

2024/2

# Newsletter



## WELCOME

We are MCSC and this is our new style newsletter.

We will be producing this 6 times a year and hope that by being a more frequent publication, the news and articles will remain relevant to our visitors. If you would like to see your article in an upcoming edition please send your email to [reception@mcsc.org.uk](mailto:reception@mcsc.org.uk)

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## ABOUT US

- ✧ We are a local Charity whose aim is to help the people of the local community by supporting other charities through affordable office rent.
- ✧ By hiring out our sessional rooms to groups, companies and organisations we are also directly helping local people receive the help and support they might require
- ✧ If you would like further information about any of our services please ask reception.

## WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE US?

Our ethos since we started over 30 years ago is to provide affordable office accommodation and meeting space for local and national charities and community groups. By using us for your meetings, we are all helping local people.

# Understanding the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act & disclosing criminal records.

Online webinar

**FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024**  
**2PM UNTIL 4PM**



Are you up to date with the laws around disclosing criminal records – there have been several changes over the last 6 months.

This webinar is aimed at anyone who deals with criminal records. You might be supporting somebody with a criminal record into employment or education or working in recruitment/HR and making hiring decisions.

Further information and booking details can be found at

**[www.unlock.org.uk/training-events-and-workshops](http://www.unlock.org.uk/training-events-and-workshops)**

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## Staff at MCSC

In January we said goodbye to Jo our Evening and Weekend Meet and Greet.

We are pleased to welcome Shupi as our newest team member who takes over from Jo.



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## Our Member Groups

A new feature we are running in our Newsletter is a section to highlight each of the Member groups that use our office and counselling spaces in the Centre. In this edition Kent Archaeological Society tell us about their upcoming digs and how their intern is getting their hands dirty.

If any of the Member groups in the Centre would like to be included in our next edition, please contact [reception@mcsc.org.uk](mailto:reception@mcsc.org.uk)

## Our new Sliding Door

In February a new door was fitted in Reception. With an increase in pushchairs, wheelchairs and electric disability scooters coming into the Centre, along with small children in reception every day MCSC took the decision to invest in an accessible door. Along with help from our fundraisers we were able to meet our target and contracted ARKAS (Headcorn) to fit the door.



## Thank You

MCSC would like to thank the following for their fundraising and support

**Andrew Usher (our previous Site Manager)**

**Marsher and Julie (Guardian Cleaning)**

**Carole (A Visitor to the Centre)**

**SouthEast Water**

**Cobtree Charitable Trust**

**Everyone that made a purchase through our link on EasyFundraising website**

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## Where to find us on social media

**Facebook - Mcsc Maidstone**

**X(Twitter) - @MCSCMaidstone**

**Instagram - mcsmaidstone**

**Nextdoor - Maidstone Community Support Centre**

# Sunflower Cafe

**Monday to Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm**

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

**Now  
serving  
afternoon  
tea!**

Call us to  
prebook on  
**01622  
753618**

Gift vouchers  
available!



## **Cream Tea For Two - £5.40**

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2 scones, jam and cream

Tea for 2

(+ £3 surcharge for latte)

## **Afternoon Tea - £18.50**

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2 scones, jam and cream

4 mini cakes

4 rounds finger sandwiches

Tea for 2

## **Afternoon Tea - £22.50**

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2 scones, jam and cream

4 mini cakes

4 rounds finger sandwiches

Latte/cappuccino for 2

## **Choice of sandwiches**

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Cheese & cucumber      Ham & tomato

Cheese & pickle          Ham & pickle

Cheese & tomato          Ham & mustard

Egg mayonaise          Tuna & mayo



## **The Kent Archaeological Society: Who we are & What we do!**

The Kent Archaeological Society or KAS was first established in 1857. Since then the society has grown in size and now numbers around 1200 members. We have nearly double that number of followers on Facebook. Our motto *Discovering Kent's Heritage: Bringing the past to the present for everyone*. As a registered charity we are open to all who have an interest in the history and archaeology of Kent. However, as we were set up in the 19<sup>th</sup> century our boundary also covers those areas since lost to London (Bexley, Lewisham, Woolwich and the Medway areas. This means that our members and the sites we investigate can come from all over the county!

We lead two society excavations each year: Lees Court Estate, just outside Faversham, and Trossley Roman Villa near Trottiscliffe. These training excavations are an opportunity for our members and non-members alike to learn new skills, make friends and get in touch with the past. We also assist our affiliate member groups, usually local history or archaeology societies with their excavations and projects. For example, in 2023 we assisted Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne (SHAL) on their site which is turning out to be an extremely interesting Roman site – we will be returning there this summer!



***Coin of the Roman pirate emperor Carausius (287-293 AD)***

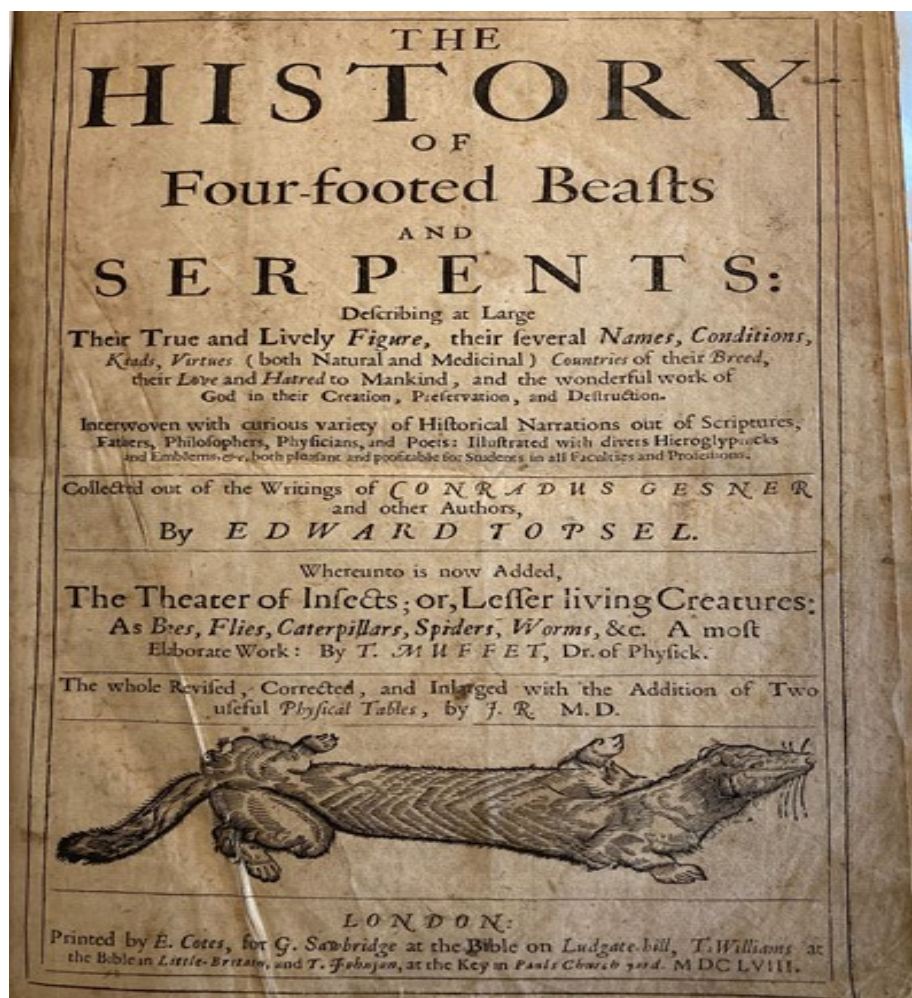
What the society hopes to achieve over the coming year is to increase the accessibility to archaeology and history for everyone, especially those who may feel that archaeology isn't for them. Being based in the Maidstone Community Support Centre puts us in the perfect position to do so as not only are we centrally located in Maidstone, but we have the space and connections to be able to offer volunteering and internship opportunities. Since the start of 2023 we have had three student placements work with us both on our excavations and in our offices.

A student at Five Acre Wood School is our most recent volunteer. He joins us on a supported internship through The Education People and has been assisting the society's curator over the past few weeks cataloguing the collection of Arthur Harrison. Harrison was a former secretary of the KAS and an avid archaeologist excavating mostly in the areas of Rochester and the Medway throughout the 60s and 70s. The society has thoroughly enjoyed having our intern with us and it is hoped that we will be able to offer more supported internships in future. We will be writing more about his work with us on the 27<sup>th</sup> March – Supported Internship Day.



***Our supported intern hard at work surrounded by Roman Pottery***

The society is primarily based at the MCSC, however we also have nearly 4000 objects housed in Maidstone Museum where they have been since 1858. We have a long and intertwined history with the museum and have been hard at work assisting them with the new Lives in Our Landscape Gallery – Due to open early summer 2024! Our society library is also housed in the museum building and is open to society members. However, in the very near future we hope to open it more frequently for members and non-members to enjoy the fascinating historic books we have in our collection.



*The front page of a 17th century book in the society library*

You can find out more about the work of the society and how to get involved through our website ([www.kentarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk)) and on our social media channels:

The Kent Archaeological Society on Facebook

Kent Archaeological Society on LinkedIn

Kentarchaeology1 on X (formerly Twitter)

Kentarchaeologicalsociety\_KAS on Instagram.

#### Upcoming excavations:

Lees Court Estate, Faversham – 15<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Lympne Roman Pharos Project – 12<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Trossley Roman Bath House project – September, Dates TBC.

#### Kent Archaeological Society

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[www.kentarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk)



# OFFICE SPACE TO RENT



- Affordable rates available for low cost counsellors, CICs and Charities.
- Utilities included
- Broadband and VOIP included in rental costs
- Meeting room hire at a reduced rate
- Kitchenettes available on every floor
- On-Site Café
- Enclosed garden area
- Close to local amenities

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO CHECK YOUR  
ELIGIBILITY PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE OUR  
LETTINGS MANAGER**

01622 690369  
jackie@mcsc.org.uk  
www.mcsc.org.uk

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## Easter Lunch



**Available from midday**  
**Wednesday 27th March**

**Please call 01622 230721 or email**  
**Cafe@ageukmaidstone.org.uk to pre-book**

Includes roast turkey and stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, cabbage and carrots. And a chocolate Easter sponge with chocolate sauce for dessert.



**CRUSE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**  
**DROP IN**

**Have you been bereaved and would like to talk with other bereaved people, over a cup of tea or coffee?**

**You will find a warm & friendly welcome from our Volunteers  
10.30am – Midday  
On the 1st Monday of each month**

**At the  
Maidstone Community Support Centre  
Marsham Street,  
Maidstone ME14 1HH**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**Free phone Helpline: 0808 808 167**

**Find support at: [cruse.org.uk](https://cruse.org.uk)**



**Maidstone  
Community  
Support  
Centre**

# **50% DISCOUNT IN MARCH**

Sessional Room Hire

## **FRIDAYS ONLY**

Only available for new groups.

**Book Now**

**by calling 01622 690369**

**[www.mcsc.org.uk](http://www.mcsc.org.uk)**

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