



Droitwich Arts Network

AGM 15th February 2017



In attendance

Malcolm Wakeman (MW)
Peter Hawkins (PH)
Rosie Philpott (RP)
Alan Davey (AD)
Rhys Jones (RJ)

Julian Rouse (JR)
Dave Hill (DH)
Malcolm Ross (MR)
Ann Reed (AR)
Simon Collett (SC)

Justine Humphries (JH)
Helen Karakashian (HK)
John Bodley (JB)
Faustyna Popkiewicz (FP)
Tamara Jeleca (TJ)

Apologies

Ruth Bourne

Stewart Bourne

Tina Watkins

Chairman's Report on the last 12 months

- We had a great start with the mural and the wonderful cooperation from Westacre Middle School. Only disappointment was that we couldn't get any response from Edward Winslow School in USA.
- We had our first stand-alone Arts Festival which included a great evening with Dave Rhys.
- The weather was against us during the St. Richard's Festival and our children's tent activity but we still had lots of interest.
- It was the year of the Meetbox which is still going strong!
- Hanbury Hall was a great success- the standard of work was very high and we had lots of sales.
- Publicity has come on leaps and bounds this year and our profile is going up. So much so, that we have been approached by another arts organisation for advice!
- We've had great support from Mike Johns with the music.
- Mail Art was great again this year.
- Fashion show great success raising over £600 - special thanks to Helen for organizing.
- A new membership system has been launched – don't forget to print off your membership cards!
- We have written to Councillor Richard Morris and the Neighbourhood Plan about an arts centre and received a positive response.
- Malcolm has had great support from all of our members and would like to thank everyone.

Finance Report

- The treasurer handed out a summary of our accounts.
- The highlight is a great increase in fundraising thanks to the M&Co Fashion Show.
- The committee have set targets and budgets for the coming year.
- We need to consider applying for the Wychavon Community Grant. However, you can only be successful once in three years so we need to save it for a large project. The theme this year is 'sports' so how can we link that to ArtsFest? Perhaps we can find out the theme for next year.
- For more information on our accounts please contact our treasurer, Rhys Jones.

Election of Officers

- We need a Chair – appeal to be made with a job description.
- **Peter Hawkins volunteered to remain as vice chair on the understanding that a chair person would be elected. He is not prepared to take on the role of chair by default.**
- Venue management – it was decided that we should split the venues up to make it a less onerous task. Appeal will be made. Peter Hawkins is willing to oversee until people are appointed.

All Officers were nominated, seconded and agreed by those present.

Responsibility	Primary	Supporting
Chair	TBC	N/A
Vice Chair	Peter Hawkins	N/A
Secretary	Rosie Philpott	Helen Karakashian
Treasurer	Rhys Jones	
Funding & Fundraising	Ruth Bourne	John Dudley
Membership Secretary	Peter Hawkins	Rosie Philpott
Website Coordinator	Tamara Jeleca	Rhys Jones
Newsletter	Tina Watkins John Dudley (distribution)	TBC
Press Communications	Stephen Evans	Rosie Philpott and Prabhjot Viridi-Smith
Social Events (an overseer)	Project basis	
Venue Management - Regular venues Library, Park's Café, Button Tree, Droitwich Old Library, Bullock's Cafe	TBC Venues will be separated	
Venue Management – for other sites		
“MeetBox”	Justine Humphries	Karen Hotchkiss
Others (new sites)	Peter Hawkins	
Projects and Events Management	Leaders will be sought assigned for each event/ project	
Mural 2016 (Project)	Peter Hawkins	Rosie Philpott, Alan Davey and John Bodley
St Richard's Festival 2016/ Salt Fest	Project basis	
ArtsFest 2017	Rhys Jones	Peter Hawkins, Malcolm Wakeman, Helen Karakashian, Rosie Philpott and Stephen Evans
The RING (project) DAN representative	Alan Davey	
Music coordination (in support of events and projects)	N/A	John Dudley Mike Johns
Literature	TBC	

Agreed actions

	Action	By
1. Chairperson	Appeal and job description written for chairperson	Committee

2.	Venue Management	Appeal for members to manage individual venues	Committee
3.	Tamara Jeleca	Approach Cindy Williams about supporting the newsletter	TJ

Membership Logistics (Membermojo)

- Our database used to be an excel spreadsheet. We want a simpler management system to avoid blocking and bouncing emails when an individual has to email numerous people.
- Thank you to Rhys Jones for suggesting Membermojo. He has experience using it in another organisation.
- It is very user friendly and professional looking.
- We are currently on a trial basis (free). If we decide to go ahead there will be an annual fee of £60.
- It provides means for communicating to the membership in an easy way.
- Peter Hawkins has done initial work on it.
- We could decide to use paypal in the future for membership fees but this would incur a cost. At the moment, fees can be paid via cash, cheque or BACS. For account information please ask Peter Hawkins or Rosie Philpott. We have chosen not to display our bank information online for security purposes.
- There are several member types:
 - Paid-up members
 - Group members (only group leaders pay for their group)
 - Students (free)
 - Affiliates (free) – such as, Jenny Davis, teachers at schools etc.
 - Facebook members (172 people just use facebook)
 - Interested members (People who haven't paid but are likely to in the near future. They will receive our newsletters but aren't artists so wouldn't benefit from DAN membership)
 - Lapsed memberships
- Group leaders are asked to add their member's names and emails online.
- We will keep details of those who have let their membership expire for 14 months.
- We have allowed 2 months for renewals
- Membership year starts in January.
- All of the database can be backed up.

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4.	Bank Details	If you want to pay fees via BACS please contact either Peter Hawkins or Rosie Philpott for account details.	ALL

ArtsFest

- Saturday 15th July (12 noon) – Saturday 5th August (ending with a DAN evening party at Parks)
- 15th & 16th July – Music High School Showcase, Handel's Water Music (17th).
- 22nd & 23rd July – Literature, Poetry and Theatre. Poets approached. Poetry evening at Parks. Madcap Theatre to perform "As you Like It" (20th).
- Tuesday 25th July – Graham Short is giving a talk in the Old Library room about his miniature engravings
- 29th & 30th July – Arts in View. 'Ribbon' of artists and performers through town centre. Photo walk idea.
- DAN Exhibition in the Library Gallery (1st-30th August)

Mural

- Peter, Rosie and Alan met with three students who are part of an enthusiastic group working on the mural.
- They have come up with a design of the Chateau Impney painted in different art styles such as cubism and pointillism.
- The library has offered a space upstairs which the students are keen to go for.
- Corex has been ordered and delivered.

- We are waiting to find out what paint is needed. Peter Hawkins and John Bodley will access the paint that is left in the Meetbox.

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5. Paint	Access leftover paint in the Meetbox	PH JB

Corbett 200

- DAN will have a children's art tent (Justine Humphries).
- We will also be encouraging the public to design/think of ideas for a permanent memorial to John Corbett – we could run a competition.
- The memorial can be followed up in ArtsFest.

Hanbury Hall

- Still unsure if we can have it this year.
- A meeting is being arranged.

The Ring Project

- Project manager has identified an artist to create something in Droitwich. She is fanatical about salt but is not from around here so would like to have a tour (sometime in March). She wants to engage with the community to find out what residents might want.
- Several sites have been identified.

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6. Tour	If you are interested in meeting the artist and helping with the tour, please contact Alan Davey.	PH JB

AOB

- **Ceramic Mural** (opposite the Spinning Wheel) is in a poor state of repair. DAN has had several requests for help with this (it has been going on for three years). The issue is that the town council isn't willing to take on the responsibility of ongoing costs. Our proposal is that DAN will repair the mural, either by raising funds to get it repaired professionally or doing it ourselves. However, our budget does not account for money spent on the mural.
- **Venues** – We need people to put paintings in the library (every 2 weeks) and the Button Tree (end of this week). Justine Humphries will take something from the Meetbox for the library this time.
- **Spring Arts and Craft Fair:** Are any of you interested in having a stall for your crafts in Droitwich at:
The Community Hall, Heritage Road, Droitwich, Saturday 4th March 2017, 9.30 am to 3 pm. Doors open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm.
Refreshments available throughout the day
Tables cost only £ 10.00 for the day. If you would like to come and see what's on offer just come along.
Entrance free
All profits to Save the Children and Salwarpe and Martin Churches
To book a stall or for more information contact:
Jan Grotefeld
01905 458091
janet.grotefeldtalktalk.net
- Tamara welcomed new member attending for first time - Faustyna Popkiewicz

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7.	Library	Justine Humphries will put a painting in the library	JH
8.	Meeting Dates	Rosie Philpott to email out meeting dates for this year.	RP

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 15th March, Park's Café, 7:15pm

Rosie Philpott