



Arts News



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Those that filled out evaluation forms at this years festival were entered into a draw and won family tickets to the Reel Cinema, so thanks to you all for completing the forms which will hopefully help us get funding for next year, and of course to the Reel for donating the tickets.

Congratulations to Sue Roberts and Nicola Williams, we hope you and your families enjoy the films.

What's next - KAF12

Sarah Tamar will be exploring love or hate relationships with football through poetry, an unlikely combination that impressed the Dragons Den Judges during the festival. There were four very good quality applications to the Den this year and we will be supporting others to develop but sadly not through this funding stream. So more about – 'KICK OFF!'

'Kick Off!' is an exploration of what women REALLY feel about the game.

Sarah Tamar, a Kidderminster poet, will be running writing workshops in a variety of different settings which will provide a sounding board for women who love or loathe football.

2012 is the year of the Olympics, women's football is one of the opening events.... Kidderminster Harriers has just celebrated its 125th birthday and every home game spirits away men folk including two of Sarah's sons.

"I have a deeply ambiguous relationship with the game from the horrors of when it was my turn to wash an entire teams muddy kit, to standing in freezing cold fields, to the thrill of being caught up in the excitement of a testosterone fuelled crowd all willing their team to win and the nail biting drama of penalty shoot outs."

Sarah is hoping 'Kick Off' like her previous Dragons Den project the 'Waiting Room' will enable participants to discover or rediscover their creative energy and explore their feelings in poetic spoken word ways. Writing is a fabulous way to process and capture life events. She will be going to football matches male and female, and keeping a running commentary on her own thoughts and feelings about the game.

"For me carrying on from the 'Waiting Room' project I'm looking forward to running workshops with people who sometimes have not written anything since school. It is inspirational to debunk the myth that writing is a high brow elitist activity. We all have unique ways of expressing ourselves and stories to share. The spoken word is a broad church..."

There will be a variety of ways to get involved....including a 'KICK OFF' Facebook forum, and the availability of free writing workshops for WI groups, or any female only gatherings for more information contact Sarah Tamar 07798 862312 or, 'e'mail- sarahltamar@hotmail.com.

'KICK OFF' will culminate with the production of a 'fanzine' and a Spoken Word Performance' during KAF 2012 which will expose , the pros and cons, the fierce passion that football (even the mere mention of it !) can generate.

She is hoping to engage with women footballers, WAGS, football widows and Mums on the sidelines.

We will be putting funding applications in for KAF12 in November so if you would like to present a workshop, show or anything arty come and talk to us as we will need to include you in our next application.

If you would like to be involved in KAF12 in any way please contact us at arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk we'll be getting started on next years festival in the New Year and our print deadline is February so if you want to be in our brochure pick up the phone or send us an email.

You may want to join in a collaborative project with other artists; KAF Creatives are now pulling together their ideas for next year. The next meeting is on the 16th of November at the Boars Head pub at 6.15pm. Come along and have a drink with us there is no pressure to get involved but be warned the enthusiasm is infectious!



The Terribly Topsy Turvy Tales of Burlish Top

The Needless Allies brought their Topsy Turvy Tales to Burlish Top on the 26th of October. Children and their families enjoyed a different take on the woods by following three actresses who brought fairytale characters and scenes to create a magical adventure during two shows. Tom Doyle, local photographer captured the event and pictures are available to download on our facebook site, follow the link to view them.

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.303386349688456.95342.201241836569575&type=1>





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/mmaNxL>

Dance News

Flash Mob- Chance to Dancers from Rock took Worcester by surprise this October with a disco flash mob, dropping their shopping and strutting their stuff to a Saturday Night Fever track, check out the link on Dancefests website to see them in action

www.dancefest.co.uk/index.php?chance_to_dance

If you'd like to join them in the future check out the details in the workshops section that follows. They also took part in a special one off class organised through Sanpad with dancer Santosh you can see what they got up to at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s9YP1uz_xE&feature=bulletin You can join this very friendly and informal group at any time, you need no previous dance experience, see details below in our What's On section.

New Classes

Allia Khan has appeared at KAF on many an occasion and is well known in the area for her high quality dance classes, details of her new dance, drum and get fit class commencing in November on her website. www.stepupdanceacademy.co.uk Allia is also running a charity Christmas Fayre, see details below.

WHYLEY DANCE. Everyone can do it and it's a great way to have fun, burn calories & get fit & healthy

Michelle Whyley has recently opened some dance classes in the Kidderminster the Stourport area. Whyley dance is a new & exciting way to learn dance.

MONDAYS: Trimpley Village hall DY12 1NG 5 mins drive from Kidderminster police station.
11-12- Dinky dancers (under 5's chance to dance. A chance for parents and children to come and enjoy a themed workshop based around movement. Each week a different theme £4 for the both of you.
12-1pm ZUMBA (All ages and abilities. I have started my ZUMBA right at the beginning. A GREAT new Latin inspired aerobics to burn those calories. Some parents from dinky dancers are staying on to each some exercise while children play in the soft corner) £4.50
1:45-2:30 Dinky Ballet/Modern (ages 3-5 supervision needed. learning the basics of Ballet & modern) £4
2:30-3:30 Dinky Dancers (under 5's chance to dance. A chance for parents and children to come and enjoy a themed workshop based around movement. Each week a different themes) £4 for the both of you.
3:45-4:45 Children's Ballet/contemporary (ages 6 up. learning the introduction to both styles) £3.50
4:45-5:45 Children's street/modern (ages 6 up. learning the introduction to both styles) £3.50
5:45-6:45 Young adults dance (age 14 up learning many different styles from STREET, BREAK, SALSA, AFRICAN, CONTEMPORARY, ZUMBA.) £4

Tuesdays Areley Kings Village hall DY13 0LF Over the Stourport bridge and fork left.

1:30-2:30 Dinky dancers: (under 5's chance to dance. A chance for parents and children to come and enjoy a themed workshop based around movement. Each week a different theme) £4 for the both of you.
2:30-3:30 Love to move (a chance for adults to come and enjoy different styles of dance this term salsa and line dance. Next Jive & cha-cha) £4
3:45-4:45 Ballet/contemporary (ages 6 up. learning the introduction to both styles) £3.50
4:45-5:45 Modern/street (ages 6 up. learning the introduction to both styles) £3.50
6-7 ZUMBA- (Ages 15 up. everyone welcome. I have started from the very beginning and working up. A GREAT new Latin inspired aerobics to burn those calories)

Wednesday: Baxter College DY11 5PQ Just by the Kidderminster police station

4.45-5.55 - All dance styles (age 7 up. learning many different styles but fused with street and upbeat movement and music)
6-7 ZUMBA (Ages 15 up. everyone welcome. I have started from the very beginning and working up. A GREAT new Latin inspired aerobics to burn those calories)

If you are interested in any of the classes above sent me an email, TX or a call

www.whyleydance.co.uk - Home:01562 630 252 - Mobile:07769337956 Facebook: Michelle Whyley community dance 3

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.

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For up to date info on Shindig go to <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>

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Tickets sell fast so don't miss out, call and reserve yours now.

Friday, 7th October 2011, 8:00 PM at Clows Top Victory Hall

Kel Elliott presented by **Kel Elliott**

Smart and sassy Kel plays double bass and sings with a rich velvet voice. She fronts a tight band that performs fresh self-penned songs and sleek remixes, with bluesy melodies and infectious jazz grooves. 44 Village Street, WR11 8NQ Box Office: 01299832276

Friday, 11th November 2011, 7:30 PM at Areley Kings Village Hall

Zulu presented by **Zulu**

This exciting South African group will take you on a journey to the heart of Zulu culture. Expect a variety of dance, drama, storytelling and music; from afro-jazz to traditional psalms. Areley Common, DY13 0NB Box Office: 01299824318

Saturday, 26th November 2011, 8:00 PM at Rock Village Hall

Ashley Hutchings' Rainbow Chasers presented by **Ashley Hutchings**

Acoustic icon and founder of 'Fairport Convention' and 'Steeleye Span', Ashley Hutchings, collaborates with a new generation of talented young folk musicians. Millennium Green, DY14 9SD Box Office: 01584881570



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.



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 19th September & run until Monday 16th December 2011 no classes Monday 24th Oct (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 22nd Sept until Thursday 15th Dec 2011. 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. £3.00 per session. No class on Thurs 27th Oct due to half term. 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.

NEW VENUE We will return on the 15th of November at **Baxter Church Hall on the Bullring in Kidderminster at 10am.**

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

Are you interested in creative writing - poems, plays, stories or songs?

Kidderminster Write On! Writing Squad

For young writers in Kidderminster and Worcestershire - Age 12 – 16

Professional writer Ian Macleod will help you develop your skills
& learn about being a writer.

At: KIDDERMINSTER LIBRARY

1 Saturday a month 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

15th OCTOBER, 26th NOVEMBER, 10th DECEMBER and more in 2012!

£16.00 for first 4 sessions or £5 per session if paid on the day.

joanne@writingwestmidlands.org Tel 0121 246 2770

<http://www.writingwestmidlands.org/writeon/writing-squads/>

STEP UP DANCE ACADEMY CHARITY XMAS FAYRE

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.....GET READY TO GLAM UP AND PARTY...

SAT 10 DECEMBER FROM 6.30PM – 10-30PM

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CONCERT HALL, BIRMINGHAM RD, KIDDERMINSTER

ONLY £5 ENTRY PAYABLE ON DOOR AND KIDS UNDER 16 ARE FREE

FEATURING

DANCE DISPLAYS TO DAZZLE & DELIGHT WITH DANCE WORKSHOPS & INDIAN DRUMMERS FROM AZAAD DHOL GROUP WITH DRUMMING WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

SEMI PERMANENT MAKE UP & BEAUTY TIPS AND DEMOS, NAIL ART INC MINX NAILS, HENNA ARTIST, INDIAN FOOD & DRINKS, HAIR STYLING TIPS FASHION & BEAUTY STALLS, SHOE & BAG STALLS, UNIQUE JEWELLERY STALLS, COMPLIMENTARY THERAPY, MASSAGE INC INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE, FACE PAINTING, XMAS GIFT IDEAS, BOLLYWOOD BLING STALL, PSYCHIC READINGS

DANCE COMPETITIONS & DISCO TO END THE NIGHT AND MUCH MORE.....

FOR WORKSHOPS JUST TURN UP ON THE NIGHT AND BOOK IN!!IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AT THIS EVENT & FOR STALL DETAILS OR ANY OTHER INFO CONTACT ALLIA ON 07957 439900 OR EMAIL

STEPUPDANCEACADEMY@GOOGLEMAIL.COM

What's on continued

"GRAFFITI VS ART"

Exhibition, 19th Oct - 19th Nov Moseley Exchange

149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JP Tel 0121 449 8585

www.moseleyexchange.com

Birmingham-born graffiti artist, named as HOAKSER, works on any surface; from toys to walls, clothing to canvasses. He creates beautiful and vibrant art, including fantastic imaginative 3D sculptures.

His passion about graffiti induces him to explore in a big range of techniques of graffiti art and give us the opportunity to get dip into what graffiti is about. This solo show at the Moseley Exchange next 18th of October will show a good selection of his work from the last 15 years.

Canvas, cans, toys. will be showing his history and his view about graffiti art. Come and see his work at The Moseley Exchange and explore the opportunity to also exhibit here. We are open to hear any proposal and suggestion.

<http://moseleyexchange.com/next-exhibition/>

Opportunities for artists

Textiles virtual workshops

If textiles is your thing but you don't fancy trekking over to the Ledbury Artspace to experience the workshops Angie Hughes runs regularly, you can now go online and download

them. <http://www.angiehughesonline.com/c5/index.php/courses/>

The workshops are delivered by pdf download. You will receive a link when you have made your payment (and a copy of the link will be sent to you by email).

The link will expire after 24 hours so don't dilly-dally, download straight away! If you have any difficulties with the download, contact me and I'll get you sorted.

Angie is a talented and well known artist if you'd like to explore machine embroidery techniques she's well worth a look.

The First Worcester Bob Dylan Festival "Bob Dylan - Now and Then" is being held over the weekend of Jan 13th-Jan 15th 2012. Over 20 bands and solo artists will be performing across five local venues. Worcester Arts Workshop will be hosting music and literature events as well as the "Inspired by Bob Dylan" art exhibition.

There is a £5 entry charge for artists to submit entries – Deadline 25th November contact Kate Cox at the workshops for details.

Volunteer

Worcester Arts Workshop

T: 01905 25053

E: info@worcesterartsworkshop.org.uk

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Funding info

Funding Central

Are you applying for any of the 662 grants, 1,031 contracts or seven loans currently available for arts and cultural activities?

Register your details at www.fundingcentral.org.uk to get immediate access to the comprehensive funding search as well as a weekly update packed with all of the new relevant opportunities.

Funding Central isn't just a glorified database, it's also a place to get help with every aspect of your finances; whether it's financial management, planning for the future or applying for grants. There is lots of practical advice and tried and tested solutions to help you succeed.

Watch this video to find out how to get started - www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6515.

Village SOS Competition

Village SOS is an exciting initiative by Big Lottery Fund and the BBC to launch a rural revival and inspire people to start community businesses that will breathe new life into their areas and create jobs. The Village SOS Competition will distribute 5.3 million to approx. 250 organisations giving awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 to kick start community businesses. They want to support inspiring business ideas that will bring people together in villages across the UK and support activities and enterprises that will tackle the challenges they face. Village SOS are particularly interested in giving money to enterprising ideas that will use the skills of local people, and the area's natural resources, land and buildings.

You must be a Village SOS member to enter the competition, so if you haven't already, [join here](#).

There are 3 main entry requirements:

- Your idea must be for a community enterprise.
- Your village must be in a rural area and have fewer than 3,000 people living in it.
- We can only accept one entry per village.

Village SOS are will not fund:

Public bodies such as schools, local authorities, parish, community and town Councils, businesses that are run for private profit, individuals and sole traders, organisations based outside the UK, entries made by one organisation on behalf of another.

This does not prevent ineligible organisations and individuals from working with informal community groups to develop their entries.

For more information please see the link below:

<http://www.villagesos.org.uk/get-involved/business-essentials>

If you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by 1st of December for an early Xmas edition, 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 & Play Development team are: Loz Samuels & Karen Haynes. Contact us at: arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call 01562 732928 www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk /Arts Development, Facebook/KAF arts

Tackling crime through art

Community action against Crime: Innovation Fund

The Community action against crime: Innovation fund encourages creative new approaches to tackling crime. The fund is worth £5 million in 2011/12, with a further £5 million set aside for 12/13. It will encourage greater community activism and enable communities to develop innovative approaches to tackling the local crime issues that matter to them.

The fund will encourage effective partnerships to get everybody working together to tackle crime. It will be used to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with their community safety partnership to tackle local crime problems, including through co-design and co-delivery of initiatives to cut crime. Applications from grassroots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government grants are encouraged.

All applications must show that they:

- are innovative
- deliver lasting benefit
- have involved their local communities
- tackle crime issues that matter to the local community, with a particular focus on ASB, crime in local neighbourhoods, drug/alcohol related crime, reducing re-offending, violence against women and girls and youth crime

While the CDF doesn't want to dictate how projects are delivered, they will award additional credit to applications that can demonstrate that they meet the following desirable criteria:

- partnership working between the voluntary and community sector, and the local community safety partnership, or one of its constituent statutory agencies (**WFDC is one of these agencies**)
- partnership working between the voluntary and community sector and local private sector organisations. This could be through joint project working or through match-funding (in cash, time or goods and services provided without payment as a public service)
- local community involvement in the design or the delivery of the project

If you are thinking of applying and wish to discuss potential working with the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership (WFCSP), which is part of the desirable criteria, please contact Kathryn Hebbert, Co-ordinator of the WFCSP, 01562 732956 kathryn.hebbert@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

The fund is open for applications from **5 September 2011 to 1 December 2011**. You can apply for funding between £1,000 and £15,000 per year using the small grants application process and grants between £15,001 and £50,000 using the large grants application process.

The fund is being managed by the CDF on behalf of the Home Office and all the guidance can be found on the CDF's website www.cdf.org.uk. For more information please email crime.innovation@cdf.org.uk or call 02078331772 and press '3' for a member of the Programmes Team.

The Jack Goldhill Painting Prize has been launched to commemorate the life of the businessman & philanthropist & the links he had to the social care charity Jewish Care & the art world.

The competition is a celebration of fine art in the UK & welcomes artworks of any subject matter that use fine art materials in a variety of wet media including watercolours, oils, acrylic, inks etc. The work can be on any form of support (canvas, paper, wood, plastic etc).

The first prize is worth £5,000. The second prize is £3,000 and the third prize is £1,000.

Amateur or professional artists may enter the competition. Artists of any nationality aged 18 or over, presently living or working in the UK (except paid employees of Jewish Care & their families) are eligible. **The deadline is 14 Nov.**