

MAIDSTONE
MUSEUM

July to October 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 an exciting 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 Imaginarium of Terry Pratchett' by
Paul Kidby

Book events via the website

Events at a Glance

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- 23-26 Oct Half term autumn-themed activities
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- 27 Oct Creating Glass Jewellery
- 31 Oct Film Night - Rocky Horror Show
- 31 Oct Ghost Tours for Kids
- 1 Nov Exploring Textiles in Design (week 8)
- 1 Nov Museum Lates: Ghost Tours
- 3 Nov Glass Makers & Miniaturists Fair

Exhibitions

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, including favourite characters like Rincewind, the Wee Free Men and of course, Death.

It also reveals Paul's own projects influenced by British folklore and landscapes.

Enjoy lots of Discworld-inspired activities in the gallery!

A touring exhibition from St. Barbe Museum & Gallery

Adults £4
7 - 18 yrs £2
6 and Under Free
Family £10

The Tourist, Paul Kidby



Auld Goggie, Paul Kidby

Exhibitions

Glorious Glass

15 September - 10 November

Celebrating 20 years of the Contemporary Glass Society (CGS) as the principle advocate of artists and collectors of contemporary glass nationally and internationally.

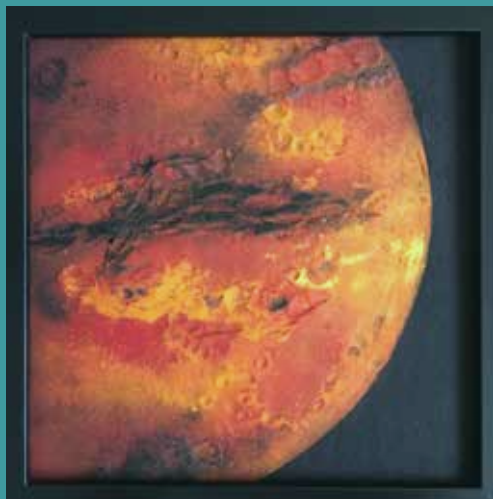
Works from both international high flyers and hobbyists from the South East are featured in this exhibition.

The glorious colours, textures, use of light and variety of techniques of contemporary glass are displayed for everyone to enjoy.

FREE



Mars, Beverley Bunn



Tumbling II, Hildegard Pax

Exhibitions

Re-Imagining the Doll's House

15 September - 10 November

A collaborative exhibition of historic doll's houses from the museum's own collections, combined with contemporary artists' and makers' work, exploring the wider concept and meaning of a small or miniature house.

FREE



Maidstone Young Artist Award

9 February - 21 April 2019

Sponsored by Maidstone Museums Foundation.

This exciting new award is open to young artists in Maidstone, Kent and the South East.

With two age categories (16-21 & 22-30 years old), it gives young artists within education, or just establishing themselves, a chance to exhibit and sell their artworks within the museum's temporary exhibition galleries.

Look out for more information on our website soon. Entry forms available online or from the museum from 21 July 2018.

Deadline for entries: Monday 3 December 2018.

£10 per entry



Other Exhibitions

Coming Here, Being Here

2 October - 3 November



A selection of objects chosen by the Nepalese Women's Group revealing their experiences of coming to and living in this country.

FREE

Are you an emerging artist or arts collective?



The museum's Café Gallery is a bright and characterful space, perfect for you to exhibit and sell your works. With a continual stream of daytime visitors through the café, your artworks will be on display to a wide and varied audience.

For more information, please contact exhibitions@maidstone.gov.uk

Events for Adults

Insect Week Talks

Tuesday 3 July

11:00 - 12:00

'Kentomology: Insect rarities and new arrivals in the garden of England'.

Kent's climate and location make it one of the best places in the UK for insects and other things with lots of legs, which can be good and bad news for us.

Recommended age: 16+

Tickets: £5, MMF £4



Events for Adults

Insect Week Talks (cont.)

Wednesday 4 July

11:00 - 12:00

'Fantastic Beetles and how to find them' - a beginner's guide to the many varieties of our toughest insect neighbours.

Recommended age: 16+

Tickets: £5, MMF £4



Thursday 5 July

11:00 - 12:00

'Mosquitoes and Malaria in Kent' - learn about the past, present and future of these insects and the diseases they can carry in the South East.

Recommended age: 16+

Tickets: £5, MMF £4

Friday 6 July

11:00 - 12:00

'C.S.Fly - Insects and Crime' - find out what happens when bodies decay and the bugs move in - and what this can tell the investigators.

Recommended age: 16+

Tickets: £5, MMF £4

Building Bigger!

Saturday 28 July

10:00 - 12:30



Find out how the people in this area lived and defended themselves both 2,000 and 50,000 years ago - all on one site!

Enjoy a talk with artefact handling, followed by a trip to Oldbury Iron Age hillfort and Stone Age rock shelters. Own transport required (approx. 13 miles each way). Suitable footwear needed for slopes and undergrowth.

Numbers limited so early booking advised.

Recommended age: 12+

Tickets: £10, MMF £9

A Historie of Magick in Kent

Saturday 11 August

11:00 - 12:00

Local historian Naomi Dickins gives a spellbinding talk on the history of witchcraft in Kent, looking at some of the characters involved and the accusations surrounding them.

Tickets: £5, MMF £4



Discworld & Beyond for Dementia

Sunday 19 August

11:00 - 12:00

A visit to Discworld and Beyond for those living with dementia, before the museum opens to the public. Includes refreshments on arrival.

FREE but please register your interest on the website

Exploring Textiles in Design

6, 13, 20 & 27 September,

4, 11, 18 October, and 1 November

10:30 - 12:30

Artist Anne Delacour leads another 8 week course exploring the use of textiles to create beautiful and crazy pieces to wear or to display. Distress fabric, embellish it, upcycle, bubble, stick, shrink! Some materials provided. Workshops are held in the museum's light-filled Classroom.

Course fee: £80, MMF £75



Memories Day - Papermaking

Friday 14 September

11:00 - 12:00

Did you work in the papermaking industry in Maidstone? Come and meet up with others like you and tell us your stories. Maureen Barcham-Green repeats her sell-out talk on the last production mill.

Group meet: FREE

Tickets: £5, MMF £4

Meet the Artist: Re-Imagining the Doll's House

Saturday 15 September

11:00 - 13:00

Come and talk to the artists who created our exhibition 'Re-Imagining the Doll's House'.

FREE

Meet the Artist: Glorious Glass

Sunday 16 September

13:00 - 15:30

Meet contemporary glass artists based in the local area.

FREE

Creating Glass Applique Coasters

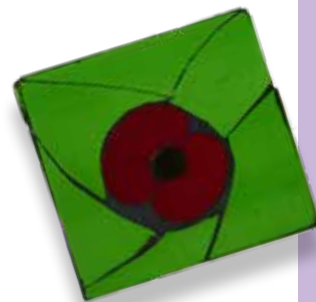
Saturday 22 September

14:00 - 16:00

Working with a glass artist, turn your design into a set of beautiful glass coasters using glass, frits, stringers and other elements. The coasters will be fired in a kiln off-site and returned to the museum for you to collect.

In conjunction with the Glorious Glass exhibition

Tickets: £25, MMF £22



Memories Day - Drinks & Brewing

Friday 12 October

11:00 - 12:00

Did you work in the brewing or drinks industry in Maidstone? Meet with others and tell your stories.

Tickets: £5, MMF £4



Glassmakers Forum

Saturday 13 October

10:30 - 16:00

A special event linked to the Contemporary Glassmakers Society exhibition 'Glorious Glass'.

Four speakers, including Max Jacquard, will contribute to a day of discussion, information sharing and networking. Places limited so early booking is advised.

Tickets: £25

Transformations

Saturday 20 October

11:00 - 15:30

Artist and doll's house restorer Veronica Tonge leads a workshop on transforming dolls houses and their contents to give them an antique feel.

Paint and a piece of wooden furniture are provided, but please bring along another wooden piece to work on. Small doll's houses can be brought in too.

Tickets: £40, MMF £36



Creating Glass Jewellery

Saturday 27 October

14:00 - 16:00

Using glass, frits, stringers and other glass elements, you'll create a range of beautiful jewellery pieces which are fused before your eyes using a microwave and a mini kiln.

In conjunction with the 'Glorious Glass' exhibition

Suitable for ages 16+

Tickets: £25, MMF £22

Film Night - Rocky Horror Picture Show

Wednesday 31 October

From 19:00

Timewarp with us on Halloween Night! Ticket includes a Transylvanian cocktail (or soft drink alternative). The bar will be open throughout. Costume encouraged!

Tickets: £12, MMF £10



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 for object handling and a chat. No booking required - for more info call 01622 602853.

Supported by Golding Homes



Museum Lates

Join us on the last Thursday of every month for a special evening when we're open until 9pm.



Film Night: Labyrinth 26 July

Watch this classic fantasy film starring David Bowie, and enjoy a free cocktail.

Ticket holders have free entry to 'Discworld & Beyond'
17:30 - 18:30.

Film starts at 18:30.

Tickets: £12, MMF £10



Morgan & West: Time-Travelling Magicians

29 August

Time-travelling magicians Morgan & West bring a magical extravaganza to a millennium near you.

This prestidigitatory pair present a conjuring spectacular brimming with baffling magic, unparalleled precognitive powers, and a totally genuine ability to travel through time!

Tickets: £17



Quiz Night

27 September

Join us for five fiendish rounds of quirky questions, including a round of mystery museum objects and a round in the galleries.

Jacket potato with a choice of fillings is included in the ticket price.

Tickets £10, MMF £8

Ghost Tours

1 November

The night starts with one of our 'ShockTails' (soft drink option available), then gather your courage for a tour uncovering the urban legends and ghost stories associated with the museum.

Tickets: £12, MMF £10



Events for Families

Insect Week Walk & Talk

Saturday 7 July

11:00 – 12:30

'The Power of Pollinators:
it's not just about bees!'

All sorts of animals help
plants to survive and
provide us with food.

Hear how they do it and then see how many can
be found around the museum and in Brenchley
Gardens.

Equipment will be supplied.

Tickets: £2.50



Spike's Discworld Trail

7 July – 2 September

Spike has hidden Discworld characters all around
the museum. Find them, collect the letters to spell
a phrase, and then return to the main reception to
claim your Spike badge.

The trail will change four times over
the summer – can you collect all
four badges?



Allow 30-40 mins
to complete the
trail.

Tickets: £1

Steampunk Muggleton Village with H P Lovecraft Film Festival

Saturday 14 July

Join in our glorious steampunk adventure!

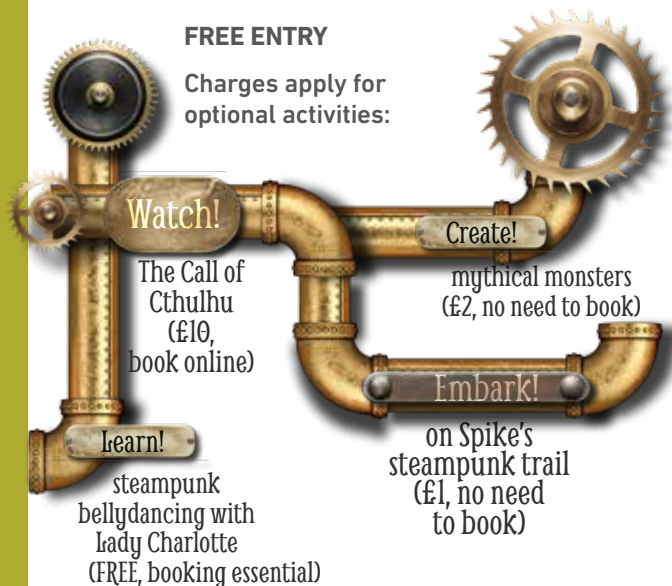
Try, buy, fly – it's all here today. Lots more info
about the stalls and activities can be found on
our website's events pages.

“*England with the fire of the Elizabethans,
the correct taste of the Georgians, and the
refinement and pure ideals of the Victorians*”

- H. P. Lovecraft

FREE ENTRY

Charges apply for
optional activities:



Book events via the website

Bee Happy Day with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Friday 10 August

A day of activities dedicated to the humble bumblebee.

Making a Buzz: Find out how you can be a bee friend. Explore the gardens beside the museum to look for bees and identify them. Finish by making your own bee hotel (materials supplied), and planting a bee-friendly seedling (bring your own yoghurt pot or similar container). Children must be accompanied by an adult (max of 3 children per adult).

10:30 - 12:30

Tickets: £5 per child (adult free)

The Plight of the Bumblebee: A talk by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust on the work they do to help these beautiful insects survive, and what you can do to help.

14:00 - 15:00

Tickets: £5, MMF £4

There will also be a number of drop-in activities, including a Buzz Trail around the museum (£1), face painting (£3) and make your own bee wings (£3). These are all payable on the day.

FREE



Heritage Open Days: Climb the Observatory

Saturday 8 September

10:00 - 15:40



Take in the view across Maidstone from the museum's Victorian Observatory tower, normally closed to the public.

Admissions are timed (every 20 mins) and must be booked in advance. Unfortunately the Observatory is not accessible for those with mobility issues.

FREE



Family Art Day - Shoebox Houses

Saturday 15 September

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

Be inspired by the historic dolls houses on display to create your own shoe box house, castle or mini world.

Tickets: £5 per child (adult free)

The Tale of the House

Saturday 29 September

11:00 - 12:00

Bring something small with you to put into our doll's house – anything you like as long as it's not doll's house furniture! With your imagination, our storyteller will weave you and your object into The Tale of the House. Suitable for ages 5+, and adults too!

Tickets: Adults £5, Children £1 (max 3 per adult)

Book events via the website

Family Arts Award Day - Glasswork

Saturday 6 October

10:00 - 16:00

Work with a glass artist as you explore glass in the museum. Find out about different glass art techniques and create your own glass work to gain a Discover level Arts Award!

A certificate is awarded by Trinity College; delivery is 6-8 weeks, but children will receive a museum certificate at the end of the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult, who can bring up to 3 children.

All materials are provided. Please bring a packed lunch or eat in our café.

Tickets: £20 per child. Suitable for age 5+

Glassmakers and Miniaturists Fair

Saturday 3 November

10:00 - 16:00

Browse a host of stalls from glassmakers and dolls house and miniaturist makers across the South East. Treat yourself or buy something unique for a Christmas present.

FREE



Events for Children

Musical Merry-Go-Round

**First Wednesday of every month
(except 4 July, 3 September
and 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
(except school holidays)**

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



Summer Holiday Make It! Activities

Tuesday 31 July - Thursday 30 August

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

13:30 - 14:30, 15:00 - 16:00

Enjoy a whole summer of creative workshops
inspired by our Discworld & Beyond exhibition!

31 Jul - 2 Aug Magical Creatures	Tues: Make a Dragon puppet inspired by Errol the Swamp Dragon Wed: Create a Cat mask inspired by Greebo the Cat Thurs: Make a Great A'Tuin turtle with a world on his back
7 - 9 Aug Witches & Wizards	Tues: Make a witch or wizard hat Wed: Mix up a magical potion and spell Thurs: Create a wizard's beard inspired by Rincewind
14 - 16 Aug Magical Transport	Create your own crazy, magical transport - make a magical carriage, train or flying machine!
21-23 Aug Magical Characters	Tues: Make your own 'luggage' character Wed: Create clay gollums Thurs: Make an orangutan 'Librarian' door hanger
28 - 30 Aug Magical Identity	Tues: Make a coat of arms Wed: Create a door sign to ward off trolls & gollums Thurs: Make a magical time-travelling baseball cap

Suggested age 4 - 11 years

£3 per child, MMF £2.50

Half Term 'Make It' Activities

Tuesday 23 - Friday 26 October

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

13:30 - 14:30, 15:00 - 16:00

Enjoy a week of creative craft activities inspired
by autumn.

Tuesday	Create an autumn suncatcher
Wednesday	Come and paint a tealight candle holder
Thursday	Make a skeleton scarecrow ready for Halloween
Friday	Make a megaphone to create loud scary noises for Halloween!

Suggested age 4 - 11 years

£3 per child, MMF £2.50

Book events via the website

Ghost Tours for Kids

Wednesday 31 October

16:00 - 18:00

Dare you leave your parents behind and follow our storyteller to explore the museum's creepy rooms? Finish by icing your own gingerbread ghost!

Tours at 16:00 & 17:00

Suitable for ages 7 - 11 years

Tickets: £6, MMF £5



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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



MMF Support Us



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

Membership benefits include:

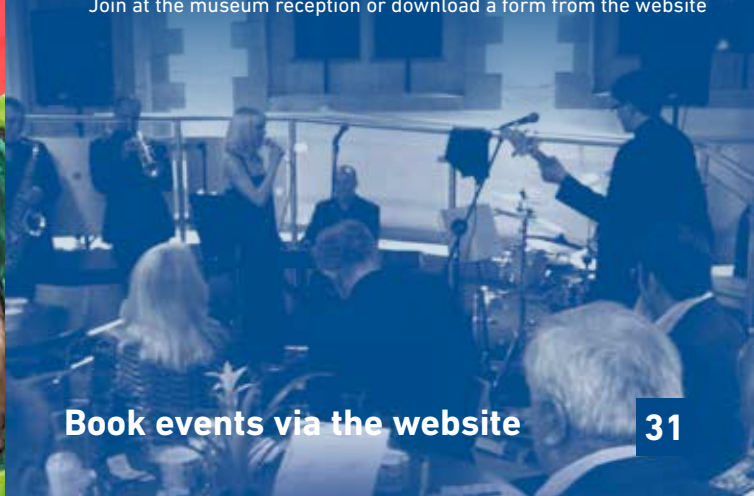
- Invitation to exhibition previews
- Concessions to certain events and children's activities
- 10% discount on museum shop purchases (excludes books)
- Concessionary rate on entry to the Carriage Museum

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

Book events via the website



Visitor Information

For general news

 facebook.com/MaidstoneMuseum

 twitter.com/MaidstoneMuseum



Maidstone Museum Opening Times

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 17:00, Mondays Closed

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

Entry to the Museum is **FREE**

Carriage Museum Opening Times

Friday - Sunday 12:00 - 16:00 (May - September only)

Tickets: £2 Adult, £1 Concs., Under 5's Free, Family £5

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, opposite the Museum. All car parks shown are within easy walking distance.

Train

Maidstone East Station - 2 mins

Maidstone Barracks Station - 5 mins

Maidstone West Station - 10 mins

Maidstone Town Centre



Accessibility

The museum has wheelchair access to most of the ground floor. Two lifts allow access to seven of the nine first floor galleries. 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.

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