



Arts News



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Happy New Year, I hope you had an inspiring break and are refreshed and ready for 2012. We kick off with our exciting Making Moves project, new dance workshops, a great family show during half term and a lot of preparation work for projects you will see starting in the Spring.

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Making Moves – Artist in Residence project



Is a partnership project that stretches across the region, giving mid career crafts makers a chance to get into the community to take their work in a new direction, to give graduates an opportunity to be

mentored by established artists and to give local artists and community groups an opportunity to participate in free workshops to learn new skills, connect with a new venue in their towns, meet new people and understand the process behind making new work. Artist Jim Bond will be artist in residence at the Boars Head pub on Worcester Street from the 23rd of January for 20 sessions. Details of his residency, workshops etc. will be posted in the venue and on our website.



Jim creates kinetic (stuff that moves) sculpture made from metal, you can find out more about him on his website, <http://www.jimbond.co.uk/> And more about the Making Moves project at bit.ly/AzVbYr

Wyre Forest District Council has received funding from Arts Council England to participate in this project.



Dance news

If you like dancing have a look at our directory, we regularly update it and you can find all styles of dance and something for all ages around the district. Follow the link: <http://bit.ly/jV313e>

Dancefest Newsletter: Dancefest provide much of our dance activity in the County have a newsletter which you can subscribe to, it will keep you updated on dance workshops and performances around Worcestershire, why not register online to get your up to the minute information. <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=a699f60c2e25109f90c26697c&id=1fa8e34aca&e=d53d0f6ebc>



WFDC Dance Group - Learn funky Street Moves to the latest sounds...
 Could you be the next Diversity? Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 Stourport Sports Club
 Age: 8+Cost: £1.50 per week
 for further info call Kelly on 01562 732 917 Mob; 07813970438 or email
 Kelly.Curtis@wyreforestdc.gov.uk
Kelly will also be running a four day course in the February half term, Monday 13th to Thursday 16th of February between 1 & 3pm each day Various styles to include, Street, Contemporary, Bollywood and Bhangra. Age 12yrs +
Cost: £3.00 per day or £10 for the week at Holy Innocents, Foley Park contact Kelly for further details

Home is a bold, inventive new dance production that will move through the streets of Birmingham city centre as part of International Dance Festival Birmingham 2012. We are looking for 1000 individuals to contribute towards the creation of, and be involved in, the performances that will take place between 23 April & 13 May 2012. This bold and ambitious project can only happen with the help of individuals and communities from the West Midlands and beyond! We're looking for 1000 people who want to share their thoughts on home, identity and belonging to be part of this flagship project.
 Every contribution we receive will be incorporated into the final performances, so send us yours now to be part of Home!
 Visit www.idfb.co.uk/takepart to find out how to get involved and make contributions to Home. We also have a team of Home tutors who are busy delivering workshops to community groups in Birmingham and the West Midlands. Workshops are happening now until 16 March 2012 – do you have a group (of any age or ability) who would like to have a workshop? To book a workshop or to find out more, please email us: home@dancexchange.org.uk or you can call 0121 689 1091.
 To see videos of existing contributions, visit our Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/idfbhome

What's On – WFDC Events – workshops – performance

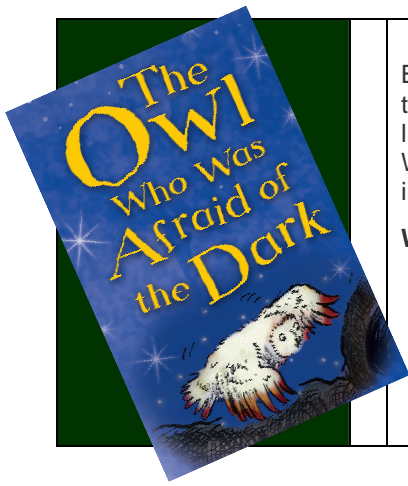


Dance: A Chance to Dance: If you are 55 years plus and would like the opportunity to increase flexibility, build strength and learn dance sequences to music from past and present, incorporating moves inspired by rock 'n' roll and salsa dance. You don't need a partner and you can drop into the course whenever you like, men and women welcome. Both sessions are £2.50 per person. You can join the course at any time. Venue details below

Rock Village Hall:
Classes on: Monday 9th January 2012 – Monday 12th March 2012 no classes Monday 13th February (half term) 10am – 11 am. **Followed by an optional creative dance devising class for the more adventurous,** Creative Chance to Dance – make new dances in a structured class 11.15am – 12.15pm £3.00 per session. Both sessions for £5.00

Areley Kings Village Hall:
 Thursday 12th January 2012 – 15th March 2012 (Excluding 16th February half term) 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. £3.00 per session. You don't need to come from the outset to either of these sessions, join the class at any time, you will be made to feel very welcome.

New class starting at Bewdley Museum: Chance to Dance will be starting a new pilot course in this lovely venue. Starting Tuesday 10th Jan - 1.30pm to 2.30pm for 5 weeks £6 per session call 01299 403573 for more details and booking.



Based on the classic children's book by Jill Tomlinson, this funny, gentle and reassuring tale is written especially for small people aged 3 - 7 (and grown-up's who sleep with the big light on!)

With an irresistible blend of live music, puppetry and storytelling, this beautiful new show introduces an old friend to a new generation of theatre-goers.

When: Saturday 25th February 2012 at 11.30am **Where:** Kidderminster Town Hall

You can book online on our webpage follow the link <http://bit.ly/z3Lin6>



Severn Valley Samba Band Community Band: at Areley Kings Village Hall.

Come along to these fun and informal Workshops and using a wide range of instruments learn how to make an unforgettable sound. The workshops are open to people of all ages (over 8yrs) and no musical knowledge is required – just plenty of enthusiasm! An ongoing fortnightly workshop, with occasional practice sessions in between at Bishops Wood.

£3.00 per person, your first session is free. Saturdays or Sundays around 10 am to 12 noon, these times are subject so slight change. Call for more information.

For more information call 07952 087112 kmsanderson10@tiscali.co.uk



You can also find them on facebook under Severn Valley Samba Band.



Painting workshops for mature painters:

Weds between 4pm & 6pm. £4.00 per week or £3.00 concessions.

Church House, Areley Kings, From Stourport on Severn take the A451 signed to Great Witley cross the River Severn Bridge and in 250 yards turn right (signed St Bartholomew's Church) DY13 OAR. www.churchhouseareleykings.org.uk If you are interested in improving your painting techniques or you are just starting out and would like some guidance, just turn up at the venue & talk to Malcolm or call the Arts Team at Wyre Forest District Council on 01562 732978. Please note classes are becoming full so we recommend paying on a termly basis to guarantee your place.



Under 5's

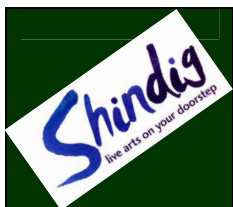
Under 5's: Music and Movement – Early Ears is a monthly session run by Craig Trafford at: **The Corn Exchange in Kidderminster Town Hall** on The first Wednesday of each month between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Craig brings his unique brand of music, songs and movement for £3.00 per child, grown ups go free. Email Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk for more information.

Tots in Motion is a magical dance experience, for under 5's to explore various ways of moving their body. Each session will be filled with fun ways to learn dance through popular themes, using a variety of props and visual aids.

Tuesday 20th December 2011, Tuesday 17th January 2012, Tuesday 21st February 2012, Tuesday 20th March 2012 10am until 11am at **Baxter Church Hall on the Bullring in Kidderminster (next to Blunts Shoes)**

£3.00 per child. Adults go free



The new season has just started, handy brochures are available at libraries and other public buildings but you can find it all online. You can see Folk at Areley Kings on the 4th of Feb, call 01299 824 318 with the Old Dance School, more fold at the Rose Theatre on the 1st of March, call 01562 743745, and the amazing Mugenkyo Taiko presenting Japanese Drumming at the Civic in Stourport on the 6th of March call 01299878087, Blues at Clows Top Victory Hall on April 21st call 01299 932276 and more, Shindig has shows, music and more all around Worcestershire, you won't find better value give it a try. See the website for details.

<http://www.shindig.org.uk/> or check out the blog <http://livloc.wordpress.com/> or find us on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/live.local> **The tickets sell fast so don't miss out, call and reserve yours now.**

What's On - Other organisations

Wyre Forest District Council are now hosting a local listings page, you can add your events as well as finding out whats on in the area: www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/whatson

DISCOVER FESTIVAL

A weekend of science-fiction, fantasy and horror writing

18th-20th May, Snibston Discovery Museum and Century Theatre

Tickets £45 (under-18s £40) plus £2 booking fee from www.discoverfestival.co.uk

DISCOVER the exciting worlds of science-fiction, fantasy and horror today

DISCOVER new writers with our programme of author readings and Q+As

DISCOVER more about writing and publishing with our superb panels

DISCOVER your writing talent through a host of quality workshops

DISCOVER a thrilling new event for 2012!

Guests of Honour for 2012 are:

PETER F HAMILTON, author of the Commonwealth Saga and the Void Trilogy

GRAHAM MASTERTON, renowned horror and thriller author of over 100 titles

PLUS more TBC

For more information, visit www.discoverfestival.co.uk

or email discoverevent@hotmail.co.uk

Upcoming literature events

From Idea to Publication - 8-week creative writing course, Nottingham Broadway, 17th Jan-

6th March. Full info at http://www.broadway.org.uk/events/film_from_idea_to_publication

Starting a Novel... and Finishing It! 8-week novel-writing course, QUAD, Derby, 26th Jan-

15th March. Full info at <http://www.derbyquad.co.uk/participate/digital-courses>

From Idea to Publication - 8-week creative writing course, South Holland Centre,

Spalding, 1st Feb-23rd March. Full info at

<http://www.southhollandcentre.co.uk/workshops/events/From+Idea+to+Publication.htm>

Discover Festival: a weekend of sci-fi, fantasy and horror, 18th-20th May, Snibston

Discovery Museum, Coalville feat. PETER F HAMILTON and GRAHAM MASTERTON. Info

at www.discoverfestival.co.uk

Bewdley Baptist Art Group Present: **A Demonstration of Landscape in Watercolour**, by Geoff Kersey, at The Baptist Church, High Street, Bewdley, on Thursday 29th of March from 7 – 9pm. Tickets £6, call Margaret on 01299 403 705 or from the church office on 01299 403 267



Rave reviews for Mouth & Music, don't miss the next one!
Tuesday February 14th at the Boars Head Kidderminster 20:00 until 23:00

You can find them on facebook <http://on.fb.me/yt7ta9>

Slap Mag Review by Jill Tromas who was in the Mouth and Music audience:



"Heather Wastie invited us to: 'Open your ears and come with me'... and we weren't disappointed.

On Tuesday January 10th, 'Mouth and Music' was launched in the Gallery at the Boar's Head, Kidderminster and was a resounding success. If this is a sample of KAF Creatives and the area's Open Mic scene, I eagerly await the second, on February 14th. If you don't get a better offer on Valentine's night, we'll see you there. If you do, bring them with you and you won't be sorry.

This popular pub provided the ideal setting for the eclectic and quirky mixture of Poetry, Music and Mirth. The performers, which included Heather herself and SPOZ, a former Birmingham Poet Laureate, were interlaced with eleven 'Open Micers'. I particularly enjoyed Lisa Ventura's poem about New Year's Resolutions; Suz Winspear's 'The Princess of Cardboard Pavillions'; while Roger Noons shared with us his concerns about anniversary presents.

Personally, I think Heather and Sarah Tamar are on to a winner and this monthly event will soon feature alongside the region's many other flourishing 'Open Mic' events." Jill Tromans



Face Britain – Create a picture fit for a Queen

The Prince's Foundation for children and the Arts Charity has launched project Face Britain to encourage youngsters ages 4 to 16 to create a self-portrait in any style and upload it to the Face Britain online gallery. It will then be part of a special portrait of the Queen will be projected on to Buckingham Palace.
For more information go to: <http://www.facebritain.org.uk> or <http://bit.ly/yGGfqA>

Opportunities for artists

Artists looking for work: you can register on the County Council website where other partners are looking for artists to deliver workshops and commissions, it's free.
<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/arts/register.aspx>
Lots of opportunities and information for jewellers in Benchpegs magazine, you can sign up on line <http://bit.ly/AiouJq>

Funding

If you are looking for funding why not check out the Funding Central website, they'll even send you updates direct to your email to alert you of new funding opportunities
<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx>

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