



# Maidstone Museums

## Spike's Downloadable Trail; following the one way route



Download this to your phone or  
tablet and find the objects as you  
walk around the museum.

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# 1. Orientation Case

This holds a mixture of all the different types of collections we have at the museum. Look for the coat of arms.

What unusual creature can you see?

Maidstone is the only UK town with one on it's coat of arms.





Find the life size statue of Lady Godiva on a horse. (You can't miss her!)

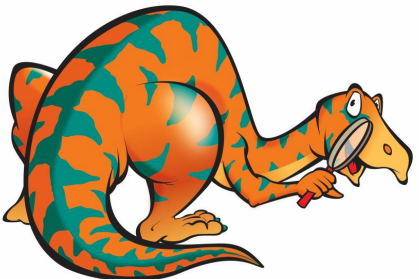
What was the name of the town she rode around in c.1057?



### 3. Queens Own Royal West Kent Regimental Museum

Find this small solid silver statuette in one of the cases on the right hand side of the gallery.

Who is it commemorating?



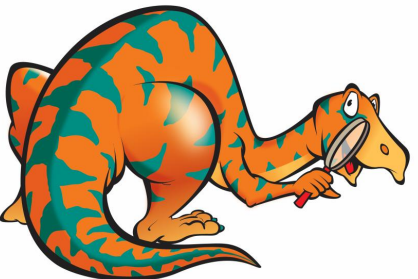
Answer: Lance Corporal John Pennington Harman VC



## 4. Great Hall

Find the portrait of Margherita Farnese painted in c1580. This was thought to be painted by a female artist called Sofonisba Anguissola.

Who's family was Margherita a member of?



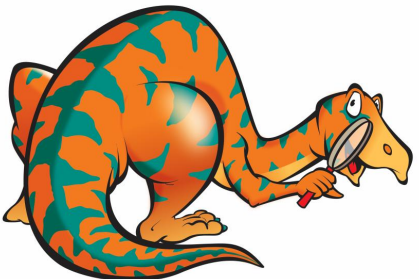
## 5. Brenchley Gallery

Look carefully in the collection case just inside the Brenchley Explorers Gallery. This case holds a variety of objects that Julius Brenchley brought back from his travels.

Find these White Jade Animals in Philosophers' Robes. What are they symbols from?



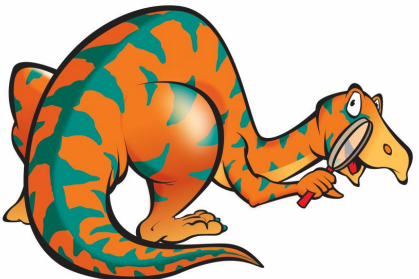
Answer: Chinese year cycle symbols



## 6. Archaeology Gallery

As you walk into the Archaeology Gallery, look for these in the first case of white objects. They are 19<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese Netsuke.

What are they made from?





## 7. Bintlif Art Gallery

Find this painting of the Old Manor House, East Farleigh, by Frederick William Ruck. The part that was rebuilt here at the museum is where our Ancient Lives Education Room and Managers offices are now housed.

Where did the artist teach?

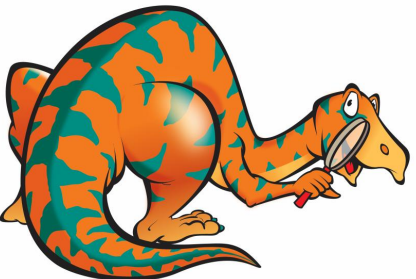




## 8. Exhibition – Do You See What I See?

Our Nepalese Exhibition has been extended and now ends in November.

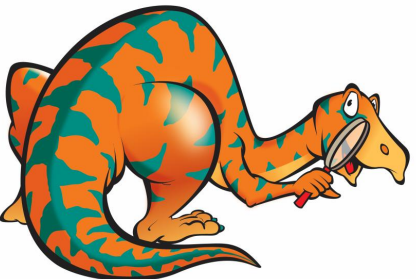
Find this miniature village house made for the contributor by her uncle. Where does he live?



## 9. Japanese Gallery

Find the Japanese armour. It is constructed from iron (tetsu) or leather (nerigawa) scales that are joined together with rivets and macramé cords (odoshi) made from silk or leather and with chain armour (kusari).

What Star Wars characters helmet was influenced by a Samurai helmet? (look at the shape)





## 10. Archaeology Gallery

Look in the centre cases and find this tile. It is by William de Morgan (1839-1917) who in 1863 worked with William Morris. This design is influenced by William Morris.

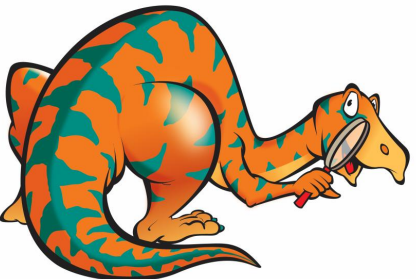
These designs are iconic of what movement?



## 11. Archaeology Gallery

Look in the glass cases on the right hand side of the gallery. Find this object. It is an alabaster head of St John, from Starkey's Castle, from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

But where was Starkey's Castle?





## 12. Natural History Gallery

Look at the first case in the Natural History Gallery and find this dragonfly. It doesn't visit the southeast of England often. Other dragonflies are more common and you may have seen some when walking near rivers. It has ref no 73.

But what is its name?



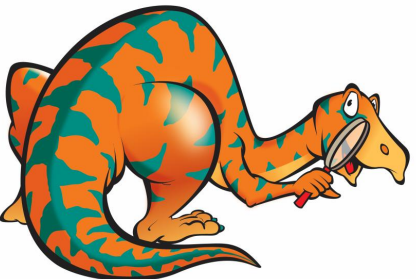
Answer: Golden-ringed Dragonfly



## 13. Dinosaur Gallery

In the dino gallery this piece of bone is on display. It comes from an iguanodon and was found quite locally in Lower Wealden.

But what part of the iguanodon is it from? .



*Answer: neck bone*

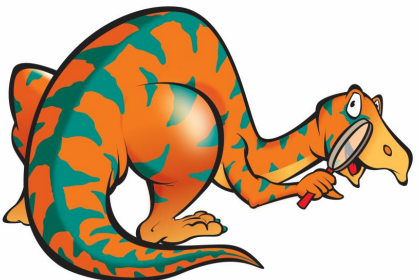


## 14. Dinosaur Gallery

Before you leave the dino gallery, take a look at the Giant Deer or Irish Elk. These lived over 10,000 years ago.

Firstly, compare your height to the Elk by standing next to it.

Secondly what is the Latin name for this creature? (its written in *italics*)



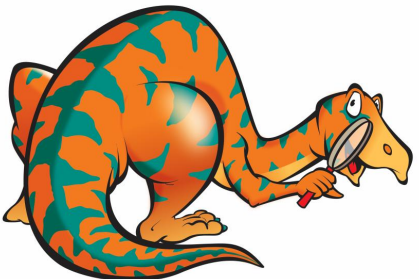
## 15. Natural History Gallery

On your way back through the Natural History gallery, find this wasps nest.

What is it made from?



Answer: wood shavings and saliva





## 16. Local History Gallery

Head downstairs to the Local History Gallery. Find this 18th century medicine box once owned by Marshal Ney.

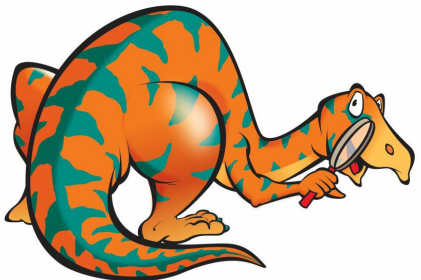
But who was he officer to?



## 17. Toy Emporium

Head into the Costume Gallery and stop at the Toy Emporium on the left. Find the Noah's Ark toy on the shelf.

What are the animals on the top left shelf next to the ark?





## 18. Costume Gallery

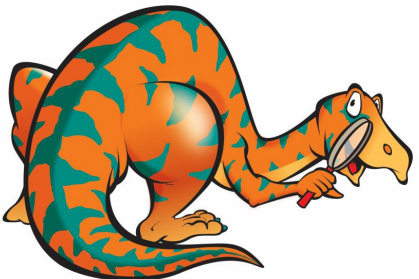
Finally in the costume gallery find the 1950's-1960's case at the far end of the gallery.

This is a bucket popular in the 1950's.

But what is it made from?



Answer: tangerine straw



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