

Pirate fever

PIRATE fever is spreading across North Somerset.

Parents and children are preparing for a number of free pirate-themed events for this year's National Bookstart Day, which aims to help every child in the UK develop a lifelong love of books.

Portside Pirates illustrator Debbie Harter has designed posters, bookmarks and stickers especially for the day.

National Bookstart Day sessions include story times at various libraries throughout North Somerset. There is also a pirate activity day from 2pm to 4pm at Ashcombe Children's Centre, Weston, tomorrow.

Visit the Bookstart website at www.bookstart.org.uk for downloads to make the best Pirate Party.

WODS nominated

WORLE Operatic And Dramatic Society has received two nominations for the Rose Bowl Awards.

Bob Gibbons has been nominated for his part as Fagin in 2007 show *Oliver!*, and the society has also been nominated for the Walter Hawkin award for creativity and design for costumes and props.

The awards will be presented on Sunday, October 19, at The Winter Gardens.

The next WODS show will be *Me & My Girl* at The Playhouse from November 13.