



We are always looking for ideas for improvement of our newsletter – please let us have your thoughts.

Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

19:15 on Tuesday 4 August at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square.

If you have a performance or art work for this meeting, please contact Peter.

Charter Festival

Saturday 1 August



Make sure you are in town on 1st August!

A day to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the town's salt charter signed by King John

(Image from Visit Droitwich Spa website)

There's a lot going on including:

- **Greeting of King John & reception of charter, procession:** 11:00 & 14:30 Vines Park
- **Children's Art Workshop**, Vines Park 10:00-16:00 (prizes at 15:45)
- **A Medieval Castle**, with banquet buffet at Saltbarrow
- **Market in the High Street**
- **Animals for children to see. Medieval Music**
- **Pig Roast and Farmers' Market**, Victoria Square

See also <http://www.visitdroitwichspa.com/>

Music and Cider Festival

31st July, 1st & 2nd August

- **Marquee**, in Vines Park – Ask at the Gardeners Arms for more details

Salt Festival

Sat 12th & Sun 13th September

- **Poetry on an endurance theme**, "Plenty-fish" by Sarah Leavesley; and other poets
- **Other activities** including exhibitions and performances. Details to follow

Saltway Quilters 19:30 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Community Hall, Heritage Way

- **Recruiting new members!** Saltway Quilters are celebrating their 30th anniversary.
- **"Back to Basics" sessions**, starting on 12th August at 7:30pm. For men and women interested in learning the basics of quilting, or new quilting techniques. Fee of £2.50, materials provided. See <http://saltwayquilters.weebly.com/>

Norbury Theatre

(Box Office: 01905 770154)

"Paddington", Film (PG Cert)

Saturday 29 July

18:30 Tickets £5

Droitwich Spa Community Choir

19:30 Tuesdays at the Old Cock, Friar Street

Choir manager: Liz Dutton, 07975 834573 info@droitwichchoir.co.uk

Upcoming performances: Droitwich charter festival on 1st August, Salwarpe Village Fete on 22nd August, and 12th Sept in Vines Park during the Salt Festival.

Exhibitions

Please contact DAN to display your work

Parish Centre, St Andrews Street: Available for member's works.

Park's Café, Victoria Square: Summer Festival group display - **Rhys Jones; Peter Hawkins, Stephen Evans and Tamara Jelaca; Prabhjot Viridi-Smith.**

The Gardeners Arms, Vines Lane:

Bob Addy, Hansa Norman, John Dugmore, Lucy McCarthy, Lyn Sharp, Maggie Matthews, Martin Strivens, Peter Hawkins, Phil Naish & Prabhjot Viridi-Smith.

Simon Berry is keen to have a "best of Droitwich art" exhibition at the Gardeners Arms.

The Old Library, Ombersley Street East: **Peter Hawkins.** Available for new displays

BMI Droitwich Spa Hospital: **Ruth & Stewart Bourne, John Bodley, Peter Princep, Karen Hotchkiss and Peter Hawkins.** The display will change in September.

The Button Tree, High Street: **Karen Hotchkiss**

Droitwich library DAN display: **Kevin Harmon** now, **Karen Hotchkiss** from 1 Aug and **Tina Watkins** from 15 Aug

Eagle and Sun If anyone in DAN wishes to display please contact John Dugmore (on 01905 797677) - he can arrange to help with hanging as with the Gardeners Arms.

Music

organised by John Dudley

- Live Local Up-coming Musicians Night 30 July 20:00
- Warren James Acoustic, 50s, Country, Skiffle, Jazz & Blues 21 August 19:30

All at the Gardeners Arms (01905 772936)

Open Air Art - St Andrew's Garden (behind St Andrew's Church)

For artists & crafts people to enjoy. The garden will be open on **Fridays 31 July, 7th, 14, 21 and 28 August, 10:00 – 15:00.** Price £3. Refreshments will be available.

Highlights of Summer Festival Fortnight

If you missed it, the very successful Summer Festival included:

- Artists in residence: Artists worked in Droitwich library
- Victoria Square: Fantastic yarn bombing
- Arts in View: Open air demonstrations and performances
- Theatre in the Church: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"



(Photo of Yarn Bombing by Tamara Jelaca)

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