

ART BEAT

E-Newsletter - June 2011

Folkestone

Hythe & Romney Marsh
Shepway District Council



EVENTS IN SHEPWAY IN JUNE

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 June (all day): Multi-Cultural Festival in Folkestone Town Centre. The 5th annual festival is mainly free and takes place in the pedestrianised area of the town with some evening events in various venues. For the full list of events and activities, go to www.folkestonefestival.org/ or phone 01303 850522.

Friday 10 June, doors open 7pm: Lecture: An Evening with Keith Radford (Gershwin, Porter, and Rodgers with Hart - the birth of the modern musical) at **St Radigunds Church**, Albany Road, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LA 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (inc. refreshments) from John Oliver 01303 251403; john.e.oliver@talktalk.net. Further information can be found on our website www.capel-le-ferne.org.

Saturday 11 June, 8pm: Cabaret Q at Quarterhouse, Folkestone. Ladies and gentlemen, step right up for an evening of dazzling burlesque, thrilling circus and sideshow plus comedy from a selection of the UK's brightest stars. Tickets £14 Full, £12 concession (ticket price includes a complimentary cocktail), Box office; 01303 858500 www.quarterhouse.co.uk (18+)

Wednesday 15 June, 7.30pm: 50th Anniversary Festival Concert by the AGAPE Choir at the United Reformed Church, Radnor Park, Folkestone. Free Admission - Retiring Collection. Contact Michael Foad on 01303 242694.

Thursday 16 – Saturday 18 June: Little Shop Of Horrors at Quarterhouse. A tantalizing production by the Performing Arts degree students at University Centre Folkestone. Tickets £8, £5 concessions, Box office; 01303 858500 www.quarterhouse.co.uk (18+)

Thursday 16 June, 8.30pm: Jack Pound's Open Stage at the Butt of Sherry, High Street, Hythe. Contact 01303 266112.

Thursday 16 June, 8.30pm: Jazz at The Tower – The Trudy Kerr Quartet at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL. Tickets £10. This is a very special evening when we welcome the Australian jazz singer Trudy Kerr to her first visit to Folkestone. Trudy made a name for herself in jazz haunts of Brisbane Gold Coast and Sydney. Since moving to England she has become one of our most acclaimed jazz artists and has recently released her ninth album. For details, call 01303 277175.

Friday 17 June, from 6.30pm: Gig at The Grand. Live music with Craig Hammer and guests at **The Grand**, The Leas, Folkestone. Free. Tel: 01303 222222; www.grand-uk.com.

Saturday 18 June, 10.20am for 11am: Coffee Concert at the United Reformed Church, Folkestone. Concert given by Ross Winters and Recorder Students from the Birmingham Conservatoire. Admission £4 at the door (students in full-time education free). Contact Michael Foad on 01303 242694.

Sunday 19 June, 3 pm: The Ariodante Ensemble at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, The Bayle Folkestone. Tickets £8; for details and reservations, call 01303 257248.

Tuesday 21 June, 8pm: FILM: The Fighter at Quarterhouse. Mark Wahlberg stars in this inspirational docudrama that explores the remarkable rise of Massachusetts-born, junior welterweight title winner 'Irish' Micky Ward. Tickets £3.50 in advance, £4.50 on the door, Box office; 01303 858500 www.quarterhouse.co.uk (15+)

Wednesday 22 June: Reginald D Hunter Warm Up at Quarterhouse - SOLD OUT

Thursday 23 June, 2.30pm: Folkestone Decorative & Fine Art Society Lecture: Life in Shakespeare's Theatre by Frances Hughes at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Tracing the life and work of Shakespeare and the origins of the theatre and eventual rebuilding as the Globe. There will be an associated visit to the Globe Theatre on Wednesday 13 July. 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 23 June, 8.30pm: Jazz at The Tower – Dave Corsby Quartet at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL. Tickets £5. For details, call 01303 277175.

Saturday 25 June, 5pm – 10.30pm: New Romney Open Air Concert at St. Martins Field, Fairfield Road, New Romney – a variety of music to suit all tastes, followed by a Grand Firework Finale. Free event. For enquiries: 01797 363861.

Saturday 25 June: Collectables Sale at The Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Valuations at any pre-arranged time at 18 The Glenmore Centre, Pent Road, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone CT19 4RJ. Tel: 01303 220440; info@grandauctions.co.uk; www.grandauctions.co.uk. Also see information under 'Notices' below.

Saturday 25 June – 25 September: Folkestone Triennial 2011: A Million Miles From Home. 19 international artists have been commissioned to create new works for the Folkestone Triennial 2011. The selected artists have been invited to develop new works for Folkestone's streets, squares, beaches and historic buildings to create a cutting-edge contemporary art exhibition in the public domain. Many works accessible at all hours. For more information see special section below and go to: www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk.

Saturday 25 June, 3.15pm: Choral Evensong – The Chapel Choir Dover College, directed by Paul Young at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, The Bayle Folkestone. Tickets £8; for details and reservations, call 01303 257248.

Saturday 25 June, 7.30pm: Lonestar Comedy Club presents Stand Up Comedy at The Lanterns, Rendezvous Street, Folkestone. The will show feature a minimum of four stand-up comedians, hand picked from the UK comedy circuit. There is a full bar service and food will be served during the first interval. To Book: go online at www.lonestarcomedy.co.uk, visit the Lanterns in Rendezvous Street, call the Lanterns on 01303 223364, call Lonestar on 07771 796 445 or email lonestarcomedy@hotmail.com.



Sunday 26 June, 10am – 4pm: [Art on The Leas Railings](#), Folkestone. A colourful open-air display of art by Shepway arts groups and societies. Tel: 07813 877295.

Sunday 26 June, 10am – 4pm: [Folkestone Arts, Crafts & Food Fair along The Stade](#), Folkestone Harbour.

Sunday 26 June, 2.30pm: [Three Billy Goats Gruff and Other Furry Tails](#) at Quarterhouse. Our Storyteller is on the run from those three-headed monsters, bringing you the most fantastic tales from the Magic Land of Three. Tickets £5 Adult, £4 child, £15 family (2 adults and 2 children under 12) Box office; 01303 858500 www.quarterhouse.co.uk

Sunday 26 June, 3.15pm: [Choral Evensong – sung by Sedecim, directed by Jackie Spencer](#) at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, The Bayle Folkestone. Tickets £8; for details and reservations, call 01303 257248.

28 June – 2 July, 7.30pm: [The Matchgirls](#) at The Tower Theatre, Folkestone. FHODS presents Matchgirls as its blockbuster summer musical – the story of the 1888 Bryant and May match girl strike and life and story of the women themselves. Tickets £10, £8 concessions. Box Office: 01303 223925.

Wednesday 29 June, 6pm: [Tall Tales from the Marsh](#) at Quarterhouse. Box Office 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Thursday 30 June, 8pm: [FILM: True Grit](#) at Quarterhouse. Starring Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin and Matt Damon, True Grit is a powerful story of vengeance and valour set in an unforgiving and unpredictable frontier where justice is simple and mercy is rare. Tickets £3.50 in advance, £4.50 on the door, Box office; 01303 858500; www.quarterhouse.co.uk (15+)

Thursday 30 June, 8.30pm: [Jack Pound's Open Stage](#) at the Butt of Sherry, High Street, Hythe. Contact 01303 266112.

For the listings of events at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, go to www.leascliffhall.co.uk

Shepway District Council, in partnership with Discover Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh, has produced a Summer Events guide, covering a selection of events from June – September. Pick up a copy at various outlets across the district – or download it from www.shepway.gov.uk/arts

ART EXHIBITIONS IN SHEPWAY JUNE - SEPTEMBER

Now showing until 15 June: [Margaret Rushford – Change of Direction](#) at Georges House Gallery, The Old High Street, Folkestone. Following Warriors Series 1 and 2, it's now time to start working in colour and using new techniques. I like the idea of colour in my work and observing the different nuances in every day life. I am excited by introducing other techniques which have come into play. This is my 4th solo exhibition at Georges House Gallery, which is fitting as I am in my 70th year.

Showing from 10 June: [‘A 7 year old could do that!’](#) at Chimaera Gallery, Tontine Street, Folkestone. Chimaera Gallery is delighted to host a new exhibition featuring the work of three Folkestone artists who are, indeed, 7 years old! They are: Eryn Fitzgerald, Keira Fitzgerald and Scarlett Esson and their work will be displayed in the Inner Room. The show aims to portray the innocence and universal appeal of artistic vision from a child's perspective and features several classic and contemporary paintings in oils and acrylic augmented by small sculptures. The Preview will take place on Friday 10 June from 5.30pm, so please do join us for lemonade and cupcakes!



25 June – 17 July: [Everywhere Means Something to Someone](#) at Georges House Gallery, Folkestone. This exhibition accompanies Strange Cargo's new public artwork for the 2011 Folkestone Triennial. Strange Cargo responded to the Triennial theme, 'A Million Miles from Home' by creating a People's Guide Book for Folkestone, a collection of memories, observations, knowledge and opinions shared by local people which animate the town in a way that visitors would rarely glimpse when visiting somewhere for the first time. Each page is a reflection of the intimate knowledge that local people share with each other, which makes Folkestone the place they call *home*.

Saturday 16 July - Sunday 24 July, 10am – 4pm each day: [Art Exhibition & Sale](#) at Dungeness RNLI Lifeboat Station.

22 July – 3 August: [Kate Knight, Arron Shilling & Gary Smith Lyons – Lock Jaw](#) at Georges House Gallery, Folkestone. Lock Jaw will present a body of painting focused on the restrictions and limitations of the human body and the human condition. www.strangecargo.org.uk.

16 August – 2 September: [Another Grand Exhibition – Phyllis McDowell and Christopher Bone](#) at The Grand, The Leas, Folkestone.

The following entries are Triennial Fringe exhibitions and, as such, are listed in the FRINGE FANZINE that will be available at various outlets across the district from next week!

16 June – 1 July: [Aviary](#) at UCF (University Centre Folkestone) CT20 1JG.

17 June – 10 July: [inaugural annual realist convention](#) at [Space Gallery](#), Old High St, F'stone

23 June – 1 July: [Triennial Education Outreach Exhibition](#) at [The Cube](#), Tontine St, F'stone

24 June – 10 July: [From the Hand of the Maker...](#) at [Moda Underground](#), Rendezvous Street

25 & 26 June: [Triennial Fringe Fair](#) at [The Cube](#), Tontine Street, Folkestone

25 & 26 June: [Check In](#) at [Harbourside](#), 14 Wear Bay Road, Folkestone

25 & 26 June: [Blood, Sweat, and Tears](#) at UCF, [The Cube](#), [Bouverie Place](#) and around town

25 June – 31 July: [Construction](#) at 8 The Old High Street, F'stone (in Strange Cargo's cellar!)

June – September: ['Tree of Life'](#) at [The Stables](#), Tontine Street, Folkestone

25 June – 2 September: [Three Floors, Three Artists](#) at [The Cube](#), Tontine St, F'stone

25 June – 25 September: [Inferential Grin](#) – [Rendezvous Street](#), Folkestone

25 June – 25 September: [Shepway Fringe Showcase](#), [Civic Centre](#), Castle Hill Avenue

25 June – 25 September: [Triennial Fringe Open Studios](#) at [The Stables Studios](#), Tontine St

4 July – 10 September: [Graham Clarke at Cube Gallery](#), Tontine St, Folkestone

8 – 23 July: [Phizzog Exhibition of Body Art](#) at [The Chambers](#), Cheriton Place, Folkestone

8 July – 4 August: [South East Summer Exhibition](#) at [The Grand](#), The Leas, Folkestone

13 – 24 July: [The Science of Art](#) at [Space Gallery](#) Old High Street, Folkestone

18 July – 18 August: [UCF Degrees](#) at UCF, Folkestone

21 July – 14 August: [HA-HA](#) at the [Lorry Drivers' Lounge](#), Folkestone Harbour

28 July – 18 August: [Not a Million Miles Away/Messages Home](#) at [Popup Shop](#), F'stone

22 – 26 August: [From Earth to the Heavens](#) at [Folkestone Baptist Church](#), Folkestone

24 & 25 September: [Check Out](#) at [Harbourside](#), Wear Bay Road, Folkestone

September: [The Hotels – photography](#) at [Georges House Gallery](#) and around town

Details of these and other Fringe artworks are given in the Fringe Fanzine! See 'Fringe Update' below



ARTS EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS IN OTHER AREAS OF KENT

Now showing until 11 June: **BA Degree Show** at **Sidney Cooper Gallery**, St Peter's Street, Canterbury CT1 2BQ. Tel: 01227 453267.

Saturday 11 June, 7.45pm: A Glimpse of Stocking at **Sarah Thorne Theatre Club**, St Peter's Road, Broadstairs CT10 2JW – a new play written and directed by Liz Turner; an extravaganza with live music, heroines from history, bumps, wiggles and grinds, celebrating the wit and irreverence of British Burlesque. Box office: 0845 2626263.

Friday 24 June - Sunday 3rd July: Deal Festival of Music and the Arts. A full programme of events starting with an amazing Bulkan group Paprika on the Pier apron at Deal. A full week of acts including Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, Dame Felicity Lott and Sir Thomas Allen, Sir Andrew Motion, John Harle, St Edmund's Community Wind Band, Taiko Meantime and the European Union Chamber Orchestra. Lunchtime events every day, family concert, talks, walks and late night gigs. Visit the website www.dealfestival.co.uk. Box Office: 01304 381134.

Friday 24 June, 7.30pm: Shiva Nova presents Attab Haddad Quintet at **Norton Knatchbull School**, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0QJ. Contact phone number: 01233 629165.

1 – 10 July: Egerton Music Festival at **Egerton**, Ashford. Classical music, jazz and barbershop, folk and pop, children's workshops and an exhibition by local artists; all at affordable prices in the beautiful village of Egerton in the heart of Kent, the Garden of England. For the full event listings, go to www.egertonmusicfestival.co.uk.

Thursday 7 July, 8pm: Equator Music Competition at **Norton Knatchbull School**, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0QJ. Contact: 01233 629165.

Friday 8 July - Sunday 10 July: Ramsgate Seaside Shuffle (New Orleans style Jazz Festival) Various venues around the town of both free and ticketed events. Traditional broly parade with musicians and paraders, advance broly decorating workshop, jazzy art exhibitions and Cajun/creole food. Box Office: 10.30am -1.00pm at St James, 3a Broad Street, Ramsgate CT11 8NQ. Find us on Facebook. Contact Linda 01843 581427 lindaryder@somethinginspirational.co.uk

ASTOR COMMUNITY THEATRE Stanhope Road, Deal CT14 6AB. For the latest events listings, go to www.theastor.org; 01304 370220.

GULBENKIAN Canterbury. www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian/; 01227 769075.

THEATRE ROYAL MARGATE www.theatreroyal margate.com; 0845 130 1786.

TURNER CONTEMPORARY www.turnercontemporary.org; 01843 233000

KALE

For full information on events at the above venues and more, sign up to receive KALE – Kent Arts Listings Email at <http://www.kentarts.org.uk/2011/January2010/SignUp.html>



FOLKESTONE TRIENNIAL - A MILLION MILES FROM HOME

Folkestone Triennial

Folkestone Triennial 2011 – A Million Miles from Home is almost here! Curated by Andrea Schlieker, 'A Million Miles from Home' refers to the sense of being between worlds, of displacement and separation, of transience and having to find one's bearings. It alludes to unease about unfamiliar surroundings as much as to wonder at this experience.

From 25 June to 25 September, it is expected that the 19 works will be viewed by over 100,000 people!

Highlights include:

Saturday 25 June, 11am – 4pm: Public Launch at Folkestone Harbour. Free live music, street theatre and family activities to celebrate the opening of the Folkestone Triennial.

Saturday 25 June, 2pm - 6.30pm: Folkestone Triennial Conference: Common Skies, Divided Horizons at Quarterhouse, Folkestone. *Free, early booking recommended.* Visit the website www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events or call 0845 202 0190 to book.

Saturday 2 July: Hamish Fulton Group Walk. See www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events for details.

Folkestone Triennial Weekend tours: Free weekend tours on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Triennial, led by high profile curators, historians, critics, writers and social commentators. Book online, www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events or through the Triennial Visitor Centre (3-7 Tontine Street). Tours will accommodate up to 15 participants and last between two and two and a half hours.

Folkestone Triennial Fridays: Free 'Folkestone Friday' lunchtime tours will take place throughout the Triennial led by Folkestonians including art critic Pryle Behrman and community interest company Pavement Pounders. See www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events for details.

Bespoke Tours: Tours will also be available for groups to book during the course of the Triennial to give visitors an in-depth guided walk around the artworks, providing background insight and context. Subject to availability. See www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events for details.

Folkestone Triennial Family Tours with Scandalmongers: Join the wacky world of Scandalmongers as they lead you on a free fun-filled family adventure around the Triennial artworks ending up in the History Resource Centre at Folkestone Library for a free storytelling creative writing workshop. Visit the website www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events or call 0845 202 0190 to book.

Folkestone Triennial Family Summer Workshops - Origami Boats and Flowers: Join us at Quarterhouse for free creative family workshops and learn to make Origami boats and flowers to display in the foyer in response to artist Hew Locke's installation for the Folkestone Triennial 2011. Suitable for children aged 5 – 12 years. Places are limited please call 0845 202 0190 to book or visit the website www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events. The Foyer at Quarterhouse, 45 Tontine Street, Folkestone CT20 1JT. **Sunday 26th June 11am & 12.15pm.**

Folkestone Triennial Family Summer Workshops – Mermaids & Sea Monsters: Join us at Quarterhouse for free creative family workshops and learn to make mermaid and sea monster puppets in response to artist Cornelia Parker's *Folkestone Mermaid* for the Folkestone Triennial 2011. Suitable for children aged 5 – 12 years. Places are limited please call 0845 202 0190 to book or visit the website <http://www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk/tours-events>. The Foyer at Quarterhouse, 45 Tontine Street, Folkestone CT20 1JT. **Sunday 26th June 11am & 12.15pm.**
Check out the new-look website at www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk



TRIENNIAL FRINGE UPDATE



THE FRINGE IS ALMOST HERE!

Over 100 artists have come forward to devise and develop art works for the Triennial Fringe. There are over 80 projects – exhibitions, installations, performances, workshops and more, many of which have responded to the Folkestone Triennial's theme of 'A Million Miles from Home'.

Shepway District Council has produced a FRINGE FANZINE that lists all these projects. This publication is about to go to print and will then be available at various outlets across the district and further afield. It will also be available to download at www.shepway.gov.uk/triennialfringe

CALL FOR METAL DETECTORS - LOST AND SOUND

Output Arts will be staging an interactive art event over the August Bank Holiday weekend on Sunny Sands beach and are looking for any old, unwanted metal detectors you might have. They do not have to be working. Please contact: info@outputarts.com or Jonathan on 07779 715551.

CALL FOR ARTIST FILMS

GHost at the Folkestone Triennial Fringe 2011 - 'The Haunted Sea'

We are inviting submissions of artist short films for a screening on 'The Haunted Sea' in Folkestone. This is part of GHost CLHub, a collaborative residency based at the B&B Project Space (14 Tontine Street, Folkestone) running for the duration of the Triennial. Deadline for submissions: 14 July. We are interested in moving image works which explore the sea and the coast as haunted spaces, which unlock the rich treasure chest of stories about ephemeral creatures of the sea that come to haunt you on stormy nights, mysteries revealed in the density of sea fog... ghost ships, murdered sailors, drowned smugglers, abandoned seaside towns, deserted amusement arcades, desolate hotels, echoes of departure and arrival, dreams washed up on the shore... or something entirely different. For further information, contact ghost.hostings@gmail.com

SUMMER EVENTS

JIM JAM ARTS IN THE COASTAL PARK

Shepway District Council has commissioned Jim Jam Arts to deliver three events in the award-winning Coastal Park in Folkestone this summer. The family fun-filled events are:

Sunday 3 July, 12noon – 5pm: Around the World in an Afternoon - a colourful celebration of music, dance, performance and martial arts from around the world in the beautiful setting of the Folkestone Coastal Park. The celebrations kick off with T'ai Chi and Taikwondo demonstrations. A Romanian mime artist travels through the park, passing tango from Argentina, flamenco guitar and an African drum workshop. Be transformed into a tattooed Maori warrior then join the Haka workshop. Listen to fairytales from Russia; take a world trip with the Maridadi Singers and their songs from Iceland to Zimbabwe and the K College Dancers on their journey round the globe.

Sunday 17 July, 12noon – 5pm: Alice in the Coastal Park - just for an afternoon, the Coastal Park turns into the bizarre world of Alice. The White Rabbit is hurrying down the Zig Zag path; Tweedledum and Tweedledee are battling it out in the Pine Circle. There's chess everywhere as players from the Folkestone Chess Club take on all comers at the Marcel Duchamps chess tables. The Mad Hatter's having his tea party and children can dress up and join him. There's a Through the Looking Glass themed dance, and Humpty Dumpty's in trouble in a play that will appeal to both adults and children.

Sunday 21 August, 12noon – 5pm: Pirate Party in the Park - the Coastal Park transforms into a treasure island with swashbuckling pirates singing shanties, shipwrecked sailors, a mermaid and even a juggling pirate on stilts who'll teach some circus skills. Look out for the surreal ship's cabin in a giant wheel as it rolls through the park. Listen to Captain Jack's scary tales then set off to find the treasure. Come dressed as a pirate and join in the party with the piratical crew playing chilled music to round off this afternoon of swashbuckling fun. Arrgh me hearties!

LEAS BANDSTAND

Folkestone Town Centre Management has put together a programme of six big band concerts for The Leas bandstand in Folkestone. The concerts start on Sunday 10 July with the Northfleet Brass Band. The other bands are: Cantium Brass Band, Birchington Silver Band, Tilbury Brass Band, City of Canterbury Brass Band and Gravesend Brass Band. The times are 2.30pm – 4.30pm. for further information, call 01303 850522.

Brief listings of other arts events:

2 July, 10.30am: [Making Waves](#) at the amphitheatre, Leas bandstand and Bouverie Place Shopping Centre, Folkestone – singing and dance. 01303 220870

2 July, 7.30pm – 9.30pm: [Brass Band Concert](#) at Dungeness RNLI Lifeboat Station.

2 – 10 July: [St Leonard's Music Festival](#) at St Leonard's Church, Hythe. 01303 264470

Sunday 3 July, 12noon – 5pm: [Jim Jam Arts presents Around the World in an Afternoon](#) in the Coastal Park, Folkestone

Saturday 9 July, 1.30pm: [Charivai Day Parade](#) through the town, Folkestone + music on The Leas.

www.strangecargo.org.uk; 01303 244533

Saturday 9 July, 7.30pm: [Summer concert](#) at Saga Pavilion, Sandgate. www.fhos.co.uk

Sunday 10 July, 3 pm: [Tom Radford](#) (saxophone), Creative Foundation Scholarship Winner at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone. 01303 257248

Sunday 10 July, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [Northfleet Brass Band](#), Leas Bandstand, Folkestone. 01303 850522

Friday 15th July, 7.30pm: ['Winterreise' Franz Schubert](#); Paul Young (tenor) Roderick Spencer (piano) at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone. 01303 257248

Saturday 16 July, 5 pm: [Canterbury Ladies' Choir](#), Canterbury Girls' Chamber Choir and the choir of St Eanswythe's School, Folkestone. 01303 257248

Saturday 16 – Sunday 17, 12noon – 10pm: [Folkestone Harbour Festival](#)

Sunday 17 July, 12noon – 5pm: [Jim Jam Arts presents Alice in the Coastal Park](#) in the Coastal Park, Folkestone

Sunday 17 July, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [Cantium Brass Band](#), Leas Bandstand, Folkestone. 01303 850522

Saturday 23 July, 10am – 4pm: [Capel-le-Ferne Art Group's Annual Exhibition](#), Church Hall, Capel

Sunday 24 July, 10am: [Folkestone Sandcastle Competition](#), Sunny Sands beach (with guest Kaddy Lee-Preston). 01303 240452

Sunday 24 July, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [Birchington Silver Band](#), The Leas bandstand, Folkestone

Saturday 30 July, 7.30pm: [Keele University Concert Band](#), The Tower Theatre. 01303 223925

Saturday 30 July: [Freedayz Film Festival](#) at Radnor Park, Folkestone – open-air film screening. Free

30 – 31 July, 11am – 6pm: [Phizzog Body Painting Art Festival](#) at The Grand, Folkestone. 07988 875453

Sunday 31 July, 10am – 4pm: [Folkestone Arts, Crafts & Food Fair](#) along The Stade, Folkestone Harbour

Sunday 31 July, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [Tilbury Brass Band](#), The Leas bandstand, Folkestone

Friday 5 August, 8pm: [St Mary's Summer Concert](#), St Mary's, Romney Marsh. 01797 362097

5 – 8 August, all day: [Hevy Music Festival](#), Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Hythe. 01303 264647

Saturday 6 August, 10am – 6pm: [Zig Zag Art and The Big Gig](#), amphitheatre, Folkestone. 01303 247434

Sunday 7 August, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [City of Canterbury Brass Band](#), The Leas bandstand. 01303 850522

Sunday 14 August, 2.30 – 4.30pm: [Gravesend Brass Band](#), The Leas bandstand

Sunday 14 August: [Freedayz Film Festival](#) – open-air film screening on the beach, opposite Mermaid Café

Sunday 14 August, 8pm: [St Mary's Summer Concert](#), St Mary's, Romney Marsh. 01797 362097

Wednesday 17 August, 4pm – 11pm: [Hythe Venetian Fête](#), Hythe. 01303 267010

Sunday 21 August, 12noon – 5pm: [Pirate Party in the Park](#) in the Coastal Park, Folkestone

Sunday 21 August, 3 pm: [Classic Art Trio from Germany](#) in a programme of opera arias, songs and piano solos at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone. 01303 257248

Sunday 21 August: [Freedayz Film Festival](#) at the amphitheatre, Folkestone – open-air film screening. Free

Sunday 28 August, 10am – 4pm: [Folkestone Arts, Crafts & Food Fair](#) along The Stade, Folkestone Harbour

Monday 29 August: [Freedayz Film Festival](#) at the amphitheatre, Folkestone – open-air film screening. Free

2 – 4 September, 12noon – 2am: [Folkestone Skabour Festival](#). www.folkestoneskabourfestival.co.uk

Tuesday 6 September, 7.30pm: [Daniel Wright \(bass\) Choral Scholar](#), St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone. 01303 257248

Sunday 11 September, 3 pm: [Jackie Spencer \(piano\)](#) at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church

Wednesday 21 September, 7.30pm: [Railway Swing Band](#), Tower Theatre, Folkestone. 01303 223925

For details on all the [Freedayz Film Festival](#) film screenings (over 14 across the district!), go to www.thefilmfactory.org or call 01303 489515.

For a full listing of ALL events across the district, go to www.discoverfolkestone.co.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

SOUTH EAST OPEN STUDIOS

This June, take a journey of discovery and visit artists and makers in their studios and other places of work. Entrance is free to all and you can meet them and watch them at work. There are 15 contributing artists within the Shepway district: Peter Tucker (Dungeness), Martin Ingham (Dungeness), Andy Holyer (Lydd), Liz Sirett (Littlestone), Jessica Goddard (New Romney), Terry Goddard (New Romney), Emily Goddard (New Romney), Phillippa Goddard, Maggie Large (West Hythe), Colin Buckham (West Hythe), Mary Sampson (Hythe), Andy Maguire (Hythe), Julie Milton (Hythe), Lesley Luther (Hythe), Victoria Fontaine-Wolf (Sandgate). For details, go to www.seos-art.org.

HG WELLS TEA PARTY - SHOULD WRITERS HAVE MISTRESSES?

The lifestyle of H G Wells will be under scrutiny at our Literary Tea Party **on Friday 10 June, 3.30pm** at The Grand, Folkestone. As a married man, living at Spade House, Sandgate, and as a local magistrate, was he justified in having lots of mistresses in order to get material for his best-selling stories? It's the opening shot in this year's Writers' Competition, with prizes totalling £1,500 available to local authors who think they can match the words of Wells. Reg Turnill, former BBC Aerospace Correspondent, donor of the main £1,000 prize, says entries for this year's third festival are already trickling in. Entry to the Tea Party costs £5, and details of the Festival and Writers' Competition can be found at www.WellsFestival.com; 01303 222222. Please come and have your say.

OPEN DAY AT UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOLKESTONE

Saturday 11 June, 10am – 2pm. Find out more about our degree courses in Performing and Visual Arts, Dance Education, Creative Writing, Arts Management, Technical Theatre and the Creative Arts. For details ring 01303 760600 or go to www.ucf.ac.uk

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY – OPEN STAGES

FHODS is registered as one of the amateur companies to work with the RSC and their regional partners as part of this most exciting project. FHODS' project for this event will take place late 2012 leading up to the production date; a series of workshops and other events are to be arranged with schools and community groups To be part of this most exciting programme, please contact Roger Joyce on Roger@rogerjoyceassociates.co.uk (tel 01303 246400).

GOLDILOCKS ON TRIAL - AUDITIONS

The FHODS Youth Section's show for this year will be "Goldilocks On Trial"! You all know the beginning and now it's time for the end. "Goldilocks on Trial" is a short comedy and is absolutely hilarious. This play is set in a court room after the well-known fairytale; Goldilocks is on trial for breaking and entering and it is down to Judge Wallabee, two rather silly lawyers and some quite eccentric witnesses to find out what really happened. There are 12 characters, and most of the characters are unisex. The auditions will be on 19 June at 2:30pm at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. The production dates are 29 & 30 September and 1 October . If you are interested but cannot make the auditions or want more information, contact Natalie Holness at nvholness@msn.com or visit the Facebook page named "Goldilocks on Trial Auditions". Please help us put this play on as it is absolutely brilliant and comedy genius!

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School run by Beddow Academy returns to The Tower Theatre this summer. Commencing 25 July, 9.30am – 4pm daily. The participants will then perform 'Honk! Junior, the award-winning musical on **Saturday 6 August** (two performances). For more info, contact Claire Beddow on 07802 260858 or email beddowacademy@googlemail.com.



FREE OPEN WORKSHOPS

Thursday 30 June; 7, 14 & 21 July, 6.30pm – 9.30pm at LOW&HIGH, 15 Tontine Street, Folkestone, CT20 1JT. Folkestone-based theatre company Transport is holding free open drama workshops for adult beginners, amateur and professional performers to run parallel with rehearsals for their new theatre piece ELEGY. Limited to 12 places per evening, participants will be asked to engage with live performance through a series of fun and engaging theatre exercises. Workshops will be led by artistic director Douglas Rintoul. He has led workshops all over the world and also teaches for Complicite, Guildhall School of Music & Drama and Central School of Speech & Drama. Email douglas@transport-theatre.eu to secure a place or to ask any questions. www.transport-theatre.eu/education.

ARTS WORKSHOP

Saturday 18 June, 10am – 4pm

Mixed media workshop with Phyllis McDowell at The Studio, 8 Myrtle Road, Folkestone. Cost £25. For more information or to book, call: 01303 250955; 07887683398; email phyllismcd@macunlimited.net

FREE WORKSHOP – on getting published with author Jane Seaman

Thursday 23 June, 10.30am - 1pm at Lyminge Library with a coffee break and plenty of time for questions and answers. Jane had her first short story published in a UK magazine at age 14. Since then, 30 novels for teenagers plus over 200 short stories, poems and articles have been published internationally and translated into 7 languages. An award-winning writer, Jane delivers writing workshops to schools and adults. She is a member of the National Association of Writers in Education. Jane works at University Centre Folkestone and will be teaching on their new BA (Hons) Creative and Professional Writing. An accredited coach, Jane has completed training with NAWA and Arvon on Coaching Skills for Writers. To book your workshop place, contact Jane Pace at Lyminge Library on 01303 862180.

WORKSHOPS @ THE CUBE

Throughout July and August, there's a range of interesting workshops at The Cube in Tontine Street, Folkestone. They include: Body Casting, Head Casting, Hand Casting, Beach Casting, Creative Writing, L'Art de la Triennale de Folkestone en Français, Surfaces To Dye For, Explore Drawing, Extreme Knitting, Sculpting the Figure, Combined Image Making, Make a Short Film, Web Design for Artists, Making you Mark – Experimental Drawing. For more information on all these courses, and the course fees, contact 0845 6065606 (ask for The Cube); www.kent.gov.uk/adulted

KENT CULTURAL BATON

The *Kent Cultural Baton* is a unique and innovative artwork devised and created by artist Nicole Mollett. It is a rare 1950s American airstream, adapted into a mobile creative space that can capture the sounds, visuals and stories of each 'host' place as it travels around Kent to reveal the 'hidden'. The Baton will be in residence in Folkestone in July, with an artist/filmmaker – **come to the launch on 3 July on The Leas, Folkestone**. For further info 01303 853212 (week days).

PANeK (PERFORMING ARTS NETWORK KENT)

Keep up to date with opportunities, jobs and events of interest to performing arts practitioners in Kent with the **PANeK website** which is updated several times a week and feeds automatically to Facebook and Twitter followers. Please send your news to cathy@panek.org.uk.

EAST KENT LIVE LIT

For the latest information on poetry and other live literature events in east Kent, please visit www.livelit.co.uk – the network for writers, artists, producers and venues in east Kent.



SPORT ART

Earlier this year, Shepway District Council awarded funding (£1k each) to five projects celebrating the Olympic and Paralympian values:

➤ **The Village Sure Start** incorporated a programme of activities for young children and 'over 60s' in a series of workshops led by Creativity Matters in partnership with local children's centres in the Shepway area at Folkestone (The Village), Lydd and New Romney. Workshops have already taken place, which will culminate in two free public events: **Saturday 16 July, 10am – 12noon** at The Village Sure Start Children's Centre, Denmark Street, Folkestone, Kent CT19 6EQ. For details: 01303 856200. The second event will be on **Friday 29 July, 10am – 2pm** at Lydd Children's Centre, Lydd. For details call 01797 329256. There will be a workshop on **9 June** at New Romney Children's Centre TN28 8BP. For details call 01797 369270.

➤ **Castle Hill School** are developing a project based around the subject of physical activity that will create a permanent art fixture within the school grounds and be visible from the road. Working with an artist, grandparents and their grandchildren are experiencing a range of activities, learning from each other: hopscotch, jacks, kwik cricket etc. These will be photographed, digitally refined and then printed onto vinyl panels for display.

➤ **Local Vocals** devised 'The Big *Surprise* Sing meets T'ai Chi *Sung*' – a series of workshops combining singing and T'ai Chi, which culminated in a 'surprise' performance outside Sainsbury in New Romney and inside Debenhams in Folkestone on Saturday 21 May. The shoppers were caught totally unawares and brought wide smiles to everyone's faces.

➤ **Shane Record**, professional artist and keen cyclist, is programming a series of painting and sketching days out, via bicycles! "Bicycle Art" will be held in August and be suitable for varying artistic abilities and fitness levels. The dates are: **1, 8, 15, 22 August**. Contact Shane for more details via email: shane@shanerecord.com.

➤ **Folkestone Fringe** is organizing 'Lighthouse Kite Day – Make and Fly! To mark the opening weekend of the Cultural Olympiad, the Folkestone Fringe artists are inviting families to go to the old Dungeness Lighthouse for an afternoon of free kite-making and flying on **Saturday 23 July**. For more info, visit www.folkestonefringe.com/lighthouserelay/culturalolympiad11.html.

NICHOLETTE GOFF – WEEDS, SEEDS AND DANDELION CHAINS

For many years, Nicholette has been exploring the natural landscape from an artist's point of view, making work from the living materials of nature, especially making 'prints' from plants that are endangered, ignored or fastidiously protected. With a grant from Shepway District Council to research and develop a set of prints that would raise awareness of the vulnerability of some of the native plants on Romney Marsh, Nicholette started with Stinking Hawk's-beard (*crepis foetida*), a plant that is 'critically endangered' in the marshes.

Nicholette wants to leave a legacy beyond her usual prints, so she's been talking with Dr Jim Groombridge from the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE), University of Kent, who heads a team that investigates international and UK conservation projects. She's collected samples of Stinking Hawk's-beard and taken them to DICE for DNA sequencing. The sequencing process offers a choice of ways in which the data can be viewed: as a barcode; in graph form; as a sequence of numbers; or as agarose gel banding. The grant from the council has enabled Nicholette to follow a fascinating line of investigation and allowed her to step into a diverse world of influences, enabling her to explore new ways of making and displaying her work. An exhibition of the resulting prints and 'laboratory concoctions' will open at Georges House Gallery, Folkestone in March 2012. To contact the artist: nicholette@whitshed.co.uk; 07952 663978.



JOB OPPORTUNITY – PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR ‘ENCOUNTER’

Encounter is a programme of public art happening in urban spaces of north Kent in 2011. Between July and November 2011, Encounter will transform six urban sites in Medway and the boroughs of Gravesham and Swale through a series of temporary, site specific installations, performances or events developed in partnership with local community groups. The ‘encounters’ will take place in familiar spaces in the heart of the community – empty shops, vacant buildings, businesses, high streets and public squares. For information on how to apply, email mary@encounter-northkent.co.uk. Deadline for submissions: 10am Monday 13 June.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – FOR THE NEW ARTS VENUE IN ASHFORD

St Mary's Arts Trust and the Parochial Church Council are recruiting people who would like to support the programming and staging of events at Ashford's new Sacred and Shared Space, St Mary the Virgin, the Churchyard in Ashford town centre:

St Mary's Administrator - Salary range: £13,500 to £15,500 pro rata 15 hours per week (6 month contract). For information on the administrator post and an application form e-mail culture@ashford.gov.uk. Closing Date: noon 1 July 2011 Interviews: 8 July 2011

VOLUNTEERS WANTED – FOR THE NEW ARTS VENUE IN ASHFORD

Volunteers are an integral and important part of this new venture to ensure St Mary's successfully stages events and becomes a successful centre for the arts. We need volunteers to provide invaluable support, for roles such as operating lighting and sound, stewarding and serving refreshments. Volunteers with experience in marketing would be helpful as this is an area we are developing, particularly for the new Revelation St Mary's arts programme. If you think this is an opportunity you would be interested in please request an application pack from "All Things Volunteering" 01233 660421 or download a copy from www.volunteering-ashford.org

GRAND AUCTIONS

Grand Auctions was created in the autumn of 2010 specialising in paintings, jewellery, watches, gold, silver, quality glass and ceramics. Two of the specialists, Robin Newcombe and Simon Rufus FGA, DGA were formerly working at Christies, and Jonathan Riley is the author of several biographies of artists and a recognised authority on twentieth century British Art. Robin specialises in Chinese ceramics and works of art. The company holds five major auctions of which one is a 'Collectables' sale to be held on June 25th at the Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Grand Auctions has already set a new world record of £30,000.00 for a painting by the Stockport artist Alan Lowndes in the March auction.

A TOWN UNEARTHED

There will be a Roman and Iron Age Living History weekend on **Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 July** on the East Cliff, Folkestone (next to the Roman Villa excavation site). Times: all day. Also, there will be a drawing workshop event and a Roman film night:

Saturday 23 July, 2pm – 4pm: drawing workshop on the East Cliff

Sunday 31 July, 5pm – 5.45pm: talk, followed by **a film showing at 6pm** at Quarterhouse, Folkestone. For enquiries: 01303 850614; townunearthed@canterbury.ac.uk. Our website also has up to date details about our activities if that can be included too: www.atownunearthed.co.uk

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SKY ARTS IGNITION

Sky is to expand further its support for the arts in the UK and Ireland with the launch of a major new programme to support new arts projects and emerging artists. The programme involves the creation of a new arts fund, Sky Arts Ignition, with two distinct and complementary strands: The Sky Arts Ignition Series and Sky Arts Ignition Futures Fund.



The Sky Arts Ignition Series will seek to collaborate with six arts organisations over the next three years in the creation of brand new works. For each of the chosen projects, Sky Arts will provide a cash investment of up to £200,000 and work with the arts partners to bring their projects to a wider audience, using Sky's platform. Applications are now open at www.sky.com/skyartsignition.

The Sky Arts Ignition Futures Fund is designed to help young talent to bridge the development gap from school or college to becoming a working artist. Each year, the fund will support five individuals with a bursary of £30,000 each, enabling Sky Arts to back the creation of new works of art as well as nurture emerging talent. For more information visit: www.sky.com/skyartsignition.

YOUNG FILM FUND (UK)

First Light Movies, which provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film production, has announced that its Young Film Fund is now open to applications. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 40,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 1000 films and media projects. The funding is available to organisations such as; schools; youth services; community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. The next deadline for applications is the 14th June 2011. For more information visit: <http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund>.

MUSIC GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina, which makes grants to charitable bodies that provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly, has announced that the next application deadline is the 31st October 2011. The charity is particularly keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. For more information visit: <http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

INSIDE TRACK

The latest issue of Inside Track is available to download at www.shepway.gov.uk/arts.

WEBSITES FOR FURTHER LOCAL INFORMATION

Folkestone's Creative Quarter: www.creativequarterfolkestone.com.

PANeK (Performing Arts Network Kent): www.panek.org.uk

East Kent Live Lit: http://web.me.com/ukpr/Live_Lit_Network/Welcome.html

KALE (Kent Arts Listings Email): www.kentarts.org.uk

Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh: www.discoverfolkestone.co.uk

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