



## April Editorial

Spring arrives, so does the prime period for organising DAN activities. Children's art at St Richard's festival, the celebration of John Corbett's birthday (picnic, 25 June) and the **ArtsFest** (for 3 weeks from 15 July) all need your help and support. It is events like these that make the wealth of creativity in this area visible, so they should be very valuable to the artistic community.

These things only happen with help from volunteers, and they seem to be thin on the ground! If you can assist with any of these (or know of someone who can), please contact me on 07766 415094. Help can range from helping move things to a site to running part of an event. By the way, **there are immediate opportunities to exhibit at the Button Tree** - please contact me. Also would anyone like to manage the exhibitions there? (Essentially it amounts to keeping a list of who's booked in.) Peter Hawkins (Chairman)



## ArtsFest - Bringing many forms of art to Droitwich Spa Saturday 15 July to Saturday 5 August

Spanning 4 weekends and 3 weeks, **ArtsFest 2017** will probably be the largest arts festival ever seen in Droitwich. Each weekend has a different theme and the theme for the first weekend is music.



Voices Unlimited

The festival will be launched at midday on Saturday 15th July in St Andrew's Square by the Mayor of Droitwich and Nigel Huddleston MP. This will be followed by music from Voices Unlimited, "Sing and Tonic", and "Swing 42 (UK)" led by Mike Johns. Droitwich Spa High School pupils will perform in St Andrew's Church.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, local musician Keith Slater will perform his Sinatra Celebration at St Andrews Town Hotel, and on Monday evening come to the canal in Vines Park for the re-

enactment of Handel's Water Music, played on the Thames exactly 300 years ago. The second weekend will be described in next month's Newsletter, but if you can't wait, many of the events can be viewed on the festival website [www.droitwichartsfest.org](http://www.droitwichartsfest.org) Also, please "like" our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/droitwichartsfest](http://www.facebook.com/droitwichartsfest) and invite others to "like" the page. We need to grow our potential audience.



Arts in View

## Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

**11th April, 19:15** at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square. All members are welcome to attend.

**[New members welcome - individual annual membership £15](#)**

**We are looking to enliven the DAN meetings with more participation from DAN members. Please contact DAN now if you would like to show your work or participate in some other way.**

## Droitwich Exhibitions- is your artwork on show?

**Droitwich library:** the DAN table is on the ground floor and it has a different artist displayed every fortnight. **Julian Rouse (photography)** until 15<sup>th</sup> April. **Ric Harding (photography)** until 29<sup>th</sup> April.  
**[Bookings are available - please contact DAN on info@droitwichartsnetwork.org](mailto:info@droitwichartsnetwork.org)**

**Park's Café**, 4 Victoria Square; *Peter Hawkins will display his artwork until 25<sup>th</sup> April*

Bookings at Park's are available from **22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**The Button Tree Café**, High Street – *Peter Hawkins will display his work during April*

Bookings available from **27<sup>th</sup> June**

**The Maltstone**, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; *Lynda Sharp will display her work until 4<sup>th</sup> April then*

*Julie Hunt until 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bookings available in June and September*

**The Meetbox** – In St Andrew's Shopping Centre also at our Stoke Prior Studios (For all information about the programme please contact The Meetbox on Email: [thecanalsidestudios@gmail.com](mailto:thecanalsidestudios@gmail.com) or Tel: 07789912627 or 07725488513).

## Art Demonstration by Peter Hawkins and Rosie Philpott



The Droitwich Art Club were very pleased to have engaged Peter and Rosie to attend one of their Monday morning painting sessions recently. Firstly Rosie gave an stimulating talk about her career as an artist and put some of her fantastic 'quirky' Droitwich pictures on show along with her latest picture 'Final Furlong'. Then together they presented an insight into the Droitwich Arts Network and all the Art Club could gain by joining.

Then Peter put on his apron and proceeded to entertain us all with his views and styles of acrylic painting. He taught us all some useful and for some of us, new techniques. We also found out lots of specific approaches for acrylic painting from Peter's demonstration. Many of us were stunned to see his almost photographic pictures on show. We will certainly take away a better understanding of acrylics – whether we can put it into practice remains to be seen.



## Music matters – local talent

**Musical events weekly and a special Easter weekend sausage fest and hog roast.**

At the **Gardeners Arms**, Vines Ln, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LU (01905 772936) [www.gardeners-arms.com](http://www.gardeners-arms.com)

**Norbury Theatre** [www.norburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.norburytheatre.co.uk) (Box Office: 01905 770154)

A varied programme of theatre starting with **Madama Butterfly** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Droitwich Spa Community Choir** Liz Dutton, 07975 834573 [info@droitwichchoir.co.uk](mailto:info@droitwichchoir.co.uk)

19:30 Tuesdays at Droitwich Spa Working Mens Club, 107 Friar St, Droitwich WR9 8EG

The Choir rehearse and perform songs from pop to rock, soul, gospel and musicals.

**New members are welcome - especially male voices!**

**Droitwich Camera Club** Mondays at 20:00-22:00 Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA <http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk/>

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 8pm-10pm **Graham Hodgkiss – the Pleasure's All Mine**

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** 8pm-10pm **Graham Trevor Landscape Competition**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** 7pm-10pm **Interclub v. VECC for Wychavon trophy (at Evesham)**

**For the latest information visit:** <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/>

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