



The Meetbox - On to Pastures New?

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to the Meetbox run by Justine Humphries and Karen Harmon of Canal Side Studios. Karen and Justine stepped up to run the pop-up gallery in St Andrew's Square 18 months ago. With the support of Malcolm Wakeman, the local art community, DAN, the Town Council and Wychavon Council, their company The Canal Side Studios CIC Ltd, became a central hub for the arts in Droitwich town centre offering a warm welcome to everyone from all walks of life.

Karen said, "It has been a fantastic experience. We have met so many people who have an interest in painting, crafting, music, theatre, creative writing, photography and poetry from the area. We ran classes for vulnerable adults, for home-educated children and have worked alongside DAN and local school children to deliver last year's mural and also many different craft workshops. So many people have taken the time to come and wish us well and hope to see us back soon".

Justine, who studied psychology and the benefit of art in the community and Karen, who studied fine art and business studies at Mid-Cheshire School of Art and Design, are actively looking for premises in Droitwich to continue to deliver art to the community. In the meantime, they will continue to hold classes at temporary venues and from their art studio in Stoke Prior. thecanalsidestudios@gmail.com or Tel: 07789912627 or 07725488513 (Please contact for details).

Hanbury Hall DAN Exhibition – 11th October – 29th October

The annual exhibition at the Long Gallery at Hanbury Hall is one of the premier events in the Droitwich Arts Network calendar.

This year it features 123 works on the walls by 33 local artists plus other work in browsers and cards. Visitors will also benefit from live music on many days. A group of poets will also be visiting in order to create new works inspired by the exhibition. It is hoped that these poems will be displayed in the Hall subsequently.

Uplighters have been purchased by DAN to illuminate the gallery for our three-week exhibition.



Visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite artwork; the winner will receive a cup and certificate which will be presented by last year's winner, Julie Hunt.

There is no entrance fee to the exhibition, but you will have to pay for entrance to Hanbury Hall if you are not a National Trust member.

Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

11th October, 19:15 at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square. All members are welcome to attend. Please advise us if you wish to perform or show your work at this meeting.

[New members welcome - individual annual membership £15](#)

This is the property of Droitwich Arts Network

Droitwich Exhibitions

Droitwich Arts Network members have an opportunity to exhibit their works in several venues across the town. Individual members are invited to organise their solo exhibitions, but numerous groups (members of the network) are welcome to display artworks of selected members.

[Bookings are currently available - please contact DAN on info@droitwichartsnetwork.org](#)

Droitwich library: the ground floor DAN table has a different artist displayed every fortnight and *is currently available for bookings*

Hanbury Hall, Worcester Woodturners: **7th and 8th October (apple weekend)**

Park's Café, 4 Victoria Square; *Rosie Philpott and Peter Hawkins will display their artwork during October*
Bookings at Park's are available from 28th December

The Button Tree Café, High Street – *is currently available for bookings*

The Maltstone, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; *is currently available for bookings*

Canal Side Studios, Stoke Prior: thecanalsidestudios@gmail.com or Tel: 07789912627 or 07725488513.

*Every Tuesday (except 28 Feb) am and pm [Watercolour classes](#).

*1st and 3rd Thursdays in month [Home Ed kids workshop](#). *Friday am, [Drop-in painting group](#).

* **Sale of local artists and crafts people artwork, music sessions and many more!**

Music matters – local talent and Welsh Food Platter Festival 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)

'La Boheme' live opera streamed from the The Royal Opera House, London **Tuesday 3rd October 7.15pm**

'Blithe Spirit' **Thursday 12 – Saturday 14th and Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st October 7.30pm**

'Cinema – Sully: Miracle on the Hudson' **Wednesday 18th October 7.30pm**

'Children's Theatre' **Saturday 21st October 2.30pm**

'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' live opera streamed from The Royal Opera House, London -
Monday 23rd October 2.30pm

'Lolly Parton' **Saturday 28th October 7.30pm**

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.

New members are welcome - especially male voices!

Droitwich Camera Club Mondays at 20:00-22:00 Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA <http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk/>

Monday, 2nd October 8pm-10pm Monthly Competition 1

Monday 9th October 8pm-10pm Gareth Watson; Which camera is right for you

Monday, 15th October 8pm-10pm Carl Wright LRPS: An introduction to Adobe Lightroom

Monday, 29th October 8pm-10pm Ian Johnston: 'The Orangutans of Borneo and Sumatra, and Other Adventures' and Clive Turner: 'Making a Splash'

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/>
DAN Contact: 07766 415094 or e-mail info@droitwichartsnetwork.org

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