



Droitwich Arts Network

14th November, 2017



In attendance

Rosie Philpott (RP)
Malcolm Wakeman (MW)
Mike Johns (MJ)
Paul Richardson (PR)
Sue Hawkesworth (SH)
Anna Dear
Kathryn Alderman
Gill Garrett
Stephen Evans
Andy Jenkins (AJ)
Bob Addy
Karen Harmon (KH)

Serena Trowbridge
Richard Sollars
Edward Sollars
Nigel Reader
Nigel Hutchinson
Chris Coleman
Chris Walker
Stephanie Vale
Maggie Doyle
Sylvie Coulter
Sarah Leavesley
Kathy Gee

Graham Wilson
Roger Rickets (RR)
Alan Durham
Jennifer Stretton
Alan Davey
Ken Robinson (KR)
Leena Batchelor
Nina Lewis (NL)
Penny Dykes
Dorothy Humphries

Apologies

Peter Hawkins
Claire Hilton
Liz Holbeche
Helen Karakashian

Rhys Jones
Tamara Jelaca
Trisha Kenny
Julia Rollit

John Bodley

Announcements

- **Hanbury Hall** – Total sales amounted to £2,999. Sales of cards worth £30.75 (by NT staff) on Sunday 29th October were not recorded. All exhibitors have been sent emails asking them to make claims if they can make a reasonable case that their cards were sold on that day. **Claims must be submitted to Rhys Jones by 14th November.** Once we have final figures, we will start making payments to the artists. Remember that 10% commission goes to DAN.
- **ArtsFest** – the committee is excited to announce that ArtsFest 2018 will start on **Sat 30th June 2018, running for 4 weeks and 5 weekends, ending on Sat 4th August.** We have already booked the Gallery Room in the Library for most of July for an exhibition of DAN work. ArtsFest 2018 will include Dance (with opportunities to join in), and activities for families and children which is something we felt we missed out on last year. The Chateau Impney Hill Climb takes place on 7th & 8th July, so we may well organise a music event in the evening in the town centre, which should attract people leaving the Hill Climb as well as local residents.
- **Display at Park's Café** – 28th December – there will be a group exhibition over this month. We need at least three more artists willing to display one artwork. Andy Jenkins, Karen Harmon, Roger Rickets and Ken Robinson volunteered to display a picture. An email will be sent out to those interested.
- **Venues 2018** – There are many chances to display your work in 2018. Please contact Rosie Philpott for Park's Café, Tamara Jelaca for The Library and Peter Hawkins for The Maltstone Pub, Cutnall Green.
- **Meeting Dates** –
 1. There will not be a December meeting but we would like to invite everyone to the Folk Club (that DAN played a part in restarting), at the **Talbot Pub on 30th November.** The session runs from 8pm, but you can come and go at any time. Come along, enjoy the atmosphere, listen to the music, and join in!
 2. **AGM – 16th January, 7:15pm, Park's Café** - Rosie Philpott will send out an email nearer the time asking for nominations.

- New Year Social – 27th January, 7:15pm, Park's Café** - All partners are welcome and it will take the form of previous years with food and drink from around the world. Please look out for your email invite as we will need RSVPs to get an idea of numbers. There will be no charge!

Agreed actions

	Action	By
1.	Hanbury Hall - cards All claims for cards sold on Sunday 29 th October must be made to Rhys Jones ASAP. Once claims have been submitted and figures finalised, artists will begin to receive payment. rhys@photomaestro.co.uk	ALL
2.	Group Exhibition at Park's Cafe An email will be sent out to those that volunteered to display one artwork: Andy Jenkins, Karen Harmon, Ken Robinson, Roger Ricketts.	RP
3.	Venues in 2018 Interested in displaying your work? Contacts the following people: Park's Café – Rosie Philpott rosiepose@tiscali.co.uk Maltstone Pub – Peter Hawkins peshawk@gmail.com Droitwich Library – Tamara Jelaca thaichi2010@gmail.com	ALL
4.	DAN Meeting Folk Club, 30 th November, 8pm, Talbot Pub	ALL

Poetry from Hanbury Hall

- The network was delighted to welcome Nina Lewis (Worcestershire Poet Laurette) and the rest of the poets to the meeting. They visited our Hanbury Hall exhibition and were inspired to write poetry about some of the work on display.
- There were 15 poems in total, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation showing the painting that inspired the writing.



Discussion:

- Everybody, poets and artists, enjoyed the evening. It was well supported and both parties thanked each other for the opportunity.
- The network would love to something like this again. Perhaps we can do it the other way round? Artists could create an artwork based on a poem. In the past, some poets have picked names out of a hat and both the artist and poet have worked together. The results have been displayed.
- Mike Johns suggested that some of the paintings could be set to music.
- The poems from tonight will eventually be displayed at Hanbury Hall – an email will be sent out to invite you all.
- The poems may be published on the DAN website although this does constitute as publishing and the ability for poets to submit their work. This will be discussed in due course.

AOB:

- **Stephen Evans** has an exhibition in the Maltstone (12th December – 9th January) and Nina's poem, along with the corresponding painting, will be displayed next to each other.
- **Claire Walker:** Poetry Launch – 'Somewhere between Rose and Black' – A poetry Pamphlet from V. Press Saturday 9th December, Park's Café, 7-9pm. Free entry and no booking required (except for food).
- **Droitwich High Street in December:**
To boost the High Street as it reopens in December, there will be numerous events taking place. One of these is focussed on art and will take place on 16th December. The group (led by the owner of Inspire Nail bar) is asking for artists to take part, coming along and sketch and engage with the public (a sort of 'arts in view' event). Rosie will be given the information to send out in due course.

Date of next meeting:

Folk Club – 30th November, Talbot Pub, 8pm

AGM – 16th January, Park's Café, 7:15pm

Social – 27th January, Park's Café, 7:15pm

Rosie Philpott