



In attendance

Rosie Philpott (RP)
Peter Hawkins (PH)
Angela Hawkins (AH)
Ken Robinson (KR)
John Bodley (JB)

Mike Johns (MJ)
Rhys Jones (RJ)
Ian Peden (IP)
Kevin Hughes (KH)
Sue Webber (SW)

Katy Beinart (KB)
Alan Davey (AD)
Paul Richardson (PR)

Apologies

Julia Rollit
Stephen Evans
Chris Walker

Helen Karakashian
David Wornham
Bob Brookes

Ruth Bourne
Stewart Bourne

Katy Beinart – ‘The Ring Project’

- Peter Hawkins welcomed Katy Beinart who is one of the artists commissioned by the Ring Project.
- Katy gave us a short talk on her work and hinted at what she might possibly produce to go somewhere in Vines Park – details are under wraps for the time being.
- Katy has been interested in salt since she discovered her Grandfather was a Salt worker.
- She showed us photos of her artwork and installations; in particular, her installation in a gallery in South Africa made entirely of salt.
- In the past she has traded salt on a stall in London. The public told her their family stories for salt.
- She has become increasingly interested in Droitwich's salt history and the salt networks where Droitwich really was at the centre.
- She looked at old photographs and was amazed by the hive of activity with the factories. She particularly liked the contrast between the blackness of the factories against the whiteness of the salt.
- Katy would like to create a sculpture that brings back some of the architecture, perhaps using salt blocks to make this.
- DAN could support her proposal once it comes to light. If we are able to find a suitable location, it would pave the way for future projects and installations.
- It is a temporary installation (6 months) but does have the potential for longevity if needs be.
- Netherwich Basin was suggested – the council have already granted planning permission for temporary murals so why not this? However this part of Vines Park has limited footfall.
- Placing it on top of the remaining brine pit in Vines Park was also suggested – it would be elevated and protected by the railings.
- We then enjoyed taking part in Katy's 'BrineTeaser' Quiz and discovered how much or how little we know about Droitwich history and salt!



Hanbury Hall exhibition and missing banner

- Hanbury Hall is now under way and we have already sold many cards and four paintings over the first two days! However, DAN is missing one pop-up banner – does anybody know where it is?
- Please inform Peter if you have any DAN items stored in your house. We are trying to make an itinerary.



- Come and see the exhibition, hear the music, read the poetry (when it's written).

Christmas Social and AGM

- The DAN Christmas/ End of Year Social will take place on **Saturday 27th January**. It will most likely take the form of previous socials where Paul Richardson will provide food and drink from around the work, encouraging us all to guess which country it originates from. If you have any other ideas, please put them forward.
- The AGM will take place on **16th January** – please make a note of both dates in your diary.

DAN Fees

- DAN fees for groups will be going up to £25.
- Now that we have changed over to using the 'Membership Mojo' system, members can renew their membership for the year starting from the date they pay.

Schedule for 2018

- We are looking for ideas that you would like to see in 2018!
- We are already getting interest in ArtsFest 2018. We are hoping to produce decorations for the town which makes the festival visible. We are seeking local craft groups to get involved – please let us know of appropriate contacts – or ask them yourself!

Agreed actions

	Action	By
1.	Pop-up Banner Do you know where our missing pop-up banner is? Contact Peter Hawkins peshawk@gmail.com	ALL
2.	DAN items Are you storing any DAN items? Please contact Peter Hawkins so we can make an inventory.	ALL
3.	Craft Groups Identify any craft groups for ArtsFest 2018. Please inform Peter Hawkins.	ALL

Ian Peden – Comedic songs

- We were treated to 25 minutes of Ian Peden's comedic songs, all of which are his own work.
- A particular highlight was the 'stand up and sitting down' song along with a yodelling chorus.
- Members had great fun.



Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 14th November, Park's Café, 7:15pm

Rosie Philpott