

£1.50 SureStart members

Half Term Make it! Workshops

Tuesday 14 February - Friday 17 February

10:30 - 11:30, 11:30 - 12:30,

13:00 - 14:00 & 14:00 - 15:00

Learning Zone

Enjoy a week of creative workshops this half term holiday!

Tuesday 14th: Be creative and design a t-shirt. Will you decorate it with hearts, dinosaurs, animals or something from your imagination?

Wednesday 15th: Create a dinosaur cap to show your favourite dino.

Thursday 16th: Create a shield using ideas from different times in history. Will yours be Roman, Greek, Viking or just about you?

Friday 17th: Make a mask of your favourite animal, bird, insect or fantasy creature.

Suggested age 4-11 years

Tuesday & Wednesday

£4 per child,

£7 for 2 children

Thursday & Friday

£3 per child,

£5 for 2 children,

MMF concessions available.



MMF Support Us

By joining the Maidstone Museums' Foundation you will help to preserve a unique part of our local heritage.

Membership benefits include:

Opportunities to attend exclusive Museum events

Advance notice and priority booking on selected Museum event

Invitations to private views of exhibitions and gallery refurbishments

Discounted entry to lectures, children's activities and exhibitions

Free entry to the Tyrwhitt-Drake Museum of Carriages

A varied programme of Friends' trips and events

Bi-monthly Friends e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date with our news and activities

10% discount in the Museum's shop (on production of your MMF membership card)

10% discount on room hire and basic birthday parties

Categories of membership

£10 (per annum)	Adult single any individual aged 18 years or over
£15 (per annum)	Adult couple two individuals aged 18 years or over and living at the same address
£17.50 (per annum)	Family one or two individuals aged 18 years or over and up to four children living at the same address
£95 (single payment)	Life any individual aged 18 years or over
£200 (per annum)	Corporate any company, business, partnership, formally constituted association, society, school or college



You can join at the Museum Reception or download a membership form from our website:

www.maidstonemuseum.org/support

I would like to join the MMF and attach a cheque for:

£
Made payable to 'Maidstone Museums' Foundation'

Type of membership (please indicate).....

Name:

Address:

Postcode:.....

Tel:

Email:

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Visitor Information

For general news



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Where to find us

The museum is located in the very heart of Maidstone town centre.

By car

From the M20 junction 6 or 7, head towards the town centre and Maidstone East Station. Follow the brown heritage signs.

Car parking

The nearest car park is Fremlin Walk (open air shopping centre) multi-storey car park which is opposite the Museum. However, all the car parks indicated are within easy walking distance.

Train

Maidstone East Station – 2 minutes
Maidstone Barracks Station – 5 minutes
Maidstone West Station – 10 minutes

Accessibility

The Museum has wheelchair access to most of the ground floor and a passenger lift to the art galleries and meeting room on the first floor. Due to the nature of the building, access to the first floor in the historic older building is limited. There are accessible toilets on both floors.

Maidstone Tourist Information

Located in the reception of the Museum, we offer a range of information services for visitors to Maidstone and the surrounding area.

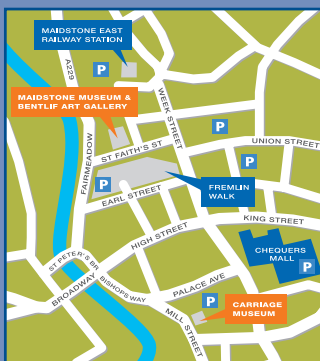
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Museum Opening Times

Tues - Sat 10:00 - 17:00
Sunday 12:00 - 16:00
Closed - Mondays, 24-27 Dec,
31 Dec 2016, 1-2 Jan 2017

Event Booking Line 01622 602838

The Museum reserves the right to change or cancel an exhibition or event at short notice.
Please check the Museum website



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