Arts Forum

Open Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2013

1. Twenty eight people attended and were welcomed by Mike Nicholls, a member of the Arts Dream committee. Mike explained that the purpose of the group was to find out what was going on or planned, to share ideas and to offer support and encouragement to each other. A contact list of those present will be available to all.

2. **Who are we?**

i) Representatives were present from:

Seal Island Artists Prima Donnas

The Shop (art and tea shop in the High St) Selsey Carers Red Cross

Selsey Camera Club SACOS

Selsey Community Choir Film club

Cloud 9 Drama for Children Selsey Writers

Individual artists (glass blowing, wood carving, painting)

World War 1 Research Project Others

ii) Prima Donnas as an organisation is now defunct but its members are keen to be involved with any future drama events. Selsey Arts Society (since 1986) is also now defunct but it is hoped that Arts Dream will fill the void.

iii) A permanent 3D exhibition of St Patrick Moore’s contribution to the Selsey Cricket Club is to be mounted in its new revamped club.

3. **What is planned**

i) Cloud 9 are producing a panto on 27/28 Dec in the Town Hall – Dick Whittingham and his Amazing Cat.

ii) SACOS are producing a Christmas Extravaganza on 7 and 8 December and Calamity Jane at The Academy from Wednesday 9 April through Thursday, Friday, Saturday plus a Saturday matinee.

iii) The new film club meets every second week – Mondays at 7.30pm. Leaflet programmes are at the town hall. From 30th November, there will be a Saturday morning children’s film show

iv) 11th December the Community Choir concert – The Academy 7.30pm

v) The Shop will be displaying the work of artists Monday to Thursday 9 – 1pm and from 9 – 4pm Saturdays. Call in for coffee and tea. Ideas for The Shop welcomed.

vi) The Passion Play will be produced on Good Friday 2014

vii) The Camera Club (started 1964) meets Mondays at St Wilfrid’s Church Hall (practical evenings and digital art) and exhibits 4 times a year

4 **What is new**

i) Possible collaboration between the Camera Club and others eg artists, performers to create new and different images.

ii) Seal Island Arts Group and Selsey Mums Art Group (SMART) will in future both meet on Tuesday am \*see next para below. It is hoped to start an arts and craft room at the Lapwing Court care home

5 **What is needed - action by Arstdream committee**

i) more opportunities for youth and those under 60 ie not retired. Evening art group for youth and those working during the day\*

ii) Drama group – more contemporary and physically based to attract all ages.

iii) Writer’s group to include poetry

iv) Wood carving group – is 2 a group?

v) Discuss possibility of an insurance policy to cover all groups

vi) Attend meeting of Council chamber to discuss joint funding bids/grants for arts with Sam Tate the Selsey Town co-ordinator – 6 Nov 10am Council Chamber

vii) Bigger premises for another Arts Day featuring all artists

6. **World War 1 Research Project**

An open meeting to further this project will be held in Selsey Town Hall on Saturday 2 November 10am – 12noon. The 57 men on the Selsey War Memorial will be remembered on August 2-4 2014, the anniversary of the outbreak of the war, with a three day multi media event. Application has been made for Arts and Heritage funding. As there will be many applications for funding for events of this nature, it was suggested that we should emphasise what makes Selsey unique.

7. **Any other business**

i) Sam Tate will be co-ordinating this year’s Selsey Festival

ii) The choir will continue after Christmas

iii) Unloved spaces. Pamela Howard suggested a photographic search for undiscovered spaces in Selsey

8 **Next meeting**

Will be held on 21st January 2014 at 7pm in Methodist Church Hall