



.....promoting the Arts in our local area

Zero inflation!
Membership fees pegged at £10.
Unchanged since membership opened
three years ago!

The YCAA was formed in 1988 and operated out of 80 South Street, Yeovil, premises leased from South Somerset District Council, where we hosted art exhibitions, a coffee shop and a culture information exchange. The lease expired at the end of 2004, and we now operate on a smaller scale but with the same ambitions for the arts scene in Yeovil. We are now based at The Octagon Theatre, where we organize cultural events on a regular basis to provide a platform for the work of local writers, artists, music makers, poets and other creative people. We do this mainly by hosting 'café' style evenings in the Johnson Studio.

The October event is usually devoted to a very lively debate on the merits of the Man Booker short list novels, and attracts some nationally renowned writers as our judges.

In November we host an 'Impromptu' evening, open to anyone with an itch to display their talents, and admission is free to YCAA members.

We are always looking for suggestions and ideas for further evening events – we believe it is important to show our local population that the arts are alive and well in Yeovil!

The YCAA is also one of the main sponsors of the annual Yeovil Literary Festival – now in its third year – and YCAA membership allows you access to events at reduced prices

Our committee organizes and manages the annual Yeovil Literary Prize, which attracts over 1000 worldwide entries and produces a

surplus of over £3000. The competition is for short stories, poems and novels, with substantial cash prizes. The judges we invite to decide the winners are internationally renowned literary figures, agents and publishers.

We use the proceeds from The Literary Prize to provide financial support to individuals and groups who would otherwise struggle to meet their artistic endeavours. In the last few years we have paid the rental on premises for the Yeovil Art Group to hold their exhibitions, provided assistance to a number of dance, drama, music and visual arts students for helping them meet their travel, subsistence and material costs, contributed to the local branch of the Salvation Army for new musical instruments, contributed to the Yeovil College Bursary Foundation, and helped to provide lighting and sound systems for the Johnson Studio. It is very satisfying to know that we are helping to nurture creative forces in Yeovil.

Would you like to join?

The YCAA is now looking to expand its membership so that we can really build a cultural community in Yeovil. A larger membership will also allow a greater diversification, and more opportunities for a cross-fertilisation of inspiring ideas.

We will be planning special events for members only, as well as allowing priority booking on popular events such as our literary dinner in November.

If you would like to join the YCAA and help in our endeavours while enjoying a few little privileges along the way, then please fill in the form opposite.

For more information, email lizzie.pike@btinternet.com, or faye@fayepaints.co.uk, see our website at yeovilarts.co.uk, on Facebook at [YeovilCommunityArtsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/YeovilCommunityArtsAssociation) or follow us on Twitter @yccanews.



Yeovil Community Arts Association

**APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP 2016/17**

I would like to join the Yeovil Community Arts Association as a member for the period ending 28th February 2017. I enclose my £10 subscription.			
Name		Title	
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Enclosed: £10.00			
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Please return completed form to Mrs Faye Edmondson, YCAA Membership Secretary, 11 High Street, Ilchester, Yeovil BA22 8NQ. Cheques should be made payable to 'YCAA Literary Section'.

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