

PRESS RELEASE

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STAUNTON SCHOOL RE-ANIMATE LOST VILLAGE!

Children from Staunton Primary School have been helping to bring the lost village of **Crafta Webb** back to life through the magic of stop-frame animation!

Over the past month thirty nine children from Reception, Year 1 and 2 have been involved in making their own **Crafta Webb** characters, houses and props in order to create a short animated film that will feature alongside the drama production being filmed in Bredwardine late next year.

“Working with the children at the school has been wonderful”, explains film maker Rachel Lambert, “they have all worked tremendously hard and created some fabulous characters! They have had a fantastic insight into every part of the animation process, from designing and building their character, to modelling and manipulating their puppet to bring it to life!”

The animation project is just one part of the **Crafta Webb** project that has been taking place over the past 3 months. Over 35 people from Bredwardine and the surrounding villages have been involved in drama and archaeology workshops, which have found them doing everything from filming and acting to creating maps and performing Geo-Physics! The research that has been carried out on the settlement will provide a unique insight into the incredible history of life on Bredwardine Hill. All the facts, stories and research are helping develop a new drama, documentary and book which will be released in late 2007.

Head teacher of Staunton Primary Pippa Lloyd said, “It’s been a great project for the school to be involved with, the children have not only had a chance to do something incredibly creative, but they have also learnt about their own local history, which is extremely important”.

The film will be shown at Staunton Primary School on **December 20th at 6.30pm**. It will also be a chance to hear the latest news about the project and see the first bits of the Crafta Webb documentary film. Everybody is welcome.

If you are interested in joining the project please contact **Adrian on 01432 344039** or email adrianl@ruralmedia.co.uk



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Note to Editors

- **Photo caption**
- **Images 88 and 89**
Children from Staunton Primary with their Crafta Webb puppets
L to R
Jack Grimes, Jack Freeman, Jaks Smallwood, Oliver Parker, Jennie Pennington.
- **Image 68**
Film maker Rachel Lambert gets to grips with the Crafta webb animation
- There are 25 L+ programmes running in England alone, and Herefordshire Rivers is the only one in the West Midlands.
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