

## Message from the Arts Officer

Hi, I have now been in post for 6 months and I am having the time of my life. We have been very busy at Fenland Arts over the last 6 months and we would like to share with you the exciting projects that we have been doing. If you would like any more information about any of the projects, or would like to discuss any new projects with us please do get in touch.

Katherine Nightingale

## St Georges Fayre - 2010 ...

..was a fabulous day and Fenland Arts were thrilled to be part of the team that helped organise the event. We were put in charge of the entertainment over 3 sites and with the support of all the performers and entertainers we delivered a superb array of theatre, big bands, local musicians, dancing, story telling, re-enactment and Vintage Cycles.

The picture shows the March Youth Theatre who performed a few of the songs from Bugsy Malone.



## What's On In Fenland

Fenland Arts were delighted to be able to work with Paradigm Publishing and Fenland District Council to re-launch the "What's On in Fenland"..

The April / May issue is now out and had nothing but positive feedback.

We are now working on the June / July issue and must receive all events to be included by May 7th.

Deadline for the August / September issue is Friday 2nd July.

To include your event please email [info@fenlandarts.org.uk](mailto:info@fenlandarts.org.uk), for advertising please email [advertising@paradigmpublishing.co.uk](mailto:advertising@paradigmpublishing.co.uk)



WE ALSO PUBLISH ALL EVENTS ON OUR WEB-SITE [www.fenlandarts.org.uk](http://www.fenlandarts.org.uk)

## DoUDigit

... is the new branding for all of our youth activities. This evolved from our young promoters group who were trained by ADeC in every aspect of event promotion which cumulated in the young promoters putting on a live music event at March Town Hall at the end of March 2010. The Rigby's supported by Aimee Peart-Webb was a great success and a credit to the team.

## Youth Theatre

Fenland Arts youth theatre is a jewel in the crown for the Association. The March youth theatre now has over 70 young people who turn up regularly on a Tuesday evening. The next performance for the March youth theatre is Bugsy Malone which will be performed at Dunhams Wood on 10th & 11th July.

Fenland Arts will be starting a new youth theatre in Whittlesey on Monday 17th May at Sir Harry Smith's school. Initially this will be for years 7, 8 & 9's.

CrazyCats Youth Theatre in Chatteris will also be fun by Fenland Arts from starting on 9th September 2010, ages 6 - 19.

For more information [info@fenlandarts.org.uk](mailto:info@fenlandarts.org.uk)



## Jammin - March

Following a very successful programme of jammin sessions last year and thanks to a grant from Rodden's Housing which has bought us an array of instruments including, acoustic, bass and electric guitars, drums, and keyboard. Fenland Arts are delighted to be able to offer jammin sessions @ The Town Hall in March. The sessions will run every other Thursday of every month from 6.30 - 8pm starting on June 17th, ages from 9 years old. Cost £2.00 per week, bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours. We welcome all levels of experience.

On the second Thursday of every month, starting 10th June, we will be running beginners jammin in guitar, drums and keyboard. 6.30 - 8pm cost £2.00.

### **FREE KICK OFF EVENT**

**3rd June**

**@March Town Hall**

**4.30 - 6.30**

**Meet the DUDI Crew and find out more about our jammin sessions. Come and have a go**

### **Jammin – Whittlesey**

Fenland Arts in partnership with Whittlesey Youth Locality Team are delighted to be able to offer jammin sessions @ The Whittlesey Youth and Community Centre. The sessions will run every other Tuesday of every month from 3.15 – 5.15 starting on June 8th, ages from 13 years old. Bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours. We welcome all levels of experience.

### **FREE KICK OFF EVENT**

**1st June**

**@Whittlesey Youth & Community Centre**

**11 - 4**

**Meet the DUDI Crew and find out more about our jammin sessions. Come and have a go**

## **Arts Award**

**Fenland Arts are able to offer the Arts Award to all young people aged 11-25 who are involved in our activities.**

**We are delighted to report that 12 members of our March Youth Theatre and 1 member of our DUDI crew have just passed their bronze Arts Award.**

**WELL DONE!**

### **Cinema**

**We have been working with the Fenland District Council neighbourhood management team over the school holidays and have done a number of cinema showings in both the towns and villages of Fenland. In half term we did 11 showings of UP and Cloudy with a chance of meatballs and over Easter we did 9 showings of Planet 51 and Fantastic Mr Fox. We will re-visit the cinema showings in the Autumn, however we still continue to work with Wimblington Parish Council who are holding regular cinema showings over the summer on alternate Saturday mornings.**

## March Town Hall

Fenland Arts regularly hold events at the Town Hall in March. These include music, theatre, historical talks, comedy and film. We are delighted to support local artists like Bondy who played on April 30, and Aimee Peart-Webb who supported the Rigbys.

For those of you who like a bit of comedy we have a one woman comedy show on the 15<sup>th</sup> May called Woman Behaving Madly. Tickets are only £5.00 for a great nights entertainment. Available from Greetings Card Shop, High Street, March.

### Membership:

If you would like to be kept up to date with what's going on with Fenland Arts and become a 'Friend of Fenland Arts' please subscribe to our monthly E-Newsletter by emailing us on [info@fenlandarts.org.uk](mailto:info@fenlandarts.org.uk)

You can join Fenland Arts and benefit from:

- Being able to apply to our Small Grants Scheme for a grant towards any public event that promotes awareness of, or participation in, the arts in Fenland. Max Grant awarded £100.00 **SMALL GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE**
- Promote your arts activity and meet other arts enthusiasts at our open meetings held 4 times yearly in each of the Fenland Towns, live entertainment and refreshments
- Have discounted access to our training sessions and seminars
- Benefit from reduced price ticket deals and other member offers
- Access support and advice from our Arts Officer and Trustees
- Have your events publicised on our web-site and in all monthly press inserts
- Be entitled to vote at our AGM

**Membership is £12.00 per year for a group and £6.00 per year for an individual.**

## Dates for the diary

6 June	Rock Festival	Wisbech
11 - 13 June	Summer Festival	March
25 - 27 June	Historical Festival	Chatteris
30 June - 4 July	Rose Fair Festival	Wisbech

### Celebrating the natural environment on your doorstep, Cultural Olympiad Events

23 July	Dunhams Wood, March	
24 July	Woodhouse Farm Park, Friday Bridge	
25 July	Skylark Garden Centre, nr. March	
28 July	Fenland Arts AGM	March Town Hall
1 August	Multi-Cultural Festival	Wisbech
15 August	Fenland Arts Fundraiser	Dunhams Wood
21 August	Greener Living Fair	March
10-12 September	Heritage Weekend	All over Fenland
12 September	Whittlesey Festival	Whittlesey!
20 December	Victorian Christmas Market	Wisbech

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