Reawakening a Gothic fantasy

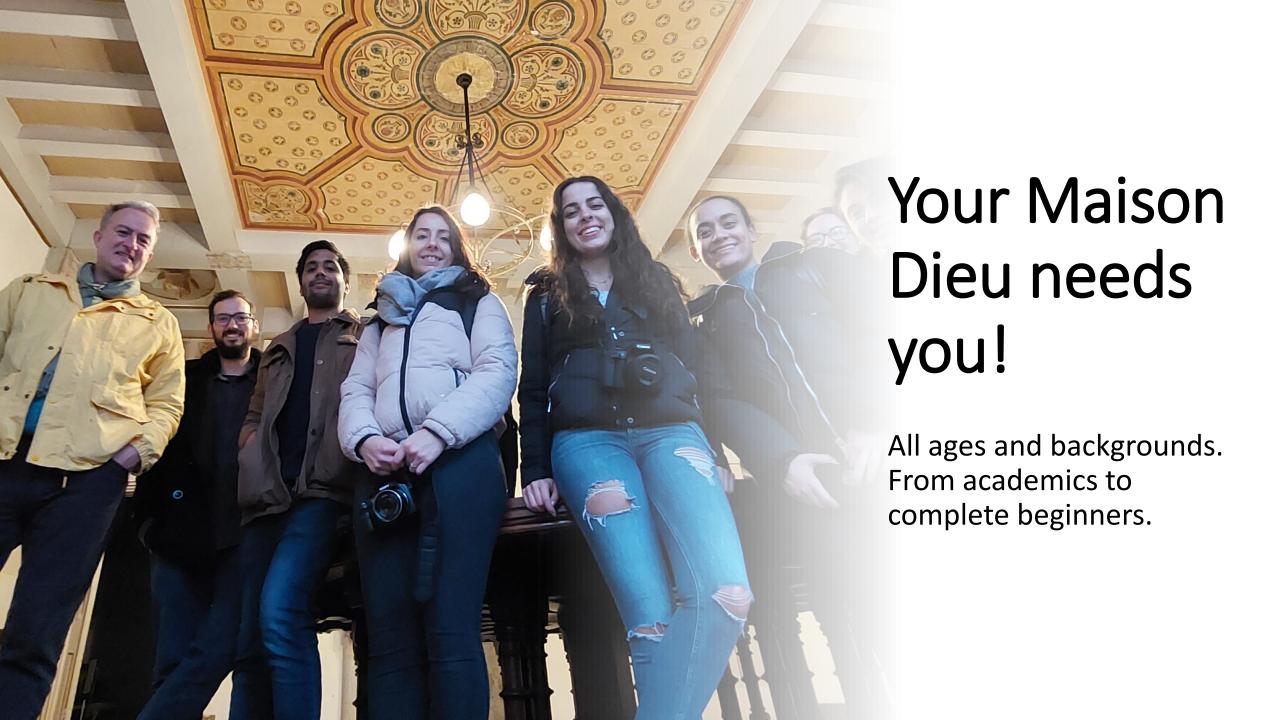
Research opportunities at Dover's historic Maison Dieu



A Brief history of Dover's Maison Dieu

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







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!







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

Researching William Burges and his Neo-Gothic masterpiece

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



Pilgrim tales

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



Ship's biscuit, salt pork and beer

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.



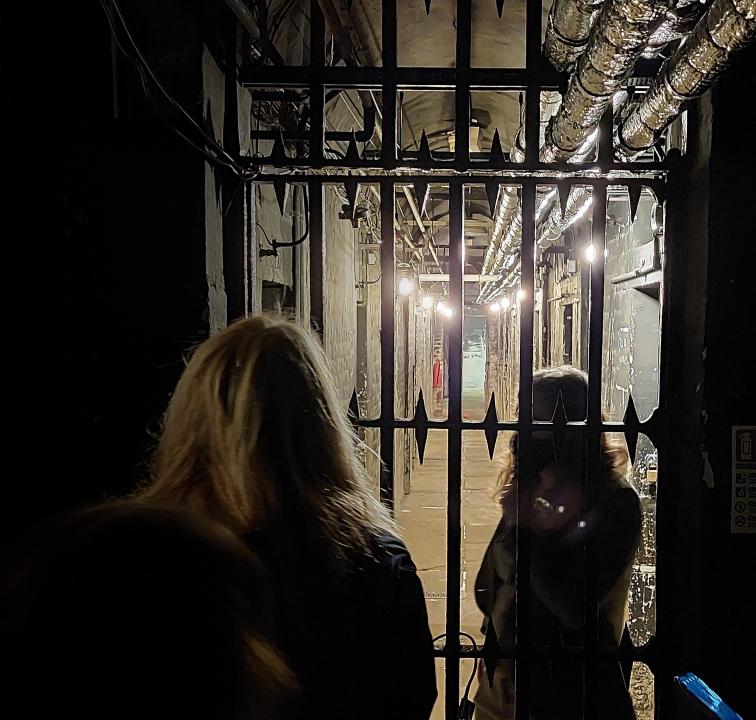


Gargoyles and Grotesques

Neo-Gothic animals and mythical beasts

Spooky stories and tales from Dover Gaol

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 crossgenerational project



Dover Museum at the Maison Dieu

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



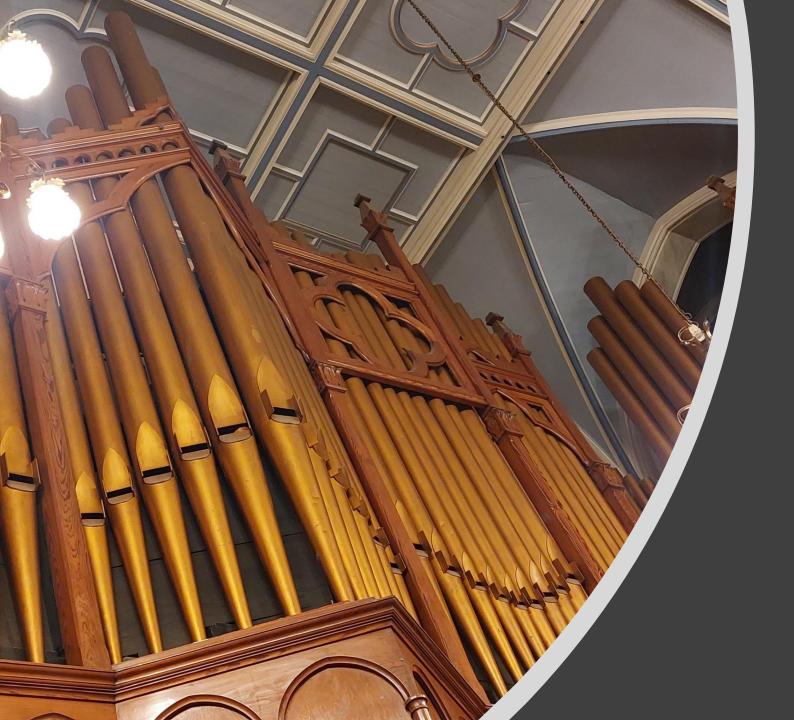
The Statement of Significance

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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