

ONLINE RESOURCES

CityArk database:

<http://cityark.medway.gov.uk>

- Online catalogue of our archive collections.
- Medway Ancestors: Parish registers online.
- Imagebase: Digitalised archives, including images of the Medway area.
- Moviebase: Selection of film clips of Medway.

Medway images: A searchable database of photographs of Medway

www.medway.gov.uk/medwayimages

Medway index to local newspapers:

www.medway.gov.uk/miln

- More than 10,000 references to local events.
- Index added to weekly.

Medway timeline: An illustrated introduction to the history of Medway

<http://medway.gov.uk/timeline>

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre on Facebook

www.facebook.com/medwayarchives

Opening hours

We are open every day except Wednesdays, Sundays and bank holidays at the following times:

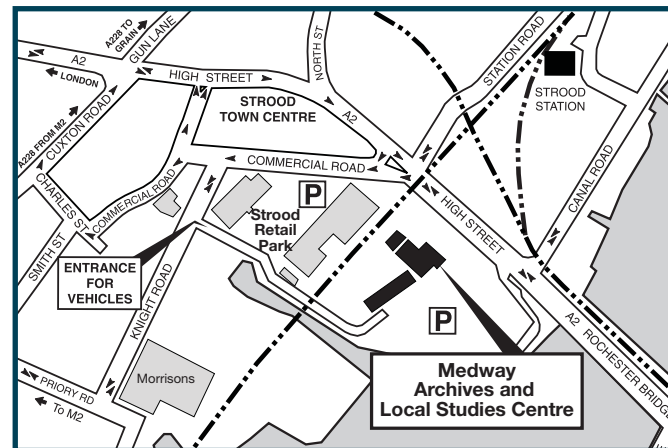
Monday	9am-5pm	Friday	9am-5pm
Tuesday	9am-5pm	Saturday	9am-4pm
Wednesday	Closed	Sunday	Closed
Thursday	9am-5pm		

We are closed during the first two full weeks of November for stocktaking.

How to find us

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre (MALSC) can be found in the north-west corner of the former Civic Centre car park in Strood.

Buses stop in Strood town centre and the rail station is within walking distance.



Visitors travelling by car should follow the signs for the Civic Centre car park, which is accessible from Knight Road.

The centre is accessible for people with disabilities.

Planning a visit

Please contact us in advance of a visit to book an archive table, computer or microfilm reader.

Access to original archive collections is via a County Archives Research Network (CARN) ticket. Identification showing proof of name and address, plus two passport-size photographs are needed to issue a CARN ticket.

Contact us

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

Clock Tower Building,
Former Civic Centre site,
Strood, Kent, ME2 4AU
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Email: malsc@medway.gov.uk

www.medway.gov.uk/archives

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This information can be made available in other formats and languages, please phone **01634 332320**.

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COUNCIL

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Medway Archives
and
Local Studies
Centre

Your guide to events, exhibitions
and historical research

www.medway.gov.uk/archives

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Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre is the place to visit for anyone wishing to research the history, geography and people of Medway. The centre has an extensive range of resources open to everyone.

AREAS WE COVER

- Rochester, Strood, Chatham, Gillingham and Rainham.
- The surrounding villages and rural communities, including the Isle of Grain.
- The Archdeaconry of Rochester for parish registers.

RESOURCES

- Business and estate records.
- Census records for the Medway area.
- Births, marriages and deaths index 1837-1960 (microfiche).
- Historical building plans.
- Maps and plans.
- Naval collection (printed resources).
- Newspapers and periodicals.
- Parish registers (also available online on Medway Ancestors).
- Photographs and prints.
- Poll books and electoral registers.
- Poor law records.
- Printed books and ephemera.
- Rochester Cathedral archives.
- School and education records.
- Street and trade directories.

FACILITIES

- Books, maps, prints and postcards are for sale.
- Friendly and helpful staff.
- Microfilm and microfiche readers.
- Parish records for the Archdeaconry of Rochester.
- Photocopying and scanning services.
- Programme of exhibitions and events.
- Public searchroom.
- Public access computers, including free access to Ancestrylibrary.com.
- Volunteer advisors from the Medway branch of the Kent Family History Society are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Exhibitions

Date	Title/description
13 January – 22 February	Sir Joseph Williamson – the man behind the name
24 February - 12 April	Wingets at work and play
14 April - 31 May	Charting the changes: Luton and Lordswood
2 June - 12 July	Rochester High Street remembered, incorporating reminiscences collected from residents of Watts Almshouses
14 July - 30 August	150 years of the London to Dover railway
2 September - 5 November	Rainham history

MALSC closed for stock taking 7 – 20 November

20 November - 10 January 2012	Metal Men of Medway: Statues, plaques and street furniture
12 January - 28 February	Archives of Great Expectations: Documents and discoveries from Rochester City records
1 March - 24 April	Medway Artists - the achievements of Dadd, Spencelayh, Wyllie, Maxwell and Dunbar

We have regular exhibitions at Eastgate House, Rochester. Go to www.visitmedway.org for more information.



Talks and events

Date	Prepared by	Title/description
26 January	Jean Lear	Sir Joseph Williamson 2.30pm, £5/£4
9 or 16 February	Kent Family History Society	Introduction to family history: help for beginners 2.30-4pm, free
23 March	Sandra Dunster and Andrew Hann	The River Medway: Industry and development 2.30pm, £5/£4
18 May	Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh	Palaeography course 10am-4pm, £25 pre-booking essential 10 places only
14 September		Estella's legacy - a one act play inspired by <i>Great Expectations</i> . Written by Clare Graydon-James, performed by Anne Graydon and Clare Graydon-James. 2.30pm, £6 no concessions - Venue: Eastgate House
28 September or 5 October	Kent Family History Society	Introduction to family history: help for beginners 2.30-4pm, free
25 October	Neil Arnold	Mystery animals 7.30pm, £5/£4 Eastgate House

Tickets for all events must be booked in advance.

All events take place at MALSC unless otherwise indicated. Exhibitions are free to view. Talks and events £5, or £4 for Friends of Medway Archives (FOMA) members unless otherwise indicated. Please phone **01634 332714** to book.

Additional talks, events and exhibitions are held at Eastgate House throughout the year. Please go to www.medway.gov.uk/eastgatehouse for more information.