



Maidstone Town Mail

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...another initiative from Town Centre Management



We Told You First!

In the last edition of Town Mail we reported that men wearing hard hats had been seen at the old Chisemans building at the junction of High Street and Pudding Lane, and we wondered if the long awaited work to convert the building might be about to start.

Within days of publication just about every scaffold pole in Kent descended on the site, which is now fully surrounded by them, creating a structure of mammoth proportions.

Work has indeed now started in earnest, and we wish the developers of this prestigious site our best wishes as they start their long journey to give the town a building we can be proud of.

All that Jazz...

Once again Town Centre Management (TCM) is delighted to welcome local residents and visitors to the Town Centre Jazz Festival for more great sessions of free jazz on the streets of Maidstone.



Throughout the festival the town centre comes alive to the sound of music with top quality musicians performing from a number of open air venues in Week Street, High Street, Gabriel's Hill, Rose Yard, Royal Star Arcade and Fremlin Walk. This year we have added two new venues, the Stone Street Club at the bottom of Gabriel's Hill and the Stone Court Hotel, in Lower Stone Street.

We have changed things a bit this year and decided to stage this popular event on two Saturdays (28th June and 5th July) However, you can rest assured that the quality of music remains at the same high level.

The festival will be officially opened by world famous local artist Graham Clarke at the Town Hall in High Street at 10.15am on Saturday 28th June, where he will introduce Dr Jazz, a festival favourite for many years.

Each year TCM receives partial funding for the event from Maidstone Borough Council and it would be very difficult to stage the festival without their financial assistance.

We are also indebted to Jupiter Workshops in planning the festival, and their expertise is warmly welcomed and much appreciated. We extend our sincere thanks to both organisations.

To complement the festival the Brenchley Gardens bandstand hosts a season of FREE musical entertainment every Sunday in July and August between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. The lively programme features brass, classical, jazz, folk, popular and world music, deckchairs can be hired for just £1.

The Town Centre Jazz Festival is part of Maidstone music which highlights the tremendous musical talent we have in our town.

Further details from the Jupiter Workshops festival office on 01622 751243 or TCM on 01622 678777



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Jam in the Park

Now in its fourth year, Jam in the Park is an annual musical event set in Brenchley Gardens which sees Town Centre Management working in harmony with the Maidstone Youth Forum. This year's concert takes place on Saturday 9th August. **This FREE concert starts at 1pm**



The concept of the event is simple; TCM offers management skills and advice to the Youth Forum and they in turn book bands and stage manage the event on the day.

Risk assessment, insurance cover, cleaning arrangements, mixing desk, provision of amps and speakers and the expertise of a professional musician to oversee the technical side of the event are provided by TCM.

The Youth Forum audition local youth rock groups

and school bands, promote and publicise the day and plan a playing order and ensure it's kept to.

Jam in the Park gives local groups and bands an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience, some of them for the first time. It also provides members of the Youth Forum with a unique opportunity to exercise their management skills by learning about marketing and promotion, managing people, organising a large scale event and having the added responsibility of delivering a concert to the youth of our town.

Town Centre Management is proud to have launched this special event in 2004 and looks forward to working with the Youth Forum again in 2008.

Union Street Traders do it Themselves

TCM applauds the recently revived Union Street Traders association which has taken DIY one stage further.

A small group of traders took part in a street clean-up session and set about the area armed with black sacks, strong gloves and bundles of enthusiasm. A bonus to their hard work was a strong feeling of community and bonding, and this can only lead to good things for the street.

TCM fully supports the setting up of local traders associations and looks forward to working with the Union Street group.

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Maidstone Borough Council
has moved to new offices at Maidstone House,
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Around Town...

...with Bill Moss

Battle of Maidstone Exhibition...

You only have a few days left to see this hugely successful exhibition at the Maidstone Museum in St Faith's Street, which ends on Sunday 6th July. Following the town centre re-enactment of this historic battle on 1st June, interest in the exhibition has been rekindled, so don't miss it!

Street Market...

We have received glowing reports about the High Street market that accompanied the battle re-enactment. Spectators flocked to the market following the battle and a good time was had by all. Memories of the high street activities following last year's Tour de France visit came to mind and left us wondering if the town can (or should) make more of this area.

Army and Navy building...

The planning application to demolish the redundant Army and Navy Store building in Week Street, and replace it with brand new retail, restaurant and residential space is due to be heard shortly. If successful, work will start immediately and is scheduled to be completed in time for trading by Christmas 2009.

Bishop's Way subway...

Work on a mural for the Bishop's Way subway is due to be completed by early July. Town Centre Management is financing the work and has commissioned the same artists who painted the derelict cinema in Lower Stone Street and the wall adjacent to McDonald's in Week Street.

Maidstone Bag...

The Maidstone Bag is now available and is selling well. Priced at £2.95, this high quality jute bag is being sold by a number of town centre retailers who report strong interest from the public. For details of stockists contact TCM on 01622 678777.

Christmas 2008...

An early reminder that the Christmas lights will be switched-on in the town centre on Sunday 23rd November. Preferred trading hours for retailers are currently being agreed by the TCM marketing group and will be published shortly.

Week Street...

A planning application has been received to build flats and a new church hall on the ground adjacent to St Francis Church in Week Street.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A complete failure of the computer system in the TCM office has resulted in the loss of the database used for sending out the e-copy of Town Mail.

A large number of addresses have been retrieved, however it is possible that some have been temporarily lost. Please pass our details onto any friends or family you think might like to contact us in order to be added to our e-list to receive our newsletter.

Please contact us on info@mtcml.co.uk or 01622 678777.



Up-to-date Information on Criminals in Maidstone

Photographs, CCTV and radios are a deterrent against thieves and potential trouble makers. Making Maidstone a great place to visit and a great place to shop...

Contact Intelligence Manager J Drogo 01622 758938



Maidstone Health



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48 Church Street, Maidstone

Another first for the county town of Kent, three local people are working together to bring an innovative idea within health care and aesthetics all under the same roof. Hilary, Sue and Peter will bring you a professional range of services with the most advanced modern treatments at Maidstone health.

They are currently applying for registration with the Health Care Commission and once this has been granted, Maidstone will benefit from a centre with full medical back-up with the health and wellbeing of the town as their main priority.

Maidstone Health is exactly what the name implies and the number of services available under one roof is amazing, yet logical for them to be together.

As with all brilliant ideas, why has this not been done before?

Within one building you can use the services of General Practitioners, Occupational Health, Medicals, Quit Smoking the easy way with Alan Carr, Speech Therapy, Counselling, Child Health and Aesthetic Treatments. These will include; Anti wrinkle injections, dermal fillers, permanent hair reduction, skin rejuvenation, tattoo removal, acne treatment, teeth whitening and the very relaxing floatation therapy tank... and this is just a taster of what will be available.

Our Members...

Town Centre Management is a non profit making, private limited company, and relies on sponsorship from local businesses to continue making our town an even better place.

Our grateful thanks therefore goes to the following businesses for their generous support:

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