



Arts News



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KAF10 is now becoming very real with only 6 weeks to go, the program is out and about full of great things for you to see and do. Tickets are selling fast especially for the workshops so don't miss out, book now!

Call the hub direct on 01562 732 984 or book on line at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/summer

We need you and your talent!

We are still looking for buskers for our market day pitches, please email arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call us on 01562 732928 and ask for arts development.

KAF also needs volunteers for short stewarding shifts to support shows, this is not demanding work and it gives you a chance to be part of an exciting event and work closely with artists, please contact us as above.



Subway Deluxe

Come and get involved in the makeover for Subway Deluxe, this is an ambitious project led by KAF Creatives and Dom Dunlea, graffiti artists are travelling from as far away as Liverpool to add their work to the subway that links Comberton Hill with Kidderminster town centre.

The day will start at 11am on Saturday the 28th of August and Dom will need help preparing the stencils during the week before, if you would like to learn how this process works and contribute to a really unique piece of artwork for the town email Dom at subwaydeluxe@googlemail.com he'll be very happy to hear from you.

Dragons Den

We are still open for applications for the Dragons Den, if you have a creative idea you'd like to try out why not come along and put it to our small panel on Monday the 16th of August. If you'd like to make an appointment for a 20 minute slot email arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call 01562 732 977.

The KAF brochure is now available as a printed copy or live on our website, we have a great new turning pages version so you can flick through like the real thing. Follow the link to view or copy and paste it into your search engine...

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A1o6kp/KAF2010/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yudu.com%2Fitem%2Fdetails%2F180623%2FKAF-2010>

Don't forget to check out facebook for more details facebook Kaf_Arts or look at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Opportunities for artists

Please note we now 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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€7,000 commission offered for an outdoor time limited event in Amiens, France and in Brighton & Hove, UK as part of the White Night/Nuit Blanche in October 2010.

This is the third year of Brighton & Hove Arts Commission and Brighton & Hove City Council's White Night festival. It takes place on the last Saturday of October when the clocks go back and last year attracted 25,000 people to Brighton & Hove's city centre. It will also be the fourth edition of Nuit Blanche in Amiens, not themed but focused on indoor music, and outdoor installations & projections.

- Saturday 30th October - 18.00 - 06.00 Sunday 31st October (Brighton)
- Brighton Theme - Illumination (Learning & Light)
- Nuit Blanche - 18.00 - 06.00 Sunday 17th October (Amiens France)

For further details email:

Arts@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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A new shop/gallery in Blandford Forum, Dorset requires local and national designers/makers/crafters to supply work.

The shop will be stocking approximately 70% local artists and maker's work alongside emerging designer/makers. The shop will sell contemporary jewellery, ceramics, textiles, glass and metalwork and pictures (paintings and print work) as well as cards, some furniture and prints. The shop is to be in a prominent high street position in a town with complimentary shops but little direct competition.

If you or anyone you know is interested please do get in touch at stephcarswell@hotmail.com

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Calling all poets: National Poetry Competition, one of the worlds biggest and most prestigious competitions run by the Poetry Society, cash prizes of £5000 to a £100, deadline 31st October 2010 for details go to www.poetrysociety.org.uk

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THE CHANCE FOR YOUR WORK TO BE SEEN BY THOUSANDS!

As part of a program of arts activity launched in 2010 at Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust, changing gallery spaces are being set up to provide local and national artists with temporary exhibition opportunities.

Approximately 400,000 patients come through our doors alone every year, add to that number visitors, staff, and other professionals we estimate that viewing figures for our gallery spaces will be fantastic. And as a public space we aim to reach audiences who would not normally seek to engage with art on a regular basis alongside those who are avid culture vultures!

Even better news is that we don't charge to use our exhibition space! When sales are made as a direct result of work being displayed in the gallery spaces we take a commission charge. This charge is automatically donated towards further hospital art projects and is used for buying or commissioning further works of art.

If you are interested in exhibiting in one of our spaces please request a copy of our Exhibition Guidelines available by calling 01922 656344 or emailing the Art Coordinator at

kerry.hodgkiss@walsallhospitals.nhs.uk.

Other news

Wanted desirable properties for photographic portfolio. Local photographer Tom Doyle would like to expand his already impressive portfolio. He's looking for properties which are particularly stylish or which have unique character to photograph. There will be no charge and I'm sure you will be able to obtain copies of some beautiful images of your home. Have a look at Tom's website and if you are interested or know anyone who would be please contact him directly. www.tomdoylephoto.co.uk email tom@tomdoylephoto.co.uk

What's On – WFDC Events – workshops – performance



Severn Valley Samba Band Workshops with Glamba: at Areley Kings Village Hall.

Glamba are a fun theatrical percussion group who perform a unique blend of Brazilian, African and Western beats, they lead this workshop and have a friendly group of regulars. 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 to slight change. Call for more information.

For more information call 01905 821447.

www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk You can also find them on face book under Severn Valley Samba Band.



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.



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.

Classes will commence after the summer break on Monday 13th September – Monday 6th December (12 weeks) no classes Monday 25th October (half term) More details to follow.

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.



Shindig is taking a break for the summer but will be back with a packed program in the Autumn, the first show is at Trimpley Village Hall on the 9th of October. More details will follow.

What's On - Other organisations

.A great place for a Birthday party.....

If you've not been to Bewdley Museum recently you are in for a surprise, they've had a huge makeover. They are now offering themselves as a venue for birthday parties, and what a lovely place to celebrate. It's only £10 per head, and includes creative activity & party food. Why not get in touch and see if they can come up with the perfect birthday for you. For more details telephone resident artist Nicola Price 07851 234256 to discuss your personal requirements.

Events at Stourport Basins

Pedal Power by Mikron Theatre Co. Wed 18th August 7.30pm – an open air performance at Stourport Canal Basins. Bring your own chairs and blankets. In the case of bad weather an alternative venue will be used, see website for updates.

Pirates Weekend Sun 29th – Mon 30th August 12 noon to 4pm. Canal boat trips and British Waterways Working Boat.

Heritage Open Days Weekend Sat 11th –Sun 12th September 12 noon – 4pm, British Waterways Working Boat and Heritage Rooms.

Details on www.stourporttown.co.uk or call 01299 822827

Brewers' Troupe presents:

ALE AND ARTY

A Tour of Bewdley Brewery plus A Poetry Writing Workshop

Saturday 10th July 11.00am-3.30pm

Join performance poets Emma Purshouse & Heather Wastie for a day of creativity which will begin with a tour of Bewdley Brewery and end with a two hour poetry writing workshop based upon the brewing industry and the pub trade. Thoughts will be fermented and poetry brewed!

For more information telephone Emma 07950 165265 or email emaasif@hotmail.com

To book a place, please send cheques payable to Mind's Eye Music together with stamped self-addressed envelope to 47 Castle Road, Cookley, Kidderminster DY10 3TE

Recommended websites

www.businesslinkwm.co.uk: Business link have expertise in the creative industries as well as less creative business support. They can help you write funding bids, advise you on legal information, the list is endless and it's all free. Why not get in touch, you can also call and make an appointment on 0845 113 1234

<http://www.artsthread.com> It's aimed at students and graduates, but it hosts a huge amount of very inspiring information that any artist using any medium would be interested in. Check it out.

<http://www.creativebirmingham.com> It's only down the road and there's lots going on, if you are an artist use this site to find out how to tap into new networks and what's going on generally in the city.

IF you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by 6th of September 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

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