



## The Hub – Update and Meetings

**Sales:** More sales each week it seems. Recently the following members have sold items at the Hub, a buyer arrived to take all three of **Rosie's** prints! **Tina Watkins** sold a browser item and **Cheryl Walton** sold her very first painting! Well done everyone!



There will be a poppy making workshop open to the general public at The Hub on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October** from 10.30 – 12.30. Are you free to come along and help? Materials will be provided but if you have any suitable bits and pieces to bring along that would be very helpful. I realise that some people will want to take away any poppies they make but I hope that some will be handed over for our DAN wreath making on 21<sup>st</sup>. As explained, all materials will be provided but feel free to bring along any red fabric, photos of poppies and relevant poems. Yarn, knitting

needles and crochet hooks will be available to use on the day. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Get your patterns in the pdf document sent with this newsletter.

Our next members meeting is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** at 7.30pm at The Hub with plenty of space to socially distance. We will be preparing two wreaths to represent members of DAN on Remembrance Days in November 2021 and 2022. I will bring along two basic wreath shapes on which we will attach poppies. Please bring along any poppies you have made. These can be knitted, crocheted (patterns are on the DAN website), or made from fabric, paper, photographs etc. Poems would be very welcome too and I will bring along a laminator. Helen

## Poets Corner? Poet-Tea night at Diamond Cafe



**Diamond Cafe** had an outstanding response from the public about a possible poetry sharing evening, so much so, that it is happening but unfortunately it was confirmed a little too late to be included in last month's Newsletter. It was held on 30th September at Diamond Café and all 12 spaces were taken with several DAN members attending.

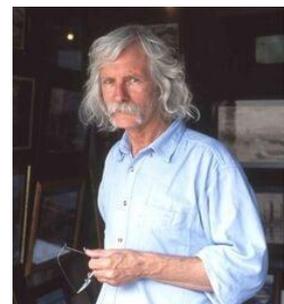
A full write up will be included in next months newsletter but the Café is a vibrant and cosy environment and hot and cold beverages and a selection of locally baked cakes are available.

Everyone at **Diamond Café** hopes that this will be a regular event and further details will be released at a later date.

## DAN September Meeting – Astronomical Photography

This was brought to you live on zoom from **Colin Jack's** observatory. Fellow member **Colin** explained why astrophotography is so different from daylight photography. He showed his telescope, camera etc. plus, samples of his best astrophotos. It was a magical experience and the live link photos of the moon were so clear you could have touched it.

For those who wanted to attend Thursday's zoom meeting on astrophotography but couldn't make it, here is a recording Colin did of something similar, [but sadly without the live viewing of moon and Jupiter we got on Thursday]. Colin is hoping to arrange a live visit to his observatory when the nights are darker, though a clear night can't be guaranteed of course! Click [here](#) to see the recording if you are a Facebook member.



## DAN Programme for 2021

- **Thu 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Workshops to prepare two wreaths for Remembrance Sundays 2021 /2022
- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Workshop to make crackers – Christmas, birthday, anniversary
- **Thu 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Play reading, music, punch and mince pies

## Mayor's Christmas Card invitation to enter



### Message from Droitwich Heritage Centre

Do you have the perfect winter image of our lovely town? The Heritage Centre are putting together this year's Mayor's Christmas card and are inviting entries to feature as the picture. This is a great idea and one in which our members will heartily support, I'm sure!

Please email your entry to [Heritage@droitwichspa.gov.uk](mailto:Heritage@droitwichspa.gov.uk) by 4pm on **Friday 15th October**, thumbnails are OK, however, they will need a full resolution image for printing. You will be acknowledged on the card and a small prize of £10 to spend at the Heritage Centre (who have local gifts!)

## The Norbury Theatre is back to thunderous applause!



THERE were a lot of people 'with something in their eye' at Droitwich's Norbury Theatre when moving drama *Goodnight Mr Tom* had its opening night. A rapturous applause greeted cast and crew after the words 'the first show back since the panto in January 2020' were spoken and the emotional rollercoaster was under way.

The story centred on William Beech who, along with others, had been evacuated to the country and was having to adapt to a change in lifestyle, along with those welcoming their visitors. This was a fitting production to grace the stage after 18 months of a nation pulling together to help each other – not too dissimilar to that Second World War 'blitz spirit'. In the same vein, this cast certainly pulled together to put on a production to be proud of.

For details of upcoming events contact the website <https://www.norburytheatre.co.uk/>

## Raphael Revealed – Exhibition on Screen



Marking the 500th anniversary of Raphael's death, the greatest exhibition ever held of his works took place in Rome. Exhibition on Screen was granted exclusive access to this once-in-a-lifetime show. With over two hundred masterpieces, including paintings and drawings – over a hundred of which have

been brought together for the first time – this major exhibition celebrates the life and work of Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino.

With unprecedented loans from the Louvre, Uffizi, National Gallery of Art, the Prado Museum and more, the exhibition and this film provide an unprecedented opportunity to see the breadth of Raphael's skill, creativity and ingenuity. Award-winning director Phil Grabsky provides a fresh look at this giant of the Renaissance, and shows why he is considered one of the all-time greats. The film covers his life in Rome, and includes unique footage of the ancient Rome that was such a powerful influence, including rare footage of Nero's Golden House that Raphael himself visited.

More than just a painter, Raphael was one of the most extraordinary artists of the Renaissance but is often misunderstood or mythologised. On the basis of this extraordinary exhibition in Rome, this film allows Raphael, for the first time, to be truly revealed. Find out the nearest cinema to you and more details [here](#)

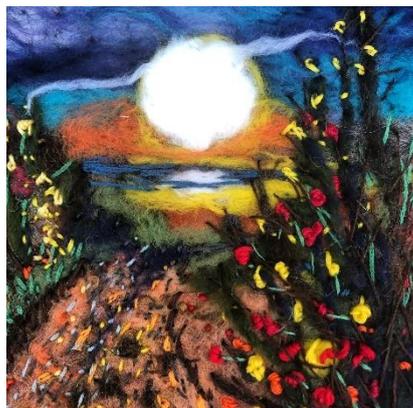
## ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION October's theme – Harvest

Thank you to everyone who sent in their rather splendid arts and crafts pics for last month's section. **October's theme is Harvest!** 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 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

**ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION September's theme - Holidays**

**Lynda Sharp's Brean Sunset**

This is a needled felted & stitch picture worked from a photo I took at sunset Brean Somerset in June 2021



**Tina Watkin's 'Caravan'** A not so messy pen and wash as a reminder of our last caravan holiday.



**Christine Scirrow's 'Holiday'**

In Mixed Media....pan pastels, standard pastels and polychromas pastel sticks.



**Nashim Riazi's artwork**



**Nashim Riazi's poem**

Let me be peaceful here  
 Away from worries  
 Relying on white clouds...  
 Until my dreams shower down  
 And then suddenly I'm the sea  
 Extensive to your soul  
 Like the vastness of the skies  
 Where birds twitter and the sun shines  
 Let me ascend slowly  
 and view this fountain of hope

**Susan Birth's Sarlat**

Here's a pic of my painting of Sarlat, a beautiful town in the Dordogne region of France. It originally had the title 'Sarlat' but now I call it 'Wish I were there'.



**Chel Walton's Holiday watercolour**



**And a little bit of photographic sunshine from Google to end the summer...**



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