



Droitwich Arts Network

AGM: 16th January 2018



In attendance

Rosie Philpott (RP)
Peter Hawkins (PH)
Helen Karakashian (HK)
Kenn Robinson (KR)
Liz Ross (LR)
Malcolm Ross (MR)
Tamara Jelaca (TJ)
Sue Hanson (SH)
Suzi Wood (SW)

Ruth Bourne (RB)
Stewart Bourne (SB)
Tina Watkins (TW)
Phil Watkins (PW)
Roger Ricketts (RR)
Alan Davey (AD)
Rhys Jones (RJ)
Malcolm Wakeman (MW)
Angela Hawkins (AH)

John Bodley (JB)
Stephen Evans (SE)
Mike Johns (MJ)
Justine Humphries (JH)
Julia Rollit (JR)
Karen Harmon (KH)
Paul Richardson (PR)

Apologies

Mary Jenkins
Julie Hunt
Cheryl Walton
Alison Hinton

Chris Walker
Dorothy Humphries
Anne Lane
Stephanie Emmerich

Sylvie Coulthard
Stephanie Vale

Chairman's Report

Overview of 2017

- We had a very busy 2017 with lots of exciting and successful events.
- It started with the Salt King 200. DAN wasn't responsible for this event but a number of members participated and a DAN stall was run during the day (mainly by John & Dora Bodley). It was well supported by the community.
- ArtsFest 2017 was a huge success with lots of different activities for all ages. An event that sticks out was the Handel Water Music, the 300th anniversary of the first performance of this music on the Thames. All arts were represented during the festival and 2018 is set to be even bigger and better!
- The number of venues for displaying our artwork has declined. This year we lost the Button Tree due to a change of management. Considering the number of members that want to exhibit we could do with more venues. Members were asked to identify potential new venues.
- The Hanbury Hall exhibition was again our biggest and most successful exhibition. We booked a third week with some trepidation but the exhibition was well manned and we even had poetry and music as well at the art.

Thanks

- Peter thanked:
 - Rhys for his work on ArtsFest and work as Treasurer
 - Tamara for coordinating and keeping the website up-to-date
 - Tina Watkins for her brilliant work on the newsletter (and her introduction of the editorial section.)
 - Alan Davey, Rosie Philpott, John Bodley and the rest of the committee for all of their hard work and support in 2017.

Management of Data

- As you know, we hold personal information of members in our Membermojo membership system. The new Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25 May 2018. Organisations need to be very clear on how we use this information.

- We must ask people's active agreement for their information to be used and give members the option to choose what data is shared with other members.
- The DAN data protection policy is on the DAN website and will be enhanced.
- We are currently tackling the above via our membership system, Membermojo. It is proposed to that people are asked to confirm the date from which they are willing to have their information used as documented in the Data Management Policy. Another field has also been added to member records in Membermojo called Data sharing options. By default, only, members' names are shared with other members. However, it is hoped that members now choose to share contact details (telephone and/ or email address) together with member's artistic interests and support of DAN. Members can update their entry to show which are visible. [not stated at the meeting, but implied and important: The specifics and their communication will be agreed with the DAN committee].

Mayflower 400

- DAN has been asked to participate in the Mayflower 400 project.
- The project will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower and will make Droitwich Spa highly visible alongside places such as Plymouth, Worcester, Boston, and Leiden, Holland.
- A meeting of interested parties is taking place at 10:00, 21 February at St Richard's house council chamber. Alan Davey has volunteered to attend on behalf of DAN.
- More information is provided as an appendix.

Agreed actions

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| 1. | Venues Identify potential new venues for exhibiting DAN work | ALL |

Treasurer's Report

- Rhys Jones handed out a summary of the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017.
- Membership fees stayed level.
- Increased income from the Hanbury Hall Exhibition offset the fact that we did not hold any fund raising events.
- Our financial surplus for the year was below the target budget figure, but we did acquire valuable assets including a digital projector and exhibition lighting.
- DAN acted as "bankers" for two ring-fenced projects being Salt King 200 and ArtsFest 2017. These projects received grants and sponsorship, and generated their own income via donations, ticket sales, etc. DAN did not receive any grants for day to day activities.
- ArtsFest 2017 made a modest financial surplus which is ring-fenced and will be carried forward to help fund ArtsFest 2018.

Election of Chair and Committee

| Responsibility | Primary | Supporting |
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| Chair | Helen Karakashian (nominated by Karen Harmon, seconded by John Bodley) | N/A |
| Vice Chair | Malcolm Wakeman (nominated by Helen Karakashian, seconded by Justine Humphries) | N/A |
| Secretary | Rosie Philpott (nominated by Peter Hawkins, seconded by Ruth Bourne) | N/A |
| Treasurer | Rhys Jones (nominated by John Bodley, seconded by Malcolm Wakeman) | N/A |
| Funding & Fundraising | * | |
| Membership Secretary | Justine Humphries (nominated by Julia Rollit, seconded by Karen Harmon) | |
| Website Coordinator | Tamara Jelaca (nominated by Ruth Bourne, seconded by Rhys Jones) | |
| Newsletter | Tina Watkins (nominated by Rhys Jones, seconded by Peter Hawkins). Justine Humphries will distribute. | |
| Press Communications | ** | |
| Venue Management | | |
| Library | Tamara Jelaca (nominated by Helen Karakashian, seconded by Peter Hawkins) | N/A |
| Park's Cafe | Rosie Philpott (nominated by Peter Hawkins, seconded by John Bodley) | N/A |
| The Maltstone | Peter Hawkins (nominated by Helen Karakashian, seconded by Rosie Philpott) | N/A |
| Projects and Events Management | Leaders will be sought assigned for each event/ project | |
| St Richard's Festival 2016/ Salt Fest | Project basis | |
| ArtsFest 2017 | Rhys Jones (nominated by Peter Hawkins and seconded by Malcolm Wakeman)*** | |
| The RING (project) DAN representative | Alan Davey (nominated by Peter Hawkins and seconded by John Bodley) | |
| Music coordination (in support of events and projects) | Mike Johns (happy to represent local community musicians) | |
| Literature | Nina Lewis (Self-appointed) | |

*Fundraising position remains open

**Press communications remains open – it was suggested that whoever is the leader of a particular event, sends a few words to Rosie who can put it together as a press release and then send out to the press.

***Rhys Jones pointed out that it was too late to appoint a leader for ArtsFest 2018 this year as he has started work on this in September. However, in anyone is interested in taking the lead in 2019, they can work alongside Rhys this year and be ready to start in September.

New Chairperson's Report

- Helen began by presenting Peter and Angela Hawkins with a gift as a thank you for Peter's hard work over the past year and Angela's support.
- Helen expressed her gratitude for the nomination of Chair.
- We are planning on having something like a badge to make committee members distinguishable.
- Helen emphasised that the club is for everyone and she and the committee members are open to ideas. She encouraged members to let the committee know if they particularly liked an event and equally the committee would be open to criticism, preferably constructive!
- **The DAN Social Evening will take place on 27th January, Park's Café, 7:15pm.** Food will be provided. The cut-off point for letting Rosie know your attendance is 16th January. No more can be accepted after this date.
- **The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13th February, 7:15pm, Park's Café.** There will be a welcome table by the door and you will be greeted on arrival. If you have any business cards or fliers of events you would like to promote please distribute them on this table.
- **M&Co Fashion Show: Wednesday 14th March.** Please let Helen know if you want to be a model or help handing out drinks/nibbles or selling raffle tickets.
- **ArtsFest 2018 will take place on 30th June – 28th July.**

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ArtsFest 2018

- Rhys has had the 'save the date' bookmarks printed. They were designed and paid for by Fresh Nous.
- Please contact Rhys if you want a bundle to take to another group you are part of.

Mike Johns

- Traders in the High Street have approached DAN since the reopening, wanting to be considered during festivals. Mike is happy to find musicians to play there and has established a link with them.
- Rhys Jones has similarly established a link and has been in contact with an organisation that can erect a temporary wall for people to paint on.

Stephen Evans

- Manager of the Maltstone is willing to do a joint venture to advertise both DAN and the pub, perhaps holding a mixed exhibition.
- Peter Hawkins will contact the manager and discuss.

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| 2. | Bookmarks Contact Rhys Jones if you want some ArtsFest 2018 bookmarks rhys@photomaestro.co.uk | ALL |
| 3. | Maltstone Talk to the manager of the Maltstone Pub | PH |

Date of next meeting:

13th February, 7:15pm, Park's Café