Harborough Artists Cluster – Meeting Left to Draw Studios –

Mon 8th Sept – 7-8:30pm

Apologies: Andy Ground, Ruth Wood, Greta P-Palmer, Sarah Boddy, Sarah Luke, Katy Dynes. Ruby Tomes, Emily Twomlow, Kelly Gardener, Barbara Hatton, John Parker, Charlie Hewitt, Rosie Jarvis

Admin I Chair: David Dunmore / Zoe Laughton. I **Minutes:** Tim Durham (Edited for web: RH).

1. Introductions - Old members

Roger and Danielle are fine, missing being a member, welcome socially - invited to catch up.

Introduction for potential new members:

- Mary - main activity - sculptor - East Langton. Hasn't joined any art groups, needs confidence in her art and to meet new people who are into art and get out there.
- Tim - art & photo teacher and digital artist - AI changed the market and forced Tim onto the street.
- Ruth Wood (new member) - already taking part in the art windows and exhibition.

3 or 4 who aren't members can pay and join the Christmas party. Pro rata costs. Sarah Luke please advice.

Maxine gave an explanation of the cluster - 25 years old at least. Group of professional and semi-professional artists coming together to 'do' Open Studios in May and Art Windows in September - successful and unique. Exhibition in September also. Group starts afresh every Jan.. Exhibition floats about.

2. Art Windows Update

36 people taking part. 39 venues, 49 windows. Big pick up.
Going forwards, flyer every single shop so that everybody gets hit. Finish organising before August so people don't go on holiday. Reach out to business groups beforehand. Advertising in schools to be looking at. Sponsorship to be explored.

Looks great on Instagram - 520 followers. For the last 30 days, 18,000 views.

Leaflets to be collected and will be dropped off at: Lamport Hall , Leicester Print Works, LCB Depot, Hobbycraft, Range, Quinn's & Braunston Village?? Top the shops up.

3. Theatre exhibition - Maxine

Harborough Theatre; entry forms etc - Exhibition takes place on the 20th and 21st September.

Alcove can be used for sculpture. Velcro panels - need some sculpture. Cards and small 3D items. Restrictions on the size and the space - Owen would like to keep the bar area clear.

Lis N has 8 podiums. Lis N and Sarah L only submissions to date - 4 or 5 large pieces. All work will stay until Sunday. D-rings and cord and mark the top if abstract.

Friday midday, Allie and Henrietta will hang. Not to put 'little bits out'.
Check off team on Friday. Return large paper clips to Allie.
Although people are handing in Friday, there is an event on and the art is in the dressing room.

Weekend - Sally and Kay will open up. Hired from 9-5 (open 10-4pm).
Sarah bringing her glass on Saturday. Maxine unavailable Saturday and early Sunday.
Pick up is at 4pm, finish by 5pm. Sales etc collect at end of exhibition.
NROS - 'You've missed this piece'.

Sales protocols, record sales, logged as they happen.
Sarah will bring float, Linda in charge of refreshments (and has asked for cakes). HAC business card - Make sure is available.

4. Symingtons Building Exhibition - Lis and Allie leading

Lis has arranged pop up exhibition, drawing / painting days co-operative. Sign up in January - organise leaflets and promotion. No pressure and supportive. LN 18 months ago contacted the library - 6 weeks ago, handed it to Allie. Expression of interest form filled in. So pleased you think this is a doable timetable. Currently 13th or 20th October - Monday January 26th - work is best placed. Alexandra Davey - Exhibition Officer. Majority say yes please. From previous use by HAC, Council did not allow any advertising in the foyer downstairs. AW to confirm.

5. AOB

Creative Harborough - Claire Webb (also see below). Paint Pottle, bring together all creative assets and interests and coordinate all arts, music, cinema etc. Andrew from Wingates Gallery has been involved. https://www.wingatesgallery.co.uk/

Claire Webb - Council are calling out for artists to supply classes over October Half Term. Katy Dynes does kids workshops.

Extra; Cluster Christmas Social Meeting - First week of December - Wednesday 10th December - 7pm. Left to Draw. Please let Allie Whelan know numbers. Paid in advance. £10 cash. Merry Christmas All! https://harboroughartistcluster.co.uk/event/cluster-christmas-social-meeting/

Happy New Year! January Sign Up Meeting - Come and pay / sign up for the year - Tuesday Jan 13th 2026. 7pm. Left to Draw. https://harboroughartistcluster.co.uk/event/happy-new-year-january-sign-up-meeting/