



JULY Editorial

My name is Tamara Jelaca and I am an artist from Belgrade (Serbia) now living in Droitwich. I am a professional textile designer and artist, with more than 20 years' experience in creative and experimental textiles, fashion design and organising art projects. I have exhibited my artworks in over 80 group exhibitions in UK and abroad (Switzerland, Italy, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, Bolivia, South Korea, Turkey, Serbia) and have had 9 solo exhibitions.



I joined Droitwich Arts Network shortly after I moved to Droitwich. DAN has always been a great support to its members and I have always felt free and encouraged to contribute with new ideas. I am proud to administrate DAN's website, which is in its third year and is growing ever larger. In 2015, with the help of DAN, I set up Droitwich Mail Art (<https://droitwichmailart.wordpress.com/>), which is an international annual exhibition of mail art (original artwork sent by postal service). This year's exhibition will show about 200 artworks from 25 countries. The exhibition will be held in Droitwich library 1 - 30 August.

Salt King 200 A Great Success!



Attracting approximately 2000 guests, John Corbett's 200th birthday celebration picnic in the grounds of the Chateau Impney was certainly an event to behold. When the rain poured down at 11am that morning, many of us wondered what we had done. But the British spirit didn't fail us! The sun came out and hordes of people could be seen



walking towards us laden with deckchairs, picnic hampers and outdoor games.

The picnic was full of fun, laughter and a wonderful sense of community spirit. Community groups manned information stalls, put on activities and competitions and those such as Voices Unlimited and the Salvation Army band, added to the atmosphere with music. The birthday boy himself welcomed guests and shared a scrumptious birthday cake, in the shape of a picnic basket, with us all. History was repeated with the local town folk coming together, all ages, all backgrounds, enjoying the British summer in the name of someone who has done so much for Droitwich Spa.



Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

12th July, 19:15 at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square. All are welcome to attend.

Droitwich Exhibitions- is your artwork on show?

Bookings are available at all venues - please contact DAN on info@droitwichartsnetwork.org

Droitwich library: the DAN table is on the ground floor and it has a different artist displayed every fortnight. **Dora Bodley (painting)** until 22nd July. **Duncan Turner (photography)** until 5th August

Park's Café, 4 Victoria Square; **Tina Watkins** will display her artwork until 1st August

The Button Tree Café, High Street – **July bookings are currently available**

The Maltstone, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; **Bookings are currently available from 1st – 25th July**

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

DAN Exhibition at Hanbury Hall: 10th October – 22nd October

We are happy to confirm that DAN have been allocated exhibition space at the Long Gallery again; 10.00 am – 17.00 on all days. Entry details to follow next month.



ArtsFest Update - Bringing many forms of art to Droitwich Spa

Saturday 15 July to Saturday 5 August

The final **ArtsFest** weekend has the theme of “Arts in View”. The build up to this begins on Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm in Droitwich Old Library / CVS Community Hub. Graham Short, the micro-artist who placed images of Jane Austen on £5 notes (now worth £40,000 each) will show us how he inscribed the Lord’s Prayer on the head of a pin and a portrait of HM The Queen on a speck of gold inside the eye of a needle. Entry is free but we ask for a contribution of £4 per person towards costs.



From Friday 28th July, DAN members will have the opportunity to be “Artists in Residence” in Droitwich Library. Peter Hawkins will soon be inviting you to fill half or full day slots. DAN members also have a free opportunity to display works of art in the Gallery Room at Droitwich Library for the whole of August. This is being organised by Tamara Jelaca. Contact Tamara urgently if you have not yet submitted your application form. You have the option to state that your work is available for sale if you wish.

On Saturday 5th August DAN members have the opportunity to work in Victoria Square and engage with the public. Peter Hawkins will soon be inviting you to participate. There will be music in St Andrew’s Square on Saturday 5th August including Mandy Harding playing sax, Droitwich Community Choir and songs by Kat Webber. Mike Johns will be running an acoustic fingerstyle guitar workshop; and the Droitwich Ukulele Club may perform in St Andrew’s Square.

We do need your help with decorating St Andrew’s Square with bunting, probably late afternoon on Sunday 9th July. You can also help by attending as many of the outdoor events as you can. I will provide “official” badges so that the public will know you are with DAN. We also need help at the evening events to check tickets or collect money. Quality polo shirts are available to members who are actively involved with **ArtsFest**. I will be placing the order for the next batch early in July. Contact me urgently if you haven’t requested yours. And finally, there will be an end of festival party (with a stand-up comedian) during the evening of Saturday 5th August. Invitations will be sent to members who are actively supporting **ArtsFest**. Please let me know how you plan to help during ArtsFest. All the events can be viewed on the festival website www.droitwichartsfest.org Rhys Jones

Music matters – local talent Live music weekly at the **Gardeners Arms**, Vines Ln, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LU (01905 772936) www.gardeners-arms.com

Norbury Theatre www.norburytheatre.co.uk (Box Office: 01905 770154)

A varied programme of theatre and cinema highlighting ‘Absolutely Fabulous’ on 12th July, 7.30 pm

Droitwich Spa Community Choir Liz Dutton, 07975 834573 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.

Droitwich Camera Club meet at Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA
<http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk/>

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