

MEDWAY
PRESENTS

ROCHESTER Dickensian Christmas FESTIVAL

There's SO much going on this weekend...



**SAT, 3 AND
SUN, 4 DEC**
10AM – 6PM

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ROCHESTER Christmas MARKET

Don't forget to visit the
Rochester Christmas Market
up in the castle gardens.
Open until 7pm this weekend.



If you'd like to shop away from the crowds, the Rochester Christmas Market will also be open on Fri, 9 Dec (rides are £1.50 and activities half price), Sat 10 and Sun, 11 Dec.

Find all the details here –
VisitMedway.org/christmas

Fri 31 March, Sat 1 & Sun 2 April 2023

Medway FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

► ROCHESTER CASTLE GARDENS

A scrumptious new event is coming to Rochester Castle Gardens in 2023. Come on, get your teeth into the Medway Food & Drink Festival!



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WHAT'S on in Medway THIS Christmas

Get into
the festive
spirit! Book
a show



The Lighthouse Cat's Christmas Adventure

The perfect introduction to theatre for young audiences - a 50-minute interactive all-singing, all-dancing festive show.

Tickets from £7.50 for children and £8.00 for adults.



Snow White

EastEnders' Jean Slater, Gillian Wright is ready to cause trouble as the Wicked Queen, whilst West End star Hannah Boyce is back by popular demand, as Snow White!

Book tickets with our Box Office
01634 338338 or at
www.medwayticketslive.co.uk

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Festival HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas carols at Rochester Cathedral

Sat, 3 December

8.45 – 9am	Morning Prayer
9 – 9.30am	Holy Communion
11 – 11.30am	The Royal Marines
12.30 – 1pm	Christmas Carol Service
3 – 3.30pm	Christmas Carol Service

Sun, 4 December

9 – 10am	The Cathedral Eucharist
12.30 – 1pm	Christmas Carol Service
3 – 3.30pm	Christmas Carol Service

Cafe open both days 10-4pm
Cathedral closes 4pm

Victorian Display

Rochester Library and Hub

10am – 4pm

Come and wander the wonderful display of Victorian models and artefacts by Kent Costume Trust. There's even an array of Steampunk costumes too!



Have a go at bell ringing

Next to the war memorial, in the shadow of the Cathedral bell tower.



Head on over to the Visitor Information Centre and pick up your free trail sheet. Complete the secret word to get your candy cane treat. PLUS, be in with a chance to win 2 Snow White panto tickets.

Eastgate Christmas Village

NEW

Live music and winter street food brought to you by local businesses



Dickensian Ding Dong

Eastgate Christmas Village

A virtuoso strolling musical performance from a giant old-fashioned pram, decked in seasonal holly and ivy.

St Margaret's Church

10am – 4pm

Explore the beautiful church. Climb to the top of the tower and wonder at the amazing view of Rochester and the Medway Valley.

In need of a little rest?

Head on over to the Gillingham Lion Tea Tent in the castle moat, or to The Princes Hall in the Rochester Corn Exchange and recharge your batteries.

Main parade

12noon

The candlelit parade – 4.45pm

These amazing parades of costumed characters and performers will start in the High Street by Almon Place. They move along the High Street, turn left at Northgate into Boley Hill and finish by the stage.

Carols for Christmas

5pm

As dusk starts to fall, come and join in the Christmassy open air carol concert outside Rochester's magnificent cathedral on Boley Hill. This year we welcome the Rochester Choral Society Choir as they lead the magical concert. Join BAE Systems Brass Band and all the festival performers in a selection of popular Christmas carols.

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Other things to do



Storytelling with Victorian Father Christmas at Eastgate House

Drop-in sessions throughout the day (subject to availability) – no need to book.

11am – 3pm

Tickets - £5 adults, £3 children



Rochester Art Gallery

(in the Visitor Information Centre)

Bryan Hawkins, the Canterbury Archaeological Trust's Artist in Residence, presents an array of paintings, drawings and sculptures, displayed alongside finds and archive material.

Open 10am - 5pm



Live street theatre

Rochester Baptist Church

11am – 5pm

Live performance of Dicken's epic novel Great Expectations.

Be our guest...

...dine under the glittering chandeliers in The Rochester Corn Exchange's 18th century grand Queens Hall.

12noon – 3pm.



Isaac Newell: more than a name exhibition

The Guildhall Museum

Free entry. 10am – 5pm

Discover the Medway boy who was an inspiration for football in Argentina.



Amazing bird's eye view of the entire festival from the top of Rochester Castle

Adults £7.40, concessions £5.30, children £3.20

Open 10am – 4pm
(last entry 3.15pm)

Jaspers community café

Rochester Library and Community Hub

Homemade soups, jumbo sausages and festive treats all on sale at Jaspers in a spacious indoor area with local live music through the day.

10am-4pm on Saturday only.

Festive Produce Fair

Food • Drink • Gifts

Boley Hill





Multi-storey car park **P**



Corporation Street

A PRETENDING PEOPLE

The Crown PH

The Victoria & Bull Hotel

THE GUILDHALL FORECOURT

C THE CORN EXCHANGE

Northgate

HUGENOT MUSEUM
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



SIX DOOR TRAVELLERS HOUSE

Blue Boar Lane Stage

ROCHESTER LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB



EASTGATE HOUSE

LITTLE DORRIT

EASTGATE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Nimbus Lighting

Baptist Church

NEW Eastgate Christmas Village Stage
Start of Main Parade, 12noon
Candlelit Parade, 4.45pm

Almon Place

To Strood Station (5mins walk)

RIVER MEDWAY

The Esplanade

Esplanade Gardens



Rochester Christmas Market

Produce Market



Funfair

CASTLE

Boley Hill



St Mary's Meadow

HIGH STREET

5pm
Carol Concert
Boley Hill



RESTORATION HOUSE



Crow Lane

The Vines

St Margaret's Church

ROCHESTER DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Park and ride drop-off/pick-up point



Toilets, all have disabled facilities



Changing Places



First Aid point



Coach pick up points



Stage



Cash point



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ENTERTAINMENT *schedule*

Try your hand at bell ringing with the Cathedral bell ringers (Sat only)	10am – 5pm	St Mary's Meadow
Festival Produce Fair	10am – 6pm	Boley Hill
Kent Costume Trust exhibition	10am – 4pm	Rochester Library & Hub
Great Kentspectations display	10am – 4pm	Rochester Library & Hub
Dickensian Ding Dong	10am	Outside Nimbus Lighting
Steampunk Morris (Sat only)	10am	La Providence
Dance Alley	10.15am	Boley Hill Stage
Skinnners Rats (Sat only)	10.15am	City Wall Stage
Pretending People sing along	10.15am	Outside The Crown
Punch & Judy	10.30am	Guildhall Forecourt
Rochester Dickens Fellowship photo opportunity	10.30am	Outside Eastgate House
Three Towns Theatre Company (Sat only)	10.30am	Blue Boar Lane stage
Skinnners Rats (Sun only)	10.30am	City Wall Stage
Tilly Pantlin (Sun only)	10.30am	Blue Boar Lane stage
Salvation Army Brass Band (Sat only)	10.30am	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Miss Havisham's ladies photo opportunity	10.30am	St Mary's Meadow
Fabulous Fezheads (Sat only)	10.40am	Boley Hill stage
Walking Tour of Historic Rochester	10.45am	Visitor Information Centre
Seven Poor Travellers' Procession	11am	Outside The Victoria & Bull Hotel
Accordion player (Sat only)	11am	Outside Nimbus Lighting
City of Rochester Pipe Band	11am	Outside Little Dorrit
Bell Ringing Demonstration	11am	St Mary's Meadow
Fagin Photo Opportunity	11am	St Mary's Meadow
Steampunk Morris (Sat only)	11am	La Providence
Walderslade Sings (Sat only)	11.15am	Blue Boar Lane stage
Medway Social singers (Sun only)	11.15am	Blue Boar Lane stage
Henty & Matthews (Sat only)	11.15am	City Wall stage
Dance Alley	11.15am	Boley Hill stage
Pytchwood (Sun only)	11.15am	City Wall stage
Punch and Judy	11.30am	Guildhall Forecourt
Main Parade	12noon	Almon Place, through the length of the highstreet to Boley Hill stage
Luna Barge (Sun only)	12.15pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Three Town Theatre company (Sun only)	12.30pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
It's Complicated (Sat only)	12.45pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
CalGary (Sun only)	12.45pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Skinnners Rats (Sat only)	1pm	City Wall stage
Pickwick Club photo opportunity	1pm	Guildhall Forecourt
Morrigan (Sun only)	1pm	City Wall Stage
Three Towns Theatre company (Sun only)	1pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
The Fabulous Fezheads (Sat only)	1pm	La Providence
BAE Systems brass band	1pm	Boley Hill stage
Bell Ringing Demonstration	1.15pm	St Mary's Meadow
Pretending People sing along	1.15pm	Outside The Crown
We Can Sing (Sun only)	1.15pm	Blue Boar Lane stage

Fagin Photo Opportunity	1.30am	St Marys Meadow
Punch and Judy	1.30pm	Guildhall Forecourt
Paul C (Sat only)	1.30pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Lost Revellers (Sun only)	1.30pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Rainham Ladies (Sat only)	1.45pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
Skinnners Rats (Sun only)	1.45pm	City Wall Stage
Henty & Matthews (Sat only)	1.55pm	City Wall Stage
Pretending People sing along	2pm	Outside The Crown
Reading from The Pickwick Papers	2pm	Rochester Library and Hub
UK Soul Choir (Sun only)	2pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
Miss Havisham's Ladies photo opportunity	2pm	St Mary's Meadow
Steampunk Morris	2pm	Outside Nimbus Lighting
Dance Alley	2.15pm	Boley Hill stage
Walking Tour of Historic Rochester	2.15pm	Visitor Information Centre
St Mary of Troy Town choir (Sat only)	2.15pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Kent Police Male Voice Choir (Sat only)	2.30pm	Blue Boar Lane Stage
Pytchwood (Sun only)	2.30pm	City Wall stage
Shanakee (Sun only)	2.30pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Bell Ringing Demonstration	2.30pm	St Mary's Meadow
Salvation Army Band	2.30pm	Guildhall Forecourt
Great Kentspectations Tea Duelling & Fashion Show	2.45pm	Rochester Library and Hub
Rochester Choral Society	2.45pm	Boley Hill stage
Skinnners Rats (Sat only)	2.45pm	City Wall Stage
Pretending People sing along	3pm	Outside The Crown
Rochester Dickens Fellowship photo opportunity	3pm	Outside Eastgate House
Marshall Connection (Sun only)	3pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
Morrigan (Sun only)	3pm	City Wall stage
Dickensian Ding Dong	3pm	Outside Nimbus Lighting
Accordion player	3pm	Outside La Providence
Ella B (Sat only)	3pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Rock Choir (Sat only)	3.15pm	Blue Boar Lane stage
Henty & Matthews	3.30pm	City Wall stage
BAE Systems Brass Band	3.30pm	Boley Hill stage
Bell Ringing Demonstration (Sat only)	3.30pm	St Mary's Meadow
Steampunk Morris (Sat only)	3.20pm	La Providence
Reading from The Pickwick Papers	3.45pm	Rochester Library and Hub
Pretending People children's workshop	3.45pm	Outside The Crown
City of Rochester Pipe Band	3.45pm	Blue Boar Lane
Skinnners Rats (Sun only)	3.45pm	City Wall stage
CalGary (Sat only)	3.45pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Dredger Men (Sun only)	3.45pm	Eastgate Christmas Village stage
Big Sing (Sun only)	4.15pm	Blue Boar lane stage
Skinnners Rats (Sat only)	4.15pm	City Wall stage
Pytchwood (Sun only)	4.30pm	City Wall stage
Evening Parade	4.45pm	Almon Place to Boley Hill stage
Carols for Christmas	5pm	Carol Concert



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NIGHTS



FRIDAY, 10 & SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2023 - 6-9PM



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