



Merging Moon and Doodle

You will have received an email from **Rhys** earlier this week about the merging of Drink and Doodle evenings and the New Moon workshops. The name will remain as New Moon workshop and previous Doodlers; **we now ask that you let us know if you are going to attend.** You can do this by contacting lead organiser Tara Powell at :-

Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com But do please be aware, spaces are limited.

The next session is on **Wednesday 3rd June, starting at 6pm at Droitwich library.**

On this session there will be a pebble painting workshop, led by myself.

Some of you may remember at The Hub, last year, we had fun decorating pebbles and we scribed a note/rhyme on the back with the hope of leaving them around the town for the public to find; encouraging them to engage with us on DAN's social media platforms.



Several were dotted around and DAN had a lovely response from a mum and her son on the Facebook group; they found one in some local woods.

All materials will be provided. However, if you wish to come, but carry on with creating your own piece of art, just let us know if you are coming because of table space. We do hope to see you there.

Any questions about the changes, contact wendysimmons29@gmail.com **Wendy Simmons**

Creating with Clay Workshop – Kate Pullen



Kate Pullen has offered to run another "Creating with Clay" workshop. Some of you attended **Kate's** very enjoyable workshop in the Hub two years ago. See attached photos. This new session will enable participants to create different items.

The workshop will be held in the upstairs Meeting Room in Droitwich Library on **Saturday 20th June, from 11am to 1pm.** The room will be available from 10.30am for Kate to set up and for participants to settle in. The room will also be available until 1.30pm to clear away. The lift will operate from 10am to 2pm.

We always try to run events at no cost to members and it is very disappointing when people book places but fail to show up. This workshop requires us and Kate to make payments irrespective of the numbers attending. Kate and I have agreed that participants will pay £5 per item to be fired in the kiln.

We ask that members pay a deposit of £5 when booking a place. That money will pay for your first item to be fired. If you cancel your booking or fail to show up, you will lose your deposit. We ask non members to pay £15 at the time of booking of which £5 will pay for the first item to be fired. If a non member cancels or fails to show up, they will lose their deposit. Space is limited.

To book your place please email rhys@photomaestro.co.uk giving the names of any non members you wish to invite. Deposits must be paid at the time of booking and paid into to our Business Account at Lloyds Bank.

Account Name: **Droitwich Arts Network Community Interest Company**

Account Number: **63555968** Sort Code: **30-54-66**

Spotlight On – Michelle Doidge and The Colour of Light Exhibition

BOLD & CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION COMING TO THE WEAVERS GALLERY, LEDBURY



Two artists – **Michelle Doidge** and Amanda Pardoe – are excited to be debuting their latest exhibition “The Colour of Light” at The Weavers Gallery in Ledbury from Monday 1st June to Sunday 7th June. Their bold, colourful and contemporary exhibition will celebrate the beauty of the natural world through the light and colours that make up its wonderful and rich flora and fauna.

Worcestershire based artists Michelle and Amanda have collaborated before and, although their work is very different

with their own individual style and technique, their colourful and vibrant pieces complement each other beautifully. They met in 2022 through Open Studios and their exhibitions have gone from strength to strength.

Over 50 original pieces will be on display and there will be something to suit all tastes including original artwork, prints and greetings cards, all available to purchase. Michelle and Amanda work in a variety of media including oil, acrylic, pastels, collage and watercolour. Meet the artists and discover what inspires them and the techniques they employ. They will be more than willing to share their love and enthusiasm for their art.

The exhibition is taking place at The Weavers Gallery, Church Lane, Ledbury, HR8 1DH from Monday 1st June to Sunday 7th June, 10.00am – 4.30pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Michelle says “Amanda and I are delighted to be exhibiting our work at such a historic and beautiful building and bringing our work to the delightful market town of Ledbury. We love working together and The Weavers Gallery is the perfect backdrop for our eclectic mix of bold and contemporary pieces and we look forward to welcoming all of our visitors.” For further information contact Michelle Doidge on 07866 656218.

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 June in Droitwich Library will consist of pictures by **Jude McLean** and **Tina Watkins** on the Wall, **Rosie Philpott** Under the Stairs, and **Tina Watkins** is yet again on the Large Easel with ‘A Feast of Stones’ – pastel prints. A4 prints can be made of each and all Rolling Stones.

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 June **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

A Free Day Out from Wychavon District Council - 2027

Rhys received the email below from Wychavon District Council and says “You have the opportunity to suggest topics for the conference in March 2027. I have attended two of these conferences. The short seminars are usually of value. Talking to other delegates during the breaks is also interesting and it is a free event. Rhys



good services, good value

Dear all,

We're looking forward to hosting our 4th Community Network Conference in March 2027. As in previous years, the conference will be aimed at supporting charities, voluntary and community groups working to benefit residents across Wychavon.

We are keen to ensure the conference meets the needs of local organisations and would appreciate your feedback to help tailor the conference and inform the programme. We have developed a short questionnaire, which will be open until the 7th June and should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

The survey can be accessed by clicking here: [Wychavon Community Conference Questionnaire](#)

Please feel free to forward this email to any of your connections in the VCSE sector you feel may be interested in providing a response. Thank you for your help in assuring the success of the conference and we look forward to seeing you in the March 2027!

Best wishes,

The Communities Team Wychavon District Council

General enquiries: 01386 565000 www.wychavon.gov.uk

Reminder; New DAN Treasurer Needed

As you know, **Nicola Giles** has stepped down as Treasurer of Droitwich Arts Network. This was not an easy decision for **Nicola**. It has been suggested to **Nicola** that she stays on the committee "without portfolio". This will allow **Nicola** to keep in touch and comment on our activities, with the option to take on tasks when she feels able. In the meantime, **Rhys** will act as temporary Treasurer, but DAN is in need of a new Treasurer.

You do not need experience of accounting or bookkeeping to become our Treasurer.

Please contact Rhys by email or phone if you feel you could help or have any questions. Mobile: 07787 227 390

Nature in Art Exhibition – A review



A friend and I went to an exhibition near Gloucester, Nature in Art. postcode GL2 9PG. Not far of Junction 11. It wasn't a huge exhibition but it was interesting. I wasn't able to take photos unfortunately. It wasn't expensive to see and the cafe was also lovely, reasonably priced with friendly staff.

We saw the exhibition, Crucifixion. A series of watercolour paintings by artist Darrell Warner.

There were some beautifully rendered paintings full of detail of birds, they were dead, but were not gruesome. I took from it a common theme of how predation by cats, people, and environmental impact can affect bird numbers.

There were also some very interesting sculptures of animals and insects dotted around the garden. you could visit the artist in residence, Lucy D'avergne. There were some beautiful artworks in her studio.

There were two rooms upstairs with a variety of paintings, prints and ceramic works.

We both decided we got quite a lot for our money and it was worth seeing. **Jude McClean**

2026 Programme

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

Wednesday 3rd June - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

Saturday 20th June – Creating in Clay Workshop To book your place please email rhys@photomaestro.co.uk giving the names of any non members you wish to invite

Monday 29th June – Daytime Doodle in the Library Meeting Room, 1pm-3pm. Visitors Welcome.

Wednesday 1st July - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

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

Wednesday 5th August - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

August – No Daytime Doodle.

Wednesday 2nd September - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm

Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

Saturday 12th September – Painting Workshop with DJ – 10-2pm in the Community Hall, sign up now!

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

Wednesday 7th October - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm

Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

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

Wednesday 4th November - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm

Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

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

Wednesday 2nd December - New Moon Workshop and Previous Doodle, downstairs in the library 6pm-8pm

Members only. Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend

December – No Daytime Doodle.

Worcestershire Arts Events

DROITWICH EVENTS

Rik Mayall Comedy Festival

Huge Fringe Festival | Free Family Entertainment | Music |

Screenings | Pop-Up Museum 29 MAY to 6 JUNE 2026 Droitwich Spa

Droitwich Spa had a huge day of free entertainment on Saturday 30 May as the Rik Mayall Comedy Festival officially launched its 2026 programme with a town centre street party packed with live music, comedy, family entertainment and activities throughout the day.

Held in the St Andrews Square Shopping Centre, the free launch event brought together performers, community groups, local businesses and festival partners to kick off this year's festival in style.

During the following weekend, Droitwich Spa's High Street and Friar Street will host an outdoor stage and roaming entertainment, bringing the spirit of the festival directly into the town centre and creating a vibrant open-air atmosphere for audiences of all ages.

And after some very quick sell-outs at the Norbury Theatre, we've pulled a blinder and convinced some of our biggest names to add extra shows. [Harriet Kemsley](#) and [Laura Smyth](#) have both added extra late shows at the Norbury ahead of their sellout UK tours – these will go quick! [Book Norbury Shows](#)

Don't forget to check out the fantastic Fringe shows at the [Norbury Skylight Studio](#) too!

SECOND STAGE SATURDAY TAKEOVER

We are commandeering the St Andrews Hotel as our SECOND STAGE across the two Saturdays of the festival.

[Mitch Benn and The Alpha Mayalls](#) – Saturday 6 June (festival closing show)

[Book shows at St Andrews Hotel](#) St Andrews Hotel will also be hosting a huge range of fantastic Fringe performances.

Droitwich Folk Club News

Venue: The Old Library, Droitwich

Timing: 7pm. Date: Thursday 4th June 2026

Unfortunately, the last session of Droitwich Folk Club will be on Thursday 4th June 2026 at the Old Library, starting at 7.00pm. So, if anyone would care to come along and see what they will be missing in the future then please feel free to come along.

Astonishingly, we have survived since September 2016, performed at a variety of local venues and even provided the music for one of the productions at the Norbury theatre. Falling attendances have meant that I am no longer able to fund the costs of venue hire and insurance etc. The Club will continue in name only for the time being as we are still DAN members and the 'Salties' will continue to play events in and around the area.

May I take this opportunity to thank those of you who have supported us since our inception. **Malcolm Beckett**



WORCESTERSHIRE EVENTS

'WONDER' Art & Poetry Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral in June

Venue: The Dean's Chapel in Worcester Cathedral

Timing: Worcester Cathedral is open for visiting 10am – 5pm Monday to Saturday and 12:30 – 3pm Sundays.

Date: 6 June to 19 June 2026

The exhibition will include sixteen poems by local poets and twelve pieces of visual art responding to the theme 'Wonder'. The exhibition forms part of Worcestershire Litfest's annual Literary Festival in June.

The Art section will include work by Susan Birth, Jane Arthur and Dan Holden who are all members of Worcestershire Open Studios.

There will also be a special Literary Festival event in the Cathedral Chapter House on Monday 8 June, 2-4pm, to celebrate the exhibition. Alex and Tom (2morecellos – see their Instagram page) will be performing. Some of the 'Wonder' poets may read their 'Wonder' poems (with or without cello accompaniment) and 'Wonder' artists are invited to attend. This special event is open to everyone.

Severn Arts

Join us on Saturday 27 June 2026 for our annual Summer Festival to celebrate everything we do at Severn Arts!

Worcester will come alive with creativity on Saturday 27 June as the Severn Arts Summer Festival returns. Musical performances, art exhibitions and family activities will be on offer for free in four city centre venues from 10am-4pm.

Admission to the Summer Festival is FREE and will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - all are welcome to attend.

Experience the transformation of The Guildhall, St Andrew's Church and Cathedral Square into exciting spaces filled with performances, exhibitions, and activities for all ages. [HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Avoncroft Arts Society, Redditch Rd, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove B60 4JR, UK

Art Show 20 Jun 2026, 10:00 – 13:00

****Save the date for our Annual Art Show**, featuring an exhibition of outstanding arts, crafts, and ceramics created by our members on 20th June.**

We are also offering ****free two-hour taster workshops**** in drawing and painting, providing hands-on experience with both traditional and contemporary techniques.

We welcome you to Avoncroft Arts Centre, a vibrant hub for creativity. Our centre is easily accessible and offers a diverse range of artistic activities for all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just beginning to explore your creative potential, you'll find a welcoming community and a variety of exciting classes, including dance, crafts, pottery, and painting. Join us and immerse yourself in the arts at **Avoncroft Arts Centre**.

Contact for more information **Email:** admin@avoncroftarts.org.uk

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 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. Contact me to prebook your place [here](#) as places are now 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 Franks sent in a lovely painting and says “*Lotus flower grows from mud and emerges into a beautiful flower that at night closes its petals and goes back into murky still water and rises again opening its blossom into the light. Acrylic.*”



Tina Watkins is showing her tribute to the Stones on the large display in the library during June



Michelle Doidge sent in these excellent images and says “*I include a selection of images from the Colour of Light”, exhibition.*”



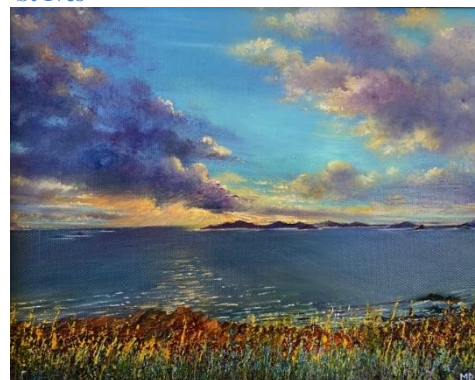
Into the Woods



Patterns



St Ives



Sunset



Erika Rosales sent in these lovely holiday memory photographs and says "I've attached pictures of my trip to South Downs National Park. It was a lovely day for a long walk and enjoy the sea breeze"

Waves



Cusheme Haven



Seven Sisters



Beachy Head Lighthouse

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