

ART BEAT

E-Newsletter - December 2010

Folkestone

Hythe & Romney Marsh
Shepway District Council



EVENTS IN SHEPWAY IN DECEMBER

Thursday 2 Dec, 6pm – 9pm: Craft Fair and FREE Craft Workshop at The Cube, Tontine Street, Folkestone - an opportunity to purchase high quality craftwork created by students at The Cube. Enjoy seasonal treats at the Cube Café while being entertained by the Christmas Choir. For more information contact: 0845 606 5606 or visit: www.kent.gov.uk/adulted.

Thursday 2 Dec, from 7.30pm: Jack Pound's Open Stage at Butt of Sherry, Hythe. Contact 01303 266112.

Friday 3 Dec, 8pm: Lee Nelson's Well Good Tour at Quarterhouse. "Genius" The Independent on Sunday (**sold out**). Tickets £12/conc £10, Box Office 01303 858500, www.quarterhouse.co.uk. (16+)

Friday 3 Dec, 8pm: Open Mic Night at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079, www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Friday 3 Dec, 8.30pm: Alex B and the first of the Xmas Cheese Disco's at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry; just lots and lots of fromage & fun! 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Saturday 4 Dec, 7.30pm: Folkestone & Hythe Orchestra's Winter Concert at Saga Pavilion, Sandgate. Tickets £8 adults, £4 students available from Brandon's Music Shop, 55 High Street, Hythe; Vine Books, 23 Cheriton Place, Folkestone; from Deni Bateson 01227722614 or from www.wegotickets.com.

Saturday 4 Dec, 8pm: James Kirby at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079, www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Saturday 4 Dec, 8.30pm: Café Deep at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone CT20 2BB. Free entry. Weekly residence in our coffee shop - warm deep tunes from Sideways recordings. 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Saturday & Sunday 4/5 December, 10am - 4pm Christmas Craft Emporium at 3-7 Tontine Street. Come along to the Christmas Craft Emporium for handmade gifts, crafts, mulled wine and mince pies; perfect to kick start the Christmas shopping! From 10am till 4pm. Don't forget to bring children along to visit **Santa's Grotto**, at the Emporium. Only £1 per child, with a gift for all those who have been good this year! (Grotto also open **11 & 12 December**).



Sunday 5 Dec, from 10am: Children's Book Reading at Home Ground, 41 Old High Street, Folkestone. **Marianne Roberts**, writer/illustrator of *'The Adventures of Will and Jake'* will be reading the book. Set in Folkestone around the zigzag path and the coastal park, it is suitable for children aged 3 to 8. Pre-launch copies will be available to buy at the event; plus children's competition. Details on www.willandjake.co.uk; Twitter: willandjake2010.

Sunday 5 Dec, 3pm: Magnificat at St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church, Folkestone. Canterbury Christ Church University Cantata Choir, Cantata Chamber Orchestra and Brass Ensemble perform two settings of The Magnificat by Vivaldi and Paul Patterson. Tickets £8 - students under 18 in full-time education free - available on the day from 2.15pm or reserved in advance by calling 01303 257248 (answer machine).

Sunday 5 Dec, 8pm: My Passion, Sizen and Morglbl at Quarterhouse. Vigier Guitars & Chrome Note Productions Present, Kerrang favourites, My Passion with Sizen and Morglbl plus support from I.R.I.S. and Colt 44. Tickets £8, Box Office 01303 858500, www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Sunday 5 Dec, 8pm: The Famous Chambers Quiz at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. £2 per person. Lots of music, film and Triv' style questions. Lots of fun. 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Monday 6 Dec, 7pm (doors): The Human League at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. The Human League was among the earliest and most innovative bands to break into the mainstream on a wave of synthesizers and electronic rhythms. Tickets £26 (standing); www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

Wednesday 8 Dec, 2.30pm: Remember When At Christmas at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. Making a welcome return is the country's most popular matinee nostalgia show with its new Christmas production. Come along and enjoy a wonderful trip down memory lane to a time when Christmas really was the most wonderful time of the year. Tickets £12.00; £10.00; www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

Wednesday 8 Dec, 7.30pm: A Christmas Cracker at Quarterhouse. The creative and performing arts students at the University Centre Folkestone will be offering their own distinctive version of a Christmas Celebration with a medley of songs, sketches, readings and music which look at Christmas from all angles; also mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets £2.50; £1 concessions from UCF Reception. For further info, call 01303 760600.

Wednesday 8 Dec, 7.30pm: Railway Swing Band Christmas Concert at Lyminge Village Hall. Featuring soloists Didi and Steve Hawkins. Mulled wine, mince pies, bar etc. Tickets available from Lyminge Hardware or phone Niki 01303 862530 or Honor 01303 862928.

Thursday 9 Dec, 2.30pm: Folkestone Decorative & Fine Arts Society (FDFAS) Lecture - A Christmas Anthology: art, music and literature at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Brian Cairns MA FRSA will present some beautiful images of paintings, sculpture and photography all celebrating Christmas and illustrated with music and literature. Visitors are welcome at £5. Info: e-mail folkestone@nadfaskentarea.org.uk or telephone 01303 239530 or visit our website: www.nadfaskentarea.org.uk

Thursday 9th Dec, 7.30pm: Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. The Royal Marines Band, Portsmouth presents a breathtaking military band concert with a hint of Christmas flavour. A spectacular display in a delightful evening of musical entertainment. Tickets £18 / 17 / 16. www.leascliffhall.org.uk

Thursday 9 Dec, 8.30pm: Jazz at The Tower: Roger Lewin Quartet at The Tower Theatre, North Street, Folkestone. A swinging quartet from the Medway towns that will please all jazz lovers. To book, call Beryl on 01303 277175.

Thursday 9 Dec, 8.30pm: Live band at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.



Friday 10 Dec, 6pm: Christmas Concert at the Leas Bandstand, Folkestone.

Friday 10 Dec, 6.30pm – 8.30pm: Polyglot Evening at The Cube Café, The Cube, Tontine Street, Folkestone - modelled on the 'Cafés Polyglottes' which are popular on the continent. £10.00 drink included.

Friday 10 Dec, 8pm: TESS at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079; www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Friday 10 Dec, 8.30pm: Mum's Old Vinyl at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. 01303 223333. [Facebook 'the chambers'](https://www.facebook.com/thechambers) or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Friday 10 Dec: Lonestar Comedy Party Night at The Lanterns, 24 Rendezvous Street, Folkestone. 01303 223364.

Saturday 11 Dec, 10am – 3pm: Arts, Crafts & Farmers Market at Stop 24, off Junction 11, M20. For enquiries, contact Heather at heathmor@btinternet.com.

Saturday 11 Dec, 10.30am – 3.30pm: Sandgate Christmas Art and Crafts Fair at Chichester Hall, Sandgate. Original artwork, limited edition prints, greetings cards, jewellery, hand-made scarves and hats and more. Refreshments provided by Izzy's Deli; mulled wine courtesy of Blues and Blockade, locally produced wines. Free entry. Free parking at Saga. For more info: mirandabest@talktalk.net.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12, 10am – 4pm: Santa's Grotto at The Emporium, 3 – 7 Tontine Street, Folkestone.

Saturday 11 Dec, 7.30pm: Christmas Oratorio at Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone. Tickets £12 from Brandon's Music Shop, 55 High Street, Hythe; Vine Books, 25 Cheriton Place, Folkestone or phone Folkestone Choral Society on 01303 858347. Also available on the door.

Saturday 11 Dec, 7.30pm: Family Christmas Concert at St Mary & St Eanswythe Church, Folkestone. The choristers of Kent College, Canterbury conductor Jackie Spencer and the Betteshanger Colliery Band conductor David Cutting in a programme of festive music for all the family.. Admission Free with a retiring collection.

Saturday 11 Dec, 8pm: Felix Dexter – Multiple Personalities In Order at Quarterhouse - "Excellent, Explosive and Exhilarating Performer" The Guardian. £15/£13 conc. Box Office 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Saturday 11 Dec, 8.30pm: Café Deep at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. Weekly residence in our coffee shop - warm deep tunes from Sideways recordings. 01303 223333. www.facebook.com/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Sunday 12 Dec, 7.30: Bluesky Pie Unplugged at Quarterhouse Bar and Restaurant featuring: Ted Clark, Beki Robinson, Nick Price, Sean Hardy, Luke Jackson, Jack Nimmons. Free event. www.quarterhouse.co.uk/restaurant.

Tuesday 14 Dec, 7.30pm: Festive Quiz Night at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079, www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Wednesday 15 Dec, 7pm: Intimations Dance Theatre presents 'Catalyst' at the Folkestone Academy, Academy Lane, Folkestone CT19 5FP. Presenting new work 'Running Lines' in collaboration with music duo Spyplane, and two pieces created with our new Shepway youth groups 'Gifted' and 'Inspired'. This is an evening set to start off our presence with a bang and a few surprises as we invite an audience to come and see what we have been making in just 6 weeks! Running time is approximately 1 hour. Tickets £6 for adults, £3 for children and OAPs. For reservations contact Lucy Lungley on 07515 389713 or email intimationsdancetheatre@live.co.uk.



Wednesday 15 Dec, 8pm: Bad Manners at Quarterhouse. Everything Indeed Presents Ska Xmas Cracker - Bad Manners. Lip up fatty! Part of the English 2:Tone movement the band is renowned for its massive, manic stage antics, and the larger-than-life frontman that is **Buster Bloodvessel**. Support from another legend of that era, Max Splodge of SplodgenessAbounds. Tickets £16, Box Office 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Thursday 16 Dec, from 7.30pm: Jack Pound's Open Stage at Butt of Sherry, Hythe. Contact 01303 266112.

Thursday 16 Dec, 8pm: FILM: The Illusionist (cert. PG) at Quarterhouse, Folkestone. Beautifully animated film directed by **Sylvain Chomet** (Belleville Rendez-Vous -2003). The Illusionist is based on an unproduced 1956 script from French mime artist, director and actor Jacques Tati. £3.50 in advance, £4.50 on the door. Box Office 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Thursday 16 Dec, 8.30pm: Jazz at The Tower: Pete Abbott Sound at The Tower Theatre, North Street, Folkestone. A great evening of fun jazz with this 6-piece bringing out the Christmas spirit with vocals from Sue Double. To book, call Beryl on 01303 277175.

Thursday 16 Dec, 8.30pm: Live band at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Friday 17 Dec, 8pm: Open Mic Night at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079, www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Friday 17 Dec, 8pm: Pama International Meets Mad Professor at Quarterhouse. Rockers Revolt & Ariwa present Pama International with some very special guests for its final tour. Don't miss your last chance to see them. Supported by Intensified and The Sidewalk Doctors. £13 in advance, £15 on the door. Box Office 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 Dec, 10am – 4pm: Christmas Art Mart in Rendezvous Street, Folkestone - live music, pictures, pottery, jewellery, woodturning and much more. Spiced cider and mince pies! Enquiries: 07860 278774.

Saturday 18 Dec, 7.30pm: Carols for All at St Leonard's Church, Hythe. Concert featuring Shepway Singers, St Leonard's Church Choirs and Hythe Girls Choir and followed by mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer. Entry free - retiring collection.

Saturday 18 Dec: Lonestar Comedy Club at The Lanterns, Rendezvous Street, Folkestone. For info on the full line up and ticket prices, call Ian on 07771 796445, email: lonestarcomedy@hotmail.com or go to: www.lonestarcomedy.co.uk.

Saturday 18 Dec, 8pm: Lee Nelson's Well Good Tour - EXTRA DATE!! at Quarterhouse. Tickets £14/conc £12, Box Office 01303 858500, www.quarterhouse.co.uk. (16+).

Saturday 18 Dec, 8.30pm: Xmas 70s & 80s Night at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. Just about every daft tune you could shake a stick at from years gone by. 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

Monday 20, Dec, 8.30pm: Hullabaloo Live Xmas Party at The Chambers, Cheriton Place, Folkestone, CT20 2BB. Free entry. A Chambers tradition! *Always* the last live band to play before Xmas – a top night! 01303 223333. www.facebook/thechambers.com or www.pubfolkestone.co.uk.

23 Dec - 23 Jan: Pantomime – Aladdin at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. This year's production promises to be even better with a brand new set and plenty of catchy show tunes that you'll be singing until February half term!! Take advantage of the special discounts and join Aladdin, Princess Jasmine and of course Wishee Washee and Widow Twankey as they take you on a magic carpet ride for Folkestone's spectacular Pantomime! Discounts and Offers available – call 01303 228600 for details.



Thursday 23 Dec, 8pm: FILM: Nativity! (cert. U) at Quarterhouse Primary school teacher Paul Maddens (**Martin Freeman**), idly boasts to a rival school that his ex-girlfriend Jennifer, a Hollywood producer, is coming to see his Nativity show with a view to turning it into a film. The only trouble is - they haven't spoken in years. Tickets £3.50 in advance, £4.50 on the door. Box Office 01303 858500, www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Friday 24 Dec: 8pm: Christmas Eve Party at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079, www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Thursday 30 Dec, from 7.30pm: Jack Pound's Open Stage at Butt of Sherry, Hythe. Contact 01303 266112.

Thursday 30 Dec: 8pm: FILM: Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World at Quarterhouse. Scott Pilgrim (Cera) is dating a high-school girl five years his junior. He hasn't recovered from being dumped by his former girlfriend. But Scott falls for Ramona Flowers. Yet Ramona comes with baggage: seven evil ex-lovers and Scott must do battle to the death with each of them in order to win Ramona's heart. Tickets £3.50 in advance, £4.50 on the door. Box Office 01303 858500, www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Friday 31 Dec, 8pm: New Year's Eve Party at Home Ground, 41 The Old High Street, Folkestone. Tel: 01303 241079; www.homegroundcb.co.uk.

Friday 31 Dec: Creative Eclectic presents its New Year's Eve Party at The Lanterns, 24A Rendezvous Street, Folkestone. Tickets £7.50 or £10 on the door. For details of the line up, call Tony on 07790 264108.

ART EXHIBITIONS IN SHEPWAY DECEMBER

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 Dec, 10am – 4pm: Exhibition at RNLi Boat House, Dungeness.

Now to 8th December: Kate Knight – Illuminated at Georges House Gallery, Old High Street, Folkestone. 'Illuminated' presents a body of paintings focusing on the ritualistic approach to the act of painting. Embedded and exposed beneath the layers of paint are scars and scratches, flaws from the process of making. This exhibition is a reaction to the previous exhibition 'Pleasure Seekers' referring to the body and self sacrifice. www.strangecargo.org.uk.

Now to 10th December: Catherine Apps - Fearful Symmetry at Church Mouse Studio, High Street, Hythe. An exhibition of new watercolour and pastel works by the wildlife artist, portraying her love of 'big cats' and other African animals. Opening times: 10am - 5pm, Monday to Saturday, 10am - 1pm Wednesday. churchmousestudio@gmail.com.

Now to 7th January 2011: Cinque Ports Scribes - Exhibition of Calligraphy works at the Romney Marsh Craft Gallery, Lydd Library, Lydd. The east Kent society consists of both amateur and professional calligraphers and lettering artists. The works are both traditional and contemporary in a variety of media. www.cinqueportsscribes.org.uk.

Now showing throughout December: Chimaera Christmas Show at Chimaera Gallery, 42, Tontine Street. Don't miss the Private View on Friday 19th November from 6:30pm. For opening times visit www.chimaeragallery.co.uk.



ARTS EVENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF KENT

Friday 3 Dec, 6pm – 9pm; Saturday 4, 10am – 5pm; Sunday 5, 11am – 4.30pm: [Tenterden Makers' Collection](#) at 3 Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HN. Original work by twelve local artists and makers. www.tenterdenmakers.com.

Friday 3 Dec, 7pm – 9pm: [Thanet's Write Woman Poets are launching Did I tell You?](#) 131 poems for Children in Need, edited by Nicky Gould and Vicky Wilson, at **Hilderstone Adult Education Centre, Broadstairs.**

Saturday 4 Dec, 4pm: [The International Composer Final Night](#) at **Augustine Hall, Augustine House, Canterbury Christ Church University. Free entrance. www.soundsnew.org.uk.**

Sunday 4 Dec: [Smugglers Records Presents the Cut a Shine Winter Hoedown](#) featuring soulgrass band Kidnap Alice at Astor Community Theatre, Deal.

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 Dec: [South East Studios Winter Open Studios](#). Artists and craft-makers from Deal, Walmer, Eastry, Hacklinge and Dover welcome visitors into their studios to meet them, view their work and chat about art. Artists opening their studios for this pre-Christmas event include: Jim Robert Shaw, Elisabeth Sefton, Peter Hayes-Watkins, The Burning Bush Gallery, Marilyn Williams, David White, Amanda Thompson, Sue Manton, Clare Wakefield, Susan Sullivan, Adrian Sullivan and Mike Tedder. Please visit www.searts.co.uk and view our events page to see more details and download a free studio trail guide.

Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 Dec, 7.45pm (& 2.30pm on Thurs): [The Nutcracker](#) at **Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury. Tickets £14 / £12 concessions. www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian.**

Friday 10 Dec: [The Blockheads](#) at **Astor Community Theatre, Deal. www.theastor.org.**

Saturday 11 Dec, 10am - 2.30pm: [FREE Family Learning Day](#) at **The North School, Essella Road, Ashford. Kent Adult Education is holding a day of family workshops for adults and children (aged 7-12 with a maximum of 2 children per adult). Sessions available include make a Christmas card or decoration, sign language taster, spanish taster and Bolly, Belly, Bangra. Families can do up to 3 workshops (minimum of 2) but booking is essential. To book your free place please call us on 0845 606 5606, asking for the Ashford Centre, to give us your details and workshop choices.**

Tuesday 13th December, 3.30pm - 6.30pm: [Christmas Craft Fayre and Exhibition](#) at **Ashford Adult Education Centre, Upper Queens Road, Ashford. Kent Adult Education is pleased to announce our festive fayre and exhibition. Come along to see creations from tutors and students with craft pieces from jewellery to handbags available to buy. Join us for a free mince pie and some great music to get you in the Christmas spirit.**

Sunday 19 Dec, 7.30pm: [A Christmas Cracker](#) with mezzo-soprano **Jane Webster and accompanied by **Nicholas Bosworth** at **The New Marlowe Theatre**, Canterbury. Tickets £13 incl glass of wine / £12 concessions. www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk.**

9 – 27 Dec: [Pinocchio](#) at **Theatre Royal Margate.** Coming to Margate this Christmas- a brand new family musical of the famous and ever-popular story of Pinocchio! A show full to the brim with warmth, wit and wonderful characters, stunning sets and fabulous costumes. Ticket prices vary, family offers available. Contact Box Office- 08451301786.

Now showing until 27 January: [Apokrisis \[response\]](#) at **Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery - the fourth in a series of exhibitions to showcase contemporary work from established and emerging Kent artists. The preview is on Saturday 4 December from 2pm – 4pm.**



NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

Calling all artists to make trees for Christmas in Folkestone's Creative Quarter. Made from recycled materials, they must be between 4ft and 8ft in height. Together they will create a forest of artist-made trees at The Emporium in Tontine Street. £100.00 prize for the Winner! Voters for the Christmas Tree Competition will be entered into a draw to win 2 tickets to a show at Quarterhouse. Please contact Sally for more information on sallymhiggs@yahoo.co.uk.

SNAP HAPPY CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

If you are a young person who goes to a school in Shepway, why not enter our Christmas photography competition? Take a photograph on the theme of CHRISTMAS and email it to snap.happy@sandgate.kent.sch. We have prizes for different age groups and your photo will also be part of an exhibition next year! Photos to be submitted by the end of January. For more information contact Dan File at Sandgate Primary School 01303 257280 or on the above email.

THE CUBE CREATIVE COURSES

The Cube Creative courses start in January 2011 - Jewellery - Beginners, Jewellery - Starter, Life Drawing - Beginners, Drawing with Charcoal - Starter, Sculpture, Contemporary Textiles, Contemporary Textiles, Digital Photography, Acrylic Painting - Starter, Printmaking, Life Drawing and Painting - Studio, Decorative Textiles - Starter, Digital Video, Sculpture - Taster, www.kent.gov.uk/adulted.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO MAKE SCULPTURE?

Saturday 4th December, 10 am – 1 pm: 3-hour taster session in Sculpture for all abilities - £20; materials provided. Hosted by Skillnet Group CIC, West Track Studios, Roper Yard, Roper Road, Canterbury CT2 7EG. To book call: 07815 940 833 or email: karlmusson@gmail.com; www.westtrackstudios.co.uk.

COMPETITION FOR 6 TO 14 YEAR OLDS

The Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012, marking 60 years of the Queen's reign. Children from all over the UK aged from 6 to 14 are invited to send an original design for an emblem celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to Blue Peter. They have until Wednesday 8 December to send in their entry. To find out how to enter, visit the Blue Peter website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/bluepeter/getinvolved/diamondjubileecompetitionpage.shtml>.

FREE BOLLYWOOD WORKSHOPS

Shiva Nova is currently holding Bollywood workshops at Pent Valley Technology College in Folkestone, which are free to participants. The workshops are for all ages, adults included. The sessions are on Fridays from 4pm – 5pm. For more information, phone 07795 967533 or email admin@shivanova.co.uk.

PANTOMIME - BABES IN THE WOOD – 7th to 16th JANUARY

FHODS has been producing pantomimes locally for the last 40 years and expects this show with new director/ choreographer Claire Beddow and new musical director Chris Hall to be their best yet. This is the fourth FHODS pantomime at the Tower Theatre and promises to be the most colourful and spectacular of them all. The Tower Theatre with its free car park and comfortable fixed seating provides a perfect viewing platform for all the events. Tickets now on sale. Box Office 01303223925 or book on line at www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk. Prices starting at £8.00 midweek, £10.00 weekends, performances 7pm and matinees 2pm.

CALL TO ARTISTS - SOUTH EAST OPEN STUDIOS - 3-19 JUNE 2011

South East Open Studios is an annual artist-led event running for two weeks in June and is open to all artists and makers working in Kent and East Sussex. Each year the number of those participating increases and this year it reached over 300. A full colour printed guide and website advertises the artists details for a whole year. Membership details and application forms are available from the website: www.seos-art.org, or send A4 s.a.e. to SEOS, 186 Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford, Kent TN25 4NX. Deadline for applications: end January 2011.



THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND THE ARTS

The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts is inviting cultural institutions across the UK to apply to their Start programme. Start enables children to experience the very best of the arts by introducing them to their local cultural venue. This funding programme gives children the opportunity to develop a relationship with their local venue and to begin to connect with the vibrant cultural life of the UK. Children and the Arts is looking to recruit 6-10 new partners for the 2011/12 academic year. We are seeking passionate and committed partner organisations to work with us to develop and deliver Start to primary and secondary school students in their local area. Our aim, and that of our partners, is that pupils will develop the confidence and enthusiasm to continue their engagement with their local cultural venue beyond the life of the project. The deadline for completed Stage One Applications is 5pm on Wednesday 2nd February 2011. For more information please visit our website www.childrenandarts.org.uk/start.

'DANCE FLAVOURS' YOUNG PARENTS DANCE PROJECT

Earlier this year South East Dance invited young parent groups across the south east to take part in a dance project called 'Dance Flavours'. The project was part of its *moving Voices* programme which creates dance-related volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16-25 in the south east. The film that was created with the young parents is now available to view on our Youtube channel. Click on this link to view the film <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRMWrs7GFMQ> (alternatively you can access it through the South East Dance website www.southeastdance.org.uk).

STARTER FOR 10 NEW WRITERS SHOWCASE

Friday 14th - Saturday 15th January, 7.30pm with post-show talk at Theatre Royal Margate

A showcase of writing from our new writers' project. 10 writers from Thanet, Kent and the south-east have each been commissioned to write a 10-minute piece of theatre for a small professional cast. See the results in an evening of professionally staged readings that will entertain, challenge and inspire!

LIVE LIT MAKING DAY

Thanks to the generosity of Shepway District Council, East Kent Live Lit will be offering a free Live Lit Making Day at Quarterhouse in Folkestone on Saturday 29 January, 10 - 6pm. During this one-day event, there will be two workshops: Re:authoring with Katherine May and Nimble Fish directors Greg Klerkx and Samantha Holdsworth, creators of the Burning Out performance and tour, which explores the wide variety of ways that you can share your work with audiences and readers. And a choice of either: Make a Poem (or Flash Fiction) Film with filmmaker Tim Cronin or How to Plan and Make a Live Lit Installation from your writing with Club Shepway artist and guerilla ceramicist Matt Rowe. To book a place, go to www.livelit.co.uk.

SANDGATE WRITING CIRCLE

We hold two meetings a month at two locations in Sandgate. Both in the morning at 10 to 12 am. If you would like a friendly relaxed couple of hours with gentle folk please drop in. For further information please phone Joe Thomas on 01303-842397 or email:- joe.tom277864@tiscali.co.uk

CALL TO ART GROUPS

I support adults with a range of learning and/or physical disabilities to access resources and services in the community. I am currently looking for art groups or community projects that people could join where they can practice and express their creativity in a social and informal group. Contact: suzanne.derham@eastkentmencap.co.uk.

GET PAINTING FOR THE SWA's 150th ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2011

The Society of Women Artists invites submissions of paintings, drawings, sculptures, handmade prints, ceramics, and miniatures, etc. for exhibition at the Mall Galleries London SW1. Hand-in days: Fri - Sat 15th & 16th April. Cost: £12 per art-work. Max 4 works. Exhibition: June 30th – July 9th 2011. For application forms and info send SAE size 9 x 6 to Executive Secretary Pamela Henderson, 1 Knapp Cottages, Wyke, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4NQ. For lots more info, and pictures from last years exhibition go to: www.society-women-artists.org.uk.



POSTCARD COMPETITION

Picture This announces the launch of its Postcards Competition, a mixed-media writing competition, hosted in collaboration with the publishers Myriad Editions, which invites entrants to experiment with the postcard form and to exploit the interaction between the verbal/textual and the visual in a contest judged by novelist Nicola Barker. For more information, visit www.livelit.co.uk. The closing deadline is 21st January 2011.

KIDSOUT RECRUITING VOLUNTEER TRANSLATORS AND SPEAKERS

Are you, or do you know someone who is fluent in Panjabi, Urdu, Bengali, Gujarati, Somali, Polish, Arabic, Portuguese, Turkish, Tamil, French, Yoruba, Chinese, Spanish, Persian/Farsi, Albanian/Shqip, Tagalog/Filipino, Akan/Twi-Fante, Pashto/Pakhto, Hindi? These are the 20 languages most commonly spoken by 12.5 % of schoolchildren in England; children who often don't have access to stories in their mother tongue. Working with children and their communities KidsOut is producing re-tellings of traditional stories in these 20 languages and writing some new ones. Each story will be translated, edited, professionally illustrated, animated and published online as well as being professionally produced as an audio story too. We are relying on the generosity of skilled volunteers, including some high profile writers and actors, to realise this worthwhile initiative. For more information or to offer your services, please contact: emma.l.coffey@gmail.com / emma.coffey@kidsout.org.uk; 07792389861.

SOUTH EAST DANCE – MOVING VOICES

We are looking to recruit 16-25 year olds from black and ethnic minority backgrounds, to become Youth Dance Leaders. The young people recruited will meet with South East Dance staff to identify a particular dance activity they would like to deliver and to identify the appropriate training and support they will need to enable them to deliver it as part of our End of Project event in March 2011. The training, support and funding for the dance activity will be provided by South East Dance. There are limited spaces available. The deadline for applications is 9am Tuesday 4 January.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES WHICH WILL END IN MARCH 2011

Does your business employ fewer than 50 people? If so, it could benefit from funding by the Higher Education Funding Council for England's (HEFCE) new Graduate Internship Scheme (GIS) at Canterbury Christ Church University. The University will contribute up to £1500 towards the cost of employing a graduate for up to a 13 week internship. Participating businesses will be required to contribute to ensure that graduates are paid to at least the minimum wage. For more information, e-mail Samia Abdiche (Project Manager), sam.abdiche@canterbury.ac.uk; tel: 01227 782093.

READING FOR WELLBEING

In conjunction with the Sidney De Haan Research Centre for Arts & Health, the Hearth Centre and Canterbury Christ Church University, we are setting up a project in Folkestone to look at the impact on health and wellbeing of reading aloud in groups. We aim to recruit and train reading group facilitators who would be interested, and in a position to organise reading group activity in voluntary sector and health organisations in and around Folkestone. We aim to recruit up to 20 participants for training in the Reading for Wellbeing method. The training will be delivered through 5 three hour sessions. Our overall aim is to set up and maintain some flourishing Reading for Wellbeing groups in Folkestone. We are particularly interested in developing the method for older participants and those with mental health problems. The first workshop session is on Friday, 10 December, 1-4pm at UCF. If you would like further information please email me at: kristin.wade@canterbury.ac.uk or telephone me on 01227 782845.

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

The next Jason Dodd photograph course will be held on **Sunday 23 January 2011**. For full information, email jdoddphotography@btinternet.com.

MY WORD RADIO - REMINDER

More voluntary broadcasters/interviewers are still needed! For more information please go to www.mywordradio.com. Please note that the email address has changed to www.info@mywordradio.co.uk.



NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh is now on Facebook – find it at www.facebook.com/pages/Discover-Folkestone-Hythe-Romney-Marsh/111660285563625
You can also follow what's happening on Twitter at http://twitter.com/Folkestone_Info

Also, have a look at the council's Arts At Shepway on Facebook at
<http://www.facebook.com/artsatshepway>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BBC Performing Arts Fund: The BBC performing arts fund helps aspiring musicians and performers looking for a way to get ahead. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/index.shtml>

PRS Foundation for New Music: PRS Foundation supports music creators, performers or promoters who are involved in creatively adventurous or pioneering musical activity. <http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/>

Garfield Weston Foundation: Garfield Weston Foundation provides grants to UK-registered charities in the fields of the arts, community, education, welfare, medical, religion, youth and environment.
<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation: Organisations that carry out charitable work are eligible to apply for funding for work under four areas of interest – the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society.
<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

Skinner's Company Grants: The Skinner's Company Lady Neville Charity provides one-off grants of up to £1,000. The priority areas are disability, local heritage, local community and performing and visual arts.
charitiesadmin@skinner.org.uk.

Arts Awards (UK): The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

Young Film Fund (UK): First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film production. <http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund>.

Arts Council Announces National Portfolio Funding Programme (England)

In what has been described as the biggest transformation of arts funding for a generation, the Arts Council England has announced that it will introduce a new national portfolio funding programme to replace the Arts Council's current regularly funded system. The new national portfolio funding programme will come into effect from April 2012 but organisations will need to submit their applications by 10am on the 24th January 2011. The programme will be open to any arts organisation. For more information, visit:
<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/biggest-change-arts-funding-generation/>

For up-to-date information on events in the district and surrounding areas, please visit:
www.discoverfolkestone.co.uk; and register with KALE (Kent Arts Listings Email) at www.kentarts.org.uk

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