

Creating with Clay Workshop – Kate Pullen



On Saturday 20th June 2026, two members of Droitwich Arts Network, **Kate Pullen** assisted by **Bryonie Williams**, led a “Creating with Clay” workshop. Everyone had a go and created two items that are now waiting to be fired.



The workshop was held in the upstairs Meeting Room in Droitwich Library on **Saturday 20th June**.

We always try to run events at no cost to members and this was no exception except due to the materials used, we needed to ask that members pay a deposit of £5 when booking a place. That money paid for their first item to be fired. **Rhys**

DAN in the Library in June



During June DAN hosted **New Moon Monthly** on **Wednesday 3rd June**

Life is busy, noisy and relentless. New Moon Monthly is a calm space to slow down, breathe and make something – whatever that looks like for you. Ideal for those managing anxiety, stress, or difficult times. On



the 3rd of June participants created artwork including painting a number of stones.



Pictures on the wall were by **Tina Watkins** and **Jude McClean**. Pictures under the stairs by **Rosie Philpott** and a picture on the large easel by **Tina Watkins**



The pictures on wall are by
Tina Watkins - 01905 771886 tina.watkins47@outlook.com
 Arlington Dawn £45, Seashore £95, Balance £90,
 Old Dodderhill £50, The Boss £95, Young Macca £85
Jude McClean - 07523 020346 judelovingart@gmail.com
 Untitled £25, Origami Mosaic NFS, Landscape £30

The pictures on the wall will change on 7th July

The picture on the easel is by **Tina Watkins**

The pictures under the stairs are by **Rosie Philpott**



Demonstration by DJ at the Art Club



During June, DJ (of ArtbyDJ <https://www.artbydj.co.uk/>) gave a 2 hour demonstration at DAN member, Droitwich Spa Art Club. DJ is an established independent freelance artist, who has been teaching art classes and courses, running painting workshops and doing painting demonstrations throughout the UK and Europe for 15 years.



We had requested a sketching and portrait session in acrylics but DJ managed to convince us that oils were a better medium to use in this case (and many others as far as DJ is concerned!). This is mainly due to their flexibility and the fact that oils are very forgiving, you can use mediums to help the paint dry faster but you also have a lot more time to step back and see what you're doing.

Firstly he advised us how to prep a canvas, how to clean brushes - use cooking oil- a new concept to most and the best colour to use. The stages of portrait painting are usually sketch the proportions by measurement then work from dark to light. It certainly worked well and in a very short space of time and many questions later, DJ produced an excellent likeness of a free photograph. He then sent us his 9 stages of portraiture.

DJ is an excellent demonstrator, very approachable, experienced and entertaining. DAN are lucky to have engaged him for a 4 hour workshop in oils/acrylics on September 12th. Contact [here](#) if you would like more information. Tina

DAN Exhibition Space

Droitwich Library - Three Displays

Exhibiting in the library is an excellent way to display your work and possibly make a sale. You can send an email to rhys@photomaestro.co.uk asking to be added to the waiting list for the wall exhibition, the space under the stairs, or the large easel. A small charge is required.

Our exhibition in July in Droitwich Library will consist of pictures by **Peter Hawkins** and **Mark Morris** on the Wall, **Marelize York** Under the Stairs, and **Sheena Howarth** on the Large Easel.

Corbett Medical Centre – 18 Displays

There are two rooms where we exhibit pictures. One room can exhibit approximately 10 pictures; the other room can exhibit approximately 8 pictures. The hanging system only requires paintings to be strung. Artists can book one room or both.

During July **Erika Rosales** and **Steve Evans** will be exhibiting again in the **small** and **large Waiting Room**. At present there is no fee to exhibit. Please contact Derek at derekwebster20@aol.com

Avoncroft Arts Society

[Avoncroft Arts Society](#) as well as their annual exhibiton, had a great variety of workshops on 20th June.

There were lots of new people finding their artistic side with great results. It might have something to do with the great group of people who delivered the workshops and all those who helped make the art show such a success.

One of them, Brendan McMahon who led the charcoal workshop says "it always amazes me how many talented people are out there and I hope its sparks a new hobby for them to explore." <https://brendanmcmahon.co.uk/>



2026 Programme

New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodlers are now WEDNESDAYS in the library.

Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend.

Wednesday 1st July - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm Members only.

Tuesday 7th July – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, at 6.30pm

Monday 27th July- Daytime Doodle in the Library Meeting Room, 1pm-3pm. Visitors Welcome.

Tuesday 4th August – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, at 6.30pm

August – No Daytime Doodle.

Tuesday 1st September – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, at 6.30pm

Monday 28th September – Daytime Doodle in the Library Meeting Room, 1pm-3pm. Visitors Welcome.

Tuesday 6th October – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, and New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6.30pm

Monday 26th October – Daytime Doodle in the Library Meeting Room, 1pm-3pm. Visitors Welcome.

Tuesday 3rd November – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, and New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6.30pm

Monday 30th November – Daytime Doodle in the Library Meeting Room, 1pm-3pm. Visitors Welcome.

Tuesday 1st December – Changeover of pictures exhibited on the wall, and New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6.30pm

December – No Daytime Doodle.

Spotlight on POETRY – Karen Read

Waiting for the storm

I have battened all the hatches.

Doors and windows are on closed latches.

The house is shut tight.

The weather man said the storm will come in the middle of the night.

I have rescued the sunflowers and lettuces from the expected tsunami of hail and thundering rain.

The heat is melting. The oven door is open everywhere and the humidity just drains.

It's hot inside its boiling outside. "Bring me the rain I adore."

Waiting in anticipation for relief to watch the water fill the earth and shut the oven door.

I have listened to the warnings it was on News at Ten. The Internet is calling it. "A storm never to be seen again."

So, take precautions you will be alright "

Weather man you said "It will be tonight."

I wake up in the morning its 5 am the birds are calling.

"Get up get out and see the sky before the heat is appalling"

My brain shouts at me go out and see the rain kissed earth. I open my curtain but not a drop in sight.

I feel cheated. Then pink caresses my eye I see the sky a glowing flushed light filling my room it's so bright.

I walk into the garden the sun is rising with its red and pink crown bathing the clouds with glory.

The sun has already started today's story.

The blue and white dress the sun wears is beautifully painted.

New wisps of white cottonwool balls and white soft strokes from a thin brush across
the sea blue sky effortlessly created.

A white plane diamond sparkle as it touches the light.

Morning breaks as we say goodbye to the night.

The swallows dip and circle "no storm last night" they sing.

"Look at what the sun has made today, a beautiful pink and blue painting"

The painting changes again as the wind clears the canvas.

"Not just for us, for everyone" the birds praise in the dawn chorus.

Painted for all of us wherever, whoever for all of us.

Worcestershire Arts Events

DROITWICH EVENTS

Botanical Casting Workshop

Thursday 2nd July 26 - 7-9pm - Farmhouse Designs & Crafts, Broad House Farm, Droitwich - £39



Botanical Casting, is fun, relaxing and will be taught step-by-step at your own pace with me demonstrating alongside you. You will learn how to prepare the base, then a little bit of flower arranging onto this surface to ensure all details can be seen.

Please bring your own foliage or flowers to inspire you if you wish, but I will have what is in season or artificial pieces too.

Once your botanical design is ready, you'll create a mix and pour this over your artwork.

While this is drying roughly 30-45 minutes, we can enjoy a drink and a yummy cake while we chat about how to finish your design off by practicing on clay which you will paint.

Then to the exciting part to reveal your one-of-a kind unique masterpiece. Please bring an apron as it will be a little messy!!! Please book via my website www.taylordcrafts.com any questions please message on info@taylordcrafts.com or 07976 419602. Just £39

Dine 'N' Devour Food and Artisan Festival



Lido Park, Droitwich Spa

 **25th and 26th July 2026**

 **10am – 7pm (Sunday until 5pm)**

A vibrant, family-friendly food and artisan festival set in the beautiful surroundings of Droitwich Lido Park, bringing together street food, independent traders and a relaxed, feel-good atmosphere.

Located in Lido Park, a popular green space in Droitwich known for hosting community events and attracting regular visitors.

This event brings together a strong mix of food, shopping and entertainment, creating a busy and engaging trading environment. Dine N Devour Food & Artisan Festival returns to Droitwich Lido Park on 25th & 26th July 2026.

Enjoy a weekend of global street food, artisan traders, craft drinks and live entertainment, including a DJ compère, stilt walker and face painting.

Friends Of Droitwich Spa Lido

FODSL are supporters and fundraisers for the Lido. The group started a long time ago when the lido was scheduled to close. FODSL work with the local community and Wychavon Leisure to support the upkeep of the Lido, raise awareness, influence improvements, keep alive the heritage of the Lido and convey ideas from the 'friends' and members of the public alike.

At the moment the committee meet monthly with Wychavon Leisure and they have been involved in many of the new plans for the Lido. Our latest project is to aim to provide 'street art' on the neglected underpass under the Saltway from the Worcester Road to St Andrews Road and we hope to give this a Lido theme. We're working with Wychavon Council, the Town Council and other local stakeholders and hope this will happen in 2027 – watch this space!

If you wish to volunteer to help at any of our events or if you have some good ideas to promote and raise money for the Lido or if you just wish to raise a question about what we do please drop us a line at fodsl@hotmail.co.uk.



WORCESTERSHIRE EVENTS

8 Hills ArtWays: Memory writing (Cofton Hill)

Lickey Hills Visitor Centre
Cofton Hackett, England

Saturday, July 11 • 10 AM - 12 PM

Creative workshops exploring place, memory and community

The new National Trust 8 Hills Regional Park project is bringing together landscapes, heritage sites and green spaces in a celebration of natural beauty, history and community. The project aims to encourage people to explore, protect and feel connected to the hills, paths and stories that shape the local area.

Through a series of free workshops, participants will explore the spaces we love, share memories and anecdotes, and reflect on local folklore, history and everyday experiences connected to the region.

The final project will gather stories, images and creative work for a small publication celebrating the voices and experiences of local communities connected to the 8 Hills Regional Park.

Who Can Take Part?

Everyone is welcome. Whether you are completely new to creative activities or already enjoy writing or photography, these workshops are designed to be inclusive, relaxed and accessible.

The Hive

The Hive has a rich and varied programme heavily influenced by the aim to support and promote the work of new and emerging artists alongside experienced local artists, groups and organisations. Find out more about our upcoming exhibitions below.

If you are interested in hiring exhibition space please read our [terms and conditions](#) before completing and submitting an [exhibition enquiry form](#). Completed forms or any enquiries about exhibiting at The Hive can be sent to programming@worcestershire.gov.uk.

SAVE THE DATE – FUTURE EVENTS

A Large DAN Members' Art Exhibition during October

DAN have made a provisional booking to exhibit on the walls of the upstairs room in Droitwich Library for the whole of October this year. It will consist of two sections: One will be on themes about Droitwich; the other section will be for anything else. We will prepare advertising material to entice people to visit. The library manger is willing for us to handle sales so there will not be a 30% commission charge, just the usual 10% to Droitwich Arts Network.

Please let me know if you are likely to exhibit and a rough guess at the number of pictures you might enter. **Rhys**

4-hour Art Workshop

Saturday 12th September 10-2pm, Community Hall, Droitwich

Art by DJ <https://www.artbydj.co.uk/> has been booked to give all DAN members and the public a 4-hour acrylic/oil workshop in the Community Hall, the costs will be in the region of £19 for members and £23 for non-members. This is a really good opportunity for an enjoyable and worthwhile session.

PLUS choose the subject and media!

Textures in Nature (acrylics)

Winter Mountain Landscape (oils or acrylics)

Sunlit Seascapes (oils or acrylics)

Painting the Aurora in a Winter Landscape (Oils)

Calm Seascapes (oils or acrylics)

Dramatic Skyscapes (oils or acrylics)

Painting like a Master

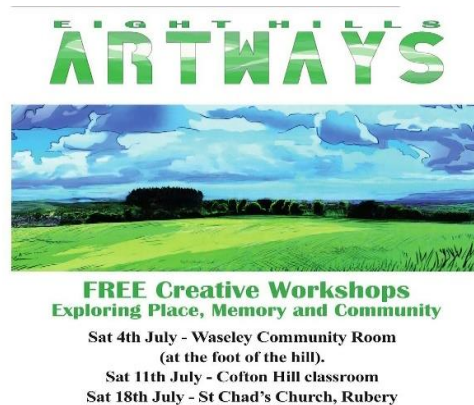
Forest Light (oils or acrylics)

Tree portrait from Below (oils or acrylics)

Dramatic Mountain Landscape (oils or acrylics)

Snowy Winter Landscape (oils or acrylics)

Contact me to prebook your place [here](#) and let me know your choice. Places are now very limited.



ALL ARTS ALLEY

Our All Arts project is continuing in 2026 and we really do thank everyone who sent in their splendid artwork photos, for this and all editions. 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 an email, [HERE](#). **By 29th June.**

Pauline Wheeler sent this excellent artwork and says “*Here’s my July entry for the Arts Alley*”



It’s a mixed media framed piece using a variety of paints, texture paste through stencils and various embellishments on tags over apertures backed with sheet music

Tina Watkins has painted YET ANOTHER portrait of singer songwriter Jack Savoretti...

<https://www.jacksavoretti.com/> pastels on Pastlemat. I paint animals as well if anyone needs a creature portrait.... 😊



Karen Read is knitting for the Lido and says “*The Lido committee has started knitting bunting for the Lido . This is our first effort lots more to knit.*”



Pauline Franks sent in this lovely cooling painting and says “*Attached acrylic painting with thick paint, scratching out and newspaper on tree trunk.*”



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