

A Shaping Voices Creative Reminiscence project

# VOICES FROM THE PAST: 1930s, 40s, 50s – ROTHER

A free performance celebrating  
people's stories from Battle, Bexhill,  
Peasmarsch, Westfield, Etchingham  
and other Rother villages.

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# Saving Memories

*"Time-travel to the middle  
of the twentieth century  
into the authentic  
experience of local women  
and men. They were the  
best of times; they were the  
worst of times. Be prepared  
to laugh and to cry."*

A FREE PERFORMANCE

Entrance by ticket only

To book please call the Box Office on 01424 229111

WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL 2007 2.30pm

de la warr pavilion Marina Bexhill on Sea  
East Sussex TN40 1DP

This event is the culmination  
of a series of five Creative  
Reminiscence projects for  
people over 60 living in Rother.

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## The Project

During the past year five different groups of Rother residents met to share their memories of the 1930s, 40s and 50s in a series of Creative Reminiscence projects for people over 60 living in Rother. Sessions and performances were hosted in Battle, Peasmarsch, Bexhill, Westfield and Etchingham, with people joining from surrounding villages. Participants' ages spanned from 61 to 94 generating many fascinating stories rich in both their commonality and diversity: Tales of poaching in Burwash in the 1940s; journeys on the axed Crowhurst line, life in a village laundry during the war; women working in the Battle Jam Factory in the 50s; schooldays in rural Rother and a small boy's meeting with Gandhi in an Etchingham kitchen in 1932.

of shared memories and stories from each group and will include music, song, poetry and dance. The performance will last two hours including an interval. There will be an exhibition in the lobby which will include details of creative opportunities for the over 50s living within the area.

## What is Creative Reminiscence?

A series of creative group sessions which lead to informal performances of original stories/monologues based on the personal reminiscences of people over 60.

## Shaping Voices

Shaping Voices is an East Sussex-based not-for-profit organisation bringing the arts to groups of people who would not normally have the opportunity to explore this area of creativity.

### For more information

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Creative directors:

Jane Metcalfe, Clare Whistler.

Project director: Rachel Lewis

## The Performance

Members of Shaping Voices and Glyndebourne Youth Opera Group join people from the five projects to celebrate the completion of this inspiring programme. The performance will reflect elements

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### Sticky Stories

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### Cold Meat, Soap Suds and Croquet

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### Branchlines

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### Westfield Whimsicals

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### THE VILLAGE STORE

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