

ARTS DEVELOPMENT

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Keynsham's regular arts newsletter



Poster Designed By
Broadlands School
students

Jules asked young people from Broadlands school to design a logo and poster for the Youth Fest. The young people worked with artist Ben Dickson to design ideas. Ben also mentored and worked with Lucy Scadding who was on work experience with Jules to design the final image.



Keynsham Town Council and KTC Arts Development have been setting up projects with schools and community groups to put on an array of fantastic young peoples events, activities and performances in the park and on the bandstand for the Youth Fest.

Jules the arts development worker has set up a project with Mencap to create a banner for the Keynsham Youth Fest. The Mencap Junior group have been working with KTC resident artist Georgie, the young people and volunteers have been working hard designing, painting, sticking and sewing the banner. Jules asked the group to get involved in the Youth Festival and the young people were really excited to showcase their talents in creating a banner to promote the Festival. Come down to the Youth Festival to see the banner and to find out what activities we have going on at the Youth Fest. Georgie will also be at the Fest setting up a creative workshop for you to get involved in and to make and take something away on the day.



Keynsham young people put their dance shoes on!

KTC Arts Development resident dance artist Sarah Haddow is currently working for us on a series of dance projects, two of the projects are with St Johns youth centre and Broadlands School. Jules developed links to work with both groups in order for young people to be involved in producing new work for the Youth Fest, Sarah has been choreographing pieces of dance devised by the young people to be performed at the Bandstand as well as mentoring them in advice on the dance profession. Sarah has been working very hard with the young people over the past 6 weeks and is really excited to showcase this work at the Youth Festival in May.

Picture by local photographer Emma Geen



Knit and Knatter

Jules is setting up a knit and knitter group in partnership with New Routes. Julie Bennett will be working as the facilitator, Julie recently set up the fantastic Winter Wonderland Trail at Abbots Wood and would love to do something similar again. The group is an ideal opportunity to meet new people, knit some new creations, have a cup of tea and have a bit of a knitter. We hope to be starting the group late May at the Pomegranate café. Details to be confirmed. Contact Jules on 0117 986 8683



WORLD RECORD BUNTING FOR KEYNSHAM

Keynsham Town Council Arts Development worked in partnership with Keep it Local Keep it Keynsham as part of a fair trade project to create the worlds longest bunting. You may have seen us at the Farmers Market in March, working with KTC Arts Development resident artist Georgie Huntley and local people creating their own unique piece of bunting made from fair trade materials. The bunting is now being attached to other local primary schools and youth groups in Keynsham and beyond. Everyone involved are proud to know it's part of this very inspiring world record, promoting creativity and FairTrade.



Time Out Youth Centre and Keynsham Town Council Arts Development have been working on a project with young people from the centre for the past 6 months on looking at ways to promote well-being, especially relevant in these challenging times. Now the project is nearly completed it has been successful in engaging young people and giving them the opportunity to experience the arts in different forms. Approximately 45 12-18 year olds have participated in the project and includes young people from both Broadlands and Wellsway schools. They have been working alongside professional artists in a wide range of workshops this has been from cake making, working with textiles, using photography and photo-editing to making a phone App that offers up inspiring activities to do, created from the young peoples ideas. We are hoping to launch the phone App at the Youth Fest!

Keynsham Town Council Arts Development and Youth Service Partnership Projects with Bath Fringe Visual Arts Festival

Having worked with the guys from the Festival last year on our Keynsham Creates Project, due to its success we decided to develop more partnership work together. The Festival have been working very hard on funding bids and have just been awarded funding from BANES to deliver a wide variety of arts projects across BANES, Jules has been working with the guys from the festival developing a three year plan to run arts projects with local people in Keynsham.

These are the two of the projects set up this year:-

Exhibiting two local young peoples work celebrating the fantastic people of Keynsham!

Two young aspiring photographers Sam & Ben from Keynsham have been involved in a photography project called the "Secret Lives Of Us" where a snapshot of local residents was taken including a local football coach, a Keynsham Citizen of the Year award winner and many more people. The exhibition will be celebrating their involvement in all the community work they do and for helping to make Keynsham a great place to live over the years and also revealing the things they enjoy that others might not know.

This is a partnership project between Keynsham Town Council Youth Service and Arts Development and Bath Fringe Visual Arts Festival which supports local creative talent giving people a platform to show their work to a wider public audience. Through providing professional mentoring by photographer Tanya Moulson and advice in exhibiting their work for this project and their own work. Their photos will also be used in South West in Bloom, Town Council literature and we will be looking to exhibit their work in Keynsham.

If you would like to come along and see the show Dates-Fri May 27th-June 12th, open 10.30-6 Free Entry

Venue - The Officers Club, Stall Street, by the Roman Baths



Camper Obscura is coming to Town

The Camper Obscura can be found at Keynsham, near the Clock Tower on Friday 3 June 12-6pm

We are extremely pleased to welcome the Camper Obscura and invite you aboard to take a different view of Keynsham. Camper Obscura is mobile camera obscura managed by FOTONOW, a community company based in the southwest developing photographic projects. Camper Obscura has recently worked in residence in Devonport, building links within the community and enabling FOTONOW creative directors Matthew Pontin and Jonathan Blyth the opportunity to engage new audiences in photography.

To find out more-

www.camperobscura.co.uk / www.fotonow.org

FAB is Baths only visual arts festival, they actively promote and celebrate contemporary art in the Bath area and beyond, showcasing early career artists and curators, and those who find it difficult to break into (or prefer to operate outside of) the gallery based art scene.



ChoirJam Rocks Out!

Keen singers in Keynsham have a brand new outlet for their talents with the start of ChoirJam, a friendly pop and rock choir for adults. Since the choir started in January this year it has gained over 30 members with more joining every week. ChoirJam Director, Emma Hutchinson, explains the reasons for the choir's popularity: "We sing feelgood pop songs and we don't take ourselves too seriously; our main aim is to have fun! After initial practices with backing tracks the choir rehearses with the ChoirJam band ready for the gig at the end of every term. At a packed-out Salford Golf Club in April, the choir performed songs by Elvis, Take That and the Scissor Sisters and is now preparing for their next performance in July. Following the success of ChoirJam in Keynsham, Emma has now started another ChoirJam in Hanham which meets on Tuesday nights. Anyone interested in joining either choir can sign up for a taster session, either by phoning Emma on 07793 983040 or by visiting the website www.choirjam.co.uk.

Are you up for new creative ideas in Keynsham?

Totally Maracas is now looking to expand its activities in the community. For the past ten years they have been running a choir – first Local Vocals and then Key Voices. Their current activities include drum workshops, junk music workshops, singing workshops, a reading group and a theatre group. We have regularly given performances at the Music Festival and Victorian Evening. We would love to hear from people with new ideas. Do you have a pet community project sitting in the back of your mind? Not sure how to go about getting it up and running? *Please get in touch and we'll see what we can do to help.*

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Spiegeltent

Bath Fringe Festival Fri 27 May—Sun 12 June

Bath Fringe Festival are back with a fantastic array of exciting performances across Bath and beyond. Bath Fringe 2011 is a 17-Day festival Bath and runs from Friday May 27 to Sunday June 12. For more info www.bathfringe.co.uk phone: 01225 480079.

A must see at this years Bath Fringe Festival is the **Smutter and Snells**

presenting an exposition of **Cabaret, Vintage Fashion and Burlesque performances, workshops, market...**

Venue: Spiegeltent, Bath Rec Venue access: Full wheelchair access

Price: Spiegeltent show - £5 on door; Spiegel Garden show - free. Drop in and sample 'un petit bouche' of all things High Tease. From 12 noon - 6.30pm in Spiegel Garden (free). In the Spiegeltent - workshops in Cabaret Arts (£5 on door). From 3pm Burlesque Show featuring tantalising tasters from Poppy Von Tarte, Betty Bruiser, Geisha Go Disco and Tuesday LeVeau. (Please note the Spiegeltent show may contain adult entertainment, over 18's only.)

Jules spoke to the guys from Smutter and Snells about their new event at the Festival, Michelle from the event said

"My idea is to put arthouse burlesque firmly on the Bath Fringe map, and give artists and crafts people the opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity to take away the idea that it is a somewhat sordid art and educate people to the fantastic array of professional performers, committed crafters and top entertainers. We are also looking for volunteers and sponsors to get involved. Come down and sample demonstrations, performances and try-out sessions in Can Can, Hoola Hoop, Burlesque dance, Tribal Belly Dance and more"

Les Misérables is a sell out hit!

Wellsway School's production of Les Misérables was one of the most enriching extra-curricular experiences that the school has ever offered and proved to be a production of exceptional quality. Culminating in a sell-out run of four nights at the end of March. The result was a superb reflection on the quality and commitment of Wellsway students and staff.



Photo by Chris Leader

It is difficult to highlight moments but to receive standing ovations from sell out audiences every night is a welcome indication that the show was everything that we wanted it to be. The show had very adult themes and issues – and yet for the young people to capture these moments with such skill and understanding showed a maturity and ability that goes far beyond their years.

The atmosphere and mood of the piece was electrifying at times. The quality and imagination of Jane Dennis' costumes combined perfectly with Kerry Silverthorne's set and the innovative lighting design by Theatek to create wonderful images that will stay in the memory of all who were a part of the show.

During the school's recent OfSTED Inspection (in which the school was graded overall as 'Outstanding') It was a pleasure to note that Inspectors considered that "cultural development [at Wellsway] is particularly strong, both through the main school curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities such as the production of Les Misérables..." Wellsway and us all look forward with great anticipation to the next production in two years time.

Exhibition at the Pomegranate Café

In May Pomegranate Cafe Restaurant in Keynsham presents drawings and watercolours by Louise Partridge from Stanton Prior, Bath.

Louise started drawing as a young girl, She enjoys drawing wildlife, especially birds, hoping to progress into botanical drawing.

In this exhibition she shows birds and wild plants.

In June Pomegranate Cafe Restaurant will present photography by Rhys Williams from Keynsham.

Pomegranate cafe are always looking to support artists to exhibit their work, Please contact Nadim for more info:

Pomegranate Café, 19 Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HF. Tel. 0117 9864 888.



St Johns Drama Group looking for new members

St John's Drama Group, Keynsham are holding a social evening and short play reading 8:00pm Tuesday June 7th at St John's church hall with the aim of attracting new members. Please contact Peter on 0117 9773735, Gill on 0117 9868121, or email Keynsham.drama@blueyonder.co.uk for more information. Alternatively just come along.

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Keynsham Memorial Park

Bandstand

2011 Summer Programme

What's Happening at the Keynsham Memorial Bandstand
 All events are family friendly, bring along a blanket or a chair, a picnic
 or a Pimms and enjoy the variety of events in your local Park

<p>Sun May 15th 12.00-4.00pm</p>	<p>Keynsham Youth Fest A fantastic event celebrating local young peoples creative talents including, singing, dancing, music and much more. Jules is finalising the programme so will let you all know soon what events will be happening. KTC Arts Development has been working in partnership with a wide variety of schools, community groups and artists to put on an array of performances by our local talented young people</p>
<p>Sun June 19th 3.00-5.00pm</p>	<p>Redland Wind Band " Formed over 10 years ago, this 45 strong band performs a diverse repertoire of wind band music which embraces swing, dance, classics, film music and compositions especially for wind band. Redland wind band has enjoyed concert tours to Belgium and Hungary, with another planned for 2012"</p>
<p>Sun June 26th 3.00-4.45pm</p>	<p>Bath Spa Brass Band The Bath Spa Band has been entertaining the people of Bath and surrounding areas for 90 years. Come along for an enjoyable and varied concert that will have you singing and clapping along, if not dancing in the aisles. Expect a mixture of traditional marches and classical music, ranging to swing band and music from the movies.</p>
<p>Sat July 2nd 1.30-2.15pm Dance 2.30-4.00pm Storytelling</p>	<p>An Afternoon of Magical Tales and Dance in the Park Dance in the Park KTC Arts Development Resident Dance Company Dance Body Echo has been working with community groups and schools to create beautiful dance pieces devised by the children and there will also be dance performances from local groups of all ages. Magical Tales Storytelling with resident KTC Arts Development Storytellers-Elemental Theatre. Come along and join in with our classic story telling and craft making. For families, the very young and the slightly older child in all of us! This is a partnership KTC Arts Development project for the Keynsham Music Festival.</p>
<p>Sun July 3rd</p>	<p>Keynsham Music Festival in the Park An outstanding variety of free music and performance with four stages, a family creative arena, delicious food and stalls.</p>
<p>Sun 10th July 5.00-6.00pm Event</p>	<p>Hymns in the Park with the Easton Salvation Army Band The Easton Salvation Army Band have been coming to Keynsham for over 15 years presenting their hugely popular 'Hymns in the Park' with the band, the choir and their junior musicians. An event not to be missed</p>
<p>Sun 21st August</p>	<p>Bristol East and Kingswood Brass Band Bristol East and Kingswood Band was formed in 2007 through the amalgamation of the well established Bristol East and Kingswood Bristol Bands. The band is a successful contesting band and plays a repertoire of both traditional and contemporary music at both indoor and out-door venues in the South West.</p>
<p>Sun 28th August 2.00-3.30pm</p>	<p>Storytelling Sunday-Tales and Trails 'Elemental' story telling is a magical combination of traditional stories with enchanting, unexpected twists. Opportunities for audience participation create unique adventures of imagination to weave new stories at every performance. 'Woolfe Works' joins us to offer beautiful and inspiring making and crafting events. Every child can go home with a handmade character, to continue the magic at home. Storytelling with resident KTC Arts Development Storytellers-Elemental Theatre.</p>
<p>Sun 25th September 2-3.30pm</p>	<p>Keynsham Brass Band Our very own local band will be playing all your favourite tunes.</p>



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