



The Hub – Temporary Closure

When MAPP invited Droitwich Arts Network to work with them to create a Community Hub it was on the understanding that, if necessary, they would move us to another empty unit. MAPP has reached agreement with a retailer who wants to lease the unit so we have vacated the premises.

New Location

The current thinking is that we will relocate to the old Meat Box unit. You may be familiar with this unit. Some of our members used it a few years ago as an arts-based meeting place and renamed it as the "Meet Box". The location is excellent, being in the centre of the square. The ground floor area is similar in size to the current Hub and has access to the car park at the rear. It has a large sink with nearby worktops. There is no basement but it does have two rooms upstairs which are ideal for small meetings, classes, or workshops.

MAPP is obtaining quotes to carry out necessary work including enlarging the existing toilet area to make it accessible by all, replacement of missing ceiling tiles, installation of spotlights, new signage, checking of all electrics and lighting, etc. At this stage we do not know when that work will be completed, so there will be a delay before we can resume our activities.

Forward Bookings and Payments

Rhys is aware that members have made (and paid for) forward bookings for display space and proposes to suspend the bookings and restart them when we are ready to do so in the new unit. The unused part of October and the restart date will be taken into account when calculating future booking fees.

Sales

Sales in October by Sue Cook, Marelize Yorke, Graham Wilson, Kate Pullen, Trevor Hunter. Sales in September by Chel Walton, Rosie Philpott, Bryonie Williams, Derek Webster, Nashim Riazi, Graham Wilson, Kate Pullen, Colin Jack, Chris Walker, Wendy Simmons, Tina Watkins. When the Hub closed on Saturday 16th October the total value of sales was about £2,500. Well done everyone!

DAN - Poppy Making Workshop in the Hub



The general public workshop started well with Helen circulating, refilling water jars, supplying newspapers, fabric, felt etc. She supplied knitting and crochet patterns too and a host of lovely materials for our visitors to work with.

Three empty stations were taken before we opened. One table with chairs was used for colouring in Rosie's excellent designs with coloured pencils or paints. One standing around table utilised for gluing, cutting and creating and one low coffee table with chairs for knitting and crochet.



Mike and Ian gave a wonderful accompaniment during the two hours of the workshop. We had about 20 people all together drifting in and out. All those photographed have given permission to appear on the website, Instagram etc. and a huge total of 38 poppies were created. Many of the poppies were



donated and were used in our wreath making meeting on 21st October. For

those of you on Facebook, here is the link to Wendy's great video of the day – make sure you have the volume turned on!! <https://www.facebook.com/100001624719238/videos/302308565043733/>

Poet-Tea night at Diamond Cafe



Diamond Cafe are happy to announce that their first poetry evening was a success! They say "This was a new experience for our staff and we now know how to make the next one run even smoother.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to those who attended and a thanks to those who shared their pieces. We will be excited to see you at our next event on November 4th but the following event dates will be reviewed to make sure we are fully set up. We will make future announcements

regarding the poetry evening but do intend to keep poet-tea as an official Diamond Café event". Their Facebook page can be reached [here](#).

DAN October Meeting - Wreath Making

*The lovely **Claire Hilton** helping at our poppy wreath making.*

During this meeting we put together our Remembrance Wreaths using many of the poppies made during our public workshop and those we have made in our own time.

Just like two years ago, it was lots of fun and again we made two! All forms of art were encouraged - painted poppies, knitted, crocheted, pastel, embroidered, photos, poetry - anything we thought of! The wreaths look absolutely wonderful and particular thanks go to **Claire** and **Lyn** – masters of the glue gun !!

We were musically accompanied by the wonderful sounds of Swing42.



*The equally lovely **Helen Karakashian** with the completed wreaths*

DAN Programme for 2021

- **Wed 17th November:** Due to the closure of the Hub, no meeting will take place in November and it will be postponed until next year.
- **Thu 16th December:** Play reading, music, punch and mince pies – at a place yet to be found!

MEMBERS MEETING IDEAS WANTED

Please do let us know of your ideas for the coming year. We really would like you to be involved in the meeting planning and your thoughts are very much needed. Contact me [here](#) and to make certain your voice is heard!

Worcester Wood Turners Display at the Heritage Centre and Christmas!



A display of wood-turned goods from local turners is being held at the Heritage Centre and will be running until the 12th November. There will also be products for sale. Come along and choose some unique Christmas gifts this year.

A reminder that the Christmas Lights switch on in the square will be on 27th November at 4.30pm. There will also be a Santa's Grotto (run by the Droitwich Lions) and face painting in the Heritage Centre from 10.00am – 5.30pm.

Exhibition Opportunity – Pitt Studios

'The Return of The Worcester Open Exhibition 21' is looking for creatives to submit their art for a chance to have their work exhibited publicly. If you are 15 years of age and over and can provide a UK address, you are eligible to submit work to 'Worcester Open 21'. We are looking for artwork from a wide range of disciplines and mediums. Student Artist: ages 15-19; Artists: ages 20-54; Senior Artists: ages 55+

The Deadline for submissions: 10/11/21

Winners from each of the three categories will receive a £500 prize. If your work has been selected, you will be contacted: 15/11/21. The Exhibition opens at The Art House: 01/12/21

If you are interested, please visit their website and fill in an application. <https://www.pittstudio.com/>

ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION November's theme – Bonfires

Thank you to everyone who sent in their rather splendid arts and crafts pics for last month's section. **November's theme is Bonfires!** Again, these could be funny, serious or just plain silly! A photo of your artwork is needed with your name and description to show in the October newsletter, send in pics to me by email, address is [HERE](#). It really is just to be a bit of fun and to see what our members can create quickly. **Last day for receipt is 27th November.**

ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION October's theme - Harvest

<p>Ruth Bourne's Harvest Impressions from the confetti fields at Wick One from the 'back catalogue' for our harvest theme</p> 	<p>Tina Watkin's 'Harvest haze' Brusho and wax. Supposed to represent ears of corn... messily of course!</p> 	<p>Ruth Bourne's 'Harvest' photograph</p> 
<p>Stephen Evans Grapes We will be harvesting our red grapes shortly which makes a delicious dry red wine. We inherited the vine when we moved in 38 years ago and it has produced on average 7 gallons of wine every year! The vine grows round the kitchen window which faces south and ideal for the red grapes. Statistics: - Over the 38 years we have produced 266 gallons at 6 bottles per gallon = 1600 bottles YUM!! And, at 6 glasses per bottle = 9600 glasses of wine.. GOSH! Loving shared with family and friends.</p>	<p>Grapes2</p> 	<p>The finished product!</p> 
<p>Julia Rollit's October Harvest</p> 	<p>Lynda Sharp's Harvest in watercolour</p> 	<p>Ruth Bourne's Harvest2 photograph</p> 

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