

What's on at the Maison Dieu

Spring and Summer 2022

Join us for an exciting programme of activities, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

19th March	The Science of Paintings Conservation
4th April	Buckland Community Engagement Day
5th April	St Radigund's Community Engagement Day
8-10th April	The History Diggers Archaeological Dig
23rd April	Kent Local History Festival
2-5th June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Join us for 'Lunchtime Bites' at the Maison Dieu in Dover to see expert conservators at work

Wednesday 23rd February saw the start of regular bite-size events at Dover's historic Maison Dieu, where visitors can engage with specialists from Bainbridge Conservation as they demonstrate or talk about a fascinating aspect of the building's Conservation in Action programme.

Lunchtime visitors are welcome to bring their own sandwich or take-away coffee as they find out about subjects as wide-ranging as how to conserve a William Burges neo-Gothic chair, repair a gilded picture frame or clean a 300-year-old royal portrait.

Other drop-ins will explore the question of whether to conserve or restore - and the different approaches to object conservation; as well as how to look after your family treasures.

Visitors will also be able to discover fascinating stories about the building and

its contents, uncovered by a talented team of Maison Dieu researchers. These include a bite-size talk about St Richard of Chichester and the statue of him carved by Dover policeman Bob Forsyth in 1955; Votes for Women - the tale of a Maison Dieu ballot box; the Dover history windows in close-up detail; and the story of the portrait of James Poulter, Dover's only Quaker mayor.

The team at the Maison Dieu hope these introductory sessions will appeal to people working in Dover town centre, who are looking for something a bit different to do in their lunch hour.

Lunchtime bites take place between 12.30pm and 1.00pm in the Maison Dieu Stone Hall on the following days:
 Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th March
 Saturday 9th April, Wednesday 20th April
 Wednesday 4th and 18th May
 Friday 3rd June, Saturday 4th June,
 Wednesday 15th and 29th June
 Or pop into the Maison Dieu, Dover's very own version of *The Repair Shop* to meet the team from Bainbridge Conservation
 Open 11am to 3pm (Same dates as above)
Admission free (No Need To Book)

Entry via Maison Dieu
 (Dover Town Hall) High Street entrance.
 For lift access contact
 Martin Crowther on 07596 889 668.
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