



West Lancashire Borough Council Arts Development Services Newsletter



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Dear Supporter,

The Arts Development Team have been working hard with various partners, to bring you the very best opportunities and improved access to arts and culture. It's only January and we already have a programme of events and activities to inspire.

Working with Lancashire Sports Partnership and Skelmersdale & Ormskirk College we have produced a fantastic Dance Programme, for those aged 8 – 16, to take place during February half term. The sessions are free if you attend every day! Look out for details of the Flash Mob Event, it's open to any age so, if you're keen to join in, visit: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=150749994978117> to find out more and learn the routine. Book through Skelmersdale & Ormskirk College.

Dance Programme



Don't forget our amazing Holiday Activities Programme at the Chapel Gallery for young people age 8 – 16. Sessions are planned to take place during school holidays throughout the year and a new programme, to launch in April 2011, is currently being developed. The programme is guaranteed to inspire and delight!

Holiday Activities



Our Art Club has been expanded yet again. With the development of another session on Saturdays we can accommodate even more keen young artists.

Facilitated by professional artists with an opportunity to participate in the Arts Council England and Trinity College London's national accreditation scheme, this really is a must for any young people looking to enhance their imagination, learn creative skills and gain leadership qualifications. We welcome artist Kevin Hunt who became a member of the team in January and has an excellent record of achievement, not least devising an education programme with Tate Liverpool.

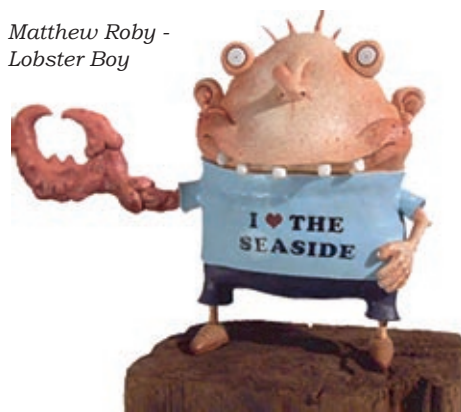
Sarah Jane Richards with Art Club members



Phew! There are just so many exciting things to tell you about. This is just a

taste of things to come, not to mention the fact that we've recently been awarded a lottery grant from the Arts Council England to develop a national touring exhibition. We will be working with one of our favourite artists, Matthew Roby, sculptor, illustrator and storyteller, to create The Fateful Fable of 13, an imaginative tale of intrigue and disaster! To see how his work progress, have a look on his blog and let us know what you think : <http://www.matthewroby.co.uk/>

*Matthew Roby -
Lobster Boy*



Wishing you a creative new year!

Helen Juste,
Arts Development Manager.

Matthew Roby



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Performing Arts

Rose Youth Theatre is now live!

Due to a successful lottery application, the Rose Youth Theatre is open to young people aged 8 to 25. This is a successful partnership project between West Lancashire Borough Council, Rose Theatre Edge Hill University and Lancashire County Council. Young People will work with industry experts including writer Bill Dawson, who has worked on TV programmes such as The Bill and Brookside. This is a fantastic opportunity for those aged 8 – 25.

Barbara Macloed -
Brooch



Visual Arts

Chapel Gallery:

Valentine's Day Promotion –
Venture away from the High Street
for something a little bit different!

5th – 12th February

The Chapel Gallery in partnership with Hunkie Dorrie, providers of the café service, have planned a treat that's "Good enough to Share" with friends, loved ones or that special someone.

The Chapel Gallery specialises in bespoke jewellery, skilfully created by some of the best contemporary jewellers working in the UK today. Visitors will find handcrafted pieces from under £10 to our higher end items, destined to be the antiques of the future.

Art & Craft Market:

12th February, 10am – 4pm

Hunkie Dorrie and the Chapel Gallery are hosting this event to give visitors the opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts, items for the home and to meet the makers.

Artist Brian Whitmore will be demonstrating calligraphy at set times throughout the day. Perfect for learning how to make that Valentine's Day card extra special for this February 14th!

West Lancashire

OPEN Exhibition 2011:

16 July - 14 September 2011

Application forms for this annual exhibition will be available soon. The ever-popular Open celebrates the wealth of artistic talent that can be found across the region and throughout the UK. For established professional artists, through to amateurs with ambitions to develop their exhibiting experience, this is an excellent opportunity.

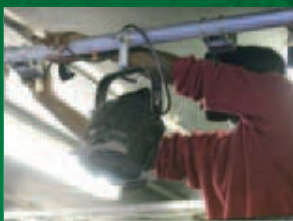
With around one hundred artists exhibiting together each year, this is a thoroughly fascinating exhibition with something for all to appreciate.

To request an application email: chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or call the team on 01695 571328.

Look out for our next Exhibition Programme from March.



Rose Youth



Theatre – where you want to be!

Develop new skills, use state of the arts facilities, industry level expertise, learn the performing arts, have the opportunity to gain accreditation in a live theatre!

Starts Wednesday 2nd & Saturday 5th February
at the Rose Theatre, Edge Hill University

Age 15 – 25 Wednesday, 7pm – 9pm
Age 12 – 14 Saturday, 2.45pm – 4.45pm
Age 8 – 11 Saturday, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Only
£5.00
a session

Call **01695
584480**

for further information
or to make a booking



Rose Theatre, Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Omskirk, Lancashire L39 4QP.
Email: rose@edgehill.ac.uk Website: edgehill.ac.uk/rosetheatre

Creative Writing

Once Upon a Time...

Coming soon, the results of our short story and poetry competition "Once Upon a time". We asked imaginative writers to submit an original work based on either A Modern Fairytale or A Winters Poem and we were thrilled to find ourselves inundated by submissions.



This project is the result of a partnership between West Lancashire Borough Council, Lancashire Writing Hub, They Eat Culture, Lancashire County Council and Edge Hill University.

Overwhelmed by the number and standard of entries we've received, we've been busy beaver away shortlisting. Look out for all the shortlisted submissions as they will be available to read online and in the Chapel Gallery Café after 11th February. Shortlisted submissions will be forwarded to our Judges Professor Robert Sheppard, Professor of Poetry and Poetics and Programme Leader for the MA in Creative Writing at Edge Hill University and Ruth Heritage, Director of They Eat Culture, Lancashire Writing Hub. Winners will be formally announced during a special presentation event. The team here can't wait to find out who the winners are!

Julie James-Turner
- Corsage



Adult Education

Knit & Knatter:

22nd February, 10am - 12noon

Fancy a natter but like to be busy? Come along to our friendly Knit & Natter group, facilitated by prize winning textile artist, Julie James-Turner - it's for absolute beginners or those who've been knitting for years!

Enjoy a refreshing brew and learn something new in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Bring a friend or make some new ones. £3.50 a session or £10.50 for 3 sessions and get the fourth session free.

Look out for more adult education opportunities in the new Exhibition Programme.

Holiday Activities

February Half Term

Wednesday 23rd February

Sarah Jane Richards - Chinese Dragon

Learn to make a beautiful Chinese Dragon. His flexible body will move up and down and his bright happy face will charm and delight. He is friendly but will still roar... ROAR!

Friday 25th February

Matthew Roby -

Chinese Shadow Puppet Theatre

Take this opportunity to create your own shadow puppets with construction paper and movable joints. Make them perform in their own theatre.

Venue: Chapel Gallery

Cost £9.00. Age: 8-16.

Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm.

To book, please email the team at chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 571328.

Family Friendly Activities



FREE Family Friendly Activities



We are a family friendly gallery, aiming to create a visitor experience that is engaging - whatever your age!

Each exhibition includes a 'Things To Do' area. These activities are aimed at families to do together.

Every Saturday the gallery provides a room dedicated to creative activity. All are welcome.

The Chapel Gallery Café also provides a range of children's lunches too.

Art Education Workshops

Creative Learning Outside the Classroom

We provide an invaluable service for schools and colleges, devising workshops based on our exhibitions or on curriculum subjects. Each workshop is facilitated by a professional artist and it's a rewarding experience for all.

"Excellent curriculum links and organisation of the day. Very well presented. We have had a wonderful day. Thank You!" St Anne's RC Primary School.

To find out more please email the team at chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 571328.

Hunkie Dorrie

Art Market

at the Chapel Gallery

own art

All images below are items for sale in the Chapel Gallery Contemporary Craft Shop

Saturday 12 February 2011

Stands Open: 10am to 4pm. Free Entry.

Light refreshments are available.

Hannah Turner, Ceramic Bird

Abbott & Elwood, Brooch

Michael Peckitt, Bangle

David Penning, Ceramics

Visit the [Chapel Gallery Contemporary Craft Shop](#) to find an array of unique items to suit all tastes and budgets!

Hunkie Dorrie @ Chapel Gallery Cafe, St. Helen's Road, Ormskirk (adj. Ormskirk Bus Station) Lancs L39 4QR.
For further information please call Hunkie Dorrie on T: 07904 151812 or visit www.chapelgallery.org.uk/cafe.html

Visual Arts

Chapel Gallery:

Current Exhibitions

Typescript: 22 Jan - 5 Mar 2011

This exhibition explores the way in which text shapes our world, from newsprint and typography's ability to present information as absolute truth, to the fact that handwriting is as good as a fingerprint when representing our unique identity.

Consider the power and authority of graphic type against the fluid beauty and individuality of handwritten script.

Exhibiting Artists: Ian Bradbury & Sarah Morpeth, David Chalkley, Fabio Coruzzi, Paul Matosic, Emma McLeod, Carl Middleton, Tony Rickaby, Donna Rumble-Smith, Sandra Turley & Anne-Marie Wright.

Fabio Coruzzi - Audience



Dave Pilkington:

15 Jan - 26 Feb 2011

This collection of photographs is an affectionate portrayal of shopkeepers in Burscough. Each image captures the character behind the counter, celebrating the personal touch of individual shops that is often absent from vast and anonymous supermarkets.

A fascinating insight into the lives of local shops and shopkeepers, businesses that have often been in the area for decades - long may they stay.

Dave Pilkington - Veg Shop



Visual Arts

Artists Network:

If you're an artist living, or with links to, West Lancs, get in touch and we can keep you informed of opportunities. We also produce an Arts Directory so let us know if you wish to include your organisations details. Please call 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk

Your VIPs: 15 Jan - 26 Feb 2011

Inspired by Dave Pilkington's thoughtful and affectionate portraits of shopkeepers from Burscough, the Chapel Gallery is inviting anyone with a camera, some time and a little imagination to take a photograph of someone they care about and email it in for exhibition. We've already got some great images on display!

To enter email a digital photograph to: chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk and the Chapel Gallery team will add it to a scrolling digital artwork for visitors to enjoy.

Please note: It is the responsibility of the individual submitting the photo to ensure that permission has been granted for public viewing, by

Patricia Kelly's VIP



the person or persons featured in it.

The Chapel Gallery is open from 10.00am-4.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday and closed Mondays and Sundays.

Celebrate with your Valentine
at the Chapel Gallery

Gifts

Visit the Chapel Gallery Contemporary Craft Shop and choose a special gift from a wide selection at a price you can afford.

Cafe *It's Good to Share!*

The Chapel Gallery Cafe has a delicious menu to help you spoil those you love - with tempting cupcakes guaranteed to make your mouth water!

Art & Craft Market

Saturday 12 February
Stands open: 10am - 4pm

Hunkie Dorrie hosts an arts and crafts market with gorgeous gifts galore. Artist Brian Whitmore will also be providing calligraphy demonstrations throughout the day.

Chapel Gallery St. Helen's Road, Ormskirk, Lancs. L39 4QR
 01695 571328 | chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk | www.chapelgallery.org.uk
 Open: Tues - Sat, 10am to 4.30pm. Closed: Mon & Sun.

For more information on any of the projects mentioned contact:

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