

Theatre Locale -

Your Heavitree Squilometre Update

Welcome to the Autumn 2020 issue of *Theatre Locale*. *Theatre Locale* is your <u>Heavitree</u> *Squilometre* Update.

Celebrate your street – together! – ***THE THIRD OF THE #CONNECTME PACKS IS LAUNCHED***

As you know, the *Squilometre* team have been busy in the last six years, working shoulder to shoulder with residents **creating exhibitions**, **display boards**, **trail guides**, **tea parties**, **street flags and planting**, **star-gazing and roving performances**, each celebrating a different aspect of this wonderful place that we share.



Well, we can't work in the same way right now but we're very proud to say that, with the support of Devon

County Council, we have found a way to distil much of what we've learned into a high quality resource for you.

The Celebrate your Street - Together! short course

will give you everything you need to know to uncover the hidden histories of your own street, block of flats or cul de sac – wherever you live. More than this, it will guide you through how to make the most effective invitation to your neighbours to come join you in a connecting, joyful street celebration.

No-one currently knows when we'll be free of Covid-19 so we've included a range of safe ways to connect with your neighbours right now as well as some great suggestions to have some fantastic celebrations when we are all finally free to mix.

Access this amazing free resource here

Come join the discussion here

Why not start your researches now so that when we can all come together again, your street will be ready with the best celebration ever!

The course comes in 15 separate written Units, each supported with a video that will flesh out your understandings in a fun, accessible way.

You can also <u>connect</u> with others going on the same journey, and with members of the *Squilometre* team.

In this Issue:-

- Celebrate your street together! — We'll show you how, during lockdown and beyond.
- Great Conjunction 2020 Jupiter and Saturn come closer than they have been for 400 years.
- "Weaver Bees" for Heavitree and Burnthouse Lane
 Looking for two very special someones.

Great Conjunction 2020 — We're also thrilled to say that, we'll be working in collaboration with the University of Exeter's Astrophysics Outreach team, Exeter Science Centre and Theatre in Education specialists Boo to a Goose Theatre to highlight the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in late December 2020.

On 21st December Jupiter and Saturn will appear to us to be the closest they have been in the sky since 1623 - The Great Conjunction! They will both be visible in the same field of view of a small telescope. You need to look South West, very close to the horizon just after sunset.

The University of Exeter will be providing a live stream from their telescope through their website -



http://jupitersaturn2020.org/ - and Boo to a Goose will be taking their popular Space Cats into schools to spread the world and help our Key Stage 1 youngsters explore the wonders of our solar system. Kindly sponsored by the Institute of Physics, SW and the IEEE Photonics Society, UK & Ireland Chapter.

Weaver Bees for Heavitree and Burnthouse Lane

We're on the lookout for a two very special persons to act as community "Weaver Bees" for Heavitree and Burnthouse Lane and to join our growing team — **there are now five** *Squilometres* in **Devon**!



- Would you like a way to be involved with your local community that is creative and fully supported by some interesting learning and a strong network?
 - Do you have an average of 7 hours a week you could give to your community, preferably working with us for at least 12 months (hopefully you'll want to stay!)?
- Are you fairly IT savvy and set up with internet access at home?

If those things are ringing true for you then, thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund we can offer, to the right person, a **12 month flexible learning package** with lots of heritage learning and guidance on how to help your community to find create ways to celebrate their own place.

Our Weaver Bees are very special people and cherished by us. I'm not gonna lie, though, it's not for everyone. It is a voluntary role that brings its own huge rewards but it is a commitment on your time (averaging around a day a week). You'll be building relationships and trust-bonds in your community and that's a commitment too.

You can see more about volunteering with Interwoven Productions CIC (the authors of the *Squilometre* technique) here - http://www.interwovenproductions.com/interweaving---take-a-part.html so if the very special Weaver Bee role (or Place Champion) is not for you then there are lots of other ways to get involved. We can't wait to hear from you!