



SEPTEMBER Editorial

Malcolm Wakeman; musician and singer. Trained in Classical guitar with Denise Neruda, and later joined 'The Timoneers' Folk band, made five Albums, one CD. Reached final of BBC Rising Stars, made several television and radio appearances, toured in Europe and the UK. Past Chair of DAN. Joined the network in 2012 after retiring from work as Sales Director of Opella Ltd in Rotherwas, Hereford. Director of Canal Side Studio a CIC (Company in the Community) (Meetbox/ Stoke Prior) set up to promote all forms of art in Droitwich and the surrounding area. Committee member of Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan reporting on Art and Leisure in and around Droitwich.



Had not painted since achieving a GCE 'O' Level in Art at Ryland Memorial School of Art West Bromwich in 1962. Joined Bromsgrove Art Group to start again shortly after coming to Droitwich and more recently "BodArt" at Dough Bank. A founding member of Droitwich Ukulele Club. Committee member of Droitwich Artsfest 2017. Other interests include writing, poetry, walking (member of Wychavon Leisure Walking Group) - West Bromwich Albion and Droitwich RFC.



ArtsFest An Enormous Success!

Appreciation and abundant gratitude for his hard work must go to the architect of **ArtsFest**, Rhys Jones. A tremendous amount of detail and planning was put into holding this event by Rhys but we know it could not have been held without those of our members who contributed to the enormous success of this year's event.

It seems it is not only DAN who feel this way when Peter received this letter from the Mayor of Droitwich Spa. **Who agrees with the Mayor that ArtsFest 2018 should last a month?** "Rhys thinks we should be more ambitious next year but will need a team. If you are interested in helping please send Rhys an email via artsfest@droitwichartsnetwork.org"



ArtsFest Update

The last part of ArtsFest was predominately about the visual arts and photography. The Artist-in-residence programme in the library was a great opportunity for local artists, members of Droitwich Arts Network, to show their artistic skills and have a chat with the library visitors. Peter Hawkins, Rosie Philpott and Droitwich Camera Club



members lead Art Walk and Photo Walk on 29th July which was a quite new experience to all but turned out to be a great success. Due to a bad weather on 5th August, instead of showing and creating art in Victoria Square as planned, DAN artists spent a day in the library. That was a great opportunity for us to meet the exhibition visitors, hear first-hand impressions and have a chat about the art and DAN activities.

The month-long exhibition of **Droitwich Arts Network** members in the Library was the last event of ArtsFest 2017. The exhibition hosted 43 artworks by 24 local artists. The selection included watercolours and acrylic

Droitwich Spa Town Council
Mayor's Parlour

Councillor Shaun Best
Mayor of Droitwich Spa

22 August 2017

Mr Peter Hawkins
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Dear Peter,

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Town and residents to thank you for all your efforts in providing us with ArtsFest 2017, it is very much appreciated.

I know I shouldn't say this but can we make it a month next year!

Once again, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Kind regards,

Shaun Best
Mayor of Droitwich Spa

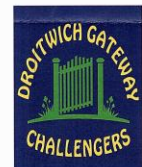


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paintings, pencils and coloured pencils drawings, pastels, photography and textiles. The visitors appreciated mostly this variety in techniques and styles and we have received very positive and supportive comments. A full summary can be found on https://issuu.com/rhysbmjones/docs/2017_summary

DAN Exhibition at Hanbury Hall: 10th October – 23rd October

We are now finalising the planning of the exhibition at Hanbury Hall Long Gallery. We need to decide quickly whether to take an additional week. It will only be viable if we have enough stewards to cover 10:00 to 17:00 each day. Half day stewarding slots, (10:00 - 11:00, 13:00 – 17:00) will also be available. Would you please let Peter know if you are interested in participating and the days that you could steward **by 3rd September**? Displays at the exhibition are open to paid-up DAN members only due to the demand this event creates. (If you are not yet a member, that can easily be addressed).

The event is not limited to the visual arts, poetry and music are already planned, other artistic pursuits may be accommodated. **This is a final call for DAN members to participate in this prestigious exhibition venue.** At present, we have had insufficient response to be certain of holding the exhibition this year!

Forthcoming events at Hanbury Hall include Wildlife Art Society International (TWASI) from 2nd -17th September, Alan Jackson 20th – 28th September, Worcester Woodturners 7th & 8th October, Father Christmas and Crafts 9-10, 16-17, 18-23rd December.

Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

13th September, 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. *September bookings are currently available*

Park's Café, 4 Victoria Square; *September bookings are currently available*

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

The Maltstone, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; *September bookings are currently available*

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

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 Shows begin again after the summer break with *The History Boys by Alan Bennet. Thurs 7th- Sat 9th and Thurs 14th-Sat 16th September 7.30pm. A varied programme of events can be found at www.norburytheatre.co.uk (Box Office: 01905 770154)*

Droitwich Spa Community Choir The Choir rehearse and perform songs from pop to rock, soul, gospel and musicals. Contact Liz Dutton, 07975 834573 info@droitwichchoir.co.uk

Restart at 19:30 on Tuesday 6th September and then every Tuesday at Droitwich Spa Working Mens Club, 107 Friar St, Droitwich WR9 8EG

Droitwich Camera Club After the summer break, Droitwich Camera Club is opening the new season on 4th September at 8pm. This is a perfect time for the new members to join the club and show and share their passion for the photography. **Meet at Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA** <http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk/>

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/>
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