



FRIENDS OF THE
FOLKESTONE
COLLECTIONS



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NEWSLETTER

Enclosed you will find your invitation to the Preview of the exhibition of selected works from the former Metropole Collections, presented by kind permission of the Creative Foundation.

Since our General Meeting we have entered into a legal agreement with the Creative Foundation which transfers the former Metropole Collections (with certain safeguards) to our care and custody initially for five years.

Committee members spent an exciting (and exhausting) day at KCC's West Malling store identifying a major portion of the collections which have since been delivered to The Grand. Other works have still to be



transferred from KCC and the Creative Foundation and it is hoped to conclude this over the summer.

From those we have, John Eveleigh has selected oil paintings, water colours and prints, many by well known names such as Peter Blake, Fred Cuming, Victor Pasmore and Elizabeth Frink, which are to be hung in the Palm Court at The Grand. Additionally, four major oils by Carel Weight CH OBE RA including the Battersea Park Tragedy will also be on view in the Drawing Room.



The 'Belgian Refugees', a well known painting formerly in Folkestone Library, is now hanging in the Dining Room for the time being.

Nicholas Reed MA Cantab MPhil, Editor of Folkestone Creative, will give a keynote talk on Carel Weight at

2.30pm on Thursday 16th April in the Drawing Room. Nicholas has always had a keen appreciation of Weight's work, and interviewed him in person a number of years ago.

The exhibition closes on 5th May. We need volunteers to help take it down on 6th May. This will involve dusting and bubble-wrapping - there are many smaller items which need care rather than physical strength!

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Eveleigh who has had a stroke. He has worked tirelessly for the Collection and we shall miss his



expertise and commitment at this time.

Fred Cuming RA spoke at a Folkestone Creative party in The Grand about John and their days together when the collection was being built up. He was fully supportive of keeping the collections in Folkestone.

We are pleased to welcome Briony Kapoor as Membership

Secretary - she can be contacted on **01 797 364 937**, email: info@FolkestoneCollections.com or post: Craythornes Court, Fairfield Road, New Romney, TN28 8HU. We also welcome as additional committee members Nicholas Reed, Chris Nevill and Robert Martin.

We look forward to seeing you at the Preview on 9th April and hope for your continuing support in the autumn when we expect to exhibit all the works in the Collections.

