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**“Oh, the back of the bus they *canna*e sing!”**

**3 generations from Whiteleigh are setting off on a road trip to remember. 5 coaches packed with over 200 people from aged 9 to 90 will be heading to Helston to experience the sights and sounds of the Second World War.**

The Whiteleigh Primary School children and their parents will be travelling to the sound of Swing music and war time stories from a group of senior citizens who have agreed to be their ‘Guides’ for the day. The Guides will be showing everyone around the “Britain in the Blitz” exhibition at Flambards. On their return, the children will then work with artists to turn what they’ve learned into a piece of installation art to go on display at a huge commemorative event.

It’s part of a wider project being run by the Spaces for Sport and Arts who scooped a top award of nearly £20,000 to help bring communities together to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The money from the Big Lottery’s Home Front Recall strand will fund separate creative programmes of music, performance, art and film-making activities at each of the four Space for Sport and Art facilities - Whiteleigh Primary School, Bull Point Primary, Plym View Primary in Efford and Plymouth Music Zone in Devonport with its 3 associated schools – Mt Wise Primary, High Street Primary and Marlborough Primary. This will culminate in the special commemorative event, called “*WW2 – United We Stand,*” which will then bring the different communities and generations together for an evening to remember.

The Space for Sport and Arts Development Manager, Debbie Geraghty, says the whole project has been a real eye opener.

**“A 90 year old man involved in this project goes dancing 3 times a week and told me he likes to be called a “recycled teenager.” He made ME feel old and I’m less than half his age! There’s something about that generation that just knows the value of life and how precious every moment is. Children are the same. It’s just seems to be that funny generation in between that likes to put things off...Well, we have all these amazing facilities on our doorstep just waiting to be used. I don’t know about anyone else but I for one am now determined to take up dancing!”**

**For further details please contact Debbie Geraghty on 0787 579 9882 or 01752 213690. Please see Notes to Editor below for any further information.**



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**NOTES TO EDITOR**



**BACKGROUND BUMPH**

- Whitleigh Primary School Head teacher, Tracey Jones can be contacted about the trip to Flambards on 01752 706383
- Both Flambards and Target Travel have been very generous with their discounts and deserve thanks.
- There will be a whole host of activities over the coming weeks culminating in the big event on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Further details from Debbie.
- Also this week: on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, the director of the South West Film and TV Archive, Elayne Hoskins, and BBC journalist Amanda Bluglass will be showing old footage in a Setting the Scene workshop at Plym View Primary from 9.30-11am.
- Over the past 2 years, millions of pounds have been spent building four state-of-the-art facilities for sport and art in Plymouth. These are known as the **Spaces for Sport and Art**. Three of these spaces are attached to primary schools in Whitleigh, Efford and Bull Point. The fourth is Plymouth Music Zone – a music education centre at Brickfields in Devonport. The aim of this unique initiative is not only to improve children’s health and education but also to put the centres at the heart of their communities and encourage people to use them.
- **Space for Sport and Arts** began as a £130m capital programme which set out to fund new or modernise existing facilities for sport and art in primary schools. It targeted schools in areas of multiple deprivation to provide greater opportunities for both pupils and the wider community.
- **Plymouth Space for Sport and Arts** has now obtained revenue funding from Sport England and Creative Partnerships to fund a full-time post for two years to help create a development programme to make the Spaces a central part of the communities. The newly-appointed Development Manager is based at **Plymouth Music Zone** but works across all four spaces.
- **Plymouth Music Zone** is part of a network of Youth Music Action Zones set up in areas of social and economic need by national charity Youth Music, providing music-making activities to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Plymouth Music Zone operates a diverse and innovative range of music activities for young people and adults through workshops, tuition, training, curriculum support, team building and music services. We are well-resourced with a wide range of equipment from electronic to traditional for maximum benefit to all participants.

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