



Arts News



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WANTED Writing about the experience of waiting.

What are you currently waiting for? How long have you been waiting? What does it feel like? On offer Free writing workshop for any local group to explore this subject and discover their potential as freestyle writers. Writing to be incorporated into our Dragons Den commission 'Waiting Room' a unique installation at this years Kidderminster Arts Festival appearing at the Swan Centre from the 14th to the 28th of August.

For more information please contact us at the addresses at the end of this newsletter.

KAF news

The KAF program is well under way and is the largest and most varied yet. We are beginning our search for buskers so if you know anyone or would be interested yourself please get in touch as pitches will be limited. We provide power and a covered pitch on our busy market days, any type of performance will be considered.

Facebook

The friends list is growing daily, artists and arts enthusiasts are making regular postings and it is fast becoming a great networking recourse. Thanks to all those who are contributing, it makes really interesting reading.

The Shuttle Newspaper and website

The Shuttle are being extra supportive this year and are giving us a monthly feature during the build up to the festival, so a big thanks to them. They have also given us space on their website, it's great to have the support of our local paper, keep an eye out for articles and check out the website.

Inkidderminster

The latest edition of the Town Centre Partnerships glossy Kidderminster magazine dedicates a page to KAF10, check it out for local news.

'**KAF Creatives**' – are now established with 16 members who represent an amazing cross section of local talent.

They have a set of aims, have secured a small amount of funding and have projects well underway which will be incorporated into this years KAF program. If you would like to come along and meet us at one of our informal gatherings we meet at the Boars Head pub on Worcester Street the next meeting is at 5.30pm on 19th of May.

'**Subway Deluxe**' Kaf Creatives presents 'an upgrade of the underpass'. Dom Dunleas is leading on this new project for KAF10, Dom did the stencil art (pictured) at KAF09. Dom will

be looking for artists to be part of the project who are not afraid of large scale work. If you'd like to be involved email Dom at subwaydeluxe@googlemail.com

If you are not feeling very ambitious but you want to join in, Dom will be needing a hand to prepare and paint the walls ready for the artists and to cut stencils of which there will be many! Come along and learn how it all works. This is 'a unique opportunity to work with other artists and to have your artwork on long term display on a frequently used walkway'. We hope to turn the day into a bit of a party, Severn Valley Samba will be playing and will be happy to have people come along and join in and learn some beats.

If you have any ideas you would like to contribute to make the day really special let us know.



Support for artists

If you create or exhibit visual arts, and are looking for local exhibition space, the County Arts Service may be able to help you. Provide them with your details and they will keep you informed of developments and plans for publicising, supporting and developing the visual arts sector in our county as well as providing a profile raising opportunity for you. For more information please contact the Arts Service on 01905 765 754 or artsenquiries@worcestershire.gov.uk.

Opportunities for Artists

UK Young Artists is an organisation that aims to showcase the best of the UK's young and innovative creative talent and give vital support to young artists (18-30) at a critical time in their career. It also aims to support emerging creative networks and promote the values of intercultural dialogue.

The first UK Young Artists event will take place in the autumn of 2010. Artists who are selected to take part in this event could also be selected to represent the UK at the Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean.

Work should be new and can be from any art form including visual arts, performing arts, literature, applied arts, film and fashion. Artists must be between 18 - 30 and be a UK citizen, or have been resident in the UK for at least one year.

To register your interest and be notified when the call goes live please contact:
melanie.gibson@artscouncil.org.uk +44 (0) 115 989 7538

Opportunity to exhibit and sell your work in successful local gallery
Jinney Ring is looking for artists to exhibit and sell their work as part of their sculpture trail held annually in the late summer.

This will be the 5th year and it is growing in popularity.

The event is free to walk around and exhibit in. It is a selling exhibition and we do take a commission on sales to cover the costs of advertising and marketing the event.

We are looking for artists with suitable sculptures for outside that will fit into the gardens or ponds. We can take large items as well as smaller ones. Examples of prior years can be seen on

http://www.jinneyring.co.uk/Special_Events/Sculpture_Trails_-_Gardens/category.aspx?id=96

Amanda Sunter, Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Hanbury Rd, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4BU, 01527 821272, www.jinneyring.co.uk

BBC Proms

If you're aged 12-18 and you write your own, original music, Inspire is here to kick-start your career as a composer! Brought to you by the BBC Proms, and incorporating the Young Composers' Competition, Inspire is a scheme that will provide you with a friendly environment in which to share ideas, participate in workshops, meet other young composers, get feedback and develop your musical creativity. And it's all free!

For further information about the BBC Proms Young Composers' competition please contact promslearning@bbc.co.uk or call 020 7765 0643. (Deadline: 28th May 2010)

FilmAddicts

Film-makers are welcome to email us now on drawbunny@hotmail.com (Tom) or join the filmaddict site on facebook. FilmAddicts will be presenting work at an evening of film during this years KAF10 on Mon 23rd August at Kidderminster Library Gallery at 19.00 – 21.30, £4.00 over 16's only due to the content of some of the films, tickets on sale from August the 1st.

Buskers wanted!

Discover Bewdley weekend takes place over the spring bank holiday - Sunday 30th and Monday 31st May.

Discover Bewdley 2010 will welcome the return of the Worcestershire Arts & Crafts Market which will be in place on Severnside North over both days. Events to date include Giant Snakes and Ladders throughout the town, Urban Moves dance on Green Theatre and Bandstand, Pop music Quiz, Traditional Pub Songs, Bee display, Punch and Judy Show, Magician, Balloon modelling workshop, Open Garden, Julie Felix, Barber Shop Jazz and official opening of the new orchard in Jubilee Gardens, guides walks about town and a talk on Early Bewdley by local historian Heather Flack.

The programme is developing daily - follow the link to see the programme of events over the two days <http://www.bewdley.org.uk/whats-on/?d=30>

<<http://www.bewdley.org.uk/whats-on/?d=30&m=5&y=2010>> &m=5&y=2010

Most events are free and there will be fun for all the family! More info on <<http://www.bewdley.org.uk/>> www.bewdley.org.uk .

If interested contact Chris Griffin or Ellie Hooper on 01299 405516, email chrisgriffin@bewdley.org.uk or elliehooper@bewdley.org.uk

Graffiti Workshop – Urban Canvas return



Artists Peter Barber and Tony Donnelly from Urban Canvas returned to Kidderminster to create another unique piece of graffiti art this Easter. Peter worked with 10 local young people and 2 local artists at the Boars Head Public House to create stencils to include in the work.

The group worked from the 6th to the 9th to create the finished piece. St. Mary's canal tunnel was previously the site of dirty, tagged walls. With the support of the Boars Head, Community Housing and British Waterways it now boasts a unique piece of artwork depicting a boy as he journeys through the decades of the last Century.



The work was preceded by a clean up of the tunnel and we hope that this project will make the journey for boaters into Kidderminster much more appealing. The group used carpet designs and music score for inspiration for the background of the painting. Peter's incredible photo quality portraits of close ups of the boys face are all done free hand with spray cans.

The work is part of the ReWyre Initiative, regenerating the gateways of Kidderminster using a variety of artforms to breathe new life into them. The ReWyre Initiative is very long term and each gateway will mark the beginning of a wave of work that will spread through the town as time progresses.

You can find out more about ReWyre on the following website www.rewyre.org

View more of Urban Canvas's work at www.artreview.com/profile/PeterBarber and <http://www.flickr.com/photos/petethepainter/4507332221/>



Project supported by British Waterways, Community Housing, The Boars Head Pub and local volunteers and artists.

What's On – WFDC Events – workshops - performance



Severn Valley Samba Band Workshops with Glamba: Areley Kings Village Hall, 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 by 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. Refreshments included. 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.

www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk You can also find them on face book.



Painting: We currently run arts workshops for more mature artists interested in Water Colour techniques at Church House in Stourport-on-Severn. Sessions are run by Malcolm Brookes a successful artist in his own right, on 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: 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 £2.00 per person.

Dancefest lead 'A Chance to Dance' at the following venues:-

Rock Village Hall:

Mondays from the 19th April ongoing. Followed by an optional additional class – Creative Chance to Dance - Make new dances in a structured class. 11.15am – 12.15pm. £2.00 per session

Areley Kings Village Hall:

Thursdays 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. £2.00 per session. From the 22nd April onwards.

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.

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.

What's On - Other organisations

Exhibitions

This years Salmagundi exhibitions are the work of four local artists each working in their own medium.

Every year they produce work using a theme and this year the chosen theme is 'Ablaze.'

You can see their work at Bewdley Museum 22nd May - 11th July

Don't forget the StayFree gallery in Stourport are always showing new work, you can find them on facebook.

Art and Craft Workshops at Bewdley Museum

Learn a new skill with our resident craft professionals in a relaxed, creative and inspiring environment. One day workshops including tuition, materials & lunch £45. Limited places booking required.

For more information & to request a booking form please call 01299 403573 9am – 5pm

Monday – Friday or email bewdley.museum@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

'Reviving your antique Furniture' - Saturday - 12th April or Saturday 8th May

Learn how to prepare and apply cleaning solutions, revivers and waxes to bring your furniture back to life, a small cleaning kit to take home is included.

Theatrical Makeover - 15th or 16th May

Have fun with make up and create a magical transformation using the tools of the trade.

Ceramic plaques - May 22nd or 7th July

Design and decorate a ceramic plaque. Experiment with surface textures inspired by the local environment.

Decorative effects for furniture - Saturday 12th June

Learn how to apply a range of materials to produce decorative and distressed paintwork effects.

Lino Printing - July 6th 13th & 20th and October 16th 23rd & 30th

Make your own greeting cards or pictures using paper and fabric. Book for a single day or build your skills over 3 days £120

Theatrical Make Up - 10th & 11th July

A two day workshop introducing the tools of the trade. Application techniques, special effects and character creation. £90 for two days.

Stained Glass

From introductory courses to designing and create your own piece of work in the studio.

Groups and individuals catered for. Please ring or email for price.

In celebration of the annual 'Adult Learners' Week' nationwide campaign Bewdley Museum also presents a series of workshops for adults.

An introduction to glass restoration

Come along to learn the fascinating techniques used in stained glass work with our resident glass craftsperson. £8.00, 1.00pm –3.00pm, Mon 17th May

An introduction to useful DIY

Learn how to tackle useful DIY jobs around the home. Both ladies and gentlemen welcome.

Tues 18th May, 10:30am – 1:00pm, £8.00

Basket making

Create your own willow shopping basket in a day using the traditional technique of willow weaving. Wed 19th May, 10am – 4.00pm, £15.00

An introduction to useful DIY

Learn how to tackle useful DIY jobs around the home. Both ladies and gentlemen welcome.

Thurs 20th May, 12noon – 2:30pm, £8.00

Inspired portraits

Be inspired by our current portraiture exhibition to create your own self portrait. Fri 21st May, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, £10.00

For more information or to book a place telephone: Bewdley Museum 01299 403573 or Bewdley Tourist Information Centre 01299 404740

Forthcoming Shindig Shows

Saturday 8th May - Reg Meuross and Bethany Porter - Artisans and Angels. Gifted singer-songwriter-musician Reg Meuross and superb cleeist and ukulele player Bethany Poter present a ew and unique show of originaial songs and music. Clows Top Village Hall, DY14 9GH. Supper 7pm. Performance 8pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 832637

Saturday 15th May – Ratatat Theatre Company – The Wind in the Willows - great family theatre – a classical tale of pastoral England. Heightington Village Hall DY12 2XU 7.30pm For more information and to book telephone 01299 822987

Sunday 23rd May – Maalstroom Meets Jo Freya Five fantastic internationally acclaimed musicians. Areley Kings Village Hall DY13 0NB at 7.30pm. For more information and to book telephone 01905 621417

Look at the Web site for more details www.shindig.org.uk or www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk
The new Autumn/Winter 2009/2010 Shindig brochure is out now. If you would like to be sent a copy please contact karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call on 01562 732978

Funding Opportunities

Funding from Worcestershire County Council

Please see the attached link to the first base funding scheme. This is the small voluntary grant scheme for up to £500. Worcestershire County Council funding, I would recommend potential applicants try and go to the training sessions as well.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/communications/features/vcs-cash-up-for-grabs.aspx>

Elmley small grants scheme - <http://www.elmley.org.uk>

This scheme is for community groups in Herefordshire and Worcestershire planning arts events or purchases. There are two funds - Events and Activities and Arts Equipment. Both offer up to all the projected cost, to a maximum of £1,000. There are separate Guidelines for each fund.

The scheme is administered on behalf of the Foundation by Community First, the Community Council for Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Guidelines and application forms are available to download online.

In order for your application to be submitted to the next panel meeting on Thursday 8th July 2010 please ensure that your completed application form and the independent reference are returned to Community First by Friday 25 June 2010. The following meeting is Friday 29th October, for which the deadline will be Friday 15th October.

VCashpoint is a new funding initiative provided by "V", an independent charity that seeks to champion youth volunteering in England. VCashpoint provides small grants (of up to £2500) to young people aged 16 to 25 who want to establish a volunteering project in their area.

Funding is available to help young people turn their ideas into reality. Projects should be organised, planned and carried out by young people. Projects should create volunteering opportunities and be of benefit to the local community. Innovative and creative project ideas are encouraged.

For further information call 0800 089 9000

If you're aged 16-30, based in the UK and think you've got a 'Grand Idea' for a new business or project - why not apply for one of our monthly £1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Awards at: www.shell-livewire.org/awards

Recommended websites

www.yde.org.uk

The Youth Dance Directory (YDD) is a FREE interactive resource which aims to revolutionise the lives of dance practitioners, agencies, youth dance groups and young people. It gets your information out to the people you want to reach and gets the youth dance community talking about your exciting new initiatives. Thousands of people and organisations already involved in youth dance have registered and are using the directory as a valuable resource not only to promote themselves, but also to form a network of connections in the youth dance sector in their locality, regionally and nationally.

Once you're registered, you will receive Youth Dance England's monthly e-newsletter, which includes information on the latest activities in youth dance, information on opportunities for you and/or your youth dance group to participate in, youth dance initiatives and special offers and competitions.

www.craftspace.co.uk Craftspace is a crafts development organisation.

They work to push boundaries and perceptions of crafts practice, presentation and learning.

They build relationships between artists, people and organisations.

Their ideas explore crafts in diverse social and cultural settings.

They work with others nationally and internationally.

They do this through a programme of touring exhibitions, research and participatory projects.

Developing people, ideas and opportunities through contemporary craft.

For craft news, opportunities, what's on, stories, project updates, details of touring exhibitions, video, audio, archives and more.

IF you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by June 25th 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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