



## Droitwich Platinum Jubilee Programme



Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with family and friends in Droitwich Spa, on Saturday, 4 June with a fun packed day of live entertainment, food and fun for all ages from 10.30am to 7pm. Join the street party in Victoria Square with activities inspired by the [Queen's Green Canopy](#) including the Platinum Jubilee Wishing Tree where you can add your green canopy pledge leaf.



There will be food and drink from Droitwich Spa Food festival, and local performers on stage, and a Great British Jubilee Singalong finale, with songs from 1952 to today with West End singer Pippa D Collins. There will also be loads of fun over at the Lido and park with a swimming gala, children's rides, street art in the form of an interactive chalking art workshop with Urban Canvas and brass bands. Discover local heritage and the town's royal links with walks and an exhibition in the Heritage Centre. Come along with your loved ones and make it a day to remember. [Read the full programme of jubilee events planned in Droitwich.](#)

## Here it comes!

Ha ha, hee hee, it's soon the Jubilee!  
Who doesn't like red white and blue,  
Cream teas and cakes to name a few.  
Happy and glorious here's to our queen,  
Many flags everywhere we will have seen!

Ha ha, hee hee, it's soon the Jubilee,  
Can we order some sun and a Union Jack?  
Jam on first for our royal tea party snack!  
Followed by mountains of clotted cream too  
I'll remember it forever, and so will you!

Clare Knighton 2022



## DAN Member Becomes our New Mayor

One of our DAN members **Cllr George Duffy** has been appointed Mayor of Droitwich in a ceremony held at the Community Hall last month.

**George** says "Monday 9th of May was a day filled with much pride, both my pride in the town and my pride in becoming Mayor which celebrated 6 years supporting Droitwich Spa.

At 19 years old I joined the Town Council, where I was very lucky to become the town's representative on DAN, as well as on Wychavon District Council,

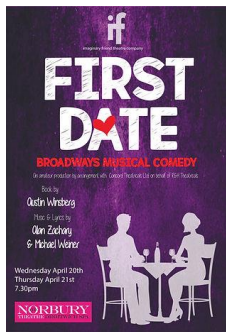
where I took the opportunity to get involved with the current project to bring art to the underpasses in the West of the town and helping to get some of our younger residents involved through the mural on the Westlands Hall.

Being born and growing up in Droitwich Spa, I have had a lot of art to appreciate such as the tiled mural at St Andrews, saved by DAN, and the Salt Museum, run by the volunteers of the town council that made my early school visit a possibility. Quickly in my civic life I realised the importance of art, showing our shared history and inspiring a shared future"



## Events to come!

### NORBURY THEATRE: "First Date" Presented by Imaginary Friend Theatre Company

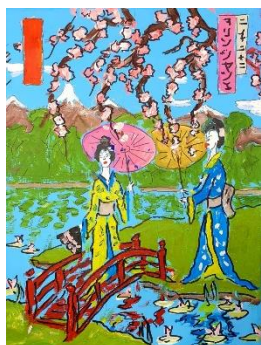


When blind date newbie Aaron is set up with serial-dater Casey, a casual drink at a busy New York restaurant turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner. As the date unfolds in real time, the couple quickly finds that they are not alone on this unpredictable evening. In a delightful and unexpected twist, Casey and Aaron's inner critics take on a life of their own when other restaurant patrons transform into supportive best friends, manipulative exes and protective parents, who sing and dance them through ice-breakers, appetizers and potential conversational land mines. Can this couple turn what could be a dating disaster into something special before the check arrives?

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.30m [BOOK NOW](#)

**EN PLEIN AIR: Date is now Saturday 18th June, 11am-1pm in Gurneys Lane, moving to the Talbot pub afterwards.** Gurney's Lane is the walkway from Waitrose to the High Street. Members are invited to bring easels, sketch pads, chairs, small tables, etc to an "en plein air" session in the courtyard area outside "Flowers of Elegance" in Gurneys Lane (between Waitrose and the High Street). The old buildings provide much scope for art, and it provides an excellent opportunity to engage with members of the public.

## DAN May Meeting – with Colin Jack



For our first face to face meeting, one of our members, **Colin Jack**, gave us a practical demonstration of his Japanese style of art at **the Old Cock in Friar Street**.

**Colin** says 'I really enjoyed the evening at The Old Cock doing a face-to-face demo of two geishas in my Japanese ukiyo-e style. Though I think the waitress who kept having to push past me wasn't too pleased! The photo on the left shows the stage reached on the night and a similar composition on the right is showing how it would look finished. Thanks to those who watched, in person, on zoom or on the video'.



## DAN Meetings 2022

- **Saturday 18th June** - En Plein Air followed by visit to a pub – more details above
- **Thursday 14th July** - Art demo with **Lyn Davies**
- **August tbc** - Visit to Museum of Carpet, Kidderminster
- **Wednesday 14th September** - Poetry Evening led by former Worcester poet laureate **Nina Lewis** and International poetry winner **Colin Jack**
- **October 19th/20<sup>th</sup>** - Published crime thriller author **Carla Buckley**
- **Wednesday November 9th** - Workshop. Christmas wreath for door. **Amanda Coldridge**
- **Thursday 8th December** - Play reading and light refreshments

## Exhibitions by Members

At our usual venues **Trevor Hunter** is exhibiting at **Parks Café** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June and **Chris Walker** is exhibiting at **The Button Tree** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Droitwich Spa Underpass Art Project



The Droitwich Underpass Art Project, led by Wychavon District Council, is transforming seven underpasses across the town into outdoor pieces of artwork. The aim is to promote local pride by celebrating the community and history of the town, as well as improve the look and feel of these sites. The first site has been completed. The walkway on Hunters Way has been decorated with a swimming-themed design, inspired by feedback from children from Westlands First School. Work is progressing well at the Paddock Hill underpass. Young people from the Cabin at Droitwich Spa High School worked with Andy 'Title' Mills to create a fun design combining the magic and mystery of Alice in Wonderland.

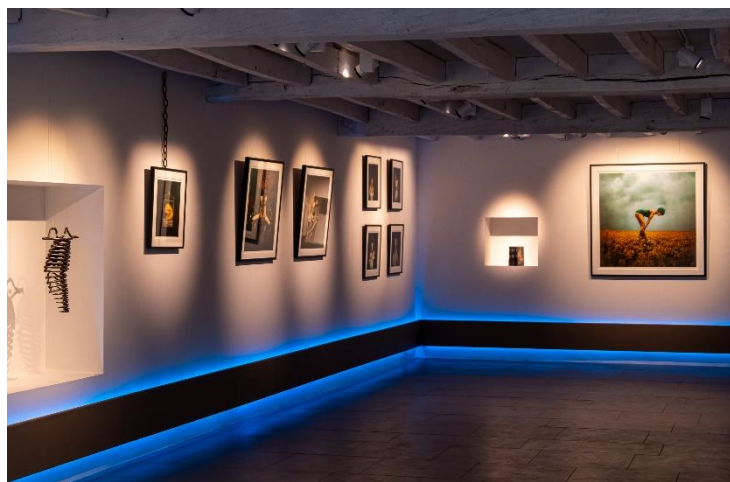


## PHOTOGRAPHY NOOK – Morphing into....CRAFT CORNER

Thank you to everyone who sent in their splendid poems and photographs. Well done all! Hopefully there is more talent out there and I am asking for pictures of your **CRAFT**. I just need you to email a photograph of your creation, be it, embroidery, knitting, woodwork, pottery.. anything crafty! Along with any information you wish to disclose, to show in the coming newsletters. Send by email, [HERE](#). **By 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Ruth Bourne sent in** "A few shots from a late April trip to Canwood Gallery. A lovely setting in the Herefordshire countryside, sculpture park and indoor galleries; worth a visit..."

<https://www.canwoodgallery.com/> "

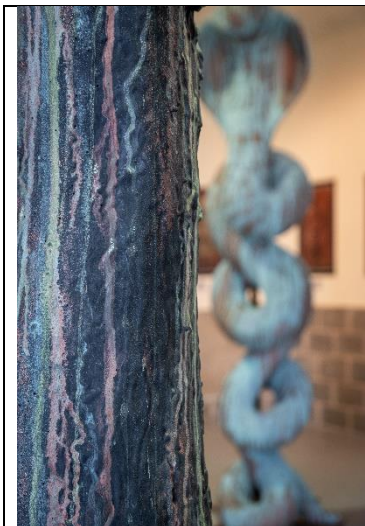


**Rhys Jones sent in Street Photography**

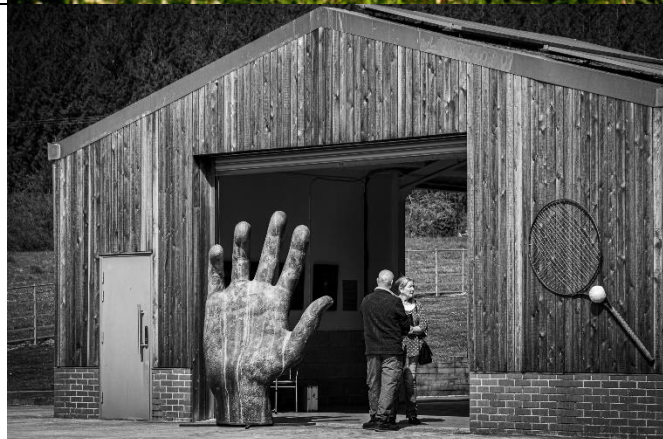
"I took these photos in London using a very small camera that I held in one hand next to my hip, and used my thumb to press the shutter button. It takes a bit of practice to know how to point the camera, and a lot of images are useless. Busy streets in cities such as London or Worcester are the best places for Street Photography. "







And a photos from last month...  
**Sheena Howarth** sent in "This is "Spring Visitors".  
 Mr Fox and Hedge. These are images drawn from  
 videos, on our NightCam.



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