



## The Hub – Grand Opening



**Opening Event:** The delayed Opening Event took place on 13th August at 12 noon. The Mayor of Droitwich Spa, Councillor Bill Moy cut the ribbon and declared the Hub “open”. A good crowd of people watched the opening, entered the Hub to enjoy the atmosphere, light refreshments, and view the artwork.

**Sales:** To date the following members have sold items at the Hub: **Bic Beaumont, Kate Pullen, Lyn Sharp, Malcolm Ross, Rosie Philpott, Trevor Hunter, Colin Jack, Bryonie Williams, Jo Morris, Penny Dykes, Karen Hotchkiss, Shane Mulholland and Tina Watkins.** Well done everyone!

**Additional display facilities:** We now have two browsers. A few artists have already placed items in the browsers, but please do not place any more without asking **Rhys**.

Also, we now have a second glass display cabinet with four shelves. Please let **Rhys** know if you would like a shelf. Priority will be given to members that do not yet have anything in the first cabinet. For browsers and the cabinet, requests will be dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis.

Lastly; a very warm welcome to all our new members, we hope you enjoy our meetings, exhibitions and interacting with other artistic people. Please [contact](#) us if you have any contributions to make to our Newsletter!

## Colin Jack – Exhibition of Paintings

**THE FOUR SEASONS IN LOCKDOWN - COLIN ROSS JACK**

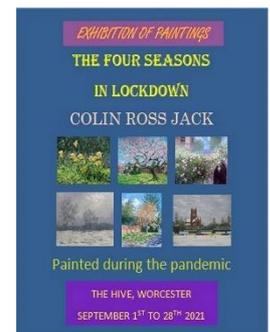
**THE HIVE, WORCESTER, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

David Hockney’s recent exhibition is a celebration of spring. I have gone one better and am celebrating all 4 seasons in paint!

The tilt on the Earth’s axis gives us the beautiful variety of nature in spring, summer, autumn and winter. A cycle which we may not always be aware of in our urban existence

The paintings exhibited were painted during the current pandemic, when travel etc was limited. Many people, like myself, have used the time to discover their local area, and to maybe appreciate the beauties of nature as never before. When people fail to be moved by the sky, trees, flowers and the seasons in general will be a sad day for humanity, and indeed for art

The majority of these paintings are based on my local area around Worcester. Some are of places I wished I could visit [the Japanese style, my alter ego in art, is in hope that my wife’s and my planned trip to Japan, cancelled twice, may be realised in the future]. These paintings have given me much pleasure to paint. I hope you enjoy them. Stay safe Colin



## DAN August Meeting

### Therapeutic Art and Art Therapy with Claire Hilton

Via Zoom Claire talked us through the different areas of her creative and clinical practice as an Art therapist exploring the difference between therapeutic creativity and Art Therapy.

Claire says “Are you wondering what Art Therapy is and how it may be able to help you? It's similar to regular counselling or talking therapies that you may have experienced before. The main extra benefit is that there are art materials available for you to express yourself in a visual and creative way. This is not just useful for children, but also helps adults to tap into thoughts and feelings that can be stuck or express things we may find hard to say. The art made in the safe space between you and the therapist can be used to look at together and help us both understand your experiences more, allowing us to gain insight and focus our attention and discussion.”

Art therapy doesn't require any previous artistic knowledge or ability, in fact, no art has to be made at all.

Contact Clair on <https://www.creatingspacesessions.com/1-1-art-therapy>

## Droitwich Camera Club – A New Start and a New Venue

Droitwich Camera Club  
2021-2022 Season  
Starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September



Whatever your type of camera and  
Whatever your experience,  
You are WELCOME to join us in our new venue at  
Droitwich Methodist Church, Worcester Road, WR9 8AN  
Contact us for more details:  
Visit: [www.droitwichcamera.co.uk](http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk)  
Email: [publicity@droitwichcamera.co.uk](mailto:publicity@droitwichcamera.co.uk)

Are you interested in photography? Whatever your level of photography knowledge, there's always something new and interesting to learn, so why not come along to our weekly meetings, you will be warmly welcomed. Please note our new venue at Droitwich Methodist Church, Worcester Road WR9 8AN and check out our website below. Meetings start at 8pm.

Droitwich Camera Club are a small and friendly photography group based in Droitwich. We welcome new members of all ages and abilities. From September we meet on Monday evenings where we listen to stimulating presentations by a wide range of exciting speakers, see the works of our current members and take part in both club and inter-club competitions. If you are interested in developing your photography further and being part of a group of photography enthusiasts, then please get in touch [here](#) or visit their website [www.droitwichcamera.co.uk](http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk)

## DAN Programme for 2021

- **Thu September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Astronomical Photography – Colin Ross Jack
- **Thu 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Workshops to prepare two wreaths for Remembrance Sundays 2021 /2022
- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Workshop to make crackers – Christmas, birthday, anniversary
- **Thu 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Play reading, music, punch and mince pies

## Astronomical Photography – September Meeting

Live on zoom from Colin Jack's observatory. Colin will explain why astrophotography is so different from daylight photography! He will show his telescope, camera etc. plus, samples of his best astrophotos

AND he says "If clear, I may be able to show the moon and maybe Jupiter and Saturn live!"

He has also suggested that if anyone is interested in visiting his observatory in the future, they can email him to arrange a visit. You will be sent meeting login details from Rosie as usual. Please join us! Colin

## September Musical Update

Update from your music correspondent. The Community Choir continues to practice twice weekly on Tuesday evenings in the Baptist Church and Wednesday afternoons in the Lido Park. They have recently entertained the residents at Westmead and will be going to Dorset House and St. John's in the near future. The choir continues to sing outside at these events. Anyone interested in joining should contact David Stewart at [davidstewart55@sky.com](mailto:davidstewart55@sky.com).



An eclectic selection of live music was evident in Friar Street and at the Rugby Club over Bank Holiday ranging from Folk to Ska. The Folk Club meets in the Old Cock on the first Thursday evening in every month. Your musical correspondent appears on the first Saturday morning in each month at the Lions Booksale at the Baptist Church so come and buy a book and singalong! Mike J

## Reminder to get your Poppies and Poems ready for October



During our meeting in October, we will be making a wreath to lay in November and I thought it would be a good idea to remind members to start making poppies in any medium + writing poems. Patterns can be provided on the website for those who want to knit or crochet poppies to bring to the meeting. Helen.

## The Norbury Theatre is Back!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September

7.30pm, Matinee Saturday 25 September - 2:30pm Tickets £12 / £11

THE NORBURY PLAYERS PRESENT AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF "GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM" presented by arrangement with concord theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. Goodnight Mister Tom one of the most uplifting stories ever written, Michelle Magorian's stunning Goodnight Mister Tom is brought gloriously to life in this stage adaptation by David Wood.

Set during the dark and dangerous build up to the Second World War the play follows sad young William Beech who is evacuated to the idyllic English countryside and builds a remarkable and moving friendship with the elderly recluse Tom Oakley. All seems perfect until William is devastatingly summoned by his mother back to London. Contact the website <https://www.norburytheatre.co.uk/>

## ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION September's theme – Holiday

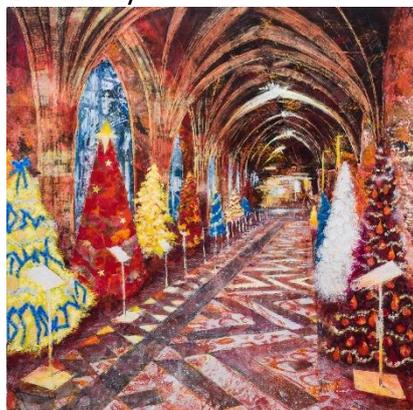
Thank you to everyone who sent in their rather splendid arts and crafts pics for last month's section.

**September's theme is Holidays!** Again, these could be funny, serious or just plain silly! A photo of your artwork is needed with your name and description to show in the September newsletter, send in pics to me by email, address is [HERE](#). It really is just to be a bit of fun and to see what our members can create quickly. **Last day for receipt is 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

## ARTS and CRAFTS SECTION August's theme - Festivals

### Susan Birth's Christmas Tree Festival, Worcester Cathedral

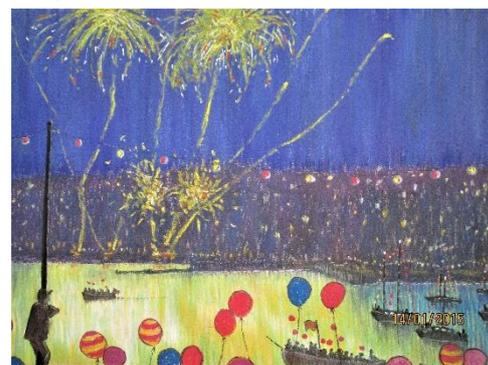
The wrong season I know, but here's a pic of my painting of the Christmas Tree Festival in Worcester Cathedral. I had expected it to find a home in Worcester but it was actually bought by a couple living in Broadway!



Tina Watkin's 'Glasto' Another messy watercolour but the one and only fest as far as I am concerned!



### Stephen Evans 'MoonTree'



Celebration New Year Fireworks painted with pastels. It is an early piece of work which I actually painted in 2020.

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/> on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/208713719174369/> e-mail [tina.watkins.ntlworld@gmail.com](mailto:tina.watkins.ntlworld@gmail.com)