

News and Events

Calendar of Forthcoming Events and Exhibitions

FOMA Talks and Events

All events are subject to change and to government guidance for public gatherings. Further information will be available on the FOMA website (www.foma-lsc.org), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fomalsec) and sent to members via email, where appropriate.

Friday 11 June 2021, 2.30 pm,
By Zoom – details to be sent to members by email.

FOMA AGM.

The AGM leaflet is included with this issue of *The Clock Tower*

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See our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fomalsec) and our website (www.foma-lsc.org) for all the very latest information on FOMA and Medway heritage.

Medway Archives Centre

32 Bryant Rd, Rochester ME2 3EP; 01634 332714.

Medway Archives Centre is open for pre-booked appointments only.

Our reopening is planned in a cautious way to ensure that we can review all of the practical issues involved in running the service safely. We will keep these opening arrangements under review.

About appointments

We are operating an appointment-only system and all material must be pre-booked. We cannot accommodate visits without an appointment.

Opening hours are 9.30am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Four visitors can be accommodated at one time to ensure social distancing. You can order up to six archive documents, up to 10 local studies, and up to four microfilm resources per appointment.

How to make an appointment

When you book we will ask for your name and contact details so that we can keep in touch with you about your appointment. We will also ask that these details are recorded for NHS Test and Trace purposes for 21 days.

Email us at malsc@medway.gov.uk to make an appointment and to discuss which items you wish to consult.

At least 3 working days' notice prior to your visit are required.

- Toilets are available but only for visitors to Medway Archives Centre
- Lockers are available
- There are no refreshment facilities currently available in the foyer

Exhibitions

There are two new free exhibitions on display in the foyer to MAC for which no appointment is needed. Please note, you will not be able to enter MAC itself without a prior booking.

Pestilence and contagion: from Plague to COVID-19

How past pandemics have affected the Medway area. Entries in the 1666 burial registers show the virulence of the plague outbreak that year. Vaccination programmes had their critics in 19th Century, just as they do today. Attempts to contain and treat successive outbreaks of several epidemics - smallpox, cholera, typhoid, and the Spanish flu - are included. It is sobering to realise that the regulations which are currently in place to counter COVID-19 were known and used in centuries past.

Health Matters: Corridors of care

A brief look at hospitals and health care regimes in Medway. From the establishment of Hawkins Hospital administering to mariners and shipbuilders in the 16th Century, and provision for the poor and infirm in the Workhouses in the 18th and 19th Century to hospitals for the military and for the ordinary folk of Medway. This exhibition offers a whistle-stop tour of hospitals which have come and gone. Melville and Fort Pitt disappeared a lifetime ago. But All Saints and St. Bartholomew's closed within living memory. They will be remembered with affection (or possibly dread) by many in Medway.

For further details please visit the website at

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200391/medway_archives_centre/1179/medway_archives_centre_and_corona_virus_covid-19