



# Reawakening a Gothic fantasy

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Research opportunities  
at Dover's historic  
Maison Dieu





# A Brief history of Dover's Maison Dieu

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From pilgrim hospital to Royal  
Navy Victualling Office, Dover  
Town Hall and popular events  
venue





# Your Maison Dieu needs you!

All ages and backgrounds.  
From academics to  
complete beginners.



# Learn new skills and make friends

Research and work related learning skills, health and wellbeing, be part of a team, join us on an exciting adventure!



# Remote working, on site or in archives

At Maison Dieu, Dover  
Museum, Kent Archives,  
Canterbury Cathedral  
Archives



# For website, socials, events and exhibitions

Plus talks, demos, blog posts, in person and virtual tours, Festival of the Arts and Dover at Night activities



# Revealing hidden stories

Of ordinary people, of  
women, children and  
people from diverse  
backgrounds



# Regular research meetings

to plan research and events, discuss progress and share ideas. Free training, heritage buddies





# Travel expenses, training, and site visits

Plus talks, demos, blog posts,  
in person and virtual tours,  
Festival of the Arts and Dover  
at Night activities

A man with a beard, wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, a dark tie, and a black top hat, is looking upwards and to the left. He is in a grand, ornate interior space with a high ceiling. A large, ornate chandelier with multiple glowing lights hangs from the ceiling. The ceiling is decorated with intricate, colorful patterns and designs. The man's hand is near his hat, and he has a thoughtful expression.

# Researching William Burges and his Neo-Gothic masterpiece

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His inspiration, links to designs at his other sites, his architecture, decorative interiors and furniture. Ambrose Poynter and Burges' design team

# Pilgrim tales

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Medieval pilgrims and pilgrim routes. Maison Dieu pilgrim hospitals across the UK and Europe.



# Ship's biscuit, salt pork and beer

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Researching the Royal Navy  
Victualling Yard





# Burges furniture

The lion-headed chairs and the  
Mayor's Parlour table



# Community archaeology

Community digs outside the  
Maison Dieu in Spring  
Summer 2022



# Paintings research

The stories behind the  
portraits and their  
conservation



# Stories in stained glass

Investigating and  
interpreting the Stone  
Hall history windows.  
Edward Poynter.





# Regimental colours

The story of East Kent's Volunteer regiments in the Napoleonic Wars.

# Glorious Graffiti

In the Courtroom and  
on the roof. Trail-blazing  
women reporters





# Gargoyles and Grotesques

Neo-Gothic animals and mythical beasts

A woman with long blonde hair is seen from behind, looking through a set of black metal prison bars. The bars are set in a dark, narrow corridor. Through the bars, a brightly lit hallway is visible, with several overhead lights and a person in a red uniform in the distance. The ceiling of the corridor is covered in silver, reflective insulation. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

# Spooky stories and tales from Dover Gaol

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Ghosts, trials, punishments  
and prison life



# Historic arms and armour

On loan from the Tower of  
London (Royal Armouries)



# Maison Dieu Clocks

It's time to discover more  
about them!



# Maison Dieu memories

Become a Maison Dieu  
oral history volunteer  
in a fun cross-  
generational project



# Dover Museum at the Maison Dieu

Everyone remembers  
the Polar Bear just inside  
the door... and lots of  
stuffed animals





# The Statement of Significance

A good starting point to  
discover Maison Dieu stories



# The Heraldry of the Maison Dieu

The story of the Stone Hall  
shields



# Music at the Maison Dieu

Concerts, dances, Zombie  
music videos and the  
Connaught Hall organ



# Science and technology

Sun burners and the first Cross-Channel radio message



# How to sign up?

Pop in for a Maison Dieu tour and a chat

Complete the application form

Join us in Jan 2022 for Maison Dieu and Dover Museum research group visits

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