



STAR NEWS

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Learning Stars “Out of the Shadows” Remembrance Day Event



The Art group designed the backdrop featuring a Paul Nash picture from WW1, lots of props and poppies galore and we all dressed in black (thanks for remembering). Major Bob Dobson, a serving soldier, who has seen active service gave a talk about his experiences in combat, followed by a question and answer session, leading to a minute's silence of respect.

In the Finale all groups performed “Always Remembered” from Warhorse. There wasn't a dry eye in the place. **Fantastic!!**
The audience loved it. 😊

Members of Learning Stars In partnership with Chapel Gallery have been attending “Out of the Shadows” special workshops to prepare exhibits for display in Ormskirk Town Centre. If you wish to follow the trail, call in at Chapel Gallery to get a leaflet showing where the work is displayed.

Photos courtesy of Gary Sargent - 127 Media



We have been so busy during 2017 and 2018. I think we all had fun working on the WW1 Project and you can tell by the enjoyment that everybody got from helping to make all the props, performing dance, choir and drama for the Remembrance Day Event, on the 8th November 2018, the Centenary of the Great War.

The performances included “Don't forget to Dance” Group performing many dances including “In Flanders Fields”. “Raised Voice” Choir sang war songs and the “Diversity Drama Group” performed “Messages from the Front”.

Positioned in the audience were WW1 Tommies, a haunting and poignant reminder of those that did not come back.



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Important News!!

In-order for members to continue Learning Stars activities with Tutors, Support Workers and Staff it has unfortunately, and with great reluctance, become necessary to increase the cost of each Workshop from £4.00 to £5.00 per Workshop after Christmas with a further increase likely to occur next Easter. This is due to WEA no longer funding our activities.

We all feel very sorry that this has had to happen but has become necessary. We love to work with you, our members, and we are sure that members love to come to the workshops as they continue to be interesting, educational and challenging, but this increase is really necessary in order to continue providing the workshops which everyone loves. Please let one of us know if you think a meeting of members, staff and carers would be helpful to discuss these arrangements, we will arrange this during December 2018.

In a recent survey quite a few of you said that you would be interested in basic cookery, we would like to start this on Wednesdays but to be able to do so, we would need to move to other premises and Liverpool Road Hall is ideal for basic cookery. We will let you know when cookery starts but we are aiming for next Easter. There is also a possibility of doing photography which some of you mentioned..

Workshops after the Christmas break

- Monday Learning Stars Drama will stay at Liverpool Road Hall, Skelmersdale
Art at The ArtsLoft, Southport
- Tuesday Gardening and Keep Fit will remain at Erooms, Skelmersdale
Dream-makers will stay at the Erooms, Skelmersdale in the evening as normal
- Wednesday Art and Choir at **Liverpool Road Hall, Skelmersdale WN8 8BJ** normal times
- Thursday Being Creative with Words, Art and Dance, Chapel Gallery, Ormskirk

Dates for your Diary

Southport Art Workshops at ArtsLoft finishes for Christmas on Monday 17th December 2018 restarting on Monday **7th January 2019**

Skelmersdale Gardening and Keep Fit at ERooms finishes for Christmas on Tuesday 18th December 2018 restarting on Tuesday **8th January 2019**

Skelmersdale Dream-makers at ERooms finishes for Christmas on Tuesday 18th December 2018 restarting on Tuesday **8th January 2019**

Skelmersdale Art and Choir at ERooms finishes for Christmas on Wednesday 19th December 2018 restarting at **Liverpool Road Hall, WN8 8BJ** on Wednesday **9th January 2019**

Ormskirk Being Creative with Words, Art and Dance at Chapel Gallery finishes for Christmas on Thursday 20th December 2018 restarting at Chapel Gallery on **10th January 2019**

Learning Stars website has had a facelift please see

www.learningstars.org.uk

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THE REMEMBRANCE
DAY EVENT FILM “OUT OF THE SHADOWS”**