



Arts News



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Get your work out there with funding & support from us.

Dragons Den 15th of August This event is open to local artists who you have an idea for a creative project & would like 20 minutes to persuade us to give a grant of £1500 to make it a reality at KAF12 call the Arts Team on 01562 732928 or email

arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk to make an appointment.

For full details see <http://bit.ly/g1N7iW> Deadline for applications July 29th.



KAF Creatives are running a program of guerrilla arts projects, one of which encourages you to get your creative juices flowing by writing a six line poem in homage to your local or pubs in general. Submit your entries to info@brewerstroupe.co.uk or post to Arts Development, Wyre Forest District Council, FREEPOST Mid 23694, Green Street, Kidderminster DY10 1BR. You could win 12 bottles of Worcestershire Way kindly donated by Bewdley Brewery. Winners will be announced at SNUG a must see show, at the King and Castle public house on Tuesday the 16th of August at 7.30. Entries will be on display at Kidderminster Library during KAF11 from 4th August to the 3rd September.

About SNUG: Set in an unknown date in the future, is a historical tour, after the last pub in Britain has closed. A tour guide takes the audience into the action, where they meet some of the locals who were cryogenically frozen in the year 2011. It is quickly apparent how important the pub is to all of these characters and that the trade is dying. Including open mic in first half of evening.

(This performance may contain adult material)

Closing date for entries Friday 15th of July 2011.

STOP PRESS: Hobo Bear missing in Holland!

Last reports of Hobo were that he'd gone to the Netherlands on an adventure, however rumours are that he may now be in hospital, we are concerned he may not make it back in time for KAF.

For updates on hobo's adventures, see his facebook page <http://on.fb.me/lrNIW8>



Recommended Websites

<http://www.wes.networks.net/>

A new site launched to assist with advice and support relating to internet and phone bullying. The site is for young people of all ages and carers. Launched by TV presenter Michael Collie, who said 'Every parent should know how to reduce the risks when online and by taking some simple steps, you can'. The site is animated by a character called Wes who helps children stay safe whilst using the internet. Why not take a look.

A Worcestershire website with free folk listings.

Folklife West is a local group of volunteers that publishes the regional **Folk West** quarterly & a **Journal**.

Worcestershire Folklife ("WF") is a **Folklife West** project; **we now have a Worcestershire website with free folk listings. Your local venues are therefore welcome to send in 1-line listings**

- to be listed as a **venue** that occasionally puts on folk concerts (venue name; contact name/phone, website if any)

- to send in specific **dates** (date; act name; venue name; website, or phone).

These basic listings are free. We ask non-Members of **Folklife West** not to send posted flyers or email attachments; we provide only basic listings.

Paid publicity is available in our **Folk West** quarterly <http://fw.folklife-west.org.uk> (advert from anybody, news & listings from Members only, Membership £12 pa)

Contact Sam Simmons, 01684 575704, for **Folklife West**, publishers (print & online)
16 Barrett Rise, Malvern, Worcs WR14 2UJ

Worcs Folklife website - free online 1-line listings (Worcs only) wf@worcestershire-folklife.org.uk

Folklife West magazines, adverts, Membership, Members' regional listings & news

editor@folklife-west.co.uk <http://www.folklife-west.org.uk> skype: folklife-west

100s of Member-listings now online! **Folk West**, the W. Midlands & West Country folk news magazine; a free ads-only edition is supplied to libraries & TICs.

Opportunities for artists

Exhibition Opportunity at Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford for contemporary Printmakers 12 November 2011 – 8 January (end date tbc)

The Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford is seeking applications from contemporary printmakers for a group selling show.

Artists selected for the exhibition will be required to supply a minimum of 6 framed works for hanging. There will be opportunities for selling your unframed/mounted prints and associated items eg. cards, ceramics, textiles etc if applicable.

Deadline for submissions: 6 June 2011. To apply: Post or email 6 images, CV, price list and artist statement to: Kim Gould, Gallery & Exhibitions Development Officer at kim.gould@staffordshire.gov.uk or Lyndsey Catchpole, Exhibitions Co-ordinator at Lyndsey.catchpole@staffordshire.gov.uk or post to: Shire Hall Gallery, Market Square, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2LD. Tel: 01785 278345



Artists Wanted for Playday

We are looking for artists to offer creative workshops for children & families at our busy Playday event. Playday is the annual celebration of children's right to play!

Playday 2011 is on 3rd August at Lickhill Memorial Park, Stourport. 11am until 3pm

Only £10.00 per pitch.

For more information and to book a space tel: 01562 732978 or

Email: Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Studios Available for Artists

There will shortly be two craft units spaces available here at the Jinney Ring Craft Centre in Hanbury (between Droitwich and Bromsgrove). It is a rarity that we have units come vacant here, but whenever we do, we always need to make sure that we have a real crafts people/artists with businesses that complement the philosophy of the crafts centre and also the existing workshops that are here.

Anyone that is interested can find details on this weblink.

http://www.jinneyring.co.uk/acatalog/Craft_Workshop_Vacancies.html

Amanda Sunter
Jinney Ring Craft Centre
Hanbury Rd, Hanbury
Bromsgrove, Worcestershire
B60 4BU
01527 821272

Venue wanted for film project:

Can you help the Stagehands project - Do you have a venue you can loan for an ambitious community film project. Driven by volunteers and due to screen in December 2011. Stagehands is an opportunity for local people to perform and become involved in the production of a film project which will have a documentary running along side it. Saschia Mooney is the instigator of the project which he is currently seeking funding for. It will be a great opportunity for local people to be involved with and learn from. Saschia is looking for a stage with wings and a proscenium arch (this only needs to be basic) he'll need a loading bay to bring in scenery, access to parking and three phase electricity, toilets and changing facilities. The film is historical so the older and dustier your stage the better.

The space needs to be available for:

From August 15th to the 28th the as it will be dressed for the filming process throughout the period. If you know of any venue that you think may be suitable in or around the Kidderminster area please **email:** stagehandsproject@hotmail.co.uk

What's On – WFDC Events – workshops – performance



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:

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.



Shindig will bring warmth to your New Year, you'll be surprised at what's on at your village hall! You can pick up a program in most public buildings, The library, The Hub, the Town Hall and many more. Local shows include:
Saturday 4th June **Another helping of Mervyn Stutter.** 7.30pm at Heightington Village Hall.
Telephone 01299 822987 to book



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 May 2011 & run until Monday 18th July 2011 no classes Monday 30th May (half term) 10am – 11 am. **Followed by an optional creative dance 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 5th May 2011 until Thursday 14th July 2011. 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.



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.

Thursday 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 25th August, 15th September - 10.30am until 11.30am Corn Exchange, Kidderminster Town Hall. £3.00 per child. **Adults go free**

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

Networking Exhibition for West Midlands Businesses

Tuesday 17th May 2011

From 10am until 1pm

at The Ramada Hotel, Habberley Road, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1LA

Bewdley Development Trust and IJM Media would like to invite you to promote your business to companies from across the region and network with like-minded professionals - free of charge! Due to the success of our sector-specific networking exhibitions, we have decided to offer the next event to all sectors. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see what is happening in your region and network with some of the Midlands best companies. As this is a free event and has not had any funding to pay for promotion, administration or organisation, we would request that all those attending help to promote it, so please only sign up for free exhibition space if you are prepared to send promotional emails out to your database and to advertise it on your website, facebook page, linked in profile etc. We will provide you with information to send out. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and no more than 2 of the same type of companies will be allowed to exhibit. Exhibition space will be 4ft covered space, with room for 1 pull up banner, no power supply will be available. To book your place email your name, company name and contact details, along with a to-the-point description of your business to jayne@ijmmedia.co.uk.

Fancy putting on your own event? Have a look at this guide to street parties, summers coming time to get out doors and have some fun.

Info on street parties

<http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/cms/non-ignl-pages/community-and-partnership-serv/events-2010/street-parties.aspx>

Crafts in Practice can be enjoyed at Bewdley Museum every third Sunday of the month from April to October. May 15th, Pottery & Ceramics, June 19th

Stained Glass & Jewellery, July 17th Painting, Textiles & Print, August 21st Weaving, Spinning & Lace Making, September 18th - various crafts & October 16th Woodland Crafts.

For more information visit www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/museum

PSYCHOSOUND - Exploring links between Sound & Thought
Discover motivations and restrictions to finding your innate creativity
with Heather Wastie, Sound Artist & Geoff T Cox, Counsellor
Introductory course

Saturday 14th May 2011: Church House, Areley Kings, nr Stourport, Worcestershire
DY13 OAR www.churchhouseareleykings.org.uk

Arrival & Coffee 9.45-10.30

Morning session 10.30-12.30 with tea/coffee break

- Soundbeam facilitated by Heather Wastie www.heatherwastie.co.uk

A ticking clock, a familiar tune, a haunting voice, a violin, birdsong, a powerful word We are surrounded by sounds, some of which we choose to hear and others which are there whether we like it or not. What effect do these sounds have on us?

Most of us have had experience of making music - maybe singing (or being told not to sing), playing an instrument (or wishing we could)

This workshop gives the opportunity to explore and control a variety of electronic sounds in a small group, with the help of accessible technology, to create pieces of music simply by moving. By pressing switch pads and breaking invisible beams, we will experiment with different combinations - maybe adding together a ticking clock, a melancholy violin and a powerful word, it all depends on who is there and what choices are made during the workshop. We can guarantee that the result will be unique, and hope that you will find the experience both thought provoking and enjoyable.

For examples of some of the pieces Heather has composed with Soundbeam, go to
www.myspace.com/heatherwastie

Lunch (12.30-1.15)

Afternoon (1.15-3.15 with tea/coffee break)

- Group Work facilitated by Geoff T Cox www.geofftcox.co.uk

With the morning workshop as a starting point, we will explore some of the motivations and inhibitions for creativity which may lead to the following, although not necessarily in this session. (Participants may be interested in exploring further at a later date.)

- a greater self-awareness and consciousness
- a change in perception of self and others
- a richer connection to self and others
- a more satisfying way of being

Cost: **Special offer newsletter subscribers subject to places being available £10**

To request a booking form, reply to this email, or phone 01562 852145

Maximum 8 participants

Tea/coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

www.psychosound.co.uk

Broadwaters Park Mill artwork project

'Friends of Broadwaters Park are delighted to be working with pupils from King Charles1 High School on an art project for Broadwaters Mill. The students have been very enthusiastic with their designs which will be completed on Friday 13th of May. The money for the project has been put up by the school, the West Midlands Co-op and Friends of Broadwaters. There will be an official launch by the local MP on Saturday 14th May at the group's annual plant sale.'

Miss C who has worked on all the Subway Deluxe projects will work with pupils from King Charles school to create the work. See attached flyer for more details.

Arts Trail update: Worcestershire's first county arts trail gets underway

Worcestershire Guild of Design Craftsmen is delighted to have received applications from over 50 artists and craftspeople wishing to take part in the county's first Worcestershire Arts Trail. There will be 25 locations to visit on 27th - 30th May 2011, including several prestigious galleries across the county.

"We were overwhelmed with the quality and variety of applicants and are confident that the Trail will be an exciting experience for those involved. This work will no longer be hidden, but out in the open." (Alison Dupernex, guild chairperson and Arts Trail selection committee).

Many artists will take part in the 'Artists at Work' part of the trail, where they will demonstrate their skills and processes and talk with visitors, from galleries, their workshops and open studios.

Planning of the Arts trail is well under way. Guild members and local businesses have got together to share their talents in order to make this work. We are very grateful to all those offering support. Regular planning meetings have been held at blue-ginger gallery Cradley and support from local business Nick Joyce Architects, Worcester is much appreciated.

Brochures are being put together and will be available at the end of March. In the meantime, look out for the big orange Art Trail signs and put the date in your diary for the May bank holiday weekend.

For further info please contact Becca Williams at worcestershireartstrail@live.com or telephone 07845 579 377 or visit www.worcsartstrail.org.uk

IF you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by 30th of June , please keep your information brief. If you would like to discuss this please give us a call. This newsletter now reaches about 500 people through direct mailing. You can see previous editions on our website.

The Wyre Forest District Council Arts and Play Development team are: Loz Samuels and Karen Haynes. Contact us at: arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call 01562 732928
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