

# FESTING

A painting of a man with a white floral crown, wearing a red and white patterned scarf and a dark blue jacket, set against a dark background. The man has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The painting style is expressive with visible brushstrokes.

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# The New Book by Jenny Pery

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Portrait, 270 x 230 mm

160 colour pages

Over 200 colour and  
mono illustrations

40,000 words

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## About the Book

In a prodigious career spanning more than four decades, Andrew Festing has painted over 750 portraits, including commissions for the Royal Family, the House of Commons and Lord's Cricket Ground. This beautifully illustrated biography traces the development of his artistic career, from promising early beginnings at Ampleforth College under the tutelage of sculptor John Bunting, to his current international status as one of Britain's most prestigious portrait painters.

This account, told with wit and candour by author Jenny Pery, explores Andrew Festing's unusual family background and the influences, artistic and otherwise, on his life and work. It covers his years at Sotheby's, as well as his tenure as President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, during which he made great efforts to promote the practice of painting from the life in an increasingly digitalised world. The book discusses his meticulous painting methods, offering a vivid insight into the mind of a remarkable artist, and concludes with a list of all his portraits, including the multiple portraits and 'conversation pieces' for which he is justly famous.

## About the Author

Jenny Pery was born in Calcutta, India. She studied Russian and French at Oxford University, and raised her family in Argyll, Scotland, before taking further degrees in Fine Art in London and Exeter. Now an author and art historian, Pery has written numerous titles on British art, including monographs and books on the painters Solomon J Solomon RA, Claude Rogers OBE, Tristram Hillier RA, John Dodgson, Caziell, Edward Piper, Anthony Eyton RA, Daphne Todd OBE, Benedict Rubbra, Robert Organ, Francis Hewlett and Alan Cotton; on the sculptors Bridget McCrum and Dominic Welch; and also on six contemporary wood engravers. Pery now lives permanently on Dartmoor, in Devon, where she intersperses writing with painting and printmaking in her studios.

### front cover

#### 1. Self Portrait (detail)

oil on canvas

56 x 46 cms 22 x 18 ins

### inside front cover

#### 2. Farm Midden in Northumberland

oil on canvas

76 x 101 cms 29% x 39% ins

# ANDREW FESTING

## The Face of London

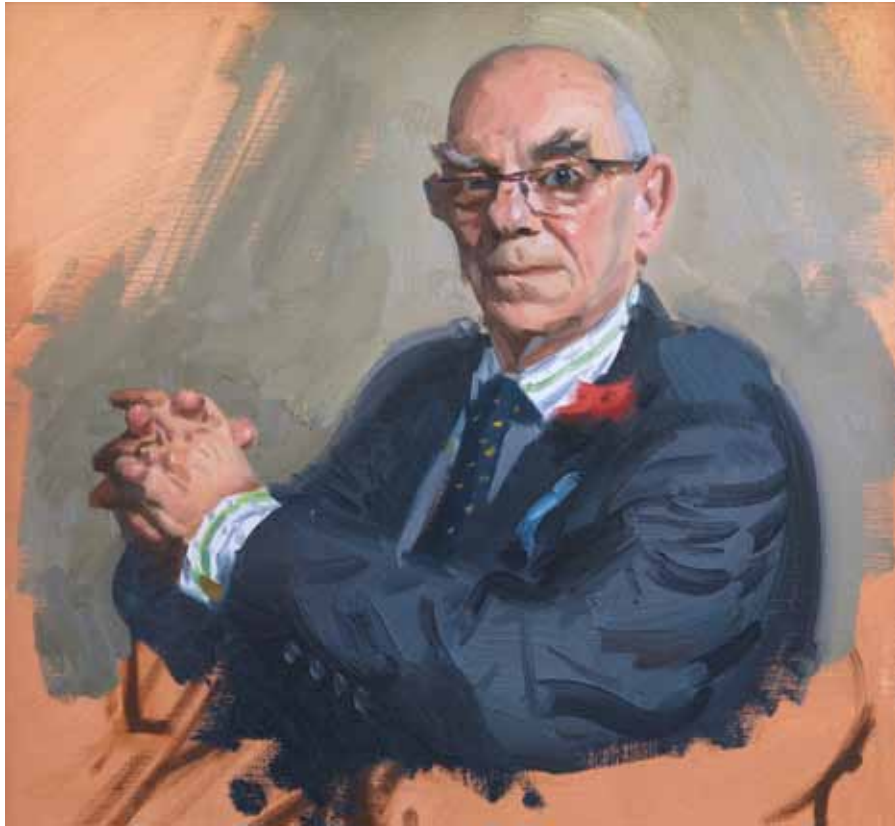
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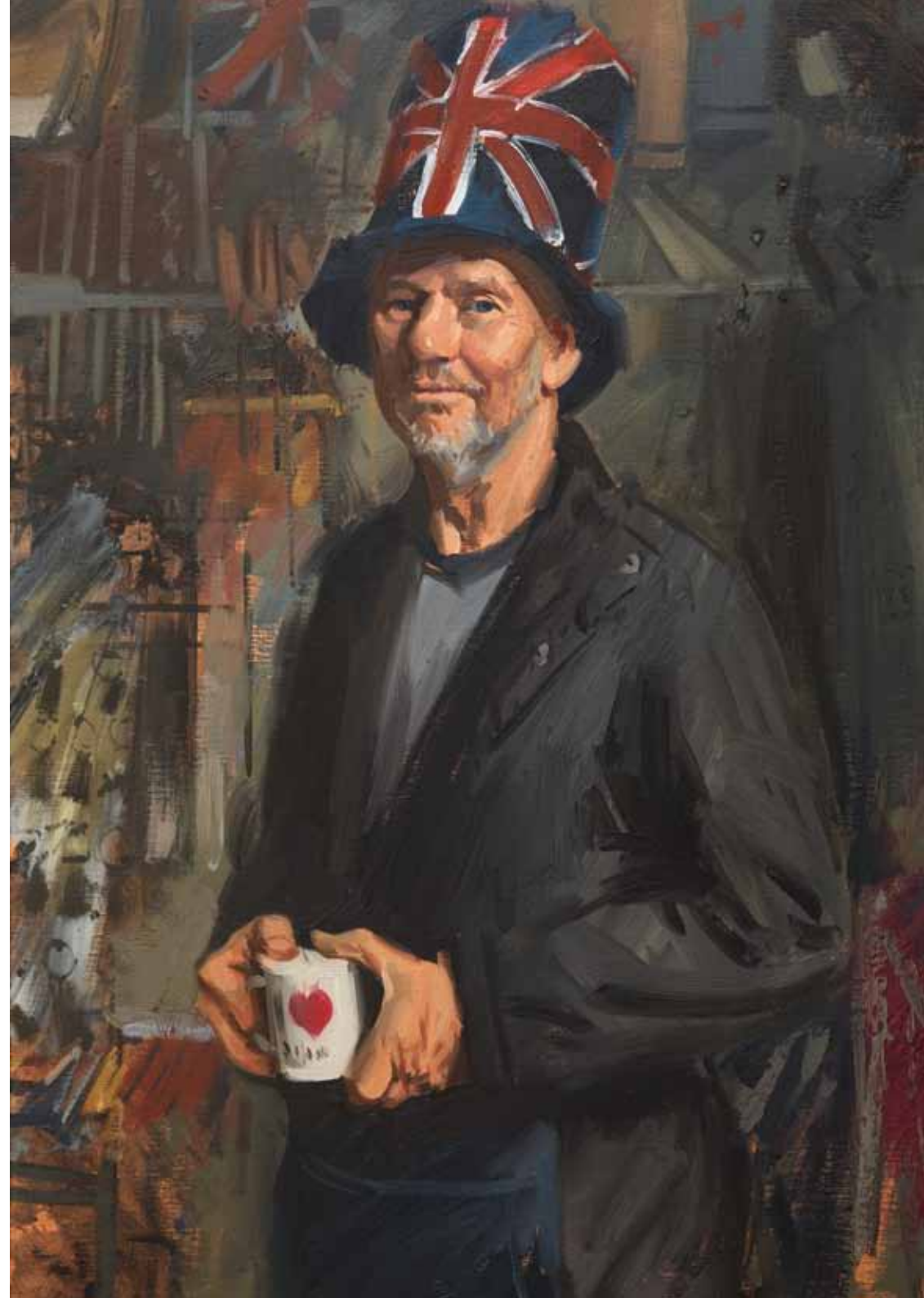
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3. Mr Raymond Barnard

oil on canvas 57 x 61 cms 22¼ x 24½ ins

Flamboyant East End character.



4. Ricky Toomey

oil on canvas 91 x 64 cms 35½ x 25 ins

Souvenir stall holder, Westminster, where he and his father have run the stall for two generations.



5. Sergeant Titus Halliwell

oil on canvas 97 x 76 cms 38 x 30 $\frac{1}{8}$  ins

Met Police. Ex Welsh Guards. Head of bicycle section.



6. Ronnie Kulla

oil on canvas 67 x 71 cms 26 $\frac{1}{8}$  x 28 $\frac{1}{8}$  ins

Proprietor of the Henley Arms in North Woolwich for 25 years.



7. Diane Abbot

oil on canvas 62 x 51 cms 24¼ x 20 ins

The first black woman to be elected to the House of Commons.



8. Alan Florence, Arctic Convoy I

oil on canvas 67 x 56 cms 26½ x 22½ ins

One of the last surviving sailors who took part in the Russian Arctic convoy – '44 to '45. Sadly died c. 6 months ago. Lived all his life in the East End. Chest full of medals – some Russian.



9. The Rt Hon Tony Benn  
oil on canvas 66 x 51 cms 26 x 20 ins

A Labour MP for forty-seven years.



10. Alan Florence, Arctic Convoy II  
oil on canvas 56 x 46 cms 22¼ x 18½ ins

One of the last surviving sailors who took part in the Russian Arctic convoy – '44 to '45. Sadly died c. 6 months ago. Lived all his life in the East End. Chest full of medals – some Russian.



11. Louise Diggel

oil on canvas 92 x 61 cms 36 x 23 $\frac{7}{8}$  ins

Artist. Specialising in London views, mostly in pastel.



12. Regimental Sergeant Major Raymond Huggins MBE MSM

oil on canvas 102 x 76 cms 40 $\frac{1}{8}$  x 29 $\frac{7}{8}$  ins

Grenadier Guards. Ex RSM of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the British Army. Went on to be the head administrator at Blenheim Palace. Chelsea Pensioner.



13. Charlotte Johnson Wahl, *Mayor's Mother*  
oil on canvas 61 x 51 cms 23 $\frac{7}{8}$  x 20 ins

Artist. Mother of Mayor of London.



14. *Horse and Carriage, Rome*  
oil on canvas 56 x 51 cms 22 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 20 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins



15. Celia Imrie

oil on canvas 66 x 56 cms 26 $\frac{1}{8}$  x 22 $\frac{1}{8}$  ins

Actress



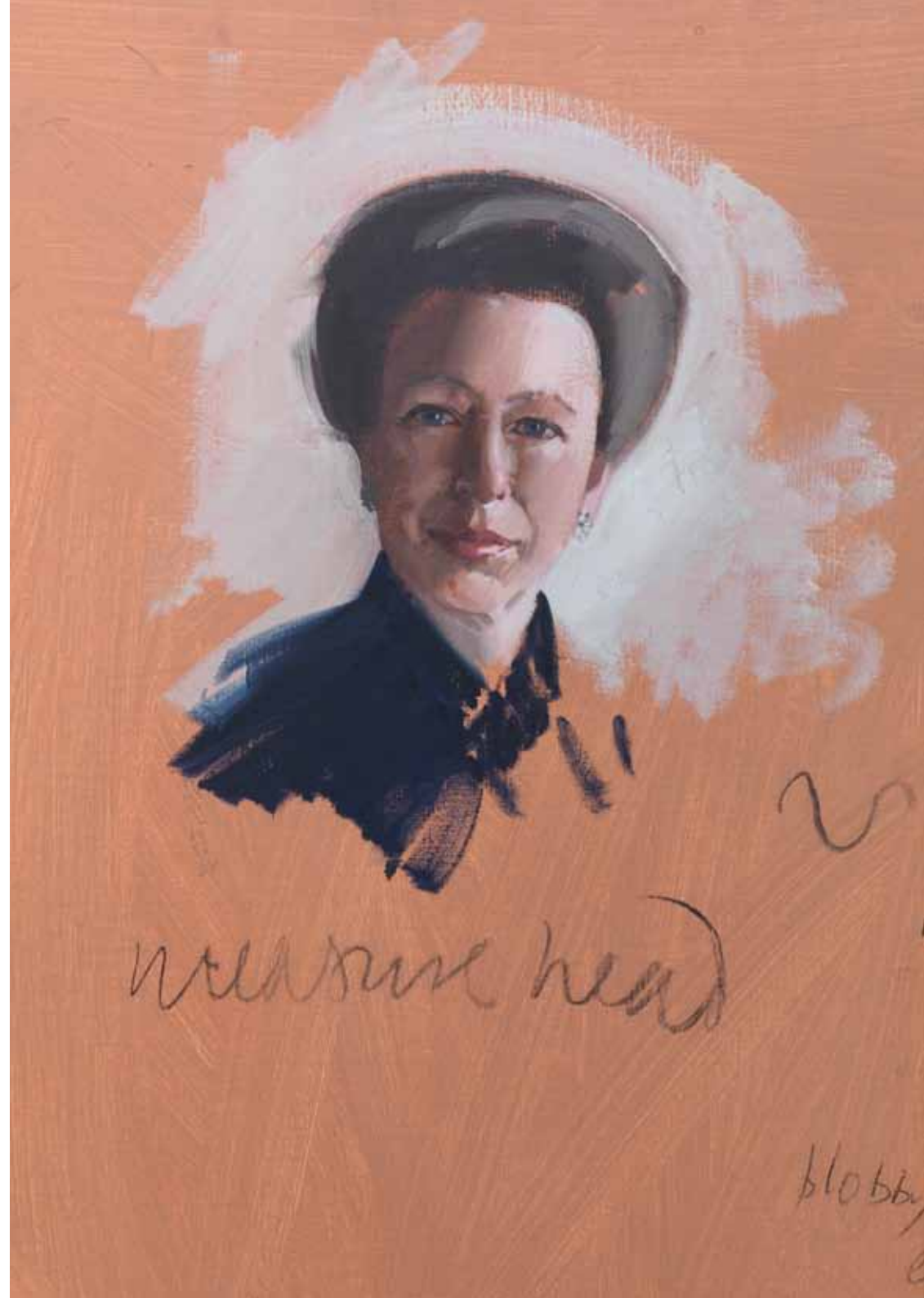
16. Professor Raymond Levy

oil on canvas 62 x 64 cms 24 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 25 $\frac{1}{8}$  ins

Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at Kings College, London.



17. Horse and Carriages at the Colosseum, Rome, I  
oil on canvas 51 x 61 cms 20¼ x 24¼ ins



18. HRH, The Princess Royal (detail)  
oil on canvas 81 x 66 cms 32 x 26 ins



19. Horse and Carriages at the Colosseum, II  
oil on canvas 44 x 64 cms 17¼ x 25½ ins



Photo by Andrew Smart of A.C. Cooper, London.

20. Stan Cribb (East End Undertaker)  
oil on canvas 86.4 x 91.5 cms 34 x 32 ins

Famous London undertaker of T. Cribb & Sons. Famous for their horse-drawn hearses.  
Well known four-in-hand carriage driver.

Photo by Andrew Smart of A. C. Cooper, London.



21. Sharon and Andrew Smart  
oil on canvas 111.8 x 91.5 cms 44 x 36 ins

Sharon and Andrew Smart of A. C. Cooper - fine art photographers

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22. Helen West – Schoolgirl  
oil on canvas 88.9 x 76.2 cms 35 x 30 ins

Ursuline High School, Wimbledon



### 23. Piazza Navona, Rome

oil on canvas 51 x 61 cms 20 1/8 x 24 1/8 ins

## Andrew Festing

1941: Born, the third of four sons of Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing and Mary Festing, née Riddell.

Brought up in Northumberland.

Educated Ampleforth College and Sandhurst.

1962: Commissioned Rifle Brigade.

Served three years Cyprus, three years Germany, two years USA, one year UK. Rank Captain.

1968: Married Virginia Fyffe.

1982: Left Sotheby's to paint full time.

2002-8: President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.

2009: BE for Services to the Arts.

2010: Honorary Doctorate of Literature, Northumbria University.

### Collections

Portraits in the UK, USA and Europe.

Paintings in the Royal Collection, National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery Ireland, Palace of Westminster.

### Mixed Exhibitions

1983: Annually to date -

The Royal Society of Portrait Painters

### One-Man Exhibitions

2010: Messum's, Cork Street, London

2015: Messum's Cork Street, London - Book Launch

## Price List

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