



Events 2026

Events hosted at:

Maidstone Community Support Centre
39-48 Marsham Street
Maidstone
ME14 1HH

Times: 6.30pm - 8pm (except Jun, Aug & Sept)

Doors open: 6pm

Refreshments provided

**THURS
05
FEB**

Step into the Past – Maidstone: A Thousand Year Story

All around Kent, history radiates kings in castles and clergy in cathedrals but in Maidstone, the history is different - it's the story of the average hardworking commoner. If there is a fight to be fought, a brilliant idea to be grappled with and brought to life or, when called upon, the ultimate sacrifice to be made for country or beliefs, then it's the people of Maidstone who step forward. Come and hear from Daren Russell some tales from the last 1000 years, but be warned, they may inspire you to make a difference tomorrow.

**THURS
05
MAR**

Edith Cavell: WW1 Nurse and her connection to Maidstone

The story of a WW1 hero and why she ended up being shot as a spy in 1915. Tony Miles will be exploring Edith Cavell's connection to Maidstone, and why she was awarded only ONE British medal.

**THURS
02
APR**

Kentish Tapestry – Folk Songs Old and New

Join us for an entertaining musical evening with renowned Kent folk singers Bob Kenward, John and Di Cullen.

Friends: £8.50, guests £11

**THURS
07
MAY**

Growing Kentish Cherries

Brian Piper, who has a 30 acre farm at Boughton Monchelsea growing cherries, pears and strawberries, tells us about Piper's Cherries that over the years has won 15 Firsts in the National Fruit Show. Last year Piper's won best entry in show, and was afforded the accolade of supplying cherries to the King, for which a letter of thanks from the Monarch was received.

**THURS
04
JUN**

Careers in Museums

AGM and TALK. This event is FREE

Please confirm attendance to this event by email by 25th May.



Erika Balban, Community & Events Manager for Maidstone Museum, will talk about what Maidstone Museum does and how to get involved. **PLEASE NOTE** this will be in Maidstone Museum Library 2pm to 3.30pm.

**THURS
02
JUL**

“We will remember them”

War Graves in Kent and remembering Maidstone’s fallen around the globe

Victoria Wallace is the former Director General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. She will tell the story of how this amazing organisation was set up to commemorate the 1.3 million dead of the Empire after the First World War. Having travelled to hundreds of iconic monuments, Victoria will show us how war graves are to be found in almost every community.

**THURS
06
AUG**

Historic Plaques of Maidstone: A Walking Tour

Ivan White is your guide to this walk in the town centre. As we walk, he will include his own personal reminiscences of Maidstone buildings and shops from 1950's to the present day. **PLEASE NOTE** places are limited, we will need confirmed bookings. The tour starts from the entrance Maidstone Museum at 6pm

THURS
03
SEPT

Viticulture in Kent and the South East

The influence from Champagne, Burgundy and Bordeaux

A talk comparing Kentish and French wines with optional wine tasting by Ulric Allsebrook of Fred's Wines, Frédéric Bistro and Maison Frédéric. **PLEASE NOTE** this event will be at Maison Frédéric on Earl Street. Spaces are limited spaces, please book your place in advance.

TALK ONLY Friends £5 Guests £7

*OPTIONAL WINE TASTING (8 wines and talk): Friends £20
Guests £25.*

THURS
01
OCT

History of the Channel Tunnel

Mike Powis spent 20 years as part of the Kent County Council team working on the Channel Tunnel and its rail links. He will look at the key events, but also some byways he was personally involved with – or likes in retrospect!

THURS
05
NOV

A Schoolgirl's War

Mary Smith reveals the life at Maidstone Girls' Grammar School during WW2, using a fascinating set of paintings created by a young art teacher as the war unfolded. Her paintings show the disrupted schooling, air-raids, doodlebugs and lessons in underground classrooms.



All events will be held at **Maidstone Community Support Centre**

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With the exception of:

June – Maidstone Museum

August - walk from Maidstone Museum

September – wine tasting at Maison Frédéric, Earl Street.

To book, email MMF event's organiser:

maidstonemuseumsfoundation0@gmail.com

stating how many places you would like, giving your name, address and telephone number.

Payment by bank transfer to:

THE MAIDSTONE MUSEUMS FOUNDATION

Sort Code: 82-61-26 Acc. No. 30117961

using the reference: your initial + surname + event.

Once the money has been transferred you will receive email confirmation.

MMF Friends £5. Guests £7.

Please Note:

Different prices for the Folk Concert in April, also for the Wine Tasting event in September.