

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.



Exhibitions

FREE ENTRANCE

Glorious Glass



15 September - 10 November

A stunning exhibition celebrating 20 years of the Contemporary Glass Society, featuring works from both international high fliers and local hobbyists.

Re-Imagining the Doll's House

15 September - 10 November

A beautiful exhibition of historic doll's houses from the museum's own collection, alongside works by local contemporary artists and makers.



Retro-Active

24 November - 26 January 2019

A vibrant exhibition of artworks by members of groupsixtysix, six friends and artists who were all graduates of Medway College of Art in 1966.



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Maidstone Young Artists Award

9 February - 21 April

An exhibition of works shortlisted for the Maidstone Young Artists Award. Visitors can vote for their favourite artwork.



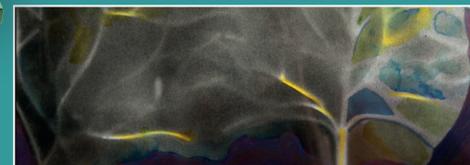
Café Gallery Exhibitions

FREE ENTRANCE

Secrets from the Earth

19 September - 14 October

An exhibition of drawings and glass pieces by Annie Ross, with the central theme of the natural world.



5,000 Poppies



6 November - 21 December

A stunning exhibition of poppies all crafted by the local community, organised by Golding Vision.

Book events via the website

Pop-Up Exhibitions

FREE ENTRANCE

Curiouser and Curiouser

26 February - 7 April

Foundation degree students from West Kent College display artworks influenced by the museum's collections, history and buildings.

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

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Visitor Information

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.

Maidstone Town Centre



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

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.

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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

Book events via the website

MAIDSTONE MUSEUM

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



Christmas Events

8-22 Spike's Christmas Trail

Complete the Christmas themed trail around the museum and claim your Spike Christmas badge.

All day £1 per trail

8, 15 & 22 Drop-in Christmas Crafts

Make two fun Christmas decorations to take home - elf bunting and a clay decoration for your tree.

10.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 3pm
£5 per child

8 & 15 Christmas Market

Browse a range of stalls selling tasty local produce and beautiful handmade gifts.

10.30am - 3pm FREE

8, 15, 20, 21 & 22 Father Christmas's Fireplace

Come and meet Father Christmas in his special grotto and receive a present!

10.30am - 3pm £8 per child



November

2 Story Time

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am - 11.30am **£2.50, SS* £1.50**

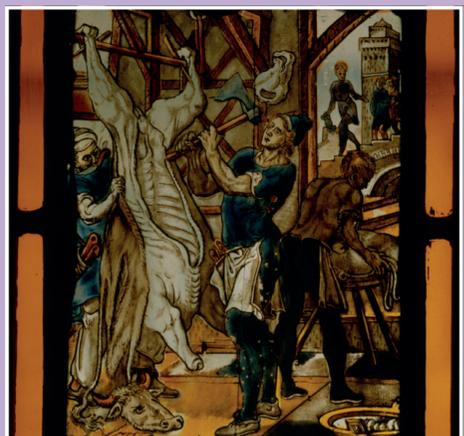


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10 Pictures in Glass

A talk by Naomi Dickins on the development of historic glass and a guided tour of the museum's stained glass.
11am - 12pm **£5**



15 Film Club

Meet other film friends at our monthly club.
10.30am - 1.30pm **£4.50**

16 Story Time

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16 Memories Day - Industry

Did you work at one of Maidstone's industrial manufacturers? Come and share your memories with others and help us record them.
10.30am - 12.30pm **FREE**

17 Family Science Day

Have fun exploring crazy liquids and science experiments using everyday household materials.
10.30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2.30pm
£5 (accompanying adult free)

23 Story Time

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am **£2.50, SS* £1.50**

29 History Mystery Tour - 'The Museum Years'

Meet the eccentric and colourful characters who've lived in and looked after the museum and its objects since it opened in 1858. Over 18s only.
Tours 6.30pm & 7.30pm **£10, MMF £8**

30 Story Time

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am **£2.50, SS* £1.50**

30 Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.
10.30am - 11.30am **FREE**

December

21 Café Culture

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10.30am - 11.30am **FREE**

9 Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am - 11.30am **£2.50**

17 Film Club

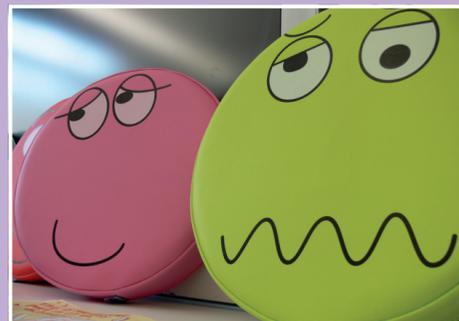
Meet other film friends at our monthly club.
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18 Memories Day - Retail

Did you work in the retail industry in Maidstone? Share your memories with others and help us record them.
10.30am - 12.30pm **FREE**

19 Family Arts Award Day - Faces & Emotions

Explore faces and emotions around the museum and make your own clay face and mask to show two different emotions.
10am - 3pm **£20 (accompanying adult free)**



25 Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.
10.30am - 11.30am **FREE**

31 Follow the Rainbow

Join us for the launch of our LGBTQ trail around the museum.
6.30pm - 9pm **FREE**



February

6 Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am - 11.30am **£2.50**

12 What's in Store?

Go behind-the-scenes and discover some of the hidden objects in our amazing collections.
10.30am - 11.20am **£5**

14 Film Club

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10.30am - 1.30pm **£4.50**

14 Romance Tour

A treat for couples on Valentine's night. Prosecco and nibbles on arrival with a tour around our amorous artefacts.
Tours 6.30pm & 7.30pm **£12, MMF £10**



15 Memories Day - Farming & Agriculture

Did you work in agriculture on a farm? Or on fruit or vegetable production in the Garden of England? Hear talks, meet others with similar experiences, share your memories and record them.
10.30am - 12.30am **FREE**

16-23 Spike's Dino Trail

Complete the dinosaur themed trail around the museum and claim your Spike Dino badge.
All day **£1 per trail**

19-22 Half Term Make It! Sessions

A week of creative craft activities ideal for children aged 4+
4 sessions per day **£3, MMF £2.50**
at 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm

22 Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.
10.30am - 11.30am **FREE**

28 Film Night - The Shape of Water

Watch this Oscar-winning film, and enjoy a marine cocktail! Over 18s only.
6.30pm - 9pm **£12, MMF £10**

March

6 Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s
10.30am - 11.30am **£2.50**

8 International Women's Day

Celebrate the ground-breaking women who created, collected and curated the collections; plus a glass of wine.
6pm - 7pm **£5**

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28 Quiz Night

Join us for five fiendish rounds, including a round of mystery museum objects and a round in the galleries. Bring your own snacks and nibbles. Kentish craft beers available to buy on the night. Over 18s only.
6.30pm - 9pm **£5**

30 Jumbo Dumbo Day

We all love Dumbo! Make a set of elephant ears and a trunk then follow the elephant trail around the museum.
10am - 3pm **Crafts: £3, MMF £2; Trail: £1**

31 Mother's Day Cream Tea & Costume

Enjoy a delicious cream tea in our historic library then go behind-the-scenes to see our gorgeous costume collection.
2 sessions at 3pm **£18, MMF £16**
(tour & tea or tea & tour)



January

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10.30am - 11.20am **£5**