



## Visitor and cast information

### Dressing Rooms and Backstage

**Stage Door** facilities – The Hazlitt Theatre Stage Door is protected by a number lock, the code to which is changed every week. The number is usually displayed inside the Stage Door (unless you ask us not to). We can provide a Stage Door Keeper for you, if you wish us to do so, but please contact our Production and Operations Manager in advance if you wish to book this facility.

There is a **kitchen area** at Stage Door which provides a kettle, a microwave, a coffee machine and a sink. Please use the latter to wash up after yourselves! There is some cutlery provided which should be returned to Stage Door after use. If you find we are low on cutlery, please blame a previous company who will have inadvertently taken it with them!

**Dressing room** keys are held at the Stage Door office. Dressing room keys can be supplied to the company on request but please ensure you return the keys when you leave - missing keys are charged for.

The dressing rooms are cleaned every day but personal possessions (including items of costume, make-up etc.) will not be moved unless you give us your permission to do so.

**Guests** - For reasons of space and security, we do not normally allow guests into the backstage areas.

### Car Parking for Visiting Companies

The [Hazlitt Arts Centre](#) has no parking facilities on site. Loading is allowed from Rose Yard but vehicles must be moved as soon as loading/unloading is complete.

Fremlin Walk car park is a 1 minute walk from the venue and opens until 11.30p.m. For parking larger vehicles, please ask at the theatre for advice.

## Smoking

UK law prohibits all smoking in indoor public places.

Smoking is allowed in Rose Yard but please keep away from the Stage Door area as your smoke can easily come in through the Stage Door office window and thence to the backstage corridors.

## Important telephone numbers:

- Doctors – King Street Surgery - 01622 756721
- NHS Direct – 0845 4647
- Hospital - Maidstone Hospital, Hermitage Lane – 01622 729000
- Dentist – Gabriel's Hill Surgery, 36 Gabriel's Hill - 01622 677100
- Trains - National Rail Enquiries - 0345 484 950
- RAC - 0800 82 82 82
- AA - 08705 44 44 44

Local taxi firms:

- Streamline - 01622 750000
- Express Cars - 01622 690000
- Sapphire Cars – 01622 663000
- Platinum Cars – 01622 735691

The nearest taxi rank is a short walk from Stage Door. Simply turn right outside Stage Door and walk for 30 seconds to High Street where you will see the taxi rank.

## Medical Services

**King Street Surgery** - Doctor's Surgery - 01622 756721  
King Street. Maidstone.

Go right out of Stage Door. At the High Street turn left. This street becomes King Street and the surgery is further along on the right hand side.  
Appointments can be made or a GP can be called to the theatre in an emergency.

**Maidstone Hospital** – 01622 729000  
Hermitage Lane, Maidstone

Drive up Tonbridge Road and watch for signs to the hospital (to the right) shortly before Barming.

**Mid Kent Orthodontic** - 125 Tonbridge Road - 01622 675996

## Chemist

The nearest chemist is **Boots** in Fremlin Walk (turn left out of Stage Door).

The nearest chemist opening late is **Link Pharmacy**, 88a King Street, which is open till 23.00 Monday – Friday and till 21.00 on Saturday. Turn right out of stage door then go left at the end. You are in High Street which becomes King Street.

## Florists

### **Enchanted Florist** (nearest)

5 – 7 Earl St, Maidstone - 01622 693580

Turn left out of Stage Door. At Earl Street turn right and Enchanted Florist is just a few shops up the road.

### **Interflora**

0800 015 1437

## Internet Access

The public library in St. Faith's Street offers free internet access. Turn left out of Stage Door, walk through Fremlin Walk and it can be found opposite.

We do **not** currently have WiFi available at the Hazlitt.

## Photocopying/Printing/Fax

We can offer A3 and A4 black and white photocopying facilities at the [Hazlitt Arts Centre](#) at a cost of 5p per sheet (A4 single sided) or 8p per sheet (A3, or A4 double sided). For more advanced printing requirements:

### **Bison Print** – 01622 677541

56 Earl Street, Maidstone

### **Page Plan Prints** – 01622 756305

Pudding Lane, Maidstone

(Large format copying, printing and scanning up to A0)

## Wardrobe Facilities

There is a washer/drier at Stage Door which companies may use. You will be required to provide your own washing powder/liquid or pay a small amount towards the use of ours. There are no launderette facilities in Maidstone town centre but do ask about facilities near your digs.

### 1. **Dry Cleaners** -

- Sketchly, 12 – 14 Earl Street, Maidstone - 01622 753958
- Johnson Cleaners. 18 Gabriel's Hill, Maidstone - 01622 753355

### 2. **Theatrical Dance Wear**

Baillando Dance Wear, Unit 12A, The Corn Exchange (under the theatre) - 01622 691190

### 3. **Shoe Repair**

Timpson's, Earl Street, Maidstone (turn left out of Stage Door then right into Earl Street. Timpson's is on your left)

## Accommodation

### Hotels

- Maidstone Travelodge, St. Peter's St. (nearest): 0871 984 6442
- Aylesbury Hotel, 56-58 London Rd: 01622 762100
- Grange Moor Hotel, 4 St. Michael's Rd: 01622 677623
- Hilton Hotel, Bearsted Rd: 01622 734322
- Premier Inn, Allington: 08701 977168
- Russell Hotel, 136 Boxley Rd: 01622 692221
- White Rabbit, Sandling Rd: 01622 692212

### B&B

- Conway Guest House, 12 Conway Rd: 01622 688287
- Homeleigh Guest House: 01622 678606
- Rose Cottage, 10 Fant Lane: 01622 729883
- Elm Trees, 55 Upper Fant Rd: 01622 693020
- For further choice go to [www.heartofkent.org.uk](http://www.heartofkent.org.uk)

For digs within domestic houses, please contact the Arts Centre for latest availability.

## Public Houses

- **Druid's Arms**, Earl Street  
Serves a selection of cask ales. Free Wi-Fi available.
- **Earl's**, Earl Street  
Live music at least 3 nights a week.
- **The Muggleton Inn**, High Street  
A JD Wetherspoon pub offering their usual food menu.
- **Queen Anne**, Queen Anne Road  
A gay-friendly pub, a short drive away.

## Clubs

1. **The Loft**, 34c Gabriel's Hill, Maidstone: Fridays- Indie & Rock; Saturdays- House, Electro, Breakbeat, Techno; Open 10pm – 4am
2. **Liquid and Envy (formerly Icon)**, Lockmeadow Centre: plays r'n'b and clubbing music
3. **Stawberry Moons**, Gabriel's Hill: Smart casual dress code - a live DJ plays a spontaneous mix of 60's to 00's classics
4. **Source Bar** (next door!), This trendy venue has a modern decor and a lively atmosphere. DJs play the best in funky upfront house on the weekends.
5. **RoadHouse**, Gabriel's Hill: Funky House, Club Classics & Old Skool Favourites
6. **Lashings** (open till 6a.m.) 81 Upper Stone Street.

## Leisure Venues

1. **Maidstone Leisure Centre**, boasts one of the best pool complexes in Kent with a Leisure lagoon, two flumes, diving pit, traditional 25 meter fitness pool and two teaching pools. It also offers a modern Workout studio, various fitness classes, a health suite including sauna and spa and many kids' facilities. Mote Park, Maidstone.
2. **Maidstone Museum** is Maidstone's leading attraction and arguably the best museum in Kent. St Faith's Street, Maidstone.
3. **AMF Bowling** (18 lanes, fully computerised). King Street, Maidstone.

4. **Parks** – Maidstone has 3 parks locally: Brenchley Gardens is the nearest (behind the museum), the Millenium Riverpark is a 15 minute walk away along the river and Mote Park is a 20 minute walk up Mote Road.
5. **Lockmeadow Complex** hosts clubs, cinemas and restaurants. Off Tonbridge Road.

## Restaurants

1. **Pizza Express** (opposite the front of the Hazlitt)  
Italian food in a pleasant atmosphere
2. **Nandos** (next door to the Hazlitt)  
Portugese-style chicken
3. **Mexxa Mexxa**, Earl Street  
Tex-Mex restaurant
4. **Tandoor Mahal**, Medway Street  
Indian Restaurant
5. **Flaming Henry's**, High Street  
Good quality English steaks, pies etc.
6. **Pizza Hut**, King Street  
Italian Fast Food
7. **La Tasca**, Earl Street  
Spanish tapas restaurant.
8. **Thai Palace**, Week Street  
Thai restaurant
9. **Chicago Rock Café**, High Street  
American food.
10. **The Raja of Kent**, Union Street  
Quality Indian buffet/a la carte restaurant
11. **Eden**, Bank Street  
Good quality light meals & sandwiches, freshly made
12. **Fortify**, High Street:  
Award-winning vegetarian cafe

## Fast Food

1. **Burger King** (nearest), Week Street: turn right out of Stage Door then left at the end.
2. **KFC**, Week Street: turn left out of Stage Door then right into Earl Street then left into Week Street.
3. **MacDonalds**, Week Street: opposite KFC
4. **Wimpy**, Gabriel's Hill: Turn right out of Stage Door then straight across at High Street.
5. **Subway** – Gabriel's Hill: opposite Wimpy
6. **Pizza GoGo** – 01622 721010
7. **Wok Inn** (Chinese take-away) – 01622 686168

## Fitness & Gyms

1. **David Lloyd Fitness Centre**, Lockmeadow Centre.
2. **Curves For Women**, 88 King Street
3. **LA Fitness**, St Peters Street
4. **Maidstone Leisure Centre**, Mote Park

## Complementary Health Centres

**1. School of Complementary Therapies**, 14 Sheppey Rd, Maidstone

**2. Acupuncture & Alternative Health Centre**, 439b Loose Rd, Maidstone

**3. Reflexology:** Elisabeth Lomas-Harris (will come to you) – 07970 047303

### **4. Osteopaths:**

- The John Wernham College of Classical Osteopathy, Tonbridge Rd: 01622 752375
- Bower Mount Clinic, Bower Mount Rd: 01622 674656
- The Bodycare Clinic, Campbell Rd: 01622 214477

### **5. Physiotherapists:**

- Maidstone Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, 116a London Rd: 01622 306471
- Southcote Chiropractic Clinic (Chiropractic & massage): 01622 661883

## Shopping

**Fremelin Walk** is opposite the front of the Hazlitt and contains House of Fraser plus other quality stores. **Week Street** (left out of Stage Door then right into Earl Street) has M&S plus many other stores. **Off Week Street** are a couple of interesting side streets. **High Street/King Street/Bank Street** (right out of Stage Door) have many of the main banks plus a good selection of shops. **The Mall** (right out of Stage Door then left at the end and it's on your right) is a covered shopping centre with another good selection of shops. **Gabriel's Hill** (right out of Stage Door then straight across) has interesting shopping plus another access to The Mall. **Market Buildings** (under the Studio and Fourth Wall) has interesting independent shops.

Please ask if there is any particular shop, or type of shop, you would like to find.

## Supermarkets

### **Tesco Metro** (nearest)

Turn left out of Stage Door then right towards M&S. Turn left into Week Street and Tesco is along here on your right.

### **Sainsbury** (bigger)

Through The Mall shopping centre (accessed from King Street) and out the far end.

## Banks and Post Offices

**NatWest**, High Street: (Nearest ATM) Right out of Stage Door then turn left at the end – it's right there!

**Barclays**, High Street: Right out of Stage Door then turn right at the end – it's right there!

**Lloyds TSB**, Week Street: Left out of stage door, right into Earl St. then right again.

**HSBC**, Week Street: Right out of Stage Door then left at the end and it's just past NatWest.

**Alliance & Leicester**, King Street: Right out of Stage Door then turn left at the end

**Bristol & West BS**, Middle Row: Right out of Stage Door then right and it's on your left

**Main Post Office**, Bank Street: Right out of Stage Door, across the road at the end and turn right.

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We hope you enjoy your time at the Hazlitt Arts Centre.