

A Shaping Voices Creative Reminiscence Project

VOICES FROM THE PAST

# Cold Meat, Soap Suds and Croquet

Wednesday 26th July 2006

Peasmarsh Place

A group of residents from Peasmarsh Place have come together to take part in a performance based on their memories and stories of the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Through weekly creative group sessions participants' memories have been transformed into stories that are touching, highly visual and often extremely funny. The performance, given by members of the group and of Shaping Voices, will include elements of music, singing, dancing and poetry.

This event is the second in a series of sessions funded by the National Heritage Lottery, Rother District Council (Indian Summer Project) and the NHS for people over the age of 60 living in Rother.

#### Performers/stories

Doris Ellis  
Bridget Meyer  
Marjorie Gunther  
Audrey Wood  
Gwendoline Stephens  
Freda Williamson  
Peter Lewis  
Phyllis Davies  
Ruth Glew  
Deirdre Bull

#### with

Sophie Pullen  
Sarah Norris  
Jane Metcalfe  
Ben Teare  
Philippa Urquhart  
Tina Bloor

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## **Name Game**

Think of a word beginning with the first letter of your name that describes how you feel today.

Here are some of ours:

Dastardly Dee, Philosophical Phyllis,  
Devilish Doris, Rude Ruth, Brave Bridget,  
Angelic Audrey, Matey Marjorie, Glorious  
Gwendoline, Im-perfect Peter, Fabulous Freda

*The maid had to get  
up at 4.00am to get  
the washing going.*

*We danced to the music of Harry Roy and Henry Hall.*

## **BIRTH acrostic**

**B** beautiful bouncing bounteous blessed bonny balmy bright boy  
**I** infant instant immediate infancy illuminating invited irksome ill infantile  
**R** robust rue ruddy relish reddish reckless relation resting relaxed  
**T** teething tedious tiresome tantalizing terrible twos twins terrifying triplets tender  
**H** horrible heavenly hurried hugging howling horrid hectic holy handful

*I married a farmer from Wittersham.*

*We got engaged  
and he went  
to Arnhem.*

## **Flowers growing in**

### **Peasmarsh Place garden**

Rhododendrons, snowdrops,  
pansies, bluebells, geraniums,  
crown imperial, a myrtle with  
little white flowers like cotton,  
yellow-gold lily, daffs,  
begonia, wisteria, magnolia,  
primroses, violets, daisies,  
buttercups, forsythia, oleander,  
nasturtiums, peonies, sweet-  
pea, yellow rose, fox-glove  
tree, rose garden.

**A poem written by the group for  
a Midsummer's Day-dream**

## **Flights of Fancy**

Light on the flowers,  
fly to the sun,  
ride on the clouds,  
tease the cat, blow out the candle,  
tickle your nose! Steal the cakes!  
Dance on the bedrail, rock the baby.  
Light your way with a fairy.

*"We left a matchbox for the  
Tooth Fairy for a silver 3d bit"*

*12 of us in a hut and a  
bath hut with 2 baths.*

*I played Alice so many times as a girl.*