

The GUILDHALL museum ROCHESTER



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The museum can be found at the bridge end of Rochester High Street, opposite the Royal Victoria and Bull Hotel. Town centre parking is available nearby.

Nearest rail stations Rochester (half mile);
 Strood (one mile);
 Chatham (two miles).

When to visit us

Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 4.30pm (last admission 4pm)

Closed over the Christmas period. Open bank holidays.
 Contact the museum for more details.

www.guildhallmuseumrochester.co.uk

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The magnificent and ornately decorated Guildhall Chamber is licensed for weddings, baby-naming ceremonies, renewal of vows or civil partnerships. Please contact the museum for more information and bookings.



Accessibility

The museum is situated in two listed buildings. Unfortunately wheelchair users are not able to access most of the museum buildings. An interactive video interpretation guide in the Guildhall welcome gallery gives all visitors information about the most interesting features of the museum buildings and exhibits. Please contact the museum in advance if you need help or any advice on accessing the building.

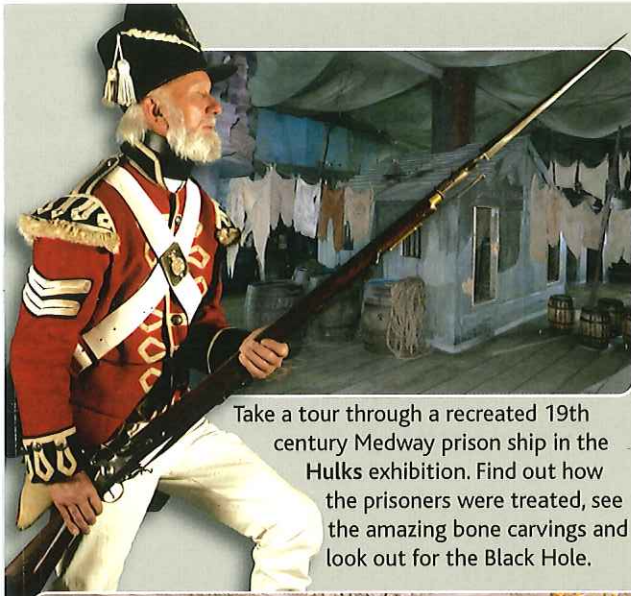


The Old Brook Pumping Station

Solomon's Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4AJ. (Two miles from the museum). Built as part of a major project to fix Chatham's drainage problems, the Old Brook Pumping Station is now a listed ancient monument. The machinery, designed to keep Chatham dry, is still in full working order and on view to the public.

Managed and maintained by the Medway Industrial Archaeology Group, with the support of Medway Council, the station is open from 11am to 3pm on Saturdays from June to September, and on the first Saturday of the month from October to May. Admission is free.





Take a tour through a recreated 19th century Medway prison ship in the Hulks exhibition. Find out how the prisoners were treated, see the amazing bone carvings and look out for the Black Hole.



The Guildhall Museum, founded in 1897, is a lively, informative and colourful treasure trove of Medway's history. It is housed in two historic listed buildings - Rochester's magnificent 17th century Guildhall and the former Medway Conservancy Board building. The museum is home to thousands of objects that illustrate the history of Medway - its river, its people, and its development through time.



The River Medway Gallery tells the fascinating, inspiring and sometimes tragic stories of the people that lived and worked on the river. Enjoy a realistic trip along the Medway in a tug boat, and the incredible Seaton Tool Chest - the most complete set of 18th century cabinet maker's tools in the world.



The Court Hall or Guildhall Chamber with its magnificent plaster ceilings, given in 1695 by Admiral Sir Cloudsley Shovell, Member of Parliament for the city of Rochester, was immortalised by Charles Dickens in his novel *Great Expectations*.



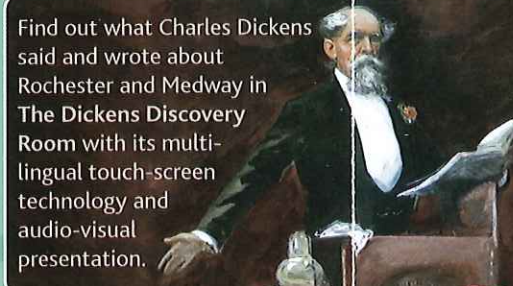
The Horton Collection of Victorian and Edwardian everyday objects, housed in the stunning Conservancy Building, gives an insight into life at the end of the 19th century.



The Welcome Gallery introduces the story of Medway. An interactive multi-language display gives a brief insight into the galleries and exhibits on show, and a well stocked souvenir shop provides gifts to suit every pocket.



An exciting purpose-built Discovery Zone brings history to life for groups of young people and families. The Museum Education Service offers dynamic and innovative facilitated learning courses for all ages. Exciting hands-on activity workshops can be provided as well as an outreach service for all Medway schools. Contact the museum for more information or to book.



Find out what Charles Dickens said and wrote about Rochester and Medway in The Dickens Discovery Room with its multi-lingual touch-screen technology and audio-visual presentation.



Don't miss our temporary exhibitions and exciting special events. Full details on our website.