



DAN Art Exhibition in Droitwich Library During October 2026

DAN Chair **Rhys** wrote to you last month about our exhibition to be held in the Gallery Room, upstairs in Droitwich Library in October. About 85 pictures were selected from over 100 submissions.

The pictures will be exhibited on 16 panels. Every member that submitted pictures will have at least two pictures in the exhibition. Due to space limitations and to avoid overcrowding, no member will exhibit more than six pictures. Some panels will be for a single artist, and other panels will be for two artists. Every panel will have signage explaining how people can buy the pictures.

SETUP AND TAKE DOWN

The exhibition will be set up on **Saturday 3rd October** with the exhibition being open to the public from 5th – 30th October. Unless you have made other arrangements, please deliver your pictures before 12 noon the 3rd. The exhibition will be taken down on **Saturday 31st October**. Please collect your pictures after 12 noon. Sold pictures will not be removed from the exhibition until the Take Down day.

We have plenty of volunteers on the Setup day to receive, register, and help exhibit pictures; but we need a few more volunteers to help take down, note pictures collected, and to hold sold pictures for collection by the purchasers. Please contact Rhys Jones if you can help on Saturday 31st October.

SALES

Large colourful signage will be in place to inform potential buyers to check the online catalogue to ensure that the picture is still available. An email address, and a telephone number, will also be on show for buyers to make enquiries and to complete a purchase.

DAN Norbury and Nosh Event Invitation

Norbury and Nosh - Theatre Tour and Food – an INVITE

The Norbury Theatre and Cinema is situated inside Norbury House, an Art Deco building which started life as a luxury hotel - thought to rival even the most luxurious premises. The life of the building as a hotel was reasonably short-lived, it having being used as a military hospital in WWII... [Click here for further information.](#)



You are invited to take a "Peak Behind the Scenes" of the Norbury Theatre on **Thursday 15th October from 6pm**. Discover how the magic unfolds. Imagine the luxury of the five-star hotel it once was and visit corners of the building not usually open to audience members.

The whole of the ground floor is accessible, (stage, backstage, wardrobe and scene dock) there are some stairs, so sadly the basement and the tech box are unreachable by wheelchair.

Then afterwards **from 7pm at the Old Cock** where you will be served a full traditional buffet, to include sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pie, quiche plus lots more. Other options are available at usual Old Cock menu prices. All this for £10 per person! Norbury only fee £3.

Contact tina at tina.watkins47@outlook.com to register your interest.

Payment details. Account Name: **Droitwich Arts Network Community Interest Company**

Account Number: **63555968** Sort Code: **30-54-66** REF: Your name plus **NN**

OR Cheques can be posted to Mr **Rhys Jones** (DAN Chairman), [14 Impney Green, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EL](#)



Music and Arts Festival July 2027

A few weeks ago, Cllr Richard Morris called an open meeting for anyone interested in holding a new Music and Arts Festival next year. It will be organised in a way similar to the Rik Mayal festival. Venues such as hotels, pubs, restaurants, and coffee shops will host musicians and artists during the week 10th – 17th July 2027. The main aim is to provide musical entertainment and arts events for the benefit of the community, and to encourage visitors to spend money in the various venues so that local business benefit financially.

A committee has been formed to organise the festival. The chairman is Nick Hall, a semi-professional musician and business leader, who will lead the music side. Rhys Jones is also a member of the committee, leading publicity and the arts side assisted by Rosie Philpott.

The plan is to form a new separate community interest company called Droitwich Live CIC. A website [Droitwich.Live](#) and a [Facebook Page](#) have been created and more information will be added soon.

Although this new company is separate from Droitwich Arts Network, we will be very much involved with its organisation and delivery. One side effect could be that Droitwich Arts Network attracts more members.

This initiative is moving ahead very quickly and more information will be issued quite soon.

A Paris, the Louvre and the Musee de Orangerie Visit

During August we went to Paris to fulfil one of my bucket lists, little did I know there would be several lists filled! Firstly, we took the Eurostar, and had wonderful service, a lovely lunch and even wine too.

Once there, our driver picked us up and once booked in we were off to Notre Dame. There were rather long queues but the French are rather good with disabled folk and let us straight in ahead for free. Once inside, further assistance was at hand without even asking. A rare change.

The following day we hit the Louvre - again free entrance for disabled folk. I had no idea it was so huge. We made our way via the big 2 to the BIG (haha) 3rd. The big 2 being The Winged Victory and the Venus de Milo. Very interesting but we were there for Mona. We found her surrounded by a huuuuge crowd. However, yet again, I was spotted and brought to the front of them all. So happy to have met her close up. She really is that small!!



So off we tried to go, but only being able to use the lifts meant that it took us over an hour, several pit stops, multiple discussions with folk who should know better, to get out! There are no workable signs.

Onward and forward... our next stop was the Musee de Orangerie which Phil was for some reason very keen for me to visit. I didn't have an inkling... and was almost in tears to see the fantastic larger than life Monets. Not only that but situated in the old greenhouse in the heart of Paris, this museum is also

notable for having the Walter Guillaume collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art. All in all, a wonderful adventure. Tina

DAN in the Library on Tuesday Evenings and Exhibition Space



Every month DAN hosts the regular **New Moon Monthly**. 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.

Do join us on 6th October at 6pm

Paintings on the wall in September were by **Rosie Philpott, Sue Thomas and Rhys Jones**. The painting on the large easel was by **Rolf Zink**. The pictures under the stairs were by **Chris Everton**



All work can be shown as for sale with a price. Your contact details will be displayed so that buyers can contact you directly. If you make a sale directly with a buyer, there is no commission. If the sale is arranged through the library, the commission is 25%+VAT (30% in total).

Please contact me with information about pictures you would like to exhibit in coming months. **Rhys Jones**
Mobile 07787 227 390

Remember, it is free to display in these three areas downstairs.

No pictures will be displayed downstairs during October as our focus will be the exhibition in the Gallery Room. Alan Davey will display some of his ceramic items on the area under the stairs during October.

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 October **Chris Everton** will be exhibiting again in both **Waiting Rooms**. At present there is no fee to exhibit. Please contact Derek at derekwebster20@aol.com to exhibit.

DAN Art Workshop with DJ

Professional Artist led Workshop

Art by DJ <https://www.artbydj.co.uk/> 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 booked DJ to give all DAN members and the public a 4-hour acrylic/oil workshop in the Community Hall. DJ ran a brilliant 'Dramatic winter sky' workshop for the Droitwich Arts Network on the 12th of September, attended by members and non-members.

The group explored subtle colour blending, and various ways to reproduce the different shapes and textures found in the tree silhouettes. Well done everybody!

We did some amazing work. Tina



2026 Programme

New Moon Workshop and Doodlers are now TUESDAYS in the library.

Contact Newmoonmonthly@gmail.com to attend.

The **LIBRARY EXHIBITION** will be set up on **Saturday 3rd October**. Please deliver your pictures before 12 noon.

Tuesday 6th October – New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6pm

Thursday 15th October - Norbury and Nosh-Theatre Tour and Food 6pm at the Norbury and 7pm at the Old Cock

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

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Tuesday 3rd November – Changeover of pictures exhibited, and New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6pm

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

Tuesday 1st December – Changeover of pictures exhibited, and New Moon Monthly / Doodles at 6pm
December – No Daytime Doodle.

Spotlight on Stained Glass – Sue Cook

On 12th September I joined a stained-glass workshop at Avoncroft Arts Centre. It was a very enjoyable introduction to a new skill. The glass pieces were already cut.



We learnt how to prepare the glass; using copper tape, then after donning heat resistant gloves, and watching the soldering procedure shown to us by the tutor Mark, we all began the tricky business on our prepared pieces. It proved to be far less daunting than it looked. Mark attached hanger rings to each piece to hold the ribbon. We all went home with a completed piece and felt a great sense of achievement. Mark is an inspiring tutor. His classes are always fully booked!



In a workshop earlier in the year, I produced the two birds. Sue Cook

Worcestershire Arts Events

DROITWICH / BROMSGROVE EVENTS

Workshops at Avoncroft

2nd October Cake and Create 7pm-9pm, Lorraine Wright - Join Lorraine for a Cake and Create painting workshop

17th October Create a Tote Bag 10.00-14.00 Caroline McGee. Join us for a friendly, relaxed sewing workshop and make your own lined tote bag to take home.

31st October 10.00-14.00 Rainy Day Mixed Media Workshop – **Lyn Sharp**. Discover the exciting world of mixed media art by combining vibrant acrylic paints with beautiful textile elements.

Discover your creativity with the welcoming and inspiring workshops at Avoncroft Arts Society. Whether you're picking up a paintbrush for the first time or looking to develop existing skills, our expert-led workshops offer a relaxed and supportive environment where everyone can enjoy learning something new.

From watercolour painting and pastel art to stained glass and a variety of creative crafts, each workshop is designed to be engaging, hands-on, and fun. With friendly tutors, small group sizes, and a vibrant community of like-minded people, Avoncroft Arts Society is the perfect place to explore new artistic techniques, build confidence, and enjoy the pleasure of creating something unique.

Many more workshops coming up in November and December to discover them, contact Avoncroft [here](#)

Droitwich Wind Instrument Group (DWIG)

The U3A Droitwich Wind Instrument Group (DWIG) meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays (except bank holidays) in Crowle Platinum Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

We made our annual visit to the gloriously silly Wye Float event in Hereford on



Photos. from Wye Float Facebook Group

August 8th, which this year featured "Safari" as its theme. This event involved hundreds of weird and wonderful floating craft drifting down the river Wye for a couple of miles. We played tunes such as "Swingin Safari", "Nelly the Elephant" and "Mud, Glorious Mud" and we had a display board depicting a safari scene and various related costumes and props.



We continue to grow, recently gaining a new clarinettist and a flautist. We have a new playlist for the autumn, and we welcome all music-reading wind instrument players. If you can read music and play any kind of wind instrument, DWIG is the place for you.

For more information about DWIG please contact group leader David Wornham, Tel. 01905 775840 or flexicase@gmail.com Ron Hawkins For DWIG

WORCESTERSHIRE EVENTS

Claude Monet painting in Worcester for new exhibition



A World-renowned painting by French Impressionist master Claude Monet has arrived in Worcester. Residents across Worcester can now see a work by one of art history's most celebrated names without leaving the city.

The artwork is now on display at Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum as part of Reflections, a major new exhibition that opened on September 12. The Monet painting has been brought to Worcester thanks to support from Worcestershire Heritage, Art & Museums charity, which funded the loan from Glynn Vivian Gallery.

It takes pride of place alongside works by some of Monet's contemporaries, including Eugène Boudin, Charles-François Daubigny and Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot. The arrival of a Monet work is a significant coup for the city, with art lovers normally travelling to major galleries in London and beyond to see paintings by the artist, who is widely regarded as one of the founders of the Impressionist movement.

Caroline Naisbitt, chair of trustees for Worcestershire Heritage, Art & Museums charity, said: "It was the aim of the charity's original founder, Professor Rolf Olsen, to enhance the cultural life of Worcester and to increase the Art Gallery & Museum's reputation as a regionally significant art gallery.

"In bringing the Monet to Worcester we are fulfilling both of those ambitions and helping to cement the city's reputation as a cultural destination. "I hope residents and visitors alike will be drawn to the Art Gallery to see the beautiful Monet artwork and enjoy the fabulous Reflections exhibition."

It has been almost 30 years since a Monet painting has been on show in Worcester.

Bridges of Light 2026

Bridges of Light is back with an exciting new programme for 2026.

Bridges of Light is a two-day light festival celebrating Worcester's communities, creativity and collaboration.

From 6 – 9pm on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October, the city centre will come alive with high-quality light installations, interactive artworks, and immersive experiences.

Worcester's imagination and creativity are at the heart of this vibrant, inspiring and entertaining festival, which is a free, non-ticketed event designed for all ages.

Bridges of Light is presented by Severn Arts and part of the Local Voices Creative Choices programme.

Autumn Wreath Making (ages 16+)

Saturday 3 October 2026, 10.30am – 12.30pm | The Commandery

Make yourself an autumnal wreath to adorn your door at home in a cosy and relaxing workshop welcoming in the month of October.



In the beautiful wooden-beamed room upstairs at The Commandery, you'll use natural materials from the surrounding gardens to create your wreath – either following an example or creating your own design.

Sip a tea, enjoy a coffee and some biscuits as you craft your wreath.

£27.50. All resources supplied. Ages 16+ years.

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Dabble Day

Last year DAN welcomed more than 160 members and the public to their April Easter themed Dabble Day at the Hub and just like last year we are hoping to hold a Christmas Dabble day this year. It will be a great chance for all ages to have a go at different artistic activities or simply watch artists at work.

All in all, last year was a very successful day with many visitors saying it was enjoyable and they felt welcome and this year promises to be even better. We hope to see you there!

The date is not yet confirmed. Emails will be sent to all members once the details have been finalised. There will be a variety of activities to take part in, including competitions and a raffle with prizes.

Not only that, it's a free event!

Art Demonstration at DAN Group Member Droitwich Spa Art Club

Leanne Ellis will be demonstrating watercolours at the Art Club at the **Community Hall from 10-12 noon on Monday 12th October**. All welcome to attend for free if a DAN member, but £3.00 if not.

Leanne has always been in to music, arts and crafts from a very young age and has played the Viola for many years (but is somewhat neglected these days) and has been on the circuit as a professional singer since 2006 under the stage name Lena Carole.



She says *"I have been painting, drawing and doodling since before I can remember, following the masters of the art industry, including the modern greats. It's my passion to pass on my knowledge and skills that I've learned over the years as I love to watch others achieve what they thought was too difficult. I hope to inspire the world to get a little mucky with a heck of a lot of colour."* Contact Tina [here](#) to confirm your attendance – space is limited.

ALL ARTS ALLEY

Our All Arts project is continuing 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 describing information, to show in the coming newsletter. Send an email, [HERE](#) by **28th September**.

Lyn Sharp sent in these intricate artworks and says *"the little person is made from up cycled wire, wrapped in fabric to create the form, crochet hoodie and tiny jeans"*

The dog again has a wired armature then bound with up cycled wool

The hare is needled felted onto a woollen panel using merino wool"



Tina Watkins painted this abstract piece after a demonstration at the Droitwich Spa Art Club by Joe Eccles. All members try out the techniques shown a few weeks after each demo. This time **Celia Haddock** and **Tina Watkins** were awarded first place.



Pauline Franks also showed this excellent study at the DSAC demo competition and says

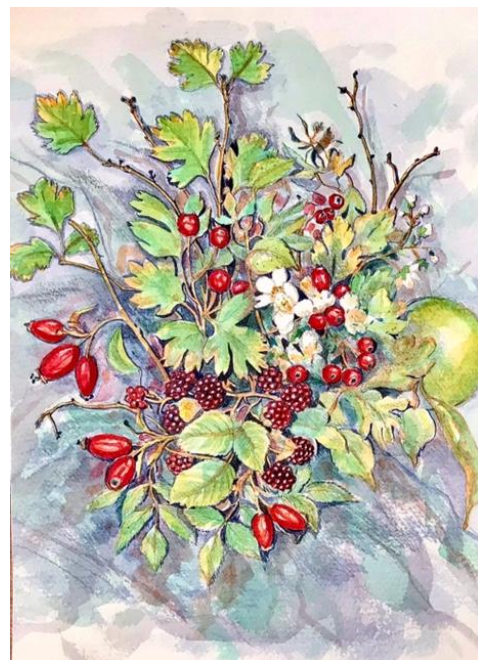


"Abstract painting in acrylic on canvas. " Wild Fire" done after watching houses in Stourbridge on fire and countryside fires on TV. Fire creeping towards countryside"

Karen Read sent in this colourful and unusual for her, abstract painting and says *"I hope you like my abstract painting. Its the first one I have painted for over a year. "*



Sheena Howarth sent in this lovely autumnal contribution and says *"Here is my offering for the October DAN newsletter, "Fruits of the Autumn Hedgerow" A watercolour, that looks suitable for the month of October."*



Pauline Franks sent in this totally magic moment in time and says *"This is an acrylic canvas. Somerset levels. We were in our camper van at twilight . Roe deer dancing in the field, a friend calls them "fairy cattle" and starlings beginning their murmuration across the full moon"*

