



DAN Members Poppies for Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. This year 13th November will be Remembrance Sunday. Last year in Droitwich, poppies were reflected on to St Richard's House, which houses the town's Heritage Centre in a stunning light installation in the lead up to Remembrance Day.



Stephen Evans sent in his lovely poppies. He says "Here is one of my Remembrance Day paintings of poppies with the title 'A Few of The Many'. Lest We Forget – We Will Remember Them'. The



Stephen Evans

beginning and the end from the Ode of Remembrance. I think that the world has a short memory and has forgotten to Remember how much was given by so few for so many!

Sheena Howarth sent in a photo of her field of poppies. She says "DAN are welcome to use the photo that I took of Our Field when it was full of Poppies! It looked lovely and I collected lots of seed."



Sheena Howarth

Lyn Sharp also sent in her lovely painting of poppies.



Lyn Sharp

And yet another talented member, **Michelle Doidge**, who says "Here is my poppy pic, metallic acrylics on black watercolour paper". **Susan Birth** says "here's one I painted a few years ago inspired by the poppy fields around Bewdley".



Michelle Doidge

And finally, my own poppy painting, oil pastels on pastel mat. **Tina** Assuming the details are similar to last year, the Civic party will meet at St Richard's House at 10.20am and will then assemble outside the Baptist Church in Ombersley Street. The mayor will take the salute as the parade passes en route to the Droitwich War Memorial in Victoria Square.



Tina Watkins

People should meet at the Memorial in Victoria Square by 10.45am. A two minutes' silence will be held before Last Post is played.

Prayers and the laying of wreaths will follow. Our own Chair, **Helen**

Karakashian will be laying the second of the wreaths we made in October last year.

After the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial the procession will pass on its way to St Andrew's Church for the service at 11.30am. These details are subject to confirmation.



Susan Birth

Your Help Needed Please!



Droitwich Arts Network need our members help please. It's that's time of year when the Committee start creating and organising next year's events. We really need you to participate and let us know your views.

What would you like to see more of? Art, Music, Photography, Written or Spoken Word, Craftwork?

The video link below shows some of the things we've done in the past 12-18 months but this Network is for you so your feedback matters....

Drop your thoughts to wendysimmons29@gmail.com (Membership Secretary)

You can find the video link [here](#).. you will have to allow access to Dropbox then ignore the sign in message by clicking past it to play (as it is a large file, this is the only way everyone can see the video). This will not harm your local device. Music - WanderMusician - @iksonmusic.

Droitwich Spa Art Society – the end



The Droitwich Spa Art Society was started in the mid 1980's, meeting in the evening once a month mainly at Rotary House for art appreciation with speakers and demonstrators. Every year there was an outdoor exhibition in a sheltered spot in St Andrew's Square, an exhibition in the library and the one stop shop; venues no longer suitable for art exhibitions.

The meeting room was always full until 2008 when good speakers became too expensive. 2010ish changed the club into a workshop, where members worked on their own projects using any media and process – from embroidery to oils. Each month there was theme to which members brought related work for discussion. Sadly, we are now closing because there are only two of us left – we have all grown old, or moved away from Droitwich. It has been suggested that the meetings should be during the day, once a week and organised by a teacher! – This is not for us.. so, farewell all.

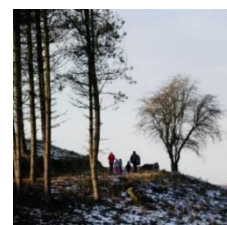
Local Art Events

PORTRAIT DRAWING CLASS FROM A MODEL by Worcester Drawing School

This portrait class will provide you with all you need to start drawing from a sitter including paper, pencils and tuition. More experienced artists/portraitists are welcome to attend and bring any specific materials they prefer to work in. Please arrive 15 minutes early to set up. £15.18 (odd but correct). Go [here](#) to select and book a date. Model will start at 2pm precisely. A 5-minute walk from Foregate Street Station. Worcester at 45 The Tything

WINTER CRAFT SESSION Hagley Wood Lane, Clent, Worcestershire B62 0NL United Kingdom

Join us for a natural craft session where we'll be making decorations out of willow and other natural materials. Stour Valley Bushcraft & Survival School will lead you through creating animals, decorations, wreaths and more at this drop-in session. Suitable for children and families, you can stay for a short time while you create one item, or longer if you want to make a wreath or multiple small decorations. There will also be a campfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate. 19th November 2022 Book [HERE](#).



U3A Founded in 1982, u3a is a UK-wide movement of locally-run interest groups that provide a wide range of opportunities to come together to learn for fun. Members explore new ideas, skills and activities together. The Droitwich group meet on the afternoon of the third Monday of each month, and hold a talk in the Norbury Theatre when they are entertained and informed by a wide variety of speakers.

With ideas to engage members in new activities in the pipeline we are always open to new suggestions for things to do. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Fifth resident artist at Yew Trees Artist Studios; Yew Trees Artist Studios welcomes a fifth resident artist to the Bevere Gallery site where visitors can see inside the studios, chat to the artists and view completed original artworks for sale. Textile artist Jane Arthur will join this group of working artists in November. Visitors to the studios are welcome Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

NORBURY THEATRE: The Norbury Theatre and Cinema is 100% volunteer run and offers an intimate venue for many varied events throughout the year. We have an extensive programme including a number of bookings by professional hirers and also high-quality amateur productions. We offer films, music, dance and theatrical productions. Go to their website and contact them [HERE](#)

DAN October Meeting



On Wednesday the 19th of October we welcomed local crime writer Carla Kovach. Carla is a USA Today bestselling author. Her most ambitious and popular books to date are the Detective Inspector Gina Harte series. Gina Harte has been number one in various countries in iBooks and on Amazon. The first book in the series was called "The Next Girl". This was soon followed



by "Her Final Hour" and then "Her Pretty Bones". Carla is currently on book twelve in the series. As well as novels, Carla has written stage and screenplays. Find her on www.carlakovach.com

DAN Meetings 2022

- **No further meetings will be held this year.** As the membership attendance has been so low for those arranged, we wanted to make sure what the committee organise for 2023 reflects your views and requirements. Please do contact Wendy (see above) to **let her know what you want to see more of.**

Exhibitions by Members

At our usual venues **Chris Walker** is exhibiting at **Parks Café** and **Frank Cody** will be exhibiting at **The Button Tree** during November. **Lyn Sharp** is displaying 12 pictures at **Corbett Medical Centre** and **Sue Cook** will be showing 8. **Rhys Jones** will be displaying his work at the space under the stairs at the library. **Tina Watkins** sold one picture at the Corbett!

ALL ARTS ALLEY

Thank you to everyone who sent in their splendid photos. Well done all! We now know there is more talent out there and we are asking for more **ANY ART BASED WORK perhaps with a Christmas theme??** I just need photos of your work with any information you wish to disclose, to show in the coming newsletters. Send by email, [HERE](#). By **30th November**.

Stephen Evans sent sunflowers to us and says "These lovely sunflowers were spectacular in our garden so just had to paint a picture of them to help remember the wonderful if somewhat



rather hot summer. Perhaps the painting might help to keep us warm during the coming winter months!

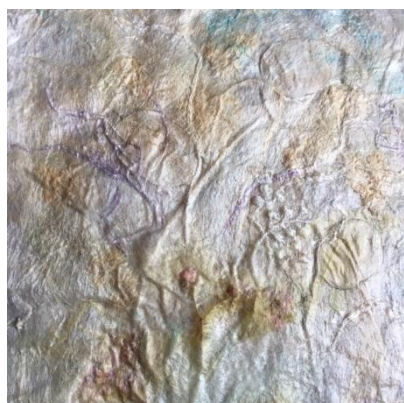
It is also a reminder that sunflowers are the national emblem of Ukraine and not to forget the dreadful and constant suffering from Russia that the people in that country are having to endure. Painted with watercolours on "20x"16 300gm paper.

Colin Jack sent in these views and says "2 views of my home town of Anstruther.

Both double square format, 40x20 inches



Julia Rollit sent in a couple of her recent pieces of art, both created with silk.



The one on the left is made by capturing honesty seed heads, lace and dried grasses in silk fibres. I might hand sew into it but quite like the delicacy and transparent nature of it.

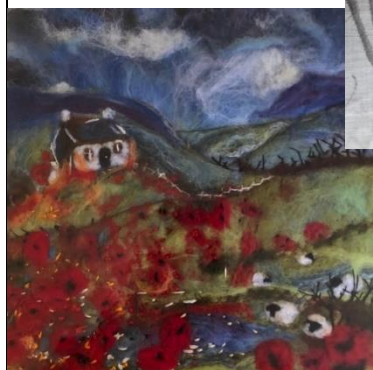
The right hand one is painting created with silk fibres and fabrics.



Lynda Sharp sent in 3 pieces of work completed in lockdown.. poppies and sheep and 'on watch' needlefelt, the poppies, stitch on textile,



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Carla Kovach (who some may have seen at our recent meeting) says 'I'm a new DAN member. Thank you for



having me! As well as being an author, I love creating artworks. Here are a few of my pictures. I enjoy working in pencil, pastel, oil paints and acrylics. I love creating drawings, animal pictures as well as abstract and modern works too.



Another of Ken Bells' lovely paintings, he says "The Grace O'Malley tall ship, as she slips past the Haubowline Lighthouse, at Carlingford Lough, N. Ireland, joined by Finn, the dolphin. (With full credit to the photographer on The Cooley Peninsula website for the original photo that inspired this painting) NB Finn was not on the photo but I felt it would be good to include him. He turned up at the lough a few years ago and decided to stay



Tina Watkins sent a selection of her doggy pics. The first being her very own Trixie.

