



## POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL CALLING...

### WELCOME TO YOUR OCTOBER 2022 UPDATE

#### *Our news:*

**The Launch of the Positive Images Peace Festival Poetry Competition** takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and closes Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The topic this year is “**Unsung Heroines and Heroes**” and the winning poet will receive £100 as a prize and there will be prizes for the runner up and commended entries. Up to three poems, of no more than 40 lines each, on this subject can be submitted in word format to [postiveimagesfest@yahoo.com](mailto:postiveimagesfest@yahoo.com)

The judging panel this year is led by Emilie Lauren Jones, Coventry's Poet Laureate, with Kate Hills, poet, artist and presenter at HillzFM and Dangermouse, Scott Healy (2021 Competition Winner). An Awards Event will take place at the Central Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Check out [www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk](http://www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk)

#### **Environmental Project Exhibition**

Gabrielle Back QMB invites you to the Informal Launch of the Recycled Angels –Project Display and the Tree of Pledgees COV26 Exhibition Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Holy Trinity Church in Broadgate. The informal launch and exhibitions run from 10.00am to 12 noon. Refreshments available.

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**Hillfields' Readers' Group** has issued its October newsletter, which includes: a book quiz; Book News, Book Prize news and new books update. Contact [hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk) for an electronic copy of the issue.

The Group next meets next on 7<sup>th</sup> October, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at St Peter's Centre, Charles Street, CV1 4NP. Future meeting dates are 4<sup>th</sup> November & 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Times and venue as above.

For more information, email [hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk)

## *And here is news from our partner organisations...*

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**Grapevine.** A fresh approach to advocacy in Coventry will help bring autistic and learning disabled people back from the margins of crisis and build self-advocacy skills for a more resilient, independent future. Running for three years until 2025, the service aims to help up to 80 autistic and learning disabled adults (aged 17 plus) a year who are living with a range of complex, inter-related issues – such as mental health, isolation and exploitation – but don't qualify for government-funded support. Following advocacy for the immediate issue, Grapevine will help people with autism and learning disabilities to build their self-advocacy skills – ultimately feeling more able to access services and professionals, know and ask for what they want, and request reasonable adjustments. Many of the people helped initially by the advocacy service will go on to receive support from the wider Help and Connect project (to make a plan, get connections, get work and stay healthy and safe) and vice versa. The aim is to offer a service that is flexible, long-term and preventative. One that gives people choice and control over their lives and access to their rights and entitlements.

This service is available now.

Request a referral form or further information about non-statutory advocacy for autistic and learning disabled adults in Coventry by emailing [advocacy@grapevinecovandwarks.org](mailto:advocacy@grapevinecovandwarks.org).

More information: <https://bit.ly/CoventryAdvocacy>

## *Culture Noticeboard...*

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### **Litten Tree Exhibition Warwick Row**

**Oct. Sat 8th - Pigeons + Neon Buddha + Septic & the Tanks.** (local bands - includes dj's ). £5 adv.

**Oct.Sat 22nd - 'Sip & Swap'.** (Bring along 4 cool items of clothing you don't want, then choose yourself 4 new items - all while sipping a free glass of Prosecco!) £10 entry.

**Oct.Sun 30th - 'Nelly, the musical'.** (afternoon matinee, reprise) £15

Ticket / booking information can be found on our LTB SHOWROOMS Facebook events pages

<https://www.facebook.com/lbshowrooms>

**Herbert Art Gallery, Bayley Lane, Coventry Growing Up In Britain- 100 years of Teenage Kick**  
exhibition of photographs of Youth of Coventry and their culture. 1st July - 12th February 2023 Open everyday 10am - 4pm **Free**

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**THE ALBANY THEATRE** The Albany Theatre, Albany Road, Coventry CV5 6JQ  
02476 998964 [www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk)

### **Twopence To Cross The Mersey**

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st October

THE UK PREMIERE TOUR OF HELEN FORRESTER'S – TWOPENCE TO CROSS THE MERSEY

ADAPTED BY ROB FENNAH – DIRECTED BY GARETH TUDOR PRICE. Cast features Mark Moraghan, Lynn Francis, Parry Glasspool, Jenny Murphy and Daniel Taylor Adapted from Helen Forrester's million-

selling autobiography, **Twopence To Cross The Mersey** is a stunning period drama set in the early 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression.

### ***Did you know?***

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** runs from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October . Look out for events and activities

### ***For your Action***

**Aviva: Building Stronger Communities Together**

**Together we can raise double the funds to help with rising costs**

This month, we're pleased to introduce a new fund – the Cost of Living Boost.

We all know that rising costs are making a lot of lives harder and community support is more vital; than ever. Many organisations are working tirelessly to meet this challenge, but the combination of greater need and funding not stretching so far is causing them extra strain.

**This additional £2 million fund is matching every donation up to £250\* to help causes support those most affected by the cost of living crisis.**

Are you a local cause that could use some additional funding? Applications are now open and we can't wait to hear from you.

Or do you know of an organisation near you that needs support? We'd love it if you could reach out to tell them about the Cost of Living Boost.

Together, we can help causes help those affected most by the cost of living crisis.

\* Eligibility and match funding rules apply

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