

# Theatre Locale — The Heavitree Squilometre Update

Welcome to the June issue of *Theatre Locale*, the newsletter for <u>Interwoven Productions</u>, featuring the <u>Heavitree Squilometre</u> update!

#### Overwhelming response!!

We popped a request for help with our local history research into the letterboxes of South Lawn and Newcombe Terraces and we've been bowled over by the response. THANK YOU so much to those of you who have contributed not only your memories but also some very carefully collected research archives.

We're deeply touched and hope you stay with us as we put this piece together.

However, this has meant is that we are going to need much longer to work on this material than we thought. It may well turn into more than one project. So, we've taken the decision to postpone performance of this piece until **Spring next year**.

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The next *Squilometre* performance, therefore, will be **Sacred Trees of Heavitree** in mid October 2015.

We do hope that the postponement of the South Lawn Terrace performance doesn't cause too much disappointment. There will now be more time for you to get in touch and get involved. It will also give us more time to apply for some small pots of funding and to develop relationships with other agencies, like the School and the Health Centre, on South Lawn Terrace.

At least we know why it soared to the top of the voting. My word, what an amazing little community you are. It's a privilege to work on a piece to celebrate you all!!





## **Let's be H.A.P.P.Y! - Heavitree Artists at** the **Pig & Pickle, Yay!**

A group of arts-inclined individuals have taken up the kind offer of the Pig & Pickle to make a base there, to talk about display space for their work and about ways to reanimate a creative heart in Heavitree.

Would you like to see more space in Heavitree given over to galleries, live music, books, crafts or photography? Do you have work that you'd like to display or share? Then

why not come along to the Pig & Pickle, Fore Street, Heavitree and get HAPPY! Just contact JoJo for your invitation to the next meet.

## "Trees" and "Stars"? - Why not all of our shows have a historical theme



The next two Heavitree Squilometre shows are entitled The Sacred Trees of Heavitree and Moonbathing – the Park in the Dark. Some of you may be wondering how this links in with the distinctly historical themes taken by the Sweetbrier Lane and South Lawn Terrace shows; one based in the Bronze Age and the other Victorian.

The answer is simple and lies again in the underpinning philosophy of the *Squilometre* concept. We're celebrating all aspects of this square kilometre of land. Not just it's cultural and built history but also the "commons" - those aspects that we all commonly share. For instance, we're particularly blessed in Heavitree with lots of wide-open spaces. This means less light pollution and excellent night skies for star gazing - *The Park in the Dark* is a celebration of

those skies. Likewise, the waterways, some hidden now, some still there, the trees and the very lie of the land; these are all things that we can enjoy for free and that are special about this place.

So, you'll see more historical pieces and you'll see other celebrations of this place but they will all be within one square kilometre and they will all be something that we can share!

### **Did you know? -** Interesting Heavitree Tidbits.

- In Victorian times the area where the Heavitree Health Centre is now was a piece of church land known as Parsonage Meadow.
- Up until 1828 a row of cottages, Middle Row, ran down the middle of Fore Street starting between the Horse & Groom and the Sue Ryder charity shop.
- In 1831 Heavitree was described as always being "famous for the purity and salubrity of its air, its delightful situation, fine prospects and agreeable walks and rides".
  - good to know that it has long been recognised as a special place!