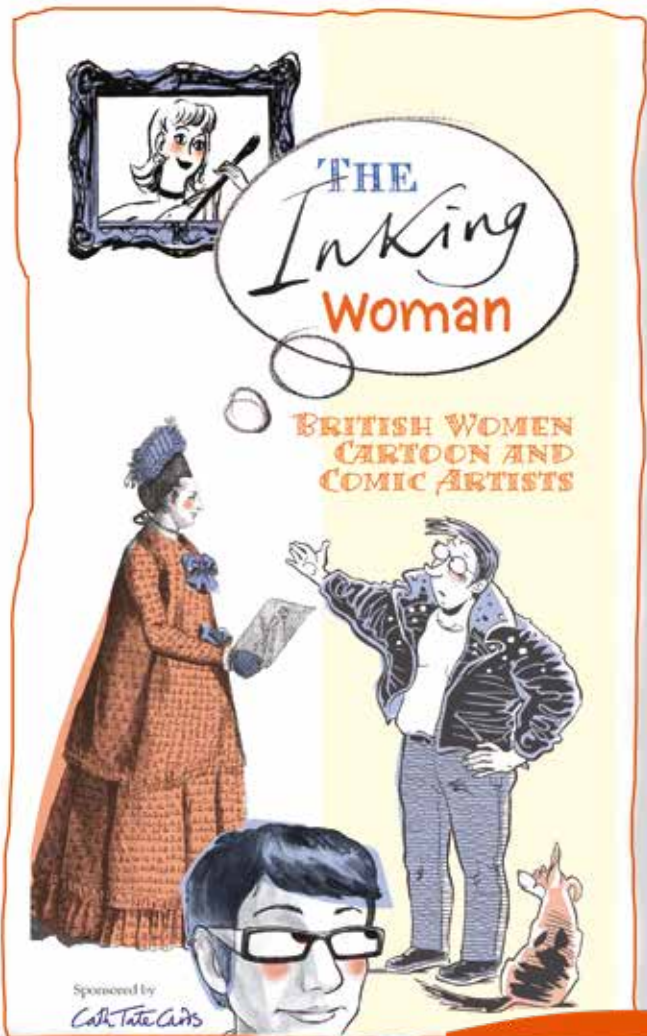


MAIDSTONE
MUSEUM

March to June 2018

What's On



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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.

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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'Inking Woman' cartoons

Events at a Glance

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March

- 2 Mar Story Time
- 3 Mar The Women's Suffrage Campaign in Kent
- 7 Mar Musical Merry-Go-Round
- 9 Mar Story Time
- 11 Mar Mother's Day Celebration
- 15 Mar Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 1)
- 16 Mar Story Time
- 17 Mar Family Arts Award Day – The Greeks
- 22 Mar Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 2)
- 23 Mar Story Time
- 24 Mar Early Peoples: Building BIG
- 29 Mar Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 3)
- 29 Mar Lates: Film Night - The Italian Job

April

Easter Holidays: 3 – 13 April

- 3-13 Apr Abstract artist-themed craft activities
- 19 Apr Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 4)
- 20 Apr Story Time
- 20 Apr Sustainable Crafts (Week 1)
- 21 Apr St George's Dragon Family Day
- 26 Apr Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 5)
- 26 Apr Lates: Bag Yourself a Date!
- 27 Apr Story Time
- 27 Apr Sustainable Crafts (Week 2)

May

- 2 May Musical Merry-Go-Round
- 3 May Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 6)

- 4 May Sustainable Crafts (Week 3)
- 4 May Story Time
- 10 May Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 7)
- 11 May Story Time
- 11 May Sustainable Crafts (Week 4)
- 12 May Conversations
- 17 May Exploring Textiles in Design (Week 8)
- 18 May Story Time
- 25 May Story Time

Half Term: 29 May – 1 June

- 29-31 May Cartoon/comic themed craft activities
- 31 May Lates: Museum History Mystery

June

- 1 Jun Cartoon/comic themed craft activities
- 6 Jun Musical Merry-Go-Round
- 8 Jun Story Time
- 8 Jun Sustainable Crafts (Week 1)
- 15 Jun Story Time
- 15 Jun Sustainable Crafts (Week 2)
- 16 Jun Cartoon Workshops
- 22 Jun Story Time
- 22 Jun Sustainable Crafts (Week 3)
- 28 Jun Lates: Cherry Ripe & Kentish Wares
- 29 Jun Story Time
- 29 Jun Sustainable Crafts (Week 4)
- 30 Jun Family Arts Award Day - Dinos & Fossils
- 30 Jun Fossil Roadshow

Exhibitions

Roy Sparkes: Past & Present

24 February - 22 April

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

Paintings by this local artist 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.

FREE

Roy Sparkes - Bluebell Hill No 1



Roy Sparkes - Bluebell Hill No 2

Exhibitions

The Inking Woman

5 May - 24 June

This exhibition – the largest of its kind to date – demonstrates that women have always had a wicked sense of humour and a perceptive view of the world.

The work of 100 British Cartoon and Comic Artists comes together to reveal a wealth of women's wit and insight spanning 250 years. Prints from the 18th century, caricatures, jokes, editorial and strip cartoons, postcards, comics, graphic novels and digital comics are all included.

Admission: Adults £4; Children 11 and under free, Children 12-18 £2, Family (2+2 or 1+3) £10



Over, under sideways down

He stepped out the door
and into an unknown and
hostile world.



"Have you thought about blaming immigration for your problems?"

Grizelda blaming Immigration



Marie Duval Flirty Fly

Café Gallery Exhibitions

100 Years of West Kent WI

4 April - 29 April

The National Federation of Women's Institutes is the largest women's organisation in the UK. Its ideals of truth, justice, tolerance and fellowship are as strong now as in 1915, when the first WI was formed in Wales.

This exhibition celebrates 100 years of the West Kent Federation of the Women's Institute, looking at what has been achieved locally and nationally through expanding their horizons and skills, whilst providing effective roles in their own communities.

FREE

Coming Soon...

Paul Kidby: Discworld & Beyond

7 July - 2 September

Paul Kidby is best known as the illustrator of Terry Pratchett's Discworld books. This exhibition showcases the wonderful book covers and illustrations for Pratchett's novels.

The Librarian by Paul Kidby

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Events for Adults

The Women's Suffrage Campaign in Kent

Saturday 3 March

11:00 - 12:00

An illustrated talk exploring how the campaign for women's suffrage was fought in Kent. Hear some interesting and surprising stories about the brave women who took up the suffragette colours or campaigned by other means for political equality.

Tickets: £5, MMF £4



Annie & Christabel, 1906

Book events via the website

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Events for Adults

Exploring Textiles in Design

15, 22 & 29 March

19 & 26 April

3, 10 & 17 May

10:30 - 12:30



Following her first sell-out course, artist Anne Delacour will lead another 8 week course 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! Some materials provided but start rummaging in your recycling bins or charity shops for fabrics, ribbons, yarns, lace, broken jewellery, buttons, netting, etc. Workshops are held in the museum's light-filled Classroom.

Course Fee: £80, MMF members £75

Early Peoples: Building BIG

Saturday 24 March

10:00 - 12:30

Find out how the people in this area lived and died around 6,000 years ago. Enjoy a talk with artefact handling, followed by a trip to Coldrum long barrow. Own transport required (approx. 9 mile drive each way). The barrow is a short walk from the car park through fields.

Numbers limited so early booking advised.

Tickets: £10, MMF members £9

Sustainable Crafts

Spring Course 20 & 27 April, 4 & 11 May

Summer Course 8, 15, 22 & 29 June

10:30 - 12:00

Two 4 week courses creating beautiful and useful things from the stuff you have around your home. Led by Maria Paez, an expert in sustainable crafts. All materials provided.

Course Fee: £40, MMF £35



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**

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Book events via the website

Museum Lates

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.

Film Night: The Italian Job

29 March - Film starts at 18:30

Become a member of the Self Preservation Society! Watch this classic 60s film and enjoy a 60s cocktail. Join the museum staff in dressing for the occasion.

Tickets: £10

Bag Yourself a Date!

26 April

Speed dating with a difference...fall for a voice, a gesture, a perfume. Draw your face on a bag (provided) and chat with each other in turn.

Each matching couple will receive a £15 voucher to be used in Wagamama, Maidstone.

Tickets: £10 Love potion included in ticket price (soft drink option available).

wagamama

Over
18's

Museum History Mystery

31 May

Meet the people who built, lived and worked in the museum's buildings over the last 500 years. Titled, colourful, eccentric and sometimes tragic, they'll tell you their story.

First tour at 18:30, second tour at 19:30
- please specify when booking.

Tickets £10, MMF members £9

Cherry Ripe & Kentish Wares

28 June

Come and explore a range of stalls selling crafts and delicious local produce to taste and buy. Hear from our curators about Maidstone's role as the centre of Cherry Brandy production and from Brogdale, home of the national Heritage Fruit Collection, about cherry growing past and present. Everyone will receive a free G&T, courtesy of Wagamama, using their newly created Jinzu Gin, made with sakura (cherry blossom), sake and yuzu.

Market: Free to enter

Cherry event: £10, MMF members £9



Events for Families

Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday 11 March

15:00 - 17:00

Treat mum to an exclusive event for Mother's Day! Delicious cream tea served in our historic library with a behind-the-scenes tour and special insight into our fabulous costume collection.

Early booking advised as spaces limited.
Tour at 15:00 with tea at 16:00
or Tea at 15:00 with tour at 16:00.

Tickets: £18, MMF £16



Family Arts Award Day: The Greeks

Saturday 17 March

10:00 - 16:00



We're excited to offer children aged 5+ the opportunity to gain a 'Discover' Arts Award! Investigate different art forms, find out about our Greek collection, create a piece of art and share it, all in one day.

Limited availability – just 15 spaces for children, accompanied by an adult. All resources provided.



A certificate is awarded by Trinity College, London, on completion. Delivery takes 6-8 weeks and can 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

St George's Dragon Day

Saturday 21 April

Dare you meet Flame, the massive smoke-breathing dragon? His little friend Bunsen, the baby dragon, will be here to stroke too.

St George is patron saint of many countries as well as England, so celebrate a multicultural St George's Dragon Day by following our flag trail. Make your own dragon and have your face painted.

Small charge for some activities, payable on the day



Events for Families

Conversations

Saturday 12 May

A day of finding out what YOU want. How would you like to access our objects? What stories would you like to tell?

Every half hour, a member of staff will give a 5 minute talk on their favourite things in the museum.

FREE

Cartoon Workshops

Saturday 16 June

10:30 - 12:30 & 13:30 - 15:30

The brilliant Gary Northfield, cartoonist and author, has worked with the Beano, Dandy, Phoenix and National Geographic kids magazines.

These workshops introduce his internationally renowned book series Julius Zebra and are full of drawing tips for budding young cartoonists from one of Britain's leading illustrators. And you'll learn lots of Roman and Egyptian facts along the way!

Morning workshop for ages 7 - 11 years

Afternoon workshop for ages 11 - 15 years

Tickets: £15, MMF £13



Family Arts Award Day: Dinosaurs & Fossils



Saturday 30 June

We're excited to offer children aged 5+ the opportunity to gain a 'Discover' Arts Award! Investigate different art forms, find out about dinosaurs and fossils, create a piece of art and share it, all in one day.

Limited availability – just 15 spaces for children, accompanied by an adult. All resources provided.

A certificate is awarded by Trinity College, London, on completion. Delivery takes 6-8 weeks and can 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



Fossil Roadshow

Saturday 30 June

10:00 - 15:00

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



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

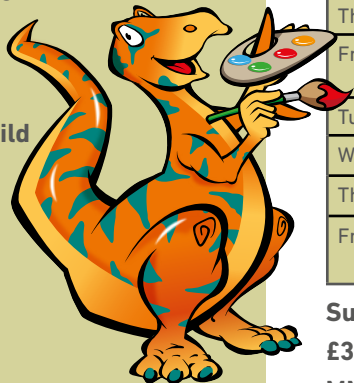
From 10:30

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



Easter Holiday Make It! Workshops

Tuesday 3 – Friday 13 April

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

Enjoy two weeks of creative workshops inspired
by abstract artists this Easter.

Tuesday 3rd	Mondrian inspired blocks and lines
Wednesday 4th:	Dali inspired dripping paint
Thursday 5th:	Seurat inspired dots and spots
Friday 6th:	T-shirt printing inspired by this week's abstract artists
Tuesday 10th:	Kandinsky inspired circles and lines
Wednesday 11th:	Pollock inspired paint splats
Thursday 12th:	Munch inspired pastels and chalks
Friday 13th:	T-shirt printing inspired by this week's abstract artists

Suggested age 4 – 11 years

**£3 per child, 2 for £5, T-shirt printing £4 per child, 2 for £7
MMF concessions available**

Half Term Activities



Tuesday 29 May – Friday 1 June

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

Enjoy a week of creative workshops with
a cartoon/comic theme this half term.

Tuesday 29th	Create your own comic strip
Wednesday 30th:	Create a piece of pop art to hang on your wall
Thursday 31st	Make a flip book
Friday 1st:	Become a Superhero by designing your own t-shirt with cape

Suggested age 4 - 11 years

**£3 per child, 2 for £5, T-shirt printing £4 per child, 2 for £7
MMF concessions available**

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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
£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

Join at the museum reception or download a form from the website

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Children's Parties at Maidstone Museum

Step inside and enjoy a world of party adventures just for you.
Knights and Princesses, Dinosaurs, Pirates and much more...

Book an exciting birthday experience today!

To book your party or check available dates visit:
www.maidstonemuseum.org

From
£12.50
per child



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

Where to find us

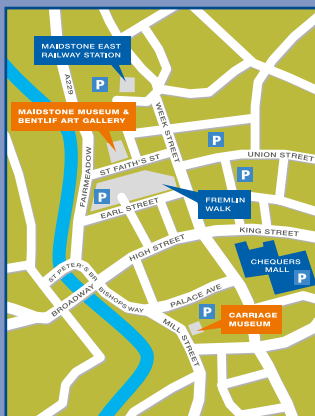
The museum is located in the very heart of Maidstone town centre.

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 Visitor 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**

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

Maidstone Museums

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