



DAN and Remembrance Sunday



DROITWICH artist and illustrator **Rosie Philpott**, best known for her 'wonky' paintings has created a series of free colouring pages so people can show their support for this year's Remembrance Sunday. The town's parade and service is usually attended by 3,000 people but will not be happening this year because of Covid-19 restrictions. Instead people are being urged to remember at home. Part of that will be displaying poppy artwork – similar to the rainbow pictures for the NHS during the lockdown – in their windows.



Rosie's pictures range from a simple poppy, a poppy field, one of the Droitwich Spa War Memorial and a Droitwich Salvation Army soldier playing the 'Last Post'. She says, "We encourage the public to print the free colouring pages, complete them and put them in their windows so we can all stand united in thanking those who have given their lives."

Those colouring the pages are also urged to visit www.britishlegion.co.uk to make a donation to the Royal British Legion. Visit rosiephilpott.co.uk to download the sheets and check out Rosie Philpott's pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information.



Although there will be no town involvement, our DAN poppy wreath, the second of two created last year at our evening meeting at Parks Café, will be laid by **Helen** prior to Remembrance Day. A donation of £25 has been sent from DAN to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. A pre-recorded service would also be broadcast on social media at the relevant time on Remembrance Sunday.

October DAN meeting – Stewart Bourne



Stewart's presentation had three main themes: **Metropolis**, **People** and **Altered States**, including two powerful audio-visual sequences. He likes to present fairly literal images, imbuing them with a feeling of 'almost-familiarity'.

Metropolis takes places that hint at aspects of an alternative universe, with grandiose architecture and tiny people, scurrying like insects. Some images have the exaggerated clarity of an etching, others a blurred impression of something beyond.

Stewart is intrigued by **People**. He described a portraiture project begun with Droitwich Salvation Army, sadly on hold now: here Rosie's hand-painted mask incorporates things of importance to her. His definition of people also covers the 'artificial' such as robots and mannequins and his images explored what it means to be human.

The final theme, **Altered States**, is based on the realisation that even top theoretical physicists can't define reality. Stewart enjoys finding and creating images that deconstruct what we take for granted as a solid reality and re-presenting it for our consideration. Do email Stewart [here](#) if you'd like to see the AVs with soundtrack; they are muted in the recording. Thanks go to **Ruth Bourne** for this article.



DAN Who's Who for November



Many of you will have seen **Colin Ross Jack** giving us a fantastic art demonstration earlier in the year and he is well known on our members Facebook page which members can access [here](#). He says "I was born and bred in Fife where I still exhibit widely. I have used soft pastels and acrylic, but now paint mainly in oils. I make my own canvases and frames too. My main subjects include seascapes, still life, landscapes (I am currently doing a yearlong 'four seasons' project (flowers, snowscapes, nocturnal, occasional portraits and abstracts). I usually paint about 60 paintings a year, but this year with Covid I am past 150 already!" Check out his very prolific website www.colinrossjack.co.uk

DAN's 2nd Virtual Exhibition – Now A Chance to Sell your Work

You will have recently received all the details for our second virtual exhibition sent out by Rosie, and this time you can offer your work for sale. The idea is to provide DAN members with an opportunity to sell their art given the closure of exhibition spaces such as Hanbury Hall and to hopefully raise funds for DAN to compensate for the significant reduction in “hanging” fees and commission from exhibition sales. **Closing date is 20th November!!**

The entry fee is £2 per image and DAN members may enter as many images as they wish and DAN will not charge any commission on sales which will be direct transactions between the artist and the buyer. We look forward to receiving your entries at exhibition@droitwichartsnetwork.org. If you have any questions regarding further details, please contact Rhys Jones [here](#)

DAN Chair in the News again!



The Droitwich Standard reported earlier last month, that our Chair **Helen Karakashian** handed over a cheque from Droitwich Arts Network for £100 to Grace Rogers, this year's winner of the Karen Moore Award for Creative Writing. Grace was also presented with the trophy and both she and the runner up, Martha Frapwell we're given a copy of 'Watcher' by Ross Armstrong who was the final judge. Well done girls! And well-done **Rhys** who was able to take this socially distanced photograph which involved quite a lot of expertise!

DAN Upcoming Events

18th November - Art Demonstration by **Wendy Simmons** who recently joined DAN, and is an emerging pastel, landscape artist living in Droitwich. Wendy favours a speedy and impressionistic style. Wendy will be demonstrating some of her newly developed skills and chatting about her lockdown experiences on zoom for all DAN members on **Wednesday 18th of November at 7.30pm**.

December – Virtual Christmas Party – details will be sent out shortly.

January –A ‘Call my Bluff’ style meeting/game with art themed words and in 3 rounds is planned.

In Memory of Stephanie Vale



Throughout the 50 years that **Steph** lived in Droitwich she was involved in many local organisations: SOBS, a member of the Lib Dem's, a local councillor, a member of Droitwich Arts network. Whatever she became involved in she worked hard to make a positive impact and was highly respected as a result. Her work as a piano and vocal teacher earned her a high reputation and many of her pupils not only passed exams with very high marks but many also went on to pursue music as a career. In fact, her life was dedicated to the pursuit of excellence and all who knew her respected it. She was much loved and will be sorely missed. Many thanks for this lovely tribute from Stephanie's good friend **Chris Walker**.

Members and Worcestershire Doings

As part of the Enlighten creative lighting trail in Evesham, Worcestershire, Severn Arts are looking to commission a digital artist to design and install a new outdoor projection mapped to the exterior of the Almonry Museum building. Please check out the Enlighten website [here](#) for the Creative Brief and an Application Form.

Call out for Artists! Worcester's Big Parade are looking for dazzling elephant designs which bring the same joy and buzz to the city that we saw back in 2018 when giraffes took to our streets and public spaces.

Entries close on **Friday 8th January 2021**. Find out more [here](#)

PARKS CAFÉ Tina Watkins was due to take over from 10th November until 15th December but with new lockdown rules this will not go ahead and Parks will be closed. **Lyn Davies** is due to exhibit from 15th December, which hopefully will proceed as planned.

BUTTON TREE CAFÉ Ruth Bourne will be exhibiting until 3rd November after which The Button Tree will be closed until lockdown rules change.

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/> on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208713719174369/> e-mail tina.watkins@ntlworld.com