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Hi, my name is Jenny Davis, I am the new Arts Development Officer for Wychavon District Council. I have been working in community arts and education for over 12 years, particularly specialising in

Drama and Theatre and young people. It all started in 1991 when I was catapulted into the Midlands from being a southerner by doing a Drama and Media degree at Wolverhampton University. From this my career in acting stopped and my desire to educate and inspire others through drama started. Highlights of my work so far include, Outreach Officer for Contact Theatre in Manchester, where I joined in with the Mancunians and set up and facilitated three Youth Theatres. I also spent nearly six fun years in the lovely Coventry, running the Belgrade Youth Theatre, where I directed and produced over 12 productions. This included performances in the theatre, Coventry Cathedral ruins and on tour in local youth clubs and community centres. I have also lived a life as a freelancer, running drama workshops with children and young people in and around the West Midlands, in schools and with community groups. The last life I had, prior to this job, was developing Community Music, Dance and Drama in a Performing Arts Specialist Secondary School with toddlers to older people.

I am keen to find out all about the area and all the great arts work that is happening, so please do get in contact.

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Plans 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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WYCHAVON Youth Music

The main aim of the Youth Music Project is to enhance the abilities and opportunities for young bands and musicians in the area with individual sessions providing everything from Stage performance techniques and songwriting sessions through to ear training and gig promotion. The sessions run in 3 schools in the area, Pershore High School, Droitwich Spa High School and Evesham High School. We have received great support from the teachers, parents and students alike with a waiting list already forming for future projects. The bands and artists involved get a great range of skill sets developed and love being a part of something creative as well as educational.

Sam Koisser
of Farmyard Juice

“ I speak for all my band mates and myself when I say that we find the sessions really beneficial and invaluable for us, we are truly grateful for the time and effort you have put into helping us, we are lucky to be able to get involved with such a great and unique opportunity to improve and mature as a band thanks to your advice and constructive criticism both as songwriters and performers. ”

**Are you in a band? Are you under 18?
If so we want to hear from you!**

Contact Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168 to get a chance to play at one of our Party in the Parks.



An interview with ... Ade!

HI MY NAME IS...

Ade Holbrook, I provide various forms of support for Wychavon Youth Music Projects including the stage management, sound and lighting provision and band development for the indoor and outdoor events during the course of the year. I also work specifically with 3 schools in the area developing bands and artists preparing them for gigs, recording sessions and showcases for management and record companies.

I studied at Music College and subsequently played for several bands touring and recording throughout Europe. I now also work as a session musician for several signed acts with recording credits growing over the last 15 years.

BACKGROUND

I also continue my work as a recording and re-mix producer while gaining tour credits around the globe as the MD of ad& management working with artists such as Geoff Dugmore (Drummer for Robbie Williams and Natalie Imbruglia) and Derrick McKenzie from Jamiroquai among others.



LIKES

Music... obviously, Fitness, Laughing, Meeting new people (whether socially or on tour), What I do for a living (sad but true!), Living life to the full... Did I mention music?

DISLIKES

Unprofessionalism (If ya can't do it don't say ya can!), Rudeness, My mobile phone bill, Come to think of it... my fuel bill, The fact there are only 24 hours in a day, The fact that I don't have a Ferrari... yet!



FAVOURITE FILMS

I'm a 'De Niro' fan so 'Heat' was a great film, I dig the 'Lock Stock' kind of feel, 'GoodFella's'. Its difficult when put on the spot but these are a few that I'm happy to admit to.



FAVOURITE FOOD

Sober – difficult choice, Sunday dinners go down well. So does lasagne, most things with chicken in or a good steak (medium please).



Not so sober – KFC, Kebab, Fish finger sandwiches... not in the same sitting... actually why not!

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Another tough call, music is a mood thing so one minute I want to crank up 'The Killers' the next I could easily chill out with 'Zero 7' or 'Air'. I spend a lot of time in vehicles of varying descriptions so music that keeps you awake is always good. If it gives me goose bumps then that's good enough!



IDOLS

Too many to mention and because I'm on



the spot i'd forget someone and feel bad... sorry.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

To the people I work with... by being honest and helping them on the right path to their goals. Generally in life... by being true to myself and hoping that others get as much enjoyment from what I do as I do.

Catch Ade in action at our 'Party in the Parks' performances at Pershore Abbey Park, Evesham Abbey Park and Droitwich Lido Park during July and August as part of our Summer Events.

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Shindig is Worcestershire's rural and community arts scheme, touring professional live arts to village halls and community centres. They are hosted by



voluntary promoting groups who sell tickets locally, supported by the Shindig Co-ordinator and their local authority arts officers.

The scheme is subsidised by Worcestershire Arts Partnership Initiative and Arts Council. If you would like to know more about becoming a Shindig promoter or about the scheme then please contact the Shindig Co-ordinator, Sue Roberts, on 01544 327877 or Email: sueatrserv@kc3.co.uk

'The Time Machine' & 'New Rope Band'

"A well produced performance - with amazing side effects. We all laughed until we cried with the amazing antics from these professional artists. An outstanding act for young and old alike. The children are still laughing about the act! The energy and skills of the performers beats the West End anyday" - Sally Stringer (Beckford Village Hall promoter).



'How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers won the F.A. Cup'

"Very entertaining performance, highly recommended, very positive feedback from audience members"
Angela Waldron (promoter of Abbots Morton Village Hall).



For details of Autumn performances please contact Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk for a brochure or visit the Shindig website: www.shindig.org.uk

TOURING

MIKRON THEATRE COMPANY

2007 marks Mikron's 36th year of professional touring. During the summer

their four actor/musicians will be travelling the waterways on board their traditional narrowboat, Tyseley, bringing live theatre to canal and riverside venues, including pubs, village halls, museums and community centres. They will also tour by road to venues away from the water. This year they have two new productions in the Wychavon district.



The Lacemakers

This is the story of the intrepid lacemakers of Loughborough, whose struggle to earn a living took some of them to Devon, some of them to Calais, and finally-trapped between the poorhouses of England and the French Revolution of 1848- to a new married life in the colonies of Australia



Married to the Job

This play explores the life of the scottish engineer, Thomas Telford in the 250th anniversary of his birth. Laced with humour and original songs and music the story challenges the assumption that engineering is merely a job for the boys

**Please check our website - www.wychavon.gov.uk
for information of the August 2007 tour.**

If you have any questions regarding Mikron please contact Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk

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Step into Number 8

On Tuesday 27th March 112 children from six Wychavon schools performed their dance pieces based on the theme 'environment' at No 8 Arts Centre, Pershore. The evening was a great success and was the culmination of two terms 'out of school hours' hard work with professional dance coaches. The project will be repeated this autumn with schools from the more rural areas of Wychavon. For details please contact Charlotte Beard on 01386 561906.

LEAF OF LIFE

A purple beech tree in Abbey Park, Pershore that was 80 years old and diseased has become a piece of public art. Wychavon DC applied to Advantage West Midlands for a grant and with this money Tom Harvey, an artist specialising in woodcarving, has created a great piece of public art. Local school children from Holy Redeemer RC Primary School and Abbey Park First School were consulted on the design, by creating clay models of their ideas. They were then displayed in Pershore Abbey.



Drawing Room Theatre

Drama enthusiasts are being invited to participate in a new venture - drawing room theatre. There are four presentations from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales with four players, two men and two women. Hosts are welcomed from anywhere in the Vale area, who would like to invite friends for an evening of theatre. No charges will be made, making this ideal for charity fundraising events. Drawing room theatre echoes the Elizabethan travelling players custom of presenting theatre in their patron's houses. Interested? Contact Roy Tabor on 01386 423554 for more information.

DROITWICH MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL

JULY 1ST-15TH 2007

Droitwich Music and Arts Festival
It's back! And this time it's bigger and better than ever!

Now the "Droitwich Music and Drama Festival" Starting on Sunday 1st July and running through 15 music and arts packed days until Sunday 15th July, throughout historic Droitwich Spa.

This year, we have extended the festival to include Classical and Traditional Music events, live drama and Community events as well as the proven formula of Jazz, Blues, Folk, Rock and Dancing Events

Buying tickets for the pre-paid events will be easier this year as we will have access to online booking in conjunction with our partners at the Norbury Theatre. We are also looking for some **volunteers** to help manage some of the events so anyone who enjoys music and would like to help please contact Kevin O'Hara on 07966 795074.

Details of the individual events will shortly be available on

www.droitwichspa.com and
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wow

If you would like any further information please contact Kate Freeman on 07876 611795.

Eastern Arts & Foods Festival

Saturday & Sunday

16-17th June 2007

12noon - 5pm

Evesham's Workman Gardens holds a FREE fun weekend showcasing international food and arts.

Highlights include Mugenkyo Japanese Taiko Drummers, Bhangra dancers, story telling and a wealth of indian and oriental food.

For more information contact Hilary Philpott on 01386 565519.

Workshop

FREE Mugenkyo Drummers workshop for children and young people, 8 to 18 years, on Saturday 16 June during the morning - to book please call Jenny Davis on 01386 565396.



SUMMER EVENTS

Its that time of year again where we can look forward to the Summer Sun.
For 2007 we have 11 days of 'FREE' activities. Scheduled for this summer are:

PARTY IN THE PARK

Again there will be local bands performing live on stage, face painting, bouncy castle, circus skills, sporting activities and much much more.*

Shows are 12noon - 4pm.

Tuesday 24th July - Droitwich Lido Park

Thursday 26th July - Evesham Abbey Park

Tuesday 21st August - Droitwich Lido Park

Wednesday 22nd August - Pershore Abbey Park

Thursday 23rd August - Evesham Abbey Park

*charge for face painting will apply



JASON MAVERICK

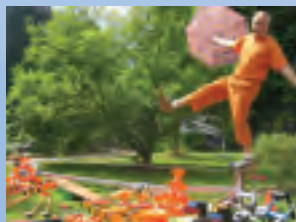
Laugh. ooh and ahh at this wonderful, timeless show. Its bursting at the seams with wild robotic dancing, comedy mime, slow motion, juggling and audience participation, all played out to a funky musical backdrop.

Performance times are 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Tuesday 31st July - Lido Park, Droitwich

Wednesday 1st August - Abbey Park, Pershore

Thursday 2nd August - Abbey Park, Evesham



CIRCUS SKILLS

Circus Skills workshops where you can try your hand at juggling, plate spinning, diablo & unicycling. There will be a short show before each workshop.

Workshop times are: 11am, 1pm & 3pm.

Tuesday 14th August - Lido Park, Droitwich

Wednesday 15th August - Abbey Park, Pershore

Thursday 16th August - Abbey Park, Evesham

Thanks to all staff and volunteers who help to make the summer such a success and a big thank you to the public for their continued support and great feedback and hopefully we will see you all in the Summer.

If you have any questions about these events please contact Sue Healey (Leisure Development Officer) on 01386 565238 or Tracy Grubb (Community Development Officer) on 01386 565168.

FUNDING

We can advise or assist in the completion of arts grant forms and on any project ideas that you may have.



Elmley Small Grants for the Arts



The Elmley Small

Grants Arts Fund is a scheme designed to open up new opportunities to create new work, reach new audiences and enable people from all walks of life to take part in arts and cultural activities. The fund is intended to support small, local projects. You can apply for up to £1,000 although it is anticipated that most grants will be less than this.

For further information, or an application pack, contact:

Heather Leeks at heatherl@comfirst.org.uk or

Ruth Christie at ruthc@comfirst.org.uk or telephone: **01684 580860**

Grants for the Arts (Arts Council England)



These grants are for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. They are for arts-related activities that benefit people in England or that help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work. You can apply for funding for a range

of arts-related activities including projects and events, commissions and productions, research and professional development.

If you want to find out more about Grants for the Arts why don't you attend a roadshow near you. For a list of dates and venues please see the website.

Booking is essential. For general enquiries please phone: **0845 300 6200** or visit www.artscouncil.org.uk

Awards For All (Lottery)



Awards For All is a Lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities.

They award grants of between £500 and £10,000 in a simple and straightforward way. For an application pack please phone: **0845 600 2040** or visit: www.awardsforall.org.uk

Arts and Media Training is a leading independent training and advisory resource for artists and arts organisations in the West Midlands region.



They are committed to supporting innovation and talent and to meeting the needs of arts professionals at every stage of their careers. With over a decade of experience, they work across all art-forms to:

- Provide course-based training and development opportunities for artists
- Nurture artistic work and experimentation through their mentoring schemes
- Help arts organisations of all sizes to develop and grow
- Act as advocates for the arts to a wide range of agencies and public bodies

You may be a young artist with new work to launch or an experienced practitioner wanting to refresh or to enhance your skills; you may be seeking to build your own career as an arts administrator or have plans for developing your organisation – for more information regarding courses and advice please call **024 7622 7563** or Email: info@amtcc.org.uk or visit their website: www.amtcc.org.uk

Evesham Public Hall

The Historic Evesham Public Hall has been the centrepiece of the picturesque market town for more than 150 years. The beautiful hall is well worth considering if you are looking for somewhere to hold your event or run an arts workshop at low cost.



The hall is unique in its style and versatile by design. Accommodating up to 300 people in its main hall which measures 19.2 metres long x 12.8 metres wide, the venue can be adapted for a variety of uses, including art exhibitions, childrens parties, drama, fashion shows, music nights and dances. Kitchen and bar facilities are available if required. For more information and to book please contact Sue Healey on 01386 565238.

Get in touch!

If you have something to say about the arts in Wychavon or need some advice then please do get in touch. We want to hear from you if you are a local arts group or work with arts within Wychavon. Also, if you have any news, events or information that could be included in the autumn edition of ArtWorks then please contact Jenny Davis, Arts Development Officer on 01386 565396 or Email: jenny.davis@wychavon.gov.uk