



DAN Zoom Meeting with Les Jones



We were treated to a very special talk from Les Jones on 27th. Les is a designer and photographer based in North Shropshire. His talk centred on collage and mixed media work which he has been getting into over the past few months - something that he'll continue to develop going forward. Most of his works have been produced on card or old retail boxes that he picks up from the corner shop and some of the later ones have been done on old wooden type trays.

During lockdown he made the decision to produce a FREE digital edition of Elsie Magazine to provide people with a little creative light relief at the end of each week. Les produced eight issues before the strain of fitting them in between real-world work became too much. All eight issues are on the website for you to download. there's lots to enjoy, so please dive in and, if you have any comments or feedback, please get in touch with him. Here's the link to his free e-mags; Click the [link](#) to get 'em!

Salt Fest is now Mini – but beautifully formed!

This year, due to Covid, Salt Fest is to be called **Vines Park Community Market and Street Food**. Determined to offer a fun packed weekend for local people and their families Salt Fest organisers decided to organise Vines Park Community Market and Street Food. Organiser Edith Berry, landlady at the Gardeners Arms said, "People are being encouraged to wear masks and social distance. It will be policed well, there will be security, one way, all to make it safe. It is still putting something on for the town, that is why community is in the name."



Our own **Rosie Philpott** will have a stall during the three days of this mini festival. Rosie known for her wonky pictures of Droitwich Spa and the surrounding area will unveil three new paintings at this year's Salt Fest weekend. Her new paintings, will include "Wonky Ombersley", "Elgar's View" (a painting of Worcester Cathedral Plaza and the Elgar Statue), and "Lord of the Manor". Rosie said: "The first month of lockdown gave me more time to create paintings I have been wanting to do for a while and I am so excited to reveal these to the public. "The last painting is one I am

particularly happy with and depicts a fox surveying the Chateau Impney at dusk. It allowed me to experiment with light, creating a different style of imagery but still with that quirky element."

DAN Survey

We would like to thank all DAN members who completed the recent survey and the results will be distributed quite soon. Hopefully you didn't, but If you encountered any difficulties please contact Rhys Jones [here](#).

Performers Wanted!

Wychavon District Council are looking to commission a number of performers who are available to perform during the day in one of the bandstands in Droitwich, Evesham and Pershore. The performances will be during the day on the **12th, 19th and 26th September**. In light of the current circumstances they are looking for performers that will be able to perform in a socially distanced manner with all of their own equipment in a relatively small outdoor space. They are looking for musicians, dancers, actors, storytellers, circus performers and everything in between to provide an afternoon of entertainment for residents and visitors to the park.



If you would like to apply to perform please email [Caroline Tredwell](#), Arts Development Officer with a brief proposal and outline of your experience preferably with links to previous work. Scheduling and fees will be discussed on application. **The deadline for proposals is Friday 4th September!**

En Plein-Air at Helen's Home



We were invited to **Helen's** Chapel House peid-a-terre (can't stop using French now!) for a lovely morning of painting, luckily the weather held and everyone had a wonderful time with at least the opportunity to chat with other members! It was voted a great idea amid wonderful grounds.



Lynda Sharp produced the delightful painting of Chapel House and **Colin Jack** set up home overlooking the canal and



created the interesting tonal monochrome picture on the far right of the lock gate. **Wendy Simmons** our latest new member produced a wonderful study of the grounds and pictures from the day can be found on the DAN members Facebook page [here](#).

DAN Upcoming Events

Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm - Charley Barnes 2010 Poet Laureate will be our guest speaker. She will outline her activities and experience as Poet Laureate and answer questions. Hopefully poems and short items of prose will be included.

21st October 7.30pm – Stewart Bourne will give a talk on 'Creative Photography' 'about' objects rather than 'of' objectives.

16th December 7.30pm – A 'Call my Bluff' style meeting/game with art themed words and in 3 rounds is planned.



Members Doings

Inspired by Les Jones talk? **Claire Hilton** is a past master at collage and shared a link called 'Interested in doing collage and don't know where to start?' Start [here](#)!!



Jo Morris is displaying her artwork in Park's Café until 15th September and then **Rosie Philpott's** artworks will be displayed.

Stephen Evans Charity Project. Following my thirty-year career with the NHS Ambulance Service I've always given my support to The Ambulance Staff Charity (TASC). With this in mind, I undertook a project to donate a series of paintings to illustrate the various roles, skills, very often delivered to the sick and injured in dangerous, hazardous and stressful situations, by these dedicated highly trained people. I completed the project after producing 11 paintings, whew! I recently shared two of my illustrations on the DAN Facebook page.



The aim of the project required a lot of research as I was keen to ensure correct detail of the various roles of ambulance staff for the paintings. If suitable, the artwork would be used to help with an awareness publicity campaign to support the invaluable work that TASC provides when 'Caring for the Carers During their Time of Need' and hopefully, will help to attract the raising of much needed funds as well.

It was a really enjoyable and very satisfying project and I'm delighted to say that the Charity has now accepted all my artwork. My original paintings will be on sale and I will be donating all profits to the Charity. Stephen Evans.

New member **Wendy Simmons** sent a [link](#) to her Facebook page so you can see what she's all about. Wendy says "I favour pastels with my artwork. It's fast which suits my speedy technique". You will also find her excellent artworks along with many other members on our DAN website under Galleries.

And finally... a Bank Holiday Musical Extravaganza

Once again taking advantage of the relaxation of the COVID-19 Lockdown restrictions permitting groups of up to six people to meet outdoors, members of the DWIG got together in a back garden for another informal session. This week it was blustery and overcast with rain threatening, but they braved the elements and played on. This is a relaxed recording of "English Country Garden", this week without the accompaniment of any garden birds, but the wind occasionally makes its rumbling presence heard on the soundtrack [here](#).

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