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What's On

November 2017 - February 2018



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Maidstone Museums...

A trio of treasures to explore

Maidstone Museum

An exceptional regional museum, with collections that comprise a rich and impressive variety of historical objects, fine art and natural history.

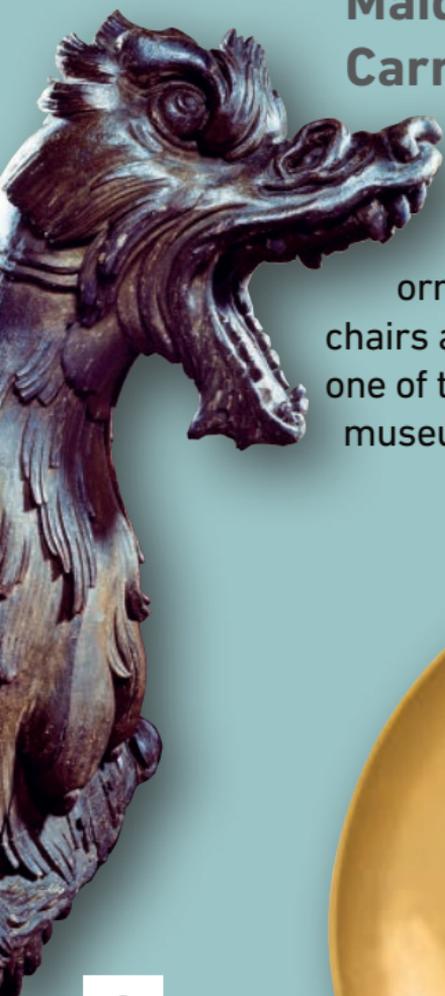
The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regimental Museum

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 to 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's 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:
'The Mummy's Shroud', 1967, from our
Scream and Scream Again exhibition

Events at a Glance



Museum Lates

Events for Adults

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November

| | | |
|--|--------|---------------------------------------|
|  | 1 Nov | Musical Merry-Go-Round |
|  | 2 Nov | Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 5) |
|  | 3 Nov | Story Time |
|  | 4 Nov | Ancient Lives: Looking within |
|  | 9 Nov | Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 6) |
|  | 9 Nov | Ghost Tour for kids |
|  | 10 Nov | Story Time |
|  | 16 Nov | Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 7) |
|  | 16 Nov | Ghost Tour for kids |
|  | 17 Nov | Story Time |
|  | 18 Nov | Family Arts Award Day: The Egyptians |
|  | 23 Nov | Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 8) |
|  | 24 Nov | Story Time |
|  | 24 Nov | Café Culture |
|  | 25 Nov | Japanese Day - Yökoso! |

December

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|  | 1 Dec | Story Time |
|  | 1 Dec | Museum Lates: Scream Night |
|  | 6 Dec | Musical Merry-Go-Round |
|  | 8 Dec | Story Time |
|  | 9 Dec | Shop in Peace (and goodwill to all men) |
|  | 9 Dec | Christmas Mini-Market |
|  | 9 Dec | Father Christmas's Fireplace |
|  | 15 Dec | Story time |
|  | 15 Dec | Create a Christmas arrangement |
|  | 16 Dec | Christmas Mini-Market |



16 Dec Meet the Artist

16 Dec Shop in Peace (and goodwill to all men)

16 Dec Father Christmas's Fireplace

January

It's the 160th anniversary of the museum's opening this month and we're celebrating!

Keep an eye on our website for special events.

3 Jan Musical Merry-Go-Round

12 Jan Story Time

19 Jan Story Time

25 Jan Museum Lates: Quiz Night

26 Jan Story Time

26 Jan Memories Day

26 Jan Café Culture

27 Jan Introduction to Silk Screen Printing

February

2 Feb Story Time

7 Feb Musical Merry-Go-Round

9 Feb Story Time

10 Feb Stitch Sketches with Cas Holmes

Half Term Week 13-16 February

13-16 Feb Animal-themed activities

16 Feb Story Time

22 Feb Museum Lates: Fashion

23 Feb Maidstone's Paper Industry

23 Feb Story Time

23 Feb Café Culture

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, this 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.

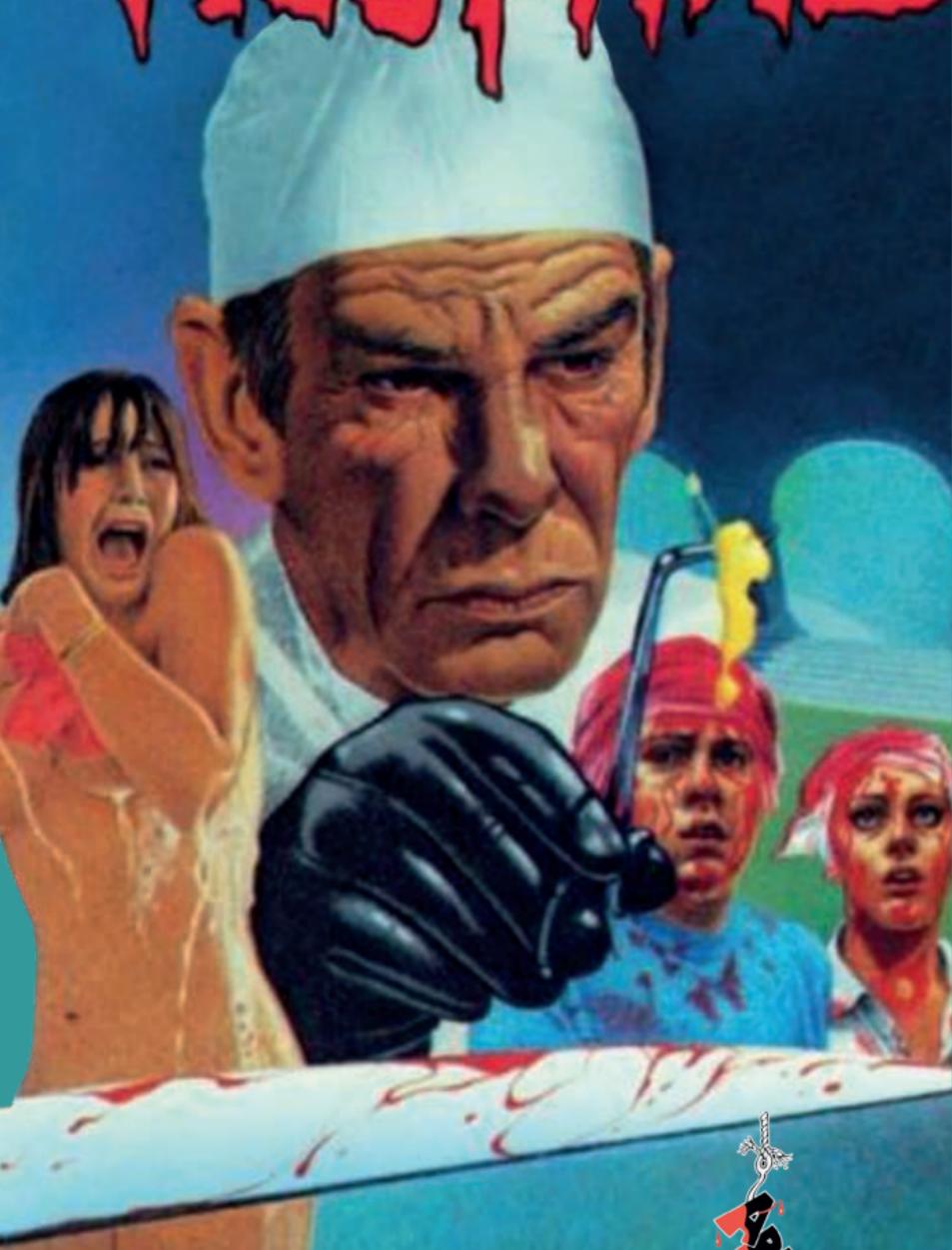
Aberystwyth Arts Centre exhibition; curated by Abertoir Horror Festival.

A PG-rated exhibition...younger children might need a hug!



Admission: £4 adults, £3 children, under 5's free, £12 family (up to 4).

HORROR HOSPITAL



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ABERYSTWYTH ARTS CENTRE



Book events via the website

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Concealed

9 December - 10 February

Concealed emotions: hidden meanings, beliefs, languages and messages. Physical concealment: hiding in a crowd, in the woods, in plain sight. Hidden histories: concealed pain, damage, and yet then – regeneration, new beginnings, new life.

Much of life is about what we conceal and what we choose to reveal – very little is straightforward or as it seems.

In this new exhibition the 'Art Textiles: Made in Britain' group, together with invited artists, consider some personal interpretations and experiences of what may be concealed.

FREE



One of the 'Concealed' exhibitors, Cas Holmes, is running a workshop on 10 February - see page 17



Roy Sparkes: Past and Present

24 February - 22 April

Paintings by local artist Roy Sparkes have been widely exhibited in this country and abroad. They can be found in both private and public collections as well as in many international publications. His use of marks on the surface of the canvas and paper present physical traces of experiences lived and are not merely representations.

This exhibition of Roy's works from the past and present include dynamic interpretations of landscape, sea and coastlines.

FREE



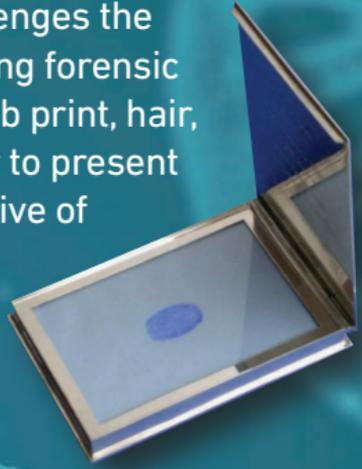


Cafe Gallery Exhibitions

Casket

17 October – 16 December

Casket is a new, scientifically radical self-portrait by artist Pamela Schilderman. It speaks of identity and challenges the traditional self-portrait by using forensic identifiers of the artist's thumb print, hair, teeth, retina and DNA in order to present an alternative visual perspective of the self, through the lens of criminological science.



FREE

Out of the Box

13 October - 4 November

A variety of oil, acrylic and watercolour paintings, collage, mosaic, pottery and sculpture created by members of Kent Autistic Trust's Artism group. All artists are on the autistic spectrum and have varying abilities and sensory perception, reflected in the individuality of each person's work.

All work displayed is available for sale with proceeds going directly to the artist.

FREE

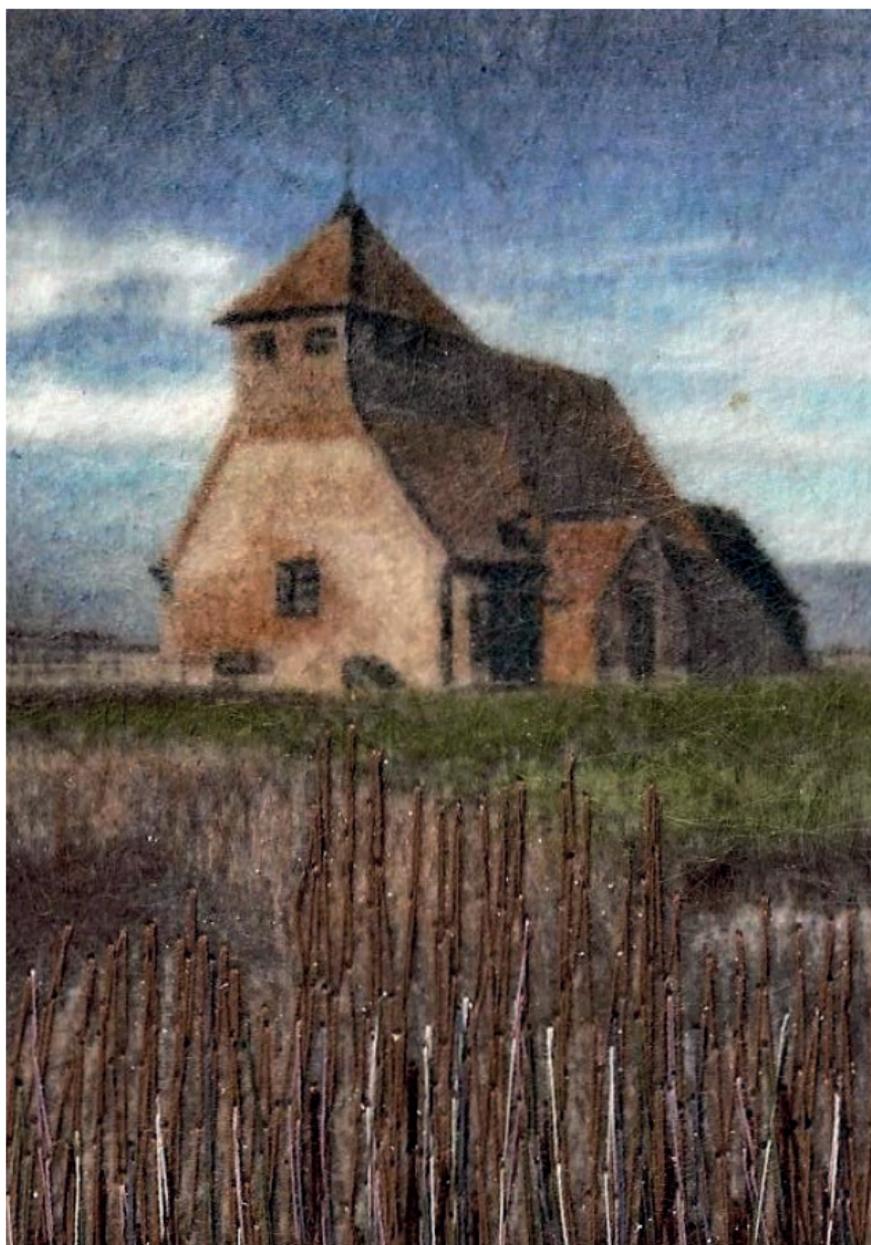


Nell Weatherley

6 December – 6 January

Nell's work is a unique fusion of watercolour and textile art, applying multiple layers of watercolour pencil to a fabric background and embellishing the completed watercolour using free-motion machine embroidery.

FREE



Events for Adults

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 in design

Course Fee: £80, MMF members £75



Christmas Mini-Market

Saturday 9 & 16 December

10:30 – 15:00

A range of stalls selling local produce
including hot roast turkey and stuffing rolls. Shop
while the kids create Christmas Crafts and visit
Father Christmas's Fireplace! See page 23

FREE





Create a Christmas Arrangement

Friday 15 December

10:30 – 12:30

Florist Jackie Brookes will teach you to create a gorgeous arrangement to take home and grace your table or mantelpiece for the whole Christmas period. All materials provided.

Tickets: £35

Meet the Artist

Saturday 16 December

Artists from Art Textiles: Made in Britain will be in the 'Concealed' exhibition to introduce themselves and talk about their work.

FREE

Memories Day

Friday 26 January

10:30 – 13:00



Join us for a reminiscence event talking about the working lives of people in Maidstone's past. We want to hear *your* stories and memories, which we'll record on the day.

Objects and photos associated with local industries will be on display. In conjunction with Café Culture and Golding Homes.

FREE



Book events via the website

Introduction to Silk Screen Printing with Rachel Moore of [printedthat](http://printedthat.com)

Saturday 27 January

10:00 – 15:30

Using inspiration from the collections, this workshop takes you through the basic principles of screen printing and different techniques.

Experiment with paper-cut stencils to produce bold and effective prints then move on to setting up a screen using a blocking fluid to produce a more detailed print for multiple reproductions.

A metre of fabric is provided, plus a canvas tote bag to print onto. You can also bring your own items to print onto such as t-shirts, cushion covers, pillow cases, tablecloths etc.

Suitable for beginners or as a refresher course.

Tickets: £47, MMF members £45



Stitch Sketches with Cas Holmes

Saturday 10 February

10:30 – 15:30

A mixed media workshop using paper, textile, mark and stitch, inspired by wild flowers and the museum's Herbarium collection.



This experimental workshop provides ideas for development based on Cas's own practice, combining the traditions of textiles with painting and mixed media. You will leave with a piece in progress for further stitching.

Participants will need to bring materials.

Contact learning@maidstone.gov.uk or call 01622 602838 for more details.

Tickets: £40, MMF members £38

Maidstone's Paper Industry

Friday 23 February

11:00 – 12:00

A fascinating talk about the history of paper mills and papermaking in and around Maidstone, from the owner of one of the last production mills, Maureen Barcham-Green. Historic objects also on show.

Tickets: £5, MMF members £4

Café Culture

Last Friday of every month

10:30 - 11:30



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.

Supported by Golding Homes



Museum Lates

Over
18's

Join us on the last Thursday of every month (except 1 December event) 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.

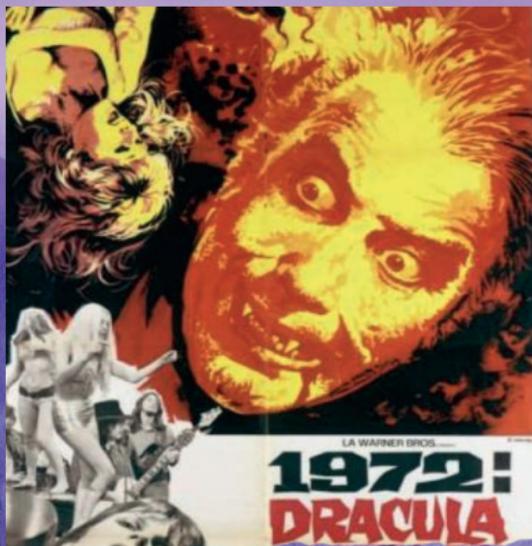
Scream Night

1 December

Come and watch a classic Hammer horror movie - 'Dracula A.D. 1972'. Drinks and snacks will be available to buy all evening and you can enjoy free entry to the Scream exhibition on the night (normally £4). Join the museum staff in dressing for the part!

The film will start at 18:30.

Tickets: £10,
MMF members £9



Quiz Night

25 January

Come and enjoy a delicious meal of chilli and rice (veggie option available) while you test your knowledge in our fun quiz. There'll be 5 fiendish rounds including a Mystery Museum Object round and a round in the Galleries. Food will be served at 18:15 and the bar and café will be open throughout.

Teams of up to 6 people max.

Tickets: £9 per person, MMF members £8

Fashion (turn to the left)

22 February

In celebration of London Fashion Week, create a killer outfit from piles of pre-loved clothes. Then rock it on the catwalk as the audience decide on a winner! Prizes for originality and glamour. Thread, glue and scissors provided.

Tickets £5, MMF members £4



Events for Families

Ancient Lives – Looking Within

Saturday 4 November

11:00 – 12:00

Hear from the curators of the new 'Ancient Lives' gallery about the exciting results of scientific investigations into our mummified remains and artefacts. Suitable for ages 12+

Tickets: £5, MMF members £4

Family Arts Award Day – The Egyptians

Saturday 18 November

10:00 – 16:00

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 an 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 café.

Tickets: £20 per child



Japanese Day - Yōkoso! with Wagamama

Saturday 25 November

A day of Japanese culture! Free drop-in activities include sake and tea tastings from Wagamama and a Samurai warrior to talk to. Bookable workshops and activities throughout the day include:

Meet a Samurai Warrior

A Samurai warrior will be in the galleries all day for you to find out how these warriors lived and fought. 11:30 - 12:30 - Dress in Japanese costume and arms and take your photo with the Samurai.

Costumed photo - £2 payable on the day.

Japanese Craft

10:30, 11:30 & 13:00

Craft activities for children aged 4 - 11 years. Become a Samurai warrior by making yourself a helmet, or create some origami pets to take home.

£3 per child, 2 for £5,
MMF members £2.50

Japanese Day

Manga Workshop

10:30 – 12:30

Inko returns! Following her previous sell-out event, this amazing manga artist leads another workshop, suitable for ages 8 – 16 years.

Early booking is advised. All participants will receive a £10 voucher for Wagamama Maidstone.

Tickets: £22, MMF members £20

So what is Manga?

13:30 – 14:30

Everything you've always wanted to know about manga. What's the difference between anime and manga? How did manga start? Why is it so popular in Japan, and all over the world? Manga artist Inko tells the story and demonstrates live manga drawing. Suitable for ages 12+

Tickets: £5, MMF members £4

The Teabowl: East and West

14:00 – 15:00

Ceramicist and author Bonnie Kemske provides a fascinating insight into the history and modern form of Japanese teabowls. Suitable for ages 16+

Tickets: £5,
MMF members £4





Father Christmas's Fireplace

Saturday 9 & 16 December
10:30 – 15:00

Meet Father Christmas, leave your wish with him and receive a present! Father Christmas's gold token will also give you a chocolate present from our café. Booking essential.

£6 per child



Rotary
Club of Maidstone



Shop in Peace (and goodwill to all men)

Saturday 9 December & 16 December
10:30 – 12:30 & 13:30 – 15:30

A chance to get that Christmas shopping done while the kids take part in two hours of fun Christmas activities, including making Christmas elves, snow globes, elf bunting and clay decorations for your tree. Suitable for ages 4 - 11 years.

£10 per child

Book events via the website

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

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



Ghost Tour for kids

Thursday 9 & 16 November

17:00

Dare you leave your parents behind and follow our storyteller to explore the museum's creepy rooms? Finish by icing your own gingerbread ghost! Arrive early for free entry to the Scream exhibition from 16:00 – 17:00 for child and a parent.

Suitable for ages 7 - 11 years.

£5 per child



Half Term Activities

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 February

10:30 - 11:30, 11:30 - 12:30 & 13:00 - 14:00

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

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| Tuesday 13th | Design an animal inspired t-shirt |
| Wednesday 14th | Create your own animal mask |
| Thursday 15th | Make your own pop-up animal puppet |
| Friday 16th | Become your favourite animal! Make your own animal ears and tail. |

Suggested age 4 - 11 years

Tues: £4 per child or 2 for £7

Wed - Fri: £3 per child or 2 for £5

MMF members discount 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

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| £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 |
| £50 (single payment) | Adult single - 10 year membership any individual aged 18 years or over |
| £100 (single payment) | Adult single - 25 year membership 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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Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

The Maidstone Museums' Foundation,
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Visitor Information

For general news

 facebook.com/MaidstoneMuseum

 twitter.com/MaidstoneMuseum



Museum Opening Times

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 17:00

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

Mondays Closed

Christmas Opening

Closed Sunday 24th - Wednesday 27th

Open Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th 10:00 - 16:00

Closed Sunday 31st - Monday 1st January 2018

Re-open Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Where to find us

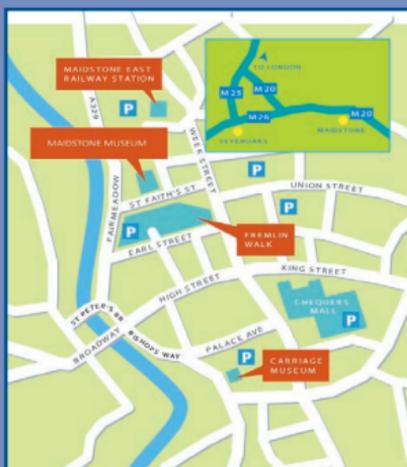
The museum is located in the very heart of Maidstone town centre.

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

 01622 602169



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