

Full Programme of **EVENTS 2023**

Times: 6.30-8pm (doors open 6pm) unless specified

January – no event

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

The life and legend of Saint Eanswith of Folkestone

Talk by Dr James Lloyd, Archivist at the Royal College of Arms

This Saint has a significant bearing on Anglo-Saxon Kentish history

THURSDAY 2 MARCH

Some of the great mysteries of ancient Egypt

Talk by Fiona Deal, writer

How they inspired her writing:

- Was the heretic pharaoh Akhenaten really Tutankhamun's father? Who else might fit the bill?
- Why did Egypt's conquering hero Thutmose III wait 20 years after her death to wage his campaign of destruction against the monuments of his aunt/stepmother, the female pharaoh Hatshepsut?
- Was it really a minor Queen of the harem who conspired to have Ramses III murdered?

ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT THE MMF FRIENDS' SHOP, FREMLIN WALK, MAIDSTONE
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Or call into the Friends' Shop, Fremlin Walk.

Entry £5 MMF Friends £3

TALKS AT THE FRIENDS' SHOP

THURSDAY  APRIL

A Kentish treasury – folk songs old and new

An evening of folk music

Bob Kenward, John and Di Cullen bring you an entertaining evening of music
from around the county

Entrance: Friends: **£7.50** Guests: **£10**

THURSDAY  MAY

Aviation preservation at Medway

Talk by Robin Heaps

- Aims, formation and development
- Structure
- History and review of projects
- Future

THURSDAY  JUNE

Lives in our landscape – the exciting *NEW* gallery project

Talk by Victoria Barlow, Maidstone Museum Director

Note: This event is free

**AGM
and
TALK**

TALKS AT THE FRIENDS' SHOP

THURSDAY  JULY

Band of sisters: amazing stories of women in WWII

Talk by Pete Batty

Highlighting women who made a difference to the war – their courage, determination, loyalty, devotion, and bravery

THURSDAY  AUGUST

A river trip on *Kentish Lady*. Maidstone to Teston Lock and back

Talk en route by Nick Kennedy (the captain)

Includes a buffet supper and pay bar

Tickets – Friends: £20 Guests: £25

**6pm
to 9pm**

THURSDAY  SEPTEMBER

The Whatmans as papermakers and Landowners

Talk by Robin Ambrose

The Balston Connection

The Vinters Estate and all around Weaving and Grove Green

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with doors open at 6pm**

TALKS AT THE FRIENDS' SHOP

THURSDAY  OCTOBER

Local industries – papermaking, brewing and food manufacture

Talk by Sam Harris, Collections Manager at Maidstone Museum

THURSDAY  NOVEMBER

The Mote Estate in Maidstone's history

Talk by Paul Oldham

The connections between the owners of the Mote and the development of Maidstone

THURSDAY  DECEMBER

Christmas Concert Invicta Grammar School Choir

Venue: Outside and inside the Friends' Shop

Time: 4.30pm - 7pm

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and mince pies (with donation)

*Open to
everyone!*

*There is no charge to this event,
but any donations are welcome*

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