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Summer 2008

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Hi welcome to the summer edition of Artworks. I can't believe it's been one year already since I wrote my first newsletter in summer 07! Once again, there is a massive amount going on in our parks, towns and villages this summer. Lets hope that the rain doesn't spoil it like last July. Highlights include, 'A Taste of Art' arts workshops for young people in village locations, 'Art in the Park' workshops and performances for children and young people and of course 'Party in the Park' which has fresh new additions to it this year and Mikron Theatre touring again to village halls.

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aims for wychavon arts...

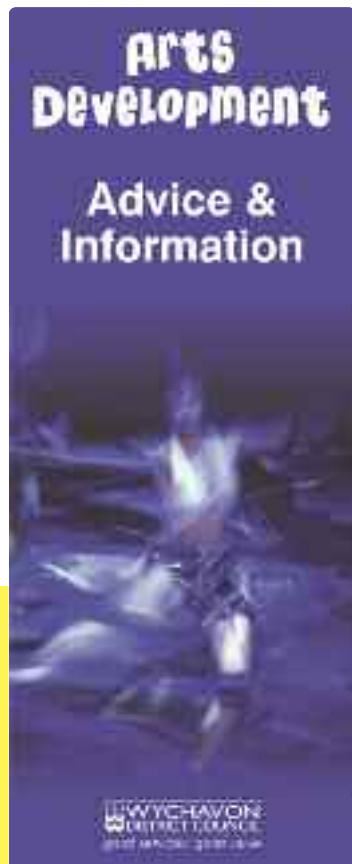
more people seeing and participating in visual and the performing arts, especially in rural areas

more people creating exciting new work which is of a high quality

more people aware of arts activity happening in your area and it's benefits

more arts activity happening, through working together

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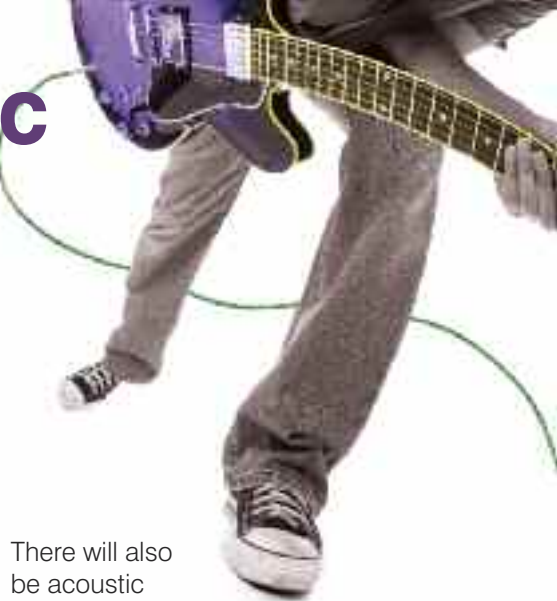
Youth music

So here we are near to the end of the summer term and the progress continues for all concerned in the Wychavon Youth Music Programme.

Gigs outside of their local 'comfort zone' have been the aim for most and entering into the various National 'Battle of the Band' competitions that all start around this time has provided excellent opportunities for such outlet.

As end of year performances draw ever closer I hear and see many making use of the technology available to them and taking on board the need for continued direct marketing with 'you-tube' and 'myspace' becoming increasingly important in their quest for publicity.

Exciting news for the end of term and across the summer holiday period comes in the form of a dvd documentary allowing a group of young people to work with professional film makers to highlight the progress of bands in the area and also follow them to rehearsals and gigs showing progress in all aspects of their musical prowess. This will also lead into a series of snapshots and vox pops at the 'Party in the Park' events, which are happening again this summer, and give a great opportunity to emphasize the significance of the sessions and the improvement made by all concerned.



There will also be acoustic appearances by some of the bands and artists in the new 'Art in the Park' over the summer, alongside The W factor finalists, as they take a mini tour around the districts towns. Please check this newsletter and local press for details and the opportunity to see why the finalists were chosen and the importance of the bands being able to adapt their sets for a different audience, as is often the case when touring around the UK and beyond.

It cannot be overlooked that it is also exam time for several of the participants so good luck over the coming months and I wish you good fortune in both your academic and musical endeavours.

Wychavon Youth Music is an initiative funded by Wychavon District Council working with young bands from Pershore, Droitwich and Evesham High Schools



Ade Holbrook

Rural touring

Once again it has been a successful spring season for Shindig with a wide variety of professional performances out in our villages. There were some hairy moments when 'Umdumo Wesizwe' had to cancel their performance due to the trouble of getting out of Zimbabwe and was replaced with 'Siyaya', but they seemed to go down a storm and were very uplifting "We sing when we're happy; we sing when we're sad" many thanks to Sue Roberts for sorting this one out. If you are interested in becoming a Shindig promoter or want to know more about the scheme then please contact Sue Roberts at Arts Service sue@artservice.org.uk or tel 01544 327877 www.shindig.org.uk

To say thanks to all of the Shindig promoters for making this such a great scheme WSRAP (Worcestershire Sub Regional Arts Partnership) hosted a Shindig Shindig on Friday 9th May at Bishampton Village Hall with Hank Wangford & Reg Meuross providing the entertainment for the evening. It was a fantastic evening that was enjoyed by all and I would like to thank everybody that was involved in organising the event.

Mikron Theatre company...

will be touring again this summer in Bishampton, Ashton Under Hill, Elmley Castle, Beckford, Pershore and Birlingham . This years shows are 'Debtonation' and 'FairTrade'

Further information is available on www.wychavon.gov.uk or tel Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168



WSRAP

Hank Wangford



Focus on dance...



Elizabeth Crosswell

interview

What is your role?

Dance Outreach Worker, Number 8 Community Arts Centre



What is your background

I trained at Bretton Hall University of Leeds, and have been working with DanceFest for 7 years, and 2 years at Number 8 as a dance facilitator.

What do you love?

Positive and inspiring people.

What are your dislikes?

Rude people and tinned tuna.

What are your hobbies?

Dancing, running, theatre and catching up with family & friends.

What is your favourite food?

Fish and chips

What is your favourite book?

The Historian

What is your favourite Music?

Ooh, difficult question-anything and everything, apart from heavy metal!

Who is your Idol?

David Bowie, and my best friend Stacey.

How can you make a difference?

I hope to make people who think that they aren't dancers...believe that they are!

Worcestershire Dance Promoters

is a consortium of arts organisations all interested in promoting participation in and attendance of dance. One of their initiatives is a website Dance in Worcestershire

www.danceinworcestershire.com which has information about performances and participatory opportunities in Worcestershire. In Pershore, Number 8 are running three regular dance classes for children and young people at the arts centre, but also at the Riverside Centre. Contact Charlotte Beard on 01386 561906 or e-mail programming@number8.org www.number8.org for more details.



West Midlands Youth Dance Network

Sign up for the Youth Dance West Midlands Newsletter



Passionate about Dance, Do you want to make your passion your career?

Youth Dance England www.yde.org.uk can give young people advice, hints and tips about how to turn a passion for dance into a career through its online resource.

Free marketing for Dance Artists

If you're a practitioner working in the region, sign up to the Youth Dance England database of dance artist for groups, schools and other organisations to access.

Call 0121 689 3079 e-mail

preya.chauhan@danceexchange.org.uk

www.danceexchange.org.uk

Youth arts

The W Factor update

After the very successful W Factor in February, the young finalists have been invited to perform all over Worcestershire, including the Droitwich Spa Mayors Gala at The Norbury Theatre and a performance as part of volunteers week and even performed in front of all of Wychavon's councillors. Hayden Godbold has even been inspired to enter X Factor! The finalists and winners will be appearing again this summer at Party in the Park and also Art in the Park. Auditions will be held again for next year's round in January 09 so watch out for more details in the autumn.



Party in the Park 08 FREE

The event this year has some exciting additions as well as the old favourites all for FREE. Newcomers this year include Samba and African drumming workshops and performances with Glamba and Drumlove, dance workshops and performances by Number 8 and Donnas Crew, recycled visual art workshops, theatre performances and The W Factor winners. Also, we still have the youth music bands, face painting*, circus skills, sports and food. It should be a great day out for all of the family. Please note that we start 1hr earlier than last year. *Small charge



Dates

Pershore Abbey Park Monday 18 August (all arts) 11-4pm

Droitwich Spa Lido Park Tuesday 19 August (all arts) 11-4pm

Evesham Abbey Park

Wednesday 20 August (music) & Thursday 21 August (all arts) 11-4pm

If you would like more information call 01386 565168
tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk

A Taste of Art

All 10-3pm

A Play in a Day

Ombersley Endowed First School
Droitwich Spa, 7-11's 28th July FREE
contact Claire Smith or Rhiannon
Jordan 01905 620384

Abbotts Morton village hall 7-11's 5th
Aug cost £5 contact Abbotts Morton
Village Hall Committee Angie Waldron
01386 793342

Recycled Arts workshop

Crowle village hall 7-11's 14th Aug
cost £5 contact Crowle Parish Hall
Trust, Leah Turner 01905 381784

Cutnall Green 1st School for 7-11's
contact 01299 851256 cost £5 date
30th July

Dancing Feet... Street dance

Broadway 1st School for 7-11's 28th
July cost £5 contact the school on
01386 852485

**Ashton Under Hill Community
Centre**, for 7-11's contact Penny
Scotland 01386 881594 cost £5 Wed
6th Aug.

Number 8

On tour in the **Pershore
area villages** in the
summer holidays. Visual
arts workshops for children
and young people. For
more information
please contact
Charlotte Beard on
01386 561906.

Art in the Park-FREE



Storybag

Childrens theatre and drama
workshops from The Roses
Theatre, Tewkesbury

10-11.30am and 2.30-4pm

Thurs 31st July (Evesham Abbey Park)

Fri 1st Aug (Droitwich Lido Park)

Thurs 7th Aug (Pershore Abbey Park)



Youth arts performances

Including performers
from W Factor final show



and the Youth Music Project
12.30-1.30pm (all ages)

Thurs 31st July (Evesham Abbey Park)

Fri 1st Aug (Droitwich Lido Park)

Thurs 7th Aug (Pershore Abbey Park)

Visual arts workshops with Worcester Arts Workshop

Feel the heat this
summer and get
into the carnival
spirit - come and



make a carnival mask - creative and fun!
10-3pm.

Fri 8th Aug (Droitwich Lido Park)

Thurs 14th (Pershore Abbey Park)

Fri 15th Aug (Evesham Abbey Park)

Dance workshops

Street dance in
Evesham and



Droitwich. Breakdance in Pershore
9.30-10.30am (5-7's)

and 11-12pm (8-10's)

Fri 8th Aug, (Droitwich Lido Park)

Thurs 14th (Pershore Abbey Park)

Fri 15th Aug (Evesham Abbey Park)

Artists networks

Vale of Evesham Network of Artists

The network has been set up to help and support local artists and art organisations, both voluntary and professional, to meet, share information, learn new skills, network and to work together to help make the arts in the Vale stronger and develop. The first meeting was held at Evesham Arts Centre on 8th May and fifteen people were there representing various organisations and individuals. The next meeting was at Number 8 Community Arts Centre. Please contact Jenny Davis if you would like to attend or for more information 01386 565396.



Wana (Wychavon Area Network for Artists)

If you are a visual artist, professional or voluntary and work or live in Wychavon then you maybe interested in joining this group. You could open yourself up to new contacts and market yourself within a recognised organisation or simply have fun. To join call 01386 550016 or e-mail info@wana.org.uk



makingmusic@permutation.com

Worcestershire Guild of Designer Craftsmen

The Worcestershire Guild of Designer Craftsmen is a group of professional designer-makers. It aims to bring high quality craftsmanship to the community through regular exhibitions and offers its members support and opportunities for their professional development. www.worcestershireguild.org.uk

Making Music

Making Music represents and supports amateur and semi-professional music groups of all genres throughout the United Kingdom. They provide a comprehensive range of artistic and administrative services and development and training opportunities. Making Music also lobbies on behalf of their members to national and local government and other agencies. Micaela Schmitz 01386 859648 or e-mail



Vale Craft Guild Vale Craft Guild, Worcestershire
Phone: 01386 832364 Email: anne@broadmark.co.uk

Funding

Worcestershire County Councils



Positive Activities for Young People grant funding 2008/9.

If you are a group in the voluntary & Community Sector then you can apply for monies for a project for young people aged between 8 to 19 years.

Applications will be considered between 1st May and 31st July. The funding can be used for revenue projects that help to achieve the Every Child Matters outcomes and is not for capital projects. For more information and an application pack please contact your local county councillor or contact Anne Roberts 01905 765506 or e-mail Aroberts1@worcestershire.gov.uk

Clore Duffield Performing Arts Awards



Deadline 17th September 2008
The Clore Performing Arts Awards fund performing arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0 to 18) across the UK. The Awards will fund education programmes that cover every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. The following are eligible to apply:

- Registered charities
- Limited companies
- Early years settings, primary, middle and secondary schools, sixth-form colleges, SEN schools
- Pupil Referral Units
- Voluntary youth organisations
- Professional and amateur arts

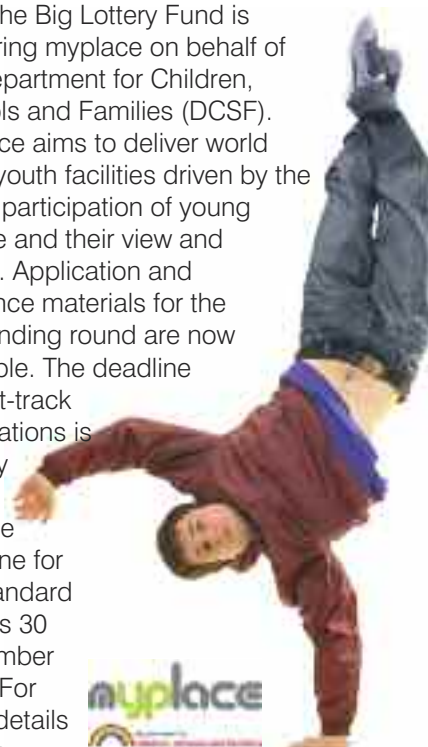
organisations

Applicants must be able to demonstrate both artistic excellence and fully participatory experiences for young people. The Awards will fund project costs ranging from £1,000 to £10,000. To read the guidelines and download an application form go to www.cloreduffield.org.uk or phone Clore Duffield on 0207 351 6061.

Myplace funding

Do you have the vision and drive to work with young people to deliver a world class place for them to go?

If so £160m will be available in year one. The Big Lottery Fund is delivering myplace on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). myplace aims to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their view and needs. Application and guidance materials for the first funding round are now available. The deadline for fast-track applications is 29 July 2008 and the deadline for the standard route is 30 September 2008. For more details and an application pack contact www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



Local news...

The Norbury Theatre

THE NORBURY THEATRE

Come and see this summer 'The Adventures of Mr Toad' which runs from 2-5 July with a matinee at 2.30pm on the 5th (7.30pm start in the evenings) and 9-12 July all starting at 7.30pm with no matinee this time. Also films 'Stardust' and 'Dr Zhivago' for tickets call 01905 770154 or www.norburytheatre.co.uk

Number 8

Number 8 invites you to its third Dance Summer School
11th- 15th August 2008

5-7 year olds 10.00-11.00am £10
8-12 year olds 11.15-12.45pm £15
13+ year olds 2.30pm - 4.00pm £15
This age group will be working with free running techniques (also known as Parkour), so wearing trainers will be required.



A week of fun creative and contemporary dance, with a dash of street led by our resident dance worker Elizabeth Crosswell.

Exploring the theme 'Park Life' each group will spend the week experimenting with and exploring dance moves and phrases. By the Friday you will have a short, informal and creative dance performance ready for friends and family to share and enjoy.

So get up and get creative this summer!!!

There is an opportunity for all groups to perform their finished work at 'Party In The Park' in Pershore on Monday 18th August- make a note in your diary! Please wear comfortable clothes to move in eg. t-shirt/tracksuit bottoms and bring a snack and bottle of water. For more information and to book call the Box office 01386 555488

Evesham Arts Centre

There are a variety of shows for you this summer from local dance school DeNovo Dance to comedy to theatre from Phoenix Theatre Company. Call the box office Evesham Book Centre Box Office - 01386 45567. The Almonry Heritage & Tourist Info. Centre - 01386 442348 for more details or www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk



The Big Draw

Registration for 2008 is now open! For the month of October venues, from village halls to museums and galleries, all around the country, will be hosting innovative drawing events to encourage people to get in to drawing for people of all ages. Remember it doesn't need to cost that much to run an event. Please look at the website



www.campaignfordrawing.org/bigdraw for more information about ideas for events and workshops, and how to register your event and marketing material. Your event will be submitted to their website to help advertise it and you can register to be put in to the inspirational awards competition.

Remember drawing can also be a good way for people to learn about their heritage or architecture as well as their drawing skills. If you need help with sourcing artists or want partners for the project then please do get in touch Lets get drawing!!
Jenny Davis on 01386 565396

Open Air Theatre from the Evesham Festival Players

Under Milk Wood

by Dylan Thomas
Fri 27th and Sat 28th
June
Methodist Church,
Evesham.



Canterbury Tales

by Chaucer
(in modern English)
Fri 18th and Sat 19th July
Evesham Country Park, Twyford
(Performed in a picnic setting)

Tickets for both plays £5 each
Available from Almonry Heritage Centre,
Toms Barbers, Evesham Bookshop
(UMW only), online at
www.eveshamboxoffice.co.uk
More details on www.eveshamarts.net

Droitwich Spa Music and Arts Festival

Bigger and better than ever
Opens Friday 4th July to
Saturday
19th July, offering two
weeks of music and events
for all tastes.



For general festival enquiries contact:

Richard Brighton

01905 775 395, 07802 500823
r_brighton@hotmail.com

Kevin O'Hara

01905 778 308, 07966 795074
office.salters@talktalkbusiness.net

Tickets available from the following agents:

Norbury Theatre

Tel: 01905 770154
In person at the Norbury Theatre or
Via Ticket Web - www.ticketweb.co.uk
(go to Norbury Theatre page)

Artrix Theatre, Bromsgrove

Box Office: 01527 577330
(Open 10am - 4pm Mon - Sat)
www.artrix.co.uk

Framed

Sunday 16th July at
Church Lench Sports
and Recreation Club
from 2-8pm. A music
festival showcasing
local talent for all the
family. Day admission
£3, Family of four £10.
Tel.01386 870271



Arts Marketing...



If you are an artist or arts organisation and work or live in the Droitwich Spa area and want to raise your profile or get more members for your arts club, then get involved in the Droitwich Arts 4 All day at The Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa on Saturday 8th November from 12-5pm. There is a meeting to discuss the event at The Norbury Theatre on Wed 16th July from 7.30pm or contact Jenny Davis 01386 565396 e-mail jenny.davis@wychavon.gov.uk to register your interest.

THE NORBURY THEATRE



Get in touch...

If you have something to say about the arts in Wychavon or anything in this newsletter or you need some advice, then please do get in touch.

Also, if you are a new arts group or you work within the arts then we want to know about you. Tel 01386 565396 or e-mail jenny.davis@wychavon.gov.uk

