



A New Year - a New Chair!

Congratulations to **Helen Karakashian** who was voted in as Chair at the recent AGM. We hope for a thrilling year to come with a fresh look for DAN. Helen has interest in all forms of the arts including ballet, opera, art and theatre. Over the years she has learned a variety of crafts including lacemaking, embroidery, smocking, quilting and most recently weaving. However, she is at her most creative through knitting which she learned at the age of 3. She is a member of the Knitting & Crochet Guild, The Arts Fund and a friend of the V & A and The Barber. Other organisations to which she belongs which are not arts related, are The Rotary Club of Droitwich Spa, SPARKles WI, Life Member of the NT and Mensa.



About DAN Helen says; Peter Hawkins has been chairman of DAN for 7 years and has worked tirelessly for this organisation. I now intend to build on this strong foundation and reach out to all the local clubs and societies covering a wide spectrum of the arts and encourage increased interaction. With my committee I am working on a diary of events for the year ahead which includes demonstrations and involvement in textiles, pottery, painting, wood carving, knitting, writing and quilting among many other arts and crafts. We will be arranging visits to art galleries, theatres and other places of interest such as the Jewellery Quarter and the Kidderminster Museum of Carpet.

There will be opportunities to take photographs and to paint 'en plein air'. These visits will be intermingled with social events together with fund raising activities and we plan to involve the local schools and community in a variety of projects.

With permission and at certain times of the year, we will be making specialised bunting in our organisation's colours and adding yarn bombing around the town to let everyone know that we are involved in functions in the area such as Salt Day and the St Richard's Festival. Then of course the summer culminates in our wonderful **ArtsFest18** which this year is running for four weeks. Autumn brings the highly acclaimed four-week exhibition of work at the Long Gallery in Hanbury Hall. Membership forms will be available at all these events. **Come and join us and help make Droitwich an even more special place to live.**

The DAN Committee for 2018



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Helen
Karakashian



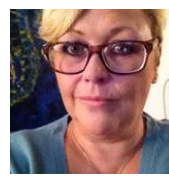
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The DAN Social Evening

Food from around the world was served up for us as Parks Café as we all competed to guess where each dish originated. Most of us claimed the bruschetta came from Italy but the main course of a beautifully tender pork loin and honey ginger potatoes had many of us foxed. By dessert we really didn't care where the Pavlova came from only that it tasted wonderful! Thanks go to Paul and his staff for a lovely evening. The evening didn't end with the food as we were then entertained to folk songs by Bridget Wakeman followed by Pauline and John Franks. A delightful evening was had by all.



DAN Forthcoming Events



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th February followed by what is quickly becoming our annual Charity Fashion Show event at M&Co in Droitwich. This was a huge success last year and a lot of fun, laughter and enjoyment was had by everyone. This year's show will be held on Wednesday 14th March at 6.45pm and attendees will qualify for a 10% off all sales together with drinks and nibbles and a Raffle – prizes please! Tickets are £5 and are available at M&Co and Park's Café.

Are there any jewellers who would like to sell their creations on the night, giving 10% to DAN? Contact DAN 07766 415094 or e-mail info@droitwichartsnetwork.org

MAYFLOWER 400

DAN has been asked to participate in the Mayflower 400 project and Alan Davey is our representative. 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. Prominent Mayflower passenger, Edward Winslow came from Droitwich Spa and was schooled in Worcester. Following the voyage, he later returned to England.

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from Plymouth UK to Plymouth Massachusetts. This is a unique opportunity to commemorate the legacy of the passengers and crew who undertook the journey and to highlight their stories and heritage, which is embedded in communities across the UK, US and Netherlands. It will deliver a world-class series of events, public art and wider content that will commemorate this exceptional voyage.

Mayflower 400 will champion the values of freedom, faith and personal liberty that informed the original journey, and which continue to be articulated in the special relationship between the UK, US and Netherlands. Dartmouth is already advanced in its planning – see <https://www.dartmouthmayflower400.uk/projects/> for details of some of their projects.

Next meetings of the Droitwich Arts Network

Tuesday 13th February 7.15 pm at Parks Café All members invited to attend.

Droitwich Exhibitions- is your artwork on show?

Bookings are available - 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. **Stephen H. Evans** until 10th February then **Bob Addy** from 10th February – 24th February.

Park's Café, 4 Victoria Square; **Trisha Kenny** until 20th February then **Stephen Evans** until 20th March

The Maltstone, Cutnall Green; **Dorothy Humphreys** from 6th February until 6th March

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

'Just Dance' Saturday 3rd February 7.30pm

'Live Opera streamed from the Royal Opera House - Tosca' Wednesday 7th February 7.15pm

'Curtains' Wednesday 21st – Saturday 24th February 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

Droitwich Camera Club Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA

Mondays at 20:00-22:00 <http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk> for their programme of events

Monday, 4th February **Workshop led by Terry Livesey: 'Flash made Simple'**

Monday 12th February **Monthly Competition**

Monday 19th February **Martin Fry 'AV in the Making'**

Monday 26th February **Workshop on Macro-photography led by Nigel Spencer**

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

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