



# Droitwich Arts Network

13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017



## In attendance

Rosie Philpott (RP)  
Peter Hawkins (PH)  
Ken Robinson (KR)  
Graham Wilson (GW)  
Tamara Jelaca (TJ)  
Malcolm Ross (MR)  
Chris Walker (CW)

Angela Hawkins (AH)  
John Bodley (JB)  
John Dudley (JD)  
Malcolm Wakeman (MW)  
Stephen Evans (SE)  
Mike Johns (MJ)  
Rhys Jones (RJ)

Andy Jenkins (AJ)  
Ian Peden (IP)  
Sylvie Coulthard (SC)  
Paul Richardson (PR)

## Apologies

David Hull  
David Wornham  
Julie Hunt

Stephen Wilson  
Ruth Bourne  
Stewart Bourne

## Welcome

- Peter Hawkins welcomed new members (or members who haven't attended recently):  
Ken Robinson – loves oil paints although finding it hard to work with the fumes. Would like to dabble in watercolours.  
Graham Wilson – attended a few months ago. Likes working in watercolour and acrylics.  
Andy Jenkins – A pastel painter who recently exhibited with Canalside Studios during ArtsFest.  
Sylvie Coulthard – appreciates all types of arts and has recently set up a Facebook group called 'The Magic of Droitwich'.
- Peter attended the YPAG (Young People's Action Group) meeting before this one. They are very keen to be involved in ArtsFest 2018.

## Hanbury Hall

- All forms need to be returned to Peter Hawkins (either by email or to Park's Café) by **17<sup>th</sup> September**.
- We still need stewards! In particular, we need people to cover the following dates: 12<sup>th</sup> (morning), 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Work sells better when the artist is present.
- We will all receive a copy of contact details for those stewarding in order to arrange exchanging the cashbox for the following day.
- Please bring payment on the day of set-up.
- Bubble wrap will be provided to protect work when it is sold.
- A book to record ALL sales will be provided, listing Artist, title of work, catalogue number, paid by cash/ card/ cheque, who sold it and the number on the receipt.
- We strongly encourage receipts to be given to customers (a receipt book which produces a carbon copy will be provided).
- Hanbury Hall are going to put an alternative system in place for customers paying by card (e.g. taking customers to the gift shop). Details will be given once we know what this is.
- Numbers for each painting (to match the catalogue) will be provided. These are 'stickers' so you may want to provide a piece of card to attach to your painting to avoid difficulty removing these from the frame.
- Please make sure your work is capable of being hung – a cord on the back rather than a hook in the frame.
- You may bring your own card rack to display cards.
- We will all have identification lanyards when stewarding.
- Hanbury Hall are keen to reduce interaction between the public and transport. They only want a maximum of three vehicles at a time at the back. Please arrive, drop off your paintings and move your car immediately.
- Perhaps we could record emails to invite people to the next exhibition? These could be included on the competition slips.
- We have two people providing music for ambience.

- Poets will be coming in to work.
- Celebration (with food and drink) will start at 12:00 on 30<sup>th</sup> October with takedown at 2pm.
- An updated information sheet will be available during set-up

#### Agreed actions

	Action	By
1.	<b>Stewarding</b> Please can you steward? Contact Peter Hawkins – <a href="mailto:peshawk@gmail.com">peshawk@gmail.com</a> You can do all day, mornings or afternoons.	<b>ALL</b>

#### Malcolm Wakeman – ‘A Plain Man’s Guide to Community Singing’

- Malcolm took us through different ways of community singing such as ‘The Shanty’, ‘The Refrain’, ‘The Chorus’, ‘The Unaccompanied Repetition’ and ‘The Manic Depressive Chorus’
- All members participated and thoroughly enjoyed the exercise.
- Mike Johns accompanied Malcolm on the harmonica.
- Mike Johns also said that DAN has recently had success in the music field by starting a new Folk Club. The next session will be on the first Thursday in October at the Talbot pub.



## **The Meetbox Closure**

- It is with great sadness that we have to announce that the Meetbox have been told to vacate the premises as the shop has been let.
- The Meetbox has to be emptied soon. It was set-up with help from DAN; we have had artwork and workshops there and they have greatly supported our events.
- We have a number of items stored there: storage boxes, peg boards, paints, large display panels, 7 x A frames, large pieces of wood, LED lighting, 2 x browsers and 1 x pop-up banner.
- We will be asking members if they can store one box of DAN items. As a last resort we can rent storage space at Canalside Studios.
- We are currently in communication with the Norbury Theatre.
- They would still like a presence in the town and it was crucial to have a base in the town centre during ArtsFest.
- We have always said that we would like an Arts Centre such as Number 8 in Pershore and The Cube in Malvern.
- Any comments and suggestions will be most welcome.

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2.	<b>Storage</b> Can you store a box of DAN items if needs be?	<b>ALL</b>

### **Date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Park's Café, 7:15pm**

### **Committee meeting:**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm  
Rhys Jones' house - 14 Impney Green, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EL**

Rosie Philpott