

MAIDSTONE
MUSEUM

July to October 2017

What's On



Maidstone Museums...

A trio of treasures to explore

Maidstone Museum

An exceptionally fine regional museum, with collections that 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.



Maidstone Carriage Museum

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 Museums

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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'Game Plan: Board Games Rediscovered'
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Events at a Glance

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July

-  5 July Musical Merry-Go-Round
-  7 July Story time
-  14 July Story time
-  15 July Maidstone International Arts Festival talks
-  15 July Interplanetary Soundscapes
-  21 July Story time
-  22 July Found in the Ground: Festival of Archaeology

Summer Holidays 25 July - 24 August

Board Game Fun!

-  25 - 27 July Holiday Activities: Snakes & Ladders
-  27 July Museum Lates: Games Night
-  28 July Café Culture

August

-  1-3 Aug Holiday Activities: Guess Who?
-  8-10 Aug Holiday Activities: Draughts
-  15-17 Aug Holiday Activities: Tic Tac Toe
-  19 Aug Family Fun Day: Giant Board Games
-  22-24 Aug Holiday Activities: Invent your own game
-  25 Aug Café Culture
-  31 Aug Museum Lates: Games Night

September

-  6 Sept Musical Merry-Go-Round
-  8 Sept Story time

-  8 Sept Heritage Open Days: Behind the Scenes Tour
-  15 Sept Story time
-  22 Sept Story time
-  23 Sept Family Arts Award Day: The Egyptians
-  28 Sept Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 1)
-  28 Sept Museum Lates: Harvest
-  29 Sept Story time
-  29 Sept Café Culture
-  30 Sept The Fossil Roadshow
-  30 Sept Early Peoples: Building BIG

October

-  4 Oct Musical Merry-Go-Round
-  5 Oct Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 2)
-  6 Oct Story time
-  7 Oct Big Draw
-  12 Oct Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 3)
-  13 Oct Story time
-  19 Oct Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 4)
-  20 Oct Story time
-  21 Oct Identity: Through the Lens Talk

Half Term Week 24 - 27 October

-  24 Oct Make It! Paper plate owl family
-  25 Oct Make It! Clay leaf bowl
-  26 Oct Make It! Autumn wreath
-  26 Oct Museum Lates: Chiller
-  27 Oct Make It! Mini Scarecrow
-  27 Oct Café Culture

Exhibitions

Game Plan: Board Games Rediscovered

24 June - 1 October

Are you a Scrabble Champion? A wannabe Chess grandmaster? Or a Monopoly megalomaniac?

Game Plan: Board Games Rediscovered celebrates the joy, excitement and occasional frustration of playing board games. You can get 'hands-on' throughout the exhibition, learn about different kinds of game and discover what sort of player you are!

Exhibition organised by the V&A Museum of Childhood

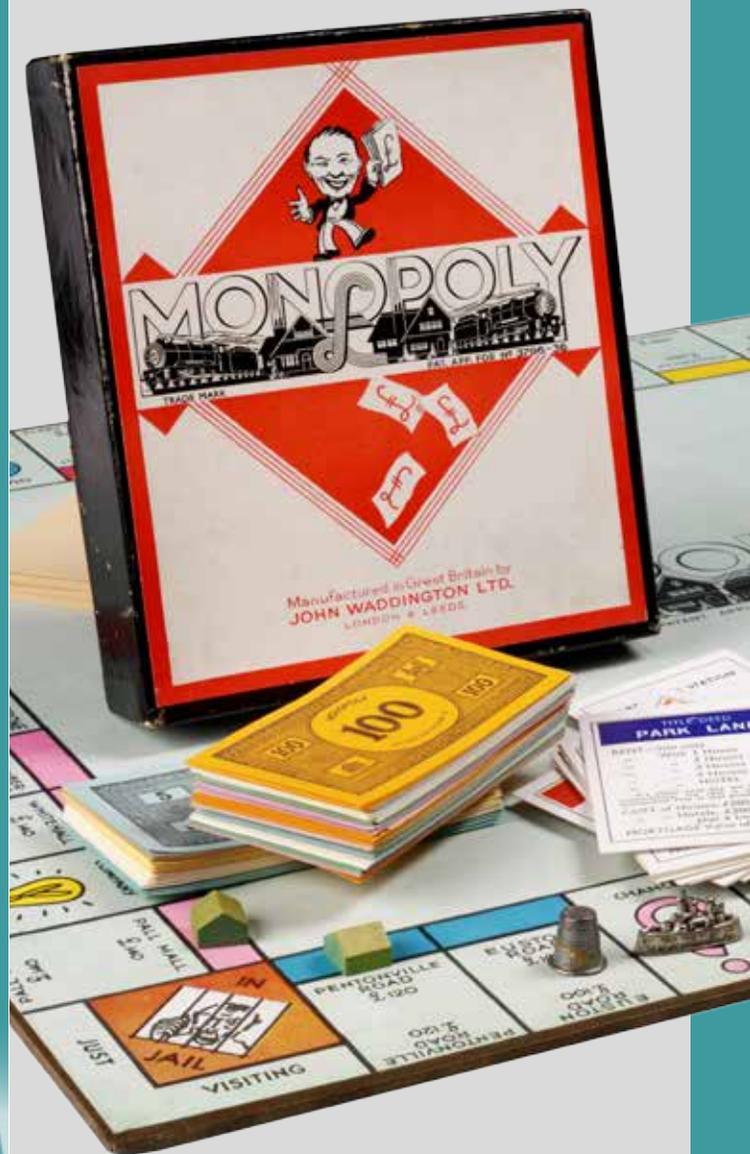
Admission: £4 Adults, £3 Children,
£12 Family (up to 4 people)

Kindly sponsored by Thames & Kosmos



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Alice in Wonderland chess set
© Victoria and Albert Museum, London



Exhibitions

Scream & Scream Again

10 October - 2 December

The Golden Age of British Horror - Original International Movie Posters

The 1950s to 1970s saw a dramatic change in British horror. Referred to as horror's golden age, the period saw actors such as Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing become household names, while the British horror film studios became a major influence worldwide.

From the early gothic style to the infiltration of pop culture in the 1970s, the exhibition takes a look at films from this period and how they were marketed through a collection of rare original lobby cards and posters from around the world. A selection of the Museum's own weird and macabre objects are also on display.

A touring exhibition curated by Abertoir and Aberystwyth Arts Centre.

Admission: £4 adults, £3 children, £12 Family (up to 4 people)



Other Exhibitions

Identity - Through the Lens

3 - 28 October

A selection of previously unseen, rare daguerreotypes from the 1850s, portraying the First Nation people of America and Hawaii. Dressed in both European and traditional costume, how did they decide which identity to portray?

This exhibition is part of the museum's Black & Minority Ethnic events, contributing to Black History Month.



Café Gallery Exhibitions

Maidstone International Arts Festival

24 June - 16 July



An exhibition of local and International artists that will showcase, amongst others, Alice Anderson, Maryleen Schiltkamp, Ralph Steadman, Roger Clarke, Cas Holmes, Graham Clarke and Katja Behre.

Maidstone International Arts Festival is sponsored by Alan Firmin Ltd

Pick & Mix

19 July - 13 August

A selection of works by Jane Mason and Janneane Drew.

Jane is an amateur artist whose work includes landscapes and wildlife. Janneane works both in contemporary and traditional styles and has recently been experimenting using silkscreen printing as her medium.

Out of the Box

11 October - 4 November

A variety of oil, acrylic and water colour paintings, collage, mosaic, pottery and sculpture created by members of Kent Autistic Trust's 'Artism' group.

All works displayed are available for sale with proceeds going directly to the artist.

Events for Adults

Maidstone International Arts Festival Talks



Saturday 15 July

'In Conversation'

13:15 - 14:15

Artist Alice Anderson talks about her approach to digitalisation and memory.

'The Impact of the Cosmos on Terrestrial Life'

14:30 - 15:30

A talk by Dr Helen Mason OBE, Reader in Solar Physics at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge. Helen is an expert on the Sun and its effects on the Earth and planets. She has worked on many UK, NASA and European Space Agency projects.

'Getting into Print - the revolution in self-publishing'

15:45 - 16:45

Local author Miles Allen explores the implications for writers and gives guidance on how to navigate in the new publishing environment.

Tickets: £5 per talk, MMF Concessions £4

For more information -

<https://maidstoneinternationalartsfestival.org/>

Exploring Textiles in Design

28 September

5, 12 & 19 October

2, 9, 16 & 23 November

10:30 - 12:30



An 8 week course led by artist Anne Delacour exploring the use of textiles to create beautiful and crazy pieces to wear or to display. Distress fabric, embellish it with faux diamonds, upcycle, bubble, stick, shrink! Materials provided, but you are welcome to bring your own too to experiment with. The course will be held in the Museum's light-filled Classroom.

Course Fee: £80, MMF Concessions £75

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 Roz on 01622 602853

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Museum Lates

Over
18's

Join us on the last Thursday of every month for a special evening when we're open until 21:00.

The Museum is open throughout, including our licensed café/bar.

Admission to the museum is free, but events are charged and pre-booking is essential.

Games Nights

27 July & 31 August

Together with leading board games publisher 'Thames & Kosmos', we're bringing you two nights of entertaining analogue fun. You'll be able to try out, with expert assistance, one of the many new titles on offer. From strategic to head-scratching, team-play to tile-turning, there's a title for all players.

Gaming will take place in the café/bar. Turn up, join other players and the experts on hand will help you avoid reading any rule books!

Tickets: £5, MMF Concessions £4

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Harvest

28 September

Hear from Brogdale, home of the National Fruit Collection, about the 4,000 varieties of fruit trees they grow in a living history of orchards. Taste a wide range of newly-harvested heritage apple varieties, sample gorgeous ciders and juices and buy your favourites. The talk will take place from 18:30 - 19:30 with sampling to follow.

An evening of taste delights!

Tickets: £5,

MMF Concessions £4



Museums at Night:

26 October

Join us for 'Museums at Night' in a Halloween precursor! The night starts with one of our 'ShockTails' whilst you view some of our gruesome collections with the curators, followed by a tour of the building to uncover the urban legends and ghost stories associated with the museum.

First entry at 18:00, second entry at 19:00. Please specify which slot when booking.

Tickets £10. MMF Concessions £9. Tickets include Shocktail cocktail and free entry into our 'Scream & Scream Again' exhibition on the night.



Events for Families

Maidstone International Arts Festival Interplanetary Soundscapes

Saturday 15 July



Create interplanetary soundscapes in a drop-in music-making workshop, led by Elo Masing, composer and free improviser.

FREE

Found in the Ground: Festival of Archaeology



Saturday 22 July

10:30 - 15:30

What have you found in the ground? Bring it in for identification! Uncover some finds of your own in our sandpit dig. Talk to local archaeologists and discover how you can get involved.

FREE

Small charge for some activities including face painting



Family Fun Day - Giant Board Games

Saturday 19 August

10:30 - 15:00

Join us to play some GIANT games including giant Connect 4, giant Dominoes, giant Snakes & Ladders and Twister. Drop in and join a game or bring some friends and play together!

Tickets: £1 per person

Heritage Open Days: Behind the Scenes Tour

Friday 8 September

11:00 - 12:00

Go behind the scenes with our curators. Discover 1,000s of objects in our store rooms not normally on display. Space is limited so booking is essential.

FREE



Events for Families

Family Arts Award Day - The Egyptians

Saturday 23 September

10:00 - 16:00



Egyptian-themed Arts Award. We're excited to offer children aged 5+ the opportunity to gain a 'Discover' Arts Award! Children investigate different art forms, find out about our Egyptian collection, create a piece of art and share their work, all in one day. Limited availability - just 15 spaces for children, accompanied by one adult. All resources provided.

A certificate is awarded by Trinity on completion. Delivery of certificates can take 6-8 weeks, to be collected from us or posted out. A Museum certificate is awarded on the day.

Please bring a packed lunch or treat yourself to a meal in our cafe.

Tickets: £20 per child



Early Peoples: Building BIG

Saturday 30 September

10:00 - 12:30

Come and find out how the people in this area lived around 6,000 years ago. Talk from 10am with artefact handling, leaving for a trip to Coldrum long barrow at 11.00am.

Own transport required. The barrow is a short walk from the car park.

Suitable for ages 10+

Numbers are limited, early booking advised.

Tickets: £10

The Fossil Roadshow

Saturday 30 September

10:30 - 15:30

Bring along your fossils to be identified by the Medway Fossil & Mineral Society. Handle amazing fossils, play fossil games and have your face painted ammonite-style!

FREE

Small charge for some activities including face painting



Big Draw

Saturday 7 October

10:30 - 15:00



Every picture tells a story. Cur8, our amazing youth group, would like you to come and design a brick for our Egyptian pyramid. Will you decorate your brick with hieroglyphs, amulets or Egyptian gods? Come along to our free family event, design your brick and add it to the pyramid.

FREE

'Identity - Through the Lens' Talk and Display

Saturday 21 October

10:30 - 13:00

Linking with our 'Identity' exhibition (see page 10), join us to find out more about how dress shapes the way we create our identities. Handle objects, hear a short talk on rare daguerreotypes and enjoy a display of costume by members of Maidstone's Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Forum.

In support of BME within Black History Month

FREE

Events for Children

Musical Merry-Go-Round

First Wednesday of every month
(except school holidays)
10:30 - 11:30

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
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



Summer Holiday Activities

Tuesday 25 July - Thursday 24 August
10:30 - 11:30, 11:30 - 12:30 & 13:00 - 14:00

Enjoy a host of creative, fun activities over the summer holidays. Taking inspiration from our Game Plan exhibition, come along and create your own board game

25 - 27 July:	'Snakes & Ladders' style. What will you choose to help your players move up and down the board?
1 - 3 August:	A 'Guess Who?' game. Will you choose crazy characters or museum figures for your guessing game?
8 - 10 August:	Draughts. What will you choose as your playing pieces in this traditional game?
15 - 17 August:	Tic Tac Toe. Have fun making character playing pieces for this traditional game.
22 - 24 August:	Invent your own game! Start with a blank base board and use your imagination to create your own unique game.

Half Term

Make it! Workshops

Tuesday 24 October - Friday 27 October
10:30 - 11:30, 11:30 - 12:30 & 13:00 - 14:00

Enjoy a week of creative workshops with an autumn theme this half term.

Tuesday 24th	Create a delightful paper plate owl family
Wednesday 25th	Make a clay leaf bowl
Thursday 26th:	Create a colourful autumn wreath
Friday 27th	Construct your own mini scarecrow

All holiday activities

Suggested age 4-11 years
£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:

- Invitation to exhibition previews
- Concessions to certain events and children's activities
- 10% discount on museum shop purchases (*excludes books)
- Concessionary rate on entry to the Carriage Museum

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:

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Visitor Information

For general news

 facebook.com/MaidstoneMuseum

 twitter.com/MaidstoneMuseum



Museum Opening Times

Tues - Sat 10:00 - 17:00

Sunday 12:00 - 16:00 (1 April - 31 October only)

Mondays Closed

Maidstone Carriage Museum

Open Fri - Sun 12:00 - 16:00

Tickets £2 Adult, £1 Child, £5 Family, £1 Concessions.

Where to find us

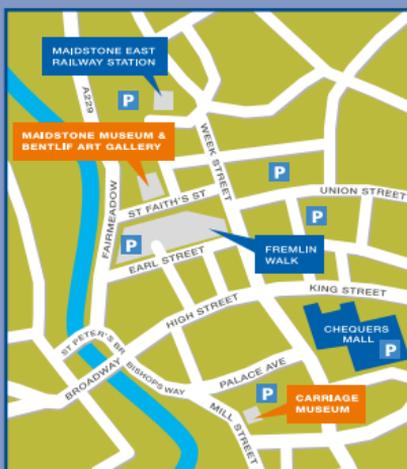
The museum is located in the very heart of Maidstone town centre.

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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