



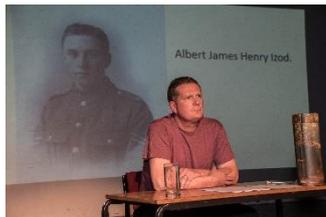
## MAY Editorial

Hi, my name is Rosie Philpott and I am a local artist based in Droitwich Spa. After starting my business 5 years ago I am very lucky to be able to do this as my job. I work in watercolour and fine line pen and love producing my 'wonky' paintings of local views, stylised portraits and illustrations. I joined DAN about 5 years ago during the first summer following the completion of my University degree. It was probably the best thing I could have done for my career! Everyone is so helpful, supportive and encouraging. Through the Arts Network, I have gained in confidence and have been given numerous opportunities. With the support of other members, I have been able to grow my skills both artistically and on the business side of things; particularly the networking aspect which I have always found difficult. Since becoming Secretary, I have met even more people and have loved being able to use the English side of my degree. I hope to make more friends in the future and encourage those just starting out in the artistic world. Rosie Philpott



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

Droitwich ArtsFest 2017 will probably be the largest arts festival ever seen in Droitwich. Each weekend has a different theme. The second weekend comprises mainly spoken word events including theatre and poetry. Local theatre group Madcap Productions will perform "As You Like It" in St Andrew's Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm, Droitwich Spa High School teacher David Izod will perform his monologue entitled "Alan, Alec, and Bert" in St Andrew's Parish Room – funny, sad, and totally engaging!



David Izod

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, there will be poetry and literature readings throughout the day in St Andrew's Square shopping centre, leading up to the free Poetry Extravaganza in Park's Café at 7pm.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, you will have a chance to meet Graham Short, the man who inscribed Jane Austen onto £5 notes that are now worth over £40,000 each. Graham will be giving an illustrated presentation in Droitwich Old Library at 7.30pm.

The third 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 are also on Twitter @droitartsfest or [www.twitter.com/droitartsfest](http://www.twitter.com/droitartsfest)



Graham Short

## Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

**9<sup>th</sup> May, 19:15** at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square. All 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. **Trevor Hunter (photography)** until 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Al Haden (photography)** until 27<sup>th</sup> May. **[Bookings are available - please contact DAN on info@droitwichartsnetwork.org](mailto:info@droitwichartsnetwork.org)**

**Park's Café**, 4 Victoria Square; *Julia Rollit will display her artwork until 6<sup>th</sup> June*

Bookings at Park's are available from **29<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Button Tree Café**, High Street – *Faustina Popkiewicz will display her work during May*

Bookings available from **22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**The Maltstone**, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; *Tina Watkins will display her paintings until 30<sup>th</sup> May*

Bookings available in **August and September**

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Mail Art exhibition in Droitwich



**Mail art** (also known as **postal art** and **correspondence art**) is a populist artistic movement centred on sending small scale works through the postal service. It initially developed in the 1950s and 60s, though it has since developed into a global movement that continues to the present. Media commonly used in mail art include postcards, paper, a collage of found or recycled images and objects, rubber stamps and paint, but can also include music, sound art, poetry, or anything that can be put in an envelope and

sent via post. **PLEASE SEND US YOUR MAIL ART– all details below.**

**Theme: Long Live The Art!** The ART has changed its styles, significance and meaning so many times throughout the history, but it has always been a constant part of humanity and the lives of people. The art should not know any borders, limits or restrictions. The ART has a duty to enhance the reality, to see the beauty, to recognise diversity, to provoke our thoughts, to call for a rebellion, to punch and shake us.

**Technique:** Any; **Format:** please choose A6 (10cm x 15cm), A5 (15cm x 21cm) or A4 (21cm x 29cm), if possible. **No entry fee, no returns, all mail art will be exhibited.** Racist, violent and pornographic artworks will not be exhibited. **Artist's /artwork's details:** Please give us clearly written – your name, title of the work, email address, website (if any). Please confirm your submission by email to [mail.art2015@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mail.art2015@yahoo.co.uk)

All artworks will be published on Droitwich Mail Art website. **Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

The exhibition will be held during the ArtsFest in Droitwich Spa, UK (1 – 30 August 2017).

Send your artworks to: Droitwich Mail Art, 19 Impney Way, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EJ

## Music matters – local talent

Live music weekly starting with the May Day St

**Richards Festival** 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 and cinema opening with 'The Titfield Thunderbolt' on 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm

## 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, 8<sup>th</sup> May** 8pm-10pm **Print and DPI of the Year Comp**

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** 8pm-10pm **AGM and Chairman's Competition**

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

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