

**Medway Council welcomes you to Chatham's spectacular** two-night light extravaganza, taking you on a journey through our historic naval town and celebrating its amazing heritage and diverse culture – expect incredible illuminated shows and interactive light installations.



**FRIDAY, 10 & SATURDAY, 11 FEB 2023 6-9PM** 

Medway Food and Drink Festival.











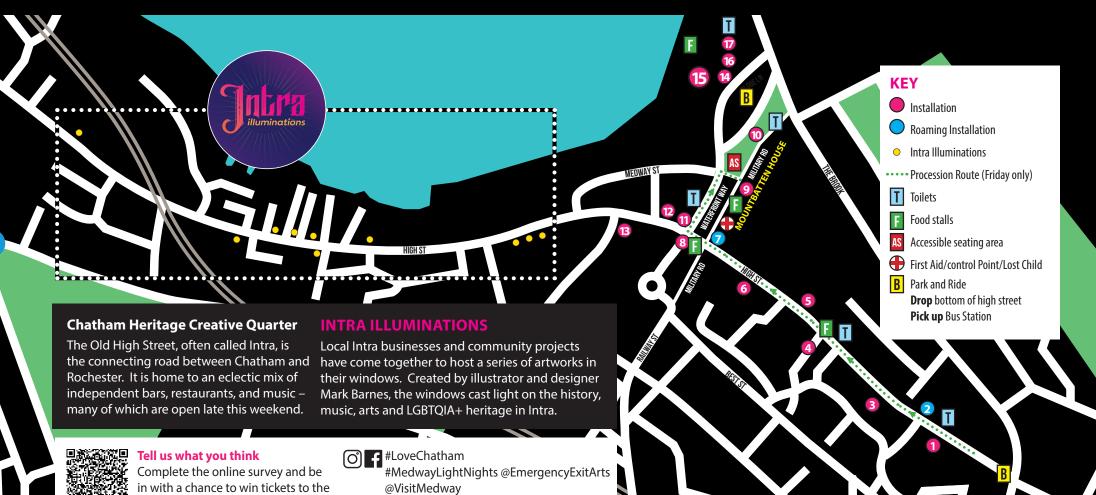












# WE LOVE CHATHAM LANTERN PARADE

#### Friday, 10 February, 6pm

Starting at Café Nucleus on Chatham High Street and processing down to Mountbatten House.



Our two-day celebration of light will be launched on the Friday evening by a lantern parade led by more than 600 schoolchildren travelling along the High Street to a spectacular finale. Featuring musicians, drummers, stilt walkers and street entertainers.

The parade is the coming together of creative arts workshops showcasing this year's theme: Love Chatham. Medway Council has commissioned Ideas Test, Cohesion Plus, Intra Arts and Emergency Exit Arts to work with Leigh Academy Trust and schools across Medway to create this spectacular parade.

**MEDWAY LIGHT NIGHTS - LOVE CHATHAM -** Chatham has a strong and growing creative community and each of the installations follows the theme of #LoveChatham reflecting the artist's interpretation of the local landscape and stories, as well as the town's ambitious future. Lighting of other buildings and features along the route has been designed by Craig West.

#### 1 THE MAGICAL MEDWAY, NUCLEUS ARTS

An immersive experience of lights, sounds and theatre, featuring a submarine, silent disco, and even a mermaid as you navigate your way through our nautical gardens.

#### **2** HEART-BEATS, CIRCADIAN

A joyful, roaming disco extravaganza that shines a light and celebrates the unique members of Chatham's diverse community through collective dance, music and comic performance.

# 3 THOMAS WAGHORN: PIONEER & CONEHEAD, DREAM SAFARI. Music by Pye Corner Audio.

The Chatham born artist's mural tells the story of Thomas Waghorn's legacy and the impact he has on the town today, using video mapped animation... with extra traffic cones for good measure!

#### **A** CHILD FRIENDLY MEDWAY/UNBOSI

Child friendly Medway and United Nations Board of Significant Inspiration marble awareness pop-up.

#### **S** ELECTRIC CHATHAM, HOWARD GRIFFIN

A fusion of light and architecture that will move, entertain and inspire audiences to appreciate the heritage and history that exists behind Chatham's shop façades and see their town in a new light.

### 6 STEP INSIDE AND SEE THE LIGHT AT THE CENTRAL THEATRE

The free 15-minute performances will shine a light on the high street's 965 seat venue and foyer and feature multigenre music and songs, reimagined in impressive moving light displays and projections.

#### **D** LIGHT SHIP, CIRCO RUM BA BA

A three-masted frigate rides the stormy waves of a human sea of light as it navigates its way to the safety of Chatham harbour. Rescued by local Sea Cadets, the Good Ship Chatham's opera-singing figurehead bursts into song, as an albatross flies into the crow's nest.

# GAMING PROJECTION CHALLENGE, MEDWAY GAMING FESTIVAL

Experience arcade classics on a huge scale at an amazing retro gaming competition projected onto the high street.

#### **9** PIXELS, LUCID CREATES

See Mountbatten House completely transformed into a beacon of light, visible from all over Chatham, as its iconic wall of windows are illuminated from within, displaying mesmerising visuals which move across the building to tell a story of hope, light and joy.

### **TO LANTERN INSTALLATION**Saturday only

The lanterns have been made with schools across Medway with Intra Arts, Leigh Academy Trust, Cohesion Plus, Ideas Test and Emergency Exit Arts.

#### **11** LIGHTWEIGHT, IMPOSSIBLE ARTS

See your very own image on a giant illuminated globe, four meters tall, as you become part of a series of quirky animations that flutter, flock and fly all the way around this glowing orb.

#### **(D)** MEDWAY, KERRIE O'LEARY

At the heart of our maritime town of Chatham is the River Medway. This mesmerising installation uses tidal charts and a system of pulleys and weights to recreate its current behaviour.

#### **(E)** PATCHWORK HABITATS, THE COLOUR FOUNDRY

Inspired by local flora and fauna, large-scale projections and a laser system bring dancing characters, exploring the powerful relationship existing between people, place and our natural environment, to life, in a celebration of the awesomeness of our natural world.

# MURMUR, BY CRAIG WEST - Sponsored by Medway Development Company

Where we live influences us and leaves a permanent imprint on who we – take part in this heart-warming interactive light installation to leave a heart-shaped imprint on the landscape of Chatham.

# **(5)** DR KRONOVATOR'S FIRE LABORATORY, EMERGENCY EXIT ARTS

Wander through a vista of chemical reactions and ingenious fire installations, in an experiment showcasing flame and steam-powered contraptions that you are dared to activate.

# (1) IN THE NIGHT LIBRARY, CHATHAM COMMUNITY HUB LIBRARY

A programme of twilight story times, craft sessions, underthe-stars indoor 'camp-out' and late-night open mic poetry workshop, hosted by local poet, Barry Fentiman-Hall. Sessions are free but must be pre-booked.

### THERE'S ALWAYS LIGHT WITHIN THE DARKNESS, DAVID TOVEY

Local people with experience of homelessness, from Pathways and Riverside Housing, were invited to capture camera images to tell the story of the light part of the day and the dark side of the day, with moving results which are emotive to say the least.