

Happy New Year to All our Members



We do hope you have all had a really enjoyable Christmas and welcomed the New Year in with optimism for the future.

Our **AGM will take place on Wednesday January 18th 2023 at the Old Cock.**

Members and partners are invited and food and music will be provided. You will need to RSVP once invites have been sent out.

The committee are always open to suggestions and will need your help this coming year as always, and even if you do not or cannot attend each month, there is plenty of scope for members to help with events etc. The committee will be finalising the new year programme at our next committee meeting so the 2023 programme is mainly provisional at the moment.

However! Your input is still very much required. Would you like one of our presenters from last year to give us another talk/demo? Perhaps you know of someone who would like to provide a session for us? There is even a possibility of a small payment! Do let us know if so, click [HERE](#)!

2023 Programme – some dates now confirmed

- **Wednesday January 18th 2023, AGM.** Members and partners are invited to our AGM, food and music will be provided. You will need to RSVP once invites have been sent out.
- **Thursday 9th February.** Zoom life drawing session with 'Looking Sketchy'.
- **March – a Westlands Dabble day Saturday meeting.** An invitation to local residents will be issued.
- **Tuesday 18th April.** A demonstration by local artist Richard Crabtree.
- **May – a Saturday En Plein Air in Lido Park.**
- **Wednesday 21st June.** DIY session in the Droitwich library. Bring your own materials
- **Wednesday 12th July.** A 'show and tell' and poppy making session in Droitwich library.
- **August – Summer Social Event.**
- **September - a Saturday En Plein Air event.**
- **Saturday 14th October.** A table top and Auction event.
- **November – a Monday Zoom meeting** with an artist / demo speaker.
- **December - at the Old Cock Drink and Doodle.** Social, fun, art.

DAN Membership for 2023



The network gives opportunities to share ideas and to be involved in events and exhibitions. With a few difficult years now hopefully behind us we hope you have enjoyed what your membership of DAN has provided during 2022 and we look forward to seeing you all at our events and exhibitions during 2023.

January and now July are the usual renewal times of year for many of us as DAN extended membership by 6 months during the main part of the pandemic. Reminders are sent out automatically by MemberMojo so if you do not receive one in January, expect yours later in the year. For those who pay by standing order, this may be the time to change the date. For our new members, MemberMojo is the online membership management software we use to administrate DAN. You can also use it to join, update details, renew and create membership cards easily from a PC, tablet or phone. The administrators send out group emails and newsletters which you will receive by email assuming you have given consent. All this wonderful software is bound to have a few glitches and we have found one or two! For instance, occasionally people get sent reminders when they have already paid – please forgive us if this has happened to you! Go [HERE](#) and select JOIN US / RENEW to update your details or renew.

The Paint Box – did you know?




The Paintbox Gallery has been established in the city of Worcester since 1994 at Bank Street and Mealcheapen Street. We are now working from a retail workshop at the rear of the Chateau Impney Hotel, Droitwich Spa.

We are still offering a full bespoke framing service as well as more specialised retail products. We are always interested in buying good quality used items related to motorsport, photography, hand craft tools and anything else of eclectic interest. If you have anything you feel might be of interest, please call or send a photo, as we are always looking to add to our stock. Please come and visit us. Keith & May




Public Art in Worcestershire

This is the Droitwich part of a full list of public art in the Worcestershire county. This full list (click [here](#) to see it) applies only to works of public art on permanent display in an outdoor public space. For example, this does not include artworks in museums.


Droitwich Canal


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|  | <i>Lighting the Tunnel</i> | Netherwich Canal Tunnel, Droitwich Canal | 2007 | Richard Ellis | Sculpture | Canal and River Trust | Artworks at Netherwich Canal Tunnel were designed by artist Richard Ellis with young people of Droitwich during 2007. Images of bats, spiders, butterflies etc |

St Andrew's Square


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|  | <i>Clay Mural</i> | St Andrew's Square Droitwich | 1975 | Philippa Threlfall | Mural | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | Features the prominent buildings of Droitwich Spa such as the Brine baths and Raven Hotel etc |
|  | <i>Droitwich Spa's Roman history</i> | St Andrew's Square, Droitwich | 1976 | Henry & Joyce Collins | Mural | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | On the wall of Wilkinson's depicting the Roman History of Droitwich Spa until the early modern period |
|  | <i>Edward Winslow</i> | St Andrew's Square Droitwich | | Sara Ingleby-Mackenzie | Statue | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | Founding father of America, set sail on the Mayflower in 1620 |

Victoria Square

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|  | <i>Salt workers</i> | Victoria Square, Droitwich | 1998 | John McKenna | Statue | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | It depicts a family of saltworkers involved in the process of manufacturing salt |

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|  | Droitwich Spa Bad Ems | Victoria Square, Droitwich | 2008 | In the style of Friedensreich Hundertwasser | Sculpture | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | Unveiled on the 25th anniversary of the twinning of Droitwich Spa and Bad Ems . The towns were twinned in 1983 |

Vines Park

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|  | Saint Richard of Droitwich | Vines Park, Droitwich | 1935 | Statue | | Droitwich Town Council and Wychavon District Council | |

DAN Exhibitions and Special Interest Groups

Parks Café : **Ken Bell** will be exhibiting *from 3rd until 31st January*.

Button Tree Café : **Steve Riley** will be exhibiting *from 3rd until 31st January*.

Corbett Medical Centre: **John Dugmore** and **Julia Rollit** will be exhibiting in January

Droitwich Library: **Amanda Richards** will be exhibiting in January

Exhibitors should familiarise themselves with the Guideline before displaying their work. The Guideline can be found in the Members' Area of the DAN website.

ALL ARTS ALLEY

Our All Arts project seems to have seen some success in 2022 and we really do thank everyone who sent in their splendid artwork photos. If anyone has an idea for this spot, please do let me know – in the meantime please send in **ANY ART/CRAFT BASED WORK**. I just need photos of your work with any describing information, to show in the coming newsletter. Send email, [HERE](#). **By 30th January**.

Colin Jack sent in his best wishes for the New Year and this recent painting and says "After all the Japanese style, I fancied a wild textured Scottish seascape in oils for a change."



David Wornham sent in this photo of his happy band of musicians and says "The U3A Droitwich Wind Instrument Group (DWIG) played carols in the cold for an hour and a half on Friday afternoon, 16th December and were grateful to local shoppers to receive £108.84 for the Midlands Air Ambulance who responded: "Thank you so much for fundraising for us, and what an amazing amount raised in such a short space of time!"



Tina Watkins says "Happy New Year all and as you can see, I'm looking forward to spring!"



Clare Knighton sent in this cheeky pic and says "I had a go with a different colour paper - right out of my comfort zone but I think he's quite cute!"



Stephen Evens sent in his contribution and says "I painted these three fun characters 7 years ago. I found them amusing then as I do now and thought members would also like to see and enjoy them as well."

A butcher friend of ours asked me to paint an amusing picture to display in his shop during the Christmas and New Year period. I had a little think and decided to use the Three French Hens from the song the Twelve Days of Christmas. I characterised them in various cheeky French poses which he and his customers thought were really funny. Using watercolour on "12x"16 250gm paper they were such a lot of fun to paint."



Amanda Richard sent in a couple of recent efforts and says "The piggy was a Christmas



present for my son and his girlfriend as they have always nicknamed each other piggy. Completed on anthracite pastemat, with pastel pencils.

The cat is my first attempt at a feline! Again, painted on anthracite pastemat with pastel pencils.

I'm looking forward to exhibiting at the Library in January!"



Lynda Sharp sent in two paintings and says "the fox is in watercolour although I have over painted it as I always do! I have added some gold leaf to give it a sparkle The hedgehog is a collage, it's fabric and paper painted, I used a mixture of ink and watercolour paint"

Keneth Robinson sent in this poem and says "A few years ago I wrote a few poems to my ex-regiment, the first was published here in April and this is the second."



This Regiment is Scotland

The Regiment That Refused to Die!

Fourteenth of May sixteen eighty four a regiment was raised
Twelve hundred strong, no beat of drum, expense or levy paid
Its backbone was of Cameron's men of Covenanter fame
The Cameronians that bore his name held proud it could be seen
A mans religion is of God, not bowed by King or Queen.

They had no colours, dressed in green but for the tartan from a Queen
Upon their bonnets a silver badge of glory, a tribute to their history
Through re-organisation, many changes, years in battles fought and won
These Scottish Rifles at the trail did match the drum at one four zero
Marched always forward, all were heroes when the need arose.

Distant shadows within MOD caring nought for mere pride and history
Not knowing what drives men on decided that their time had come
"It's costs that matters most" they cried, "the choice, Amalgamate or die"
"This Regiment is Scotland" went back the firm reply
"No Cameronian alive or dead, would allow that name to die".

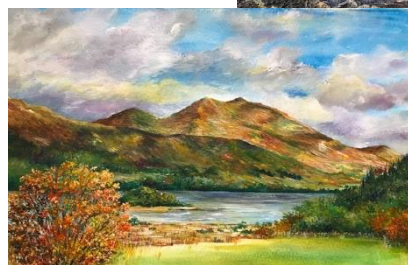
The deed was done! Fourteenth of May, Nineteen Hundred Sixty Eight.

Now in Douglas men did meet this day upon a wet and windy hill
Storm skies above did nothing to make their passage to it still
Not many now, nor yet as strong, stout hearts moved pace to drum
Some hundred feet and yet still more turned the silence to a song
As the last of Cameron's Regiment marched back where they belong.

To join these Scottish Rifles came now villagers and friends
From north and south, across East and West drawn by lone pipers call
And assembled now before a wooden Cross, our Flag soars wild and free
Yes, some remember and some still care, give praise to God on high
Let me and you remember too, 'The Regiment That Refused To Die'.

Kenn Robinson
A Cameronian

Michelle Doidge sent in a selection of pieces she has produced in 2022 and says "all evoke lovely memories of special places which are either important to me or to my friends."

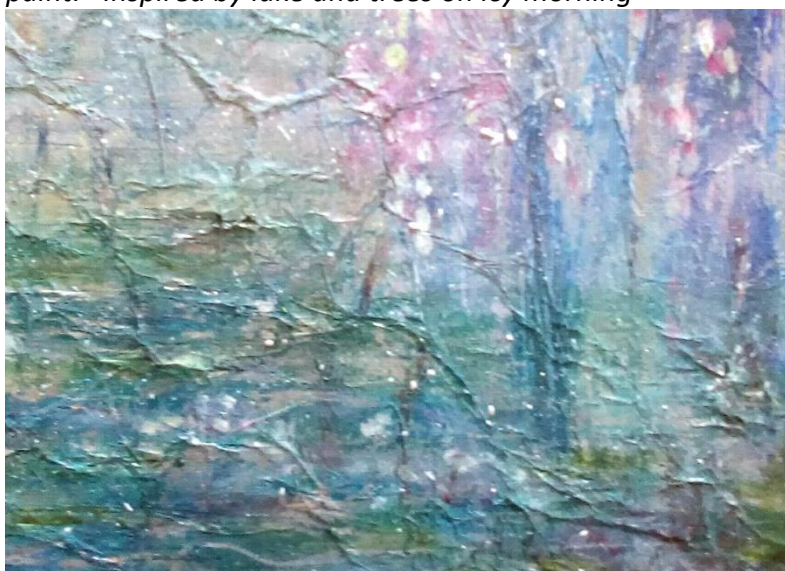


John Dugmore sent in several of his paintings and says "These watercolours were painted during the latter half of 2022 and some of which will be exhibited for the month of January 2023 at the Corbett Medical centre. I generally paint in watercolour and sometimes acrylic. Mainly from photographs. I prefer landscape but I do also like wildlife."





Pauline Franks sent in her experiment! She says *"This was an experiment using Tin foil and acrylic ink and paint. Inspired by lake and trees on icy morning"*



Susan Cook sent in her first (and very able) attempt at mixed media collage.



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