Folkestone Herald, 22nd July 2004 Any old films in the attic?

A FILMMAKER planning to document the history of Folkestone's seaside attractions is appealing for amateur footage of people enjoying a summer break by the sea.

The short film, The Folkes by the Sea, is part of Navigating History, a series of nine commissions inspired by local history and heritage collections in the south east.

Film-maker Steve Connolly said: "There is a lot of material about Folkestone in national collections of film, but while showing important events, it doesn't focus on visitors and residents actually having fun in the town.

"Home movies were a big hobby from the 1930s right up to the end of the 1970s, so everybody must know a relation or friend with some film cans in the attic."

Some of the footage will be transferred from film to video and returned to contributors.

The South East Film and Video Archive, based in Brighton, will also view the films and may ask contributors to place their material in its publicly accessible collection.

Films can be dropped into the Heritage Room at Folkestone Library in Grace Hill, or for more information, contact Rob Illingworth on 01303 256710.

The deadline for film submissions is Angust 31.