



Droitwich Arts Network

12th July, 2017



In attendance

Alan Davey (AD)
Pam Davey (PD)
Angela Hawkins (AH)
Bob Brookes (BB)
Dr. Dawn Rimmer (DR)
Simon Britton (SB)

Ruth Bourne (RB)
Stewart Bourne (SB)
John Bodley (JB)
John Dudley (JD)
Chris Walker (CW)
Charles Hazzard (CH)

Paul Richardson (PR)
Peter Hawkins (PH)
Rhys Jones (RJ)
Rosie Philpott (RP)
Tamara Jelaca (TJ)
Mary Jenkins (MJ)

Apologies

David Wornham
Nina Lewis

Liz Holbeche
John Dugmore

Nick Wardle

Salt King 200 Review

- Peter Hawkins thanked people for their hard work leading up to and during the Chateau picnic. The event attracted over 2,000 visitors which he believes would not have been possible without the hard work of those involved.
- In particular, he thanked John Bodley and others who were on the DAN stall all day; Rosie Philpott for being on a variety of stalls all day; Malcolm Wakeman for his work organising the performances (and the compere) and Alan Davey for all of his hard work and commitment to the event.
- Bob Brookes added to Peter's thanks. He spoke to a lieutenant on the day who said 'how marvellous it was to see everyone come together'.
- Witton Middle School were heavily involved in the event and devoted part of their curriculum to four dimensions of John Corbett. As part of this, they held a large school assembly and wrote a poem. John Bodley read the poem.

Artistic Automation: Pam Davey

Pam Davey talked about the history and journey of the Droitwich Spa Heritage Society's project to get an automated monument established in the town.

- It has been discussed for many years and, unfortunately, Pam ran into difficulties with the press and public opinion.
- A word of warning: you have to be strong and willing to continue no matter the negativity you face.
- Interestingly, everybody at the meeting said that they would have supported the project if they had known about it at the time.
- Members wondered if the right time was coming up again to try and pursue it further, especially with the government trying to get schools engaged in programing. The project might get more support if schools were involved. It could be split up into tiny projects and there could be collaboration between engineers and artists.
- Bob Brookes expressed how he was inspired to go into engineering after seeing the Guinness Clock in the 1950s. At the time, Guinness was advertising using a toucan and people would queue to see the clock in real life. To see the clock, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PlxR47IG5cM>
- Members thought it would be a good tourist attraction.
- Perhaps this is a way that John Corbett could be remembered? Salt King 200 made a profit and the money was always going to go towards a permanent memorial to John Corbett – perhaps this is an idea? Rosie Philpott and Bob Brookes expressed an interest in this project if it were to go ahead.



ArtsFest: The inside track

- Rhys Jones handed out leaflets to everybody present and asked them to give them out to family, friends, neighbours and any other groups they are involved in.
- The official launch of ArtsFest is this Saturday, 12:00, St. Andrew's Square. It will be opened by Voices Unlimited and two short speeches by our MP and Mayor. Our Town Crier will be announcing the event 15 minutes before.
- Rhys went through all the events during the three weeks. Please get involved! There are many ways you can help. You can simply attend the events as they are meant to be enjoyed by the public and members alike! Please contact Rhys on rhys@photomaestro.co.uk
- Here are a few highlights:
 1. **Opening:** Includes Voices Unlimited, Swing 42, Sing and Tonic and a Musical Showcase by the High School. If you can, come along between 11-11:30am and meet Rhys outside the Meetbox. Hand out leaflets to the crowd, answer any questions, talk and mingle. Wear your polo shirt and lanyard if you have one.
 2. **Keith Slater: Sinatra Celebration – Sunday 16th July, 6:30pm, St. Andrew's Hotel**
Tickets can be bought at £7 each. Contact Rhys.
 3. **Handel's Water Music – Monday 17th July, 7:45pm, Vines Park**
This is a free event! Come along and join in, enjoy special guests and fabulous music.
 4. **David Izod: 'Alan, Alec and Bert' (monologue) – Friday 21st July, 7:30pm, St. Andrew's Church – funny, desperately sad and totally engaging.**
Rosie Philpott and Helen Karakashian have volunteered to help collect money at the end of the evening. It is a 'pay what you want' event with a suggested contribution of £3.
 5. **Graham Short – Tuesday 25th July, 7:30pm, The Old Library**
Famous for placing Jane Austen's portrait on the new £5 notes (now worth over £40,000) Again, a pay what you want event with a suggested contribution of £4. Help required to set-up etc.
 6. **Art Walks – Saturday 29th July, 10:00am**
Peter Hawkins and Rosie Philpott will be leading a group around the town. All materials are provided and all are welcome – all ages and all abilities.
 7. **Artist in Residence – Library**
Please contact Peter Hawkins if you wish to take part. You can do it in pairs or alone. There will be display panels provided to display your work. This is not just for pictorial arts – the first day will feature a poetry workshop.
 8. **Malcolm Stent: Sunday 30th July, 7:00pm, St. Andrew's Hotel**
Tickets are £10 and can be bought from Rhys.
 9. **Arts in View: Saturday 5th August, 10:30am, Victoria Square**
We have market stalls and gazebos booked. There will be space to display your work. Please contact Peter Hawkins if you wish to be involved – this has been an enjoyable day in the past.
 10. **Droitwich Library Art Exhibition – 1st August**
Still a chance to display your work. Contact Tamara Jelaca: thaichi2010@gmail.com

Agreed actions

	Action	By
1. Help	If you can help in any way at any of the events, please contact Rhys Jones - rhys@photomaestro.co.uk	All
2. Tickets	Purchase tickets or take some away to sell – contact Rhys Jones rhys@photomaestro.co.uk	All
3. Opening	Saturday 15 th July, St. Andrew's Square – meet Rhys outside the Meetbox between 11-11:30pm to hand out leaflets etc.	All
4. Library Exhibition	Apply to exhibit your work during ArtsFest in the library	All
5. Practical Arts	Contact Peter Hawkins if you wish to take part in the Art Walks (29 July), Artists in residence at the library (daily, 28 July – 12 August) and Artists in View in Victoria Square (5 August).	All

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High School Mural

- The High School have completed the display panel for their mural design (pictured).
- The painting of the Chateau Impney will consist of 12 panels, each painted in the style of a different artist.
- When complete, the mural will be hung upstairs in the library.
- It is now complete but help is required with installation.



Simon Britton

- Simon Britton is trying to set up a campaign to get a 'Maker Space' in the Droitwich and Bromsgrove area.
- This is a local community workshop full of materials for projects. Equipment such as sewing machines and welding equipment that people might not have at home.
- 'Maker Spaces' have had good traction in the US and across Europe. There are examples in Birmingham and Bromyard.
- At this stage, he is simply looking to create interest and spread the word. Please take a look at the website: www.bdmakerspace.org.uk
- Members suggested that Simon contact the Meetbox as this is a similar project and could be seen as opposition.

Arts in View

- We have free gazebos available to us from Wychavon but they require picking up – can anybody help? Please contact Peter Hawkins.

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6.	High School Mural Please help if you can! Rosie Philpott will send out an email once she has a confirmed date for installation.	All/ RP
7.	Contact Details Peter Hawkins to send Simon the contact details for the Meetbox	PH
8.	Gazebos Contact Peter Hawkins if you can help transport gazebos: peshawk@gmail.com	All

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 15th August, Park's Café, 7:15pm

Committee meeting:

All welcome to attend!
Tuesday 8th August, 4pm



Rosie Philpott