



Arts News



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As you know times are a changing, as must we. The arts bring in funding and support for a huge range of services which would be a lot less interesting without us. If you value what we do, please speak up now, it only takes a minute but your vote may be heard for a very long time in the future. Please visit...

www.ivaluethearts.org.uk

I Value the Arts Campaign

NCA has launched a major, new public campaign: I Value the Arts. This campaign aims to give everyone a chance to voice their views on support for the arts. Three quarters of the adult population attend or participate in arts activities every year and an even higher proportion of young people. At a time of recession, more and more people are turning to the arts and culture. Reduced opportunities to take part in the arts could have a major impact on the quality of people's lives and the vibrancy of their communities. As the Government is encouraging us all to get engaged and create a 'Big Society', the NCA believe it is important for those people who care about the arts to get involved in the decision-making about what their communities will look like. This campaign gives everyone who cares a chance to have their voice heard and collectively show that the arts provide a valued public service.

If you value the arts and want to have a say about the arts in your community please register your details on a new website: www.ivaluethearts.org.uk. You will then be kept in touch with plans that could affect the arts nationally and in your area, with practical suggestions on what you can do to strengthen the case for the arts.

Promotion of the campaign is reliant on supporters encouraging others to sign up - so your active support is vital.

You might like to:

- Link to the campaign (www.ivaluethearts.org.uk) from your website or blog
- Promote the campaign in your emails
- Print and display campaign posters
- Follow the @IValueTheArts on Twitter and encourage your followers to do the same

If you are part of an organisation operating in the sector you might also like to:

- Add the campaign logo to your print
- Put an advert for the campaign in your brochure / programme / catalogue
- Let people sign up at your box office / information desk
- Display 'postcards' around your venue

To join the campaign, visit the website www.ivaluethearts.org.uk for a range of resources, images, logos, web buttons and suggestions for action. You can also follow the campaign on Twitter at [@ivaluethearts](https://twitter.com/ivaluethearts)

Dance Directory – We are putting together a dance directory for the District, we know there are lots of private clubs and dance schools out there and lots of enthusiastic dancers. We'd like to encourage more people to dance by making it easy to find out where to go for classes etc. If you know of a club or class teaching dance of any style we'd like to hear about it. Please email Karen Haynes who is compiling the information karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

Recommended websites

www.visitworcestershire.org

UP LOAD YOUR EVENT TO RECEIVE FREE PROMOTION ON

The website is currently receiving 20,000 visits per month.

Are you holding a Halloween event, a Bonfire Night event or something for Christmas? Get it uploaded today.

Please ensure you use your existing username and password

If you have already uploaded your event onto the Whats on Worcestershire website then it would have already gone through our administration so no need to add it again!

There will be a variety of marketing and promotions happening for these events. Please call Emma if you have any problems on 01905 768334.

<http://www.folksy.com>

Folksy is a place to buy handmade things, and for makers to sell their work and find supplies.

Based in the UK, Folksy aims to reclaim craft and showcase talented makers and their work. You can set up your own virtual shop or look at ideas artists have posted to make your own gifts.

Broadwaters Totem – A new piece of public art for Kidderminster.

We have been working with The "Friends of Broadwaters Park" who have successfully bid for £50k, received from the Big Lottery, Community Spaces, Groundworks UK.

The funding has enabled the footpaths in Broadwaters Park to be resurfaced, the Sensory Garden to have new pathways and raised beds, new picnic bench paths for disabled access, some wetland clearance and most of all, a large wooden carved totem pole sculpture.

The sculpture shows the wildlife that can be found in the park, it is topped by a beautiful kingfisher and has benches and drums attached to it. This will be lit and the damaged up lighters replaced to enhance the park in the evenings.

The work was created by Welsh woodcarver Nansi Hemming.

Nansi was chosen out of four short listed artists by local residents through a voting system. Nansi has also carved some other characters on tree stumps in the park, there are 3 scattered about, see if you can find them.

On the 21st of October a free laser light spectacular with fireworks, fair rides and hot food stalls celebrated the achievements of the group and to show off all the new work. What an amazing achievement and a great and very well attended night.

Why not have a look at Broadwaters, it has changed dramatically over the last few years thanks to the Friends Group and their tireless fund raising and hard work to keep the park a lovely place to visit.

The Friends group work daily on litter picking, monthly on garden maintenance and meet once a month in the local pub. They also have social outings. They range in age from 18 to 80+ and all are welcome to join. Anyone can belong and it's a fun way to meet people and get some fresh air and exercise.

Contacts are Jim Marsh, Chairman on 01562 637080 or Jane & Mike Abraham on 01562 751500



Website designer available

Andy Jones offers web design for artists. Most folks I know just want a simple basic web site between 4 to 10 pages, I can do this for about £150 give or take depending on what's wanted. You'll have to pay for a domain name such as www.iloveandy.co.uk and for the hosting online on top but I can talk you through the options here.

I am interested in working with you not prescribing what you need. For more information about what I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me! You can contact Andy by email at andy@omniaopera.co.uk

Please note we continue to post any opportunities or events on our KAF_arts facebook page if the deadline falls before the next newsletter, why not become our friend and really keep an eye on what's going on in the arts.

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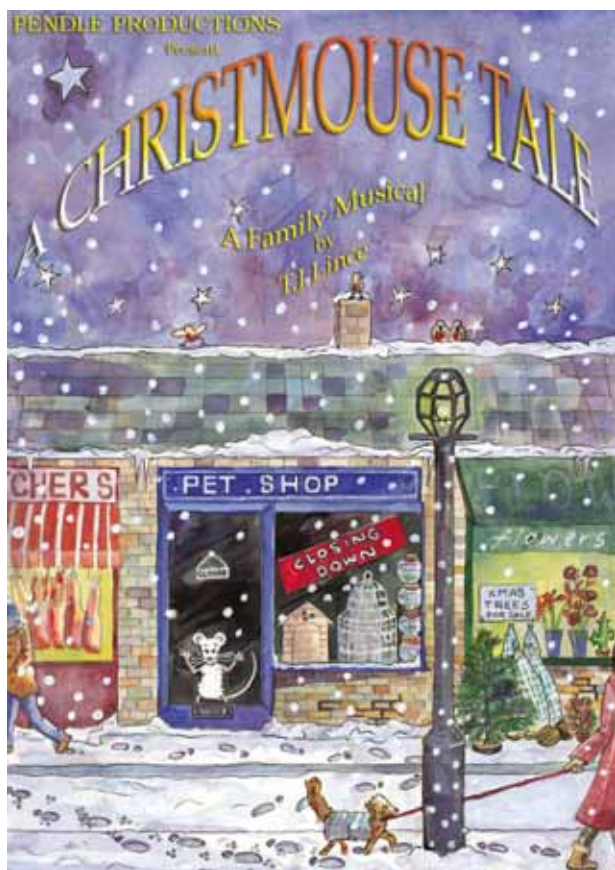
Horsefair Public Art Commission

We are looking for an experienced artist who has a strong portfolio and experience of creating art for the public realm. Artists will be required to submit images of their previous work and a bio or c.v. for shortlisting by a local stakeholder group. They must also be able to demonstrate experience of detailed consultation in a range of community settings. A shortlist of up to 4 artists will then go forward for a public vote. If you would like further information please email arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk for a detailed brief.

Expressions of interest must be received by November 12th.

It'll be New Year Resolution time soon, why not use one of our workshops to introduce something new into your life.

What's On – WFDC Events – workshops – performances



Festive family entertainment that's high quality, affordable and festive

Christmousetales

Pendle Productions present the perfect introduction to Christmas with a charming family musical. On Wednesday 22nd of December at Kidderminster Town Hall. 13.20 -15.15 including a short interval. £3.50 per child, their adults go free. Suitable for ages 4 years upwards. Book online at

www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/christmas or in person at the HUB,

(next to Kidderminster Town Hall.)

For more information call 01562 732928



Severn Valley Samba Band Workshops with Glamba: 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 01905 821447. You can also find them on face book under Severn Valley Samba Band.



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.

Rock Village Hall:

Classes commenced on Monday's running until Monday 6th December (12 weeks) no classes Monday 25th October (half term) More details to follow. **Followed by an optional additional class:**

Creative Chance to Dance – make new dances in a structured class 11.15am – 2.15pm

Areley Kings Village Hall:

Thursday's until Thursday 9th December 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. £2.50 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.



Painting: Classes commencing on the 15th of September 2010. Wednesdays between 4pm and 6pm. £4.00 per week or £3.00 concessions. If you are interested just turn up at the venue and 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.

Sessions also run at **Lickhill Community Centre, Stourport on Severn.** Sessions are on the third Friday of every month. All details are the same as above. Email Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk for more information.



Under 5's

Under 5's: Tots in Motion is a magical dance experience, for under 5's to explore various ways of moving their body. Workshops allow the children to explore creativity through movement and are based around different themes such as jungle, visiting the farm, going to the circus and cultural dances.

Monthly sessions will be starting on the 13th January.

Email Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk for more information.



Shindig is back with a bumper program which is much longer than usual. You can pick up a program in most public buildings, The library, The Hub, the Town Hall and many more.

Vamos Theatre Company present Nursing Lives – Friday 12th November – 8pm. The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster. DY10 2RZ. To book or for more information 01562 743745

Alistair Anderson in Concert – Friday 12th November – 8pm. Clows Top Victory Hall. DY14 9HG. To book or for more information 01299 832637

Angus and Ross Theatre Company present Up Frankie – Thursday 18th November – 7.30pm. Pound Green and Button Oak. DY12 3LB To book or for more information 01299 404172

Angus and Ross Theatre Company present Up Frankie – Saturday 20th November – 7.30pm. Heightington Village Hall DY12 2XU To book or for more information 01299 822987

Flying Panda present The Story Traders of Sichuan – Friday 26th November Supper 7pm – Show 8pm. Rock Village Hall. DY14 9SD. To book or for more information 01584 881570

What's On - Other organisations

Calling all film-makers! Filmaddict is back to celebrate a night of independent horror! In the wake of Halloween Filmaddict has decided to throw a monster mash of a night with a few

select shorts from low-no budget film-makers from across the country.

Filmaddict needs YOU to submit your own mini horror epic to be included in the programme.

For those interested please email kidderfilmaddict@hotmail.com or

drawbunny@hotmail.com for details on where to send the film. **Space is already filling up so please submit now!**



**Filmaddict Monster mash * time: 7.00 - 9.00 *Ticket price: £3 00
Kidderminster Library* 3rd of November**

You can find Filmaddict on facebook

Kidderminster Art Society present:

80th Anniversary Exhibition 'Then and Now'

Kidderminster Art Society is holding an exhibition in the Kidderminster Library Gallery from Monday 1st November to Saturday 27th November. In this 80th year of the society, the President, Shirley Bonas is co-ordinating the 'Then' of the 'Then and Now' exhibition, with work from some founding members and past presidents of the society, including John Mellor, Robin Cousins, and Jack Harris. The 'Now' is the contrasting work of current members. The Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Jeffrey Baker will open the exhibition at the private view, on Thursday the 4th of November. Many paintings will be for sale. When there is a steward available, there will also be a sale of unframed work. New members to the society are always welcome.

Kidderminster Art Society - Celebrity Lecture

Felicity House will be giving the Celebrity Lecture and Demonstration on the theme, Exploring Pastels on Thursday 20th November at 7.15pm in the Kidderminster Library Gallery. Tickets will be available on the night, and cost £5 for non-members. Felicity is an elected Member of the Pastel Society. She exhibits widely and has been awarded prizes by the Pastel Society, Discerning Eye and The New English Art Club. She is inspired by travel and seeing new places and also uses intriguing arrangements, complex interiors and of course the ultimate challenge of figures and portraits as her subject matter.

Kidderminster Town Hall.

20th Birthday Celebration Concert on 24th of November at 7pm at Kidderminster Town Hall Featuring New Dimensional Choir, Crown Phoenix Big Band, DANDI, Winterfold House School Musicians Unreserved seats: Balcony £7.00/£6.00 -Tickets from 01562 748 095

Funding info

Worcestershire County Council are running sessions on next years arts funding for interested groups/people on the following days:
Friday 3rd December at 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 9th December 2pm to 4pm
Tuesday 14th December 10am -12pm

At these meetings I will go through the application forms, guidance notes, as well as hopefully letting you know what budgets are still in place.

Booking is essential through Stephen Wilson, County Arts Officer
swilson@worcestershire.gov.uk

The Co-operative Group - Community Fund

The Community Fund is the Co-operative Group's main grant making programme. Charitable organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,000 (£500 if the applicant is a newly formed group) to help them find co-operative solutions to community challenges. The Co-operative Group is particularly interested in supporting locally led and run groups that can demonstrate co-operative values and principles, such as self-help, equality, democracy and concern for the community. Last year the total funding available was over £1 million.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information visit www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund

Young People's Musical Theatre (UK)

The BBC Performing Arts Fund has announced that it will be launching the Young People's Musical Theatre scheme on 27th September. This is a new scheme that will award £200,000 in grants aimed at encouraging young people to take part in musical theatre. The scheme will be open to any non-profit theatre group who have a youth section or are made up of members under 25. The group should regularly put on musical theatre productions or wish to try out a musical for the first time. The group can apply for grants for training and development and in particular for projects that encourage new members and/or new audiences. Groups may wish to try more ambitious repertoire, work with other local groups or schools or put on workshops with professionals. Some groups may wish to put on a musical for the first time and could apply for funding to help them hire a live band, a director or a choreographer. For more information visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/ypmt/>

Funding to Improve Local Communities (UK)

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust. The Trust are particularly interested in supporting; neighbourhood projects; community arts projects; projects involving community service by young people; projects set up by those who are socially excluded. The Trust also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though we never support individuals. The Trust normally gives grants to projects where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information visit <http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>

**IF you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by the 4th of January 2011.
Please keep your information brief. If you would like to discuss this please give us a call.**

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 732829 www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk /Arts Development

And finally... This may be our last communication in 2010, it's flown by, and we think we've achieved a lot. Hopefully we will be able to continue. If you value the our services please vote for the arts, an entertaining way to find out about how you can do this is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6rYDaORe3k>

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Have a wonderful festive season, may it be filled with creativity and inspiration. Here's to 2011!