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Autonomy 4 Women

Our next meetings this year will be:

Wednesday March 18th

Wednesday April 15th

from 6:30pm- about 9.30pm

at:
The Severn Gorge
Southwater Way
SATNAV: TF3 4FU
(01952) 290404

See you there!

Our next Autonomy newsletter (Issue 128) will be the May 2026 edition.

Autonomy and Rocking Horse Media have a new film project based on Autonomy!

Our first Acting for Camera weekend workshops in 2023 and 2025 were a brilliant opportunity for our members to learn more about acting, sound work and film making from Gareth Thomas and his volunteers from Rocking Horse Media.

This time our project is our group making a film about Autonomy using the skills and ideas of the Autonomy members who wish to be involved in the process; members will be able to learn even more new skills eg acting, filming, tech, sound etc etc over the next few months.

Our Feasibility Session will be on Saturday, March 14th from 1.30pm-3.30pm at The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE 01743 234970 http://www.hiveonline.org.uk
An explanation of the workshop is on page 2 and Sara will keep members updated on future sessions

You will need to book a place with Sara and it would be great if members could give lifts to participants who don't have transport. Parking should be available at Abbey Foregate, Kingsland Bridge and there are also the local Park and Rides.

Autonomy Social Events *open to all members*

Telford Socials:

The Severn Gorge, Southwater Way, SATNAV: TF3 4FU (01952) 290404
on Monday March 2nd
and Monday April 6th
from 6:30pm - about 9:30pm.

The Bridgebuilder, Wrekin Retail Park, Wellington, TF1 2DE
on Monday, March 16th
and Monday, April 20th
from 7pm - about 9:30pm.

Shrewsbury Socials:

Ten Pin Bowling at: Hollywood Bowl, SY1 3AZ on Tuesday, March 10th from 6:30pm - 7.45pm. Cost is FREE. Meet in the bar area, one bowling game. ***Some members will go to The Featherbed, Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4AB for a social after bowling at 7.45pm so please arrive promptly for the bowling game.***

The Hole in the Wall
1, Shoplatch, SY1 1HF
(01743) 271847
on Tuesday, March 24th
from 7:00pm - about 9.30pm.

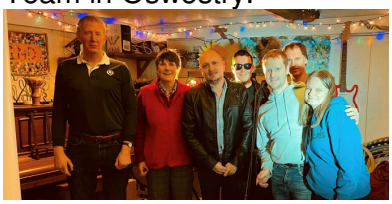
Red Lion, 29 Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4AB
(01743) 443291
on Tuesday, April 14th
from 7:00pm - about 9.30pm.
Please look for our reserved tables!

The Beacon Pub, Copthorne Road, SY3 8LP
(01743) 344286
on Tuesday, April 28th
from 7:00pm - about 9.30pm.

Here are photos from our other Acting for Camera workshops:



2023 RHM and Autonomy Team in Oswestry.



2023 Film showing at In Good Hands, Shrewsbury.



2025 RHM and Autonomy Team in Oswestry.



2025 Film showing at The Hive (pic by Paul Garrett).

More about the Feasibility Workshop on Saturday, March 14th from 1.30pm-3.30pm at the Hive.

This will allow our members to lead the conversation about our prospective film, with support from Rocking Horse Media volunteers. The film will feature on our website to let others know what we do as a group!

We will first discuss what makes a good promotional video or advert, and we will talk about some of the ones we remember and why they are so memorable. We will also see some examples on a projector screen.

We will then break into smaller groups to discuss the project further. After a refreshment break we will then meet as a big group to pull our ideas together. This will help us to make the big decisions on what our film project will look like, as well as planning the next steps and the next meet-ups and how the film will come fruition.

Details of the next sessions will be advertised in the next Autonomy newsletters and on our Facebook Group page.

A choice of future Autonomy outings – and returning to past ones.

Because we are focussing on the RHM workshops at the moment there are no plans for an outing in the next two months. However, Sara and some members have come up with some ideas of where we can go later in the year.

Sara's suggestion is to go on the Welshpool and Llanfair Caereinion Steam Railway. http://www.wllr.org.uk. We went there in 2010 but have no photos to show. The narrow gauge railway from Welshpool is only 17 miles from Shrewsbury. There is good parking. The trip to Llanfair Caereinion is 8.5 miles through beautiful Welsh countryside and the town has a museum and other attractions.

Another option is Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World (Telford area) http://www.hoo-zoo.com which is about 18 miles from Shrewsbury, (local to Telford). We last went there in 2019. There are lots of interesting animals to see plus their new dinosaur park!



Joe S and Nick suggested Cadbury World, www.cadburyworld.co.uk, a chocolate based theme park about 50 miles from Shrewsbury; 1.5 hours drive on the busy motorways. We went there by train in 2012 (GB Olympic year!) from Shrewsbury /Telford to Birmingham and from then to Bourneville and then a 15 minute walk. You can learn how chocolate is made and go on the rides and also visit parts of the factory and also the Cadbury museum.



They also mentioned the Black Country Living Museum https://bclm.com, 43 miles from Shrewsbury and we drove there in 2018. It is an interesting day out – with a similar and historical theme to Blists Hill – and there is lots to see and do and many places to eat and drink. You can also go into the old mines and see what life was like in the old days.

