



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene  
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## Spotlight Saved!

Restructured Management  
 New Hiring Conditions  
 30 Point Action Plan



### The Spotlight will open early next year.

There will be a new management structure in place under a Spotlight Director, greater emphasis on marketing and commercial success and a PR team dedicated to providing a positive and enjoyable experience for every customer.

Among the specific aims stated, there is a new determination to offer *“excellent arts, culture, and entertainment, an enhanced quality of life and an improved sense of place in Hoddesdon.”*

### The 30 point immediate action plan with high priority includes:

- Developing a dedicated website
- Improving the ticketing system
- Enhancing the entrance to the building
- Investigating sound-proofing between the bar and the auditorium
- Improving the auditorium sound system
- Increasing the hours of bar and refreshment facilities,
- Upgrading the Dinant Room.

This is good news for the borough, but members of BArts' groups believe that these plans are more likely to *succeed* if the new Spotlight Director and team have 'vision' and an *Arts* background, rather than just general business / financial experience.

BArts hopes to be able to contribute to the new programme planning, represent groups' interests and present low-cost events that complement the borough's own choices and help to build enthusiastic audiences.



## Lowewood MUSEUM Reopened!

We made it! There was a big sigh of relief and congratulations all round when Lowewood Museum finally re-opened to the public on Saturday, July 17th.

A steady flow of visitors, including some children, kept the till and coffee machine in action all day and the special exhibition, **'Tankards, Tales and Taverns'** which includes some paintings by BArts' artists, was much appreciated, especially by a couple of old, local footballers, who reminisced about their post-match sessions in one of the popular pubs!

VIP guests included the Mayor, Councillor David Taylor, and his wife, several other Councillors, the Love Hoddesdon team with their mascot, Master Henry Hoddas, and the new Trustees, headed by Chairman and local historian, David Dent, who were on hand with numerous Lowewood volunteers, for the all-important re-launch photos.



**See page 2 for information about Museum exhibitions, forthcoming events and opening times.**

Lowewood MUSEUM

**BARTS**  
Broxbourne Arts Forum  
*Respect the Artist's Life*

Lowewood Museum and Broxbourne Arts Forum present an Exhibition of



A fascinating collection of pictures and objects from the old pubs and breweries in the Borough of Broxbourne, some of whose buildings date back to the C15 and C16 .....

**July 17th to November 6th**

**Love Your Local?**  
Don't miss this exhibition at  
**Lowewood Museum**

Open Fridays and Saturdays 10.00 am to 4.30 pm



Lowewood Museum's opening exhibition focuses on the borough's numerous old pubs. There are some fascinating 'then and now' pictures and some paintings for sale.



**FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY**  
at Lowewood Museum!

**July 30th, 10.00 am-4.00 pm**  
JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF ALL THINGS ARCHAEOLOGY

- Meet Thames Maritime Monks, who will be bringing along her amazing finds from the River Thames for you to discover
- Meet members of East Herts Archaeology Society and find out more about archaeology in your area. Have a go at our mini digs!
- Trails around the museum

**ADMISSION FREE, JUST TURN UP!**



**Lowewood Museum**  
High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8BH  
01992 443596 | www.lowewoodmuseum.com  
Twitter: @lowewood Facebook: @lowewoodmuseum

**CEA FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY 2021**

MUSEUM  
Borough of Broxbourne



The museum's shop and café have some tempting items. Apart from the books and local postcards, there's a quirky collection of knitted dinosaurs to appeal to the children, hand-made jewellery, assorted swans (based on the old pub sign) and the cakes and coffee are delicious!

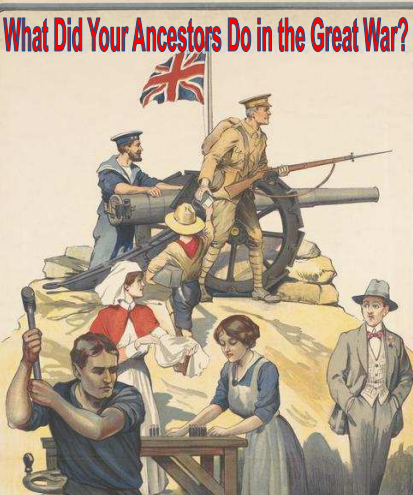


Henry Hoddas with David Dent L and Kevin Brooks

**A Festival of Archaeology on Friday, July 30th,** would be a great way to keep the kids occupied. Entry is free!

Love Hoddesdon's mascot, Master Henry Hoddas, was named in recognition of the Hoddesdon Market Charter granted in 1253 in the reign of Henry III.

**What Did Your Ancestors Do in the Great War?**



**Discover Your Family History with Lea Valley U3A**

**November 13th**  
10.am to 4.00 pm  
part of Remembrance Week at  
**Lowewood Museum**

Looking ahead to the autumn, there will be a chance to discover your family history with members of the **Lea Valley U3A's Family History Group on November 13th**. They can offer guidance and practical help on getting started and how to access the vast store of information now available on the Internet. Members' own research covers their families from all areas of the British Isles, as well as a few in other countries, and they have worked on mini-projects about ancestors in the two World Wars, Family Occupations, Family Heirlooms and Writing Your Family History.

The museum has some excellent information on local history, place names and street names and notable local families to support research. If you've never visited Lowewood before, you'll be amazed at what's on offer!



**Signs of Life?! July 19th** was greeted with caution by most people—not *quite* the jubilant day of freedom that was envisaged. The government, the press and social media between them have done a great job in ensuring that we are baffled, bewildered or just plain bolshy. Nothing seems to be straightforward any more and it may take some time to raise our *spirits* and regain some semblance of our former lives.

While the websites and Facebook pages of quite a few of BArts' groups have remained dormant since March 2020, there are some valiant signs of life in others, whose activities have been able to benefit from Zoom.

One or two groups *have* ventured out to meet face to face, or mask to mask in most cases, and make plans for the future. The performing arts groups—Broxbourne Theatre Company, Cheshunt Dramatic Society, East Herts Operatic Society and Hoddesdon Players, have been the hardest hit, still in 'suspended animation' with planned productions shelved while the Spotlight remains closed.



The Arts Society, East Herts is taking its summer break, but will resume lectures on

**September 30th** with 'Mediterranean Tour. –Not just a load of old bones.'



**B.ALL Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning**, enjoyed a social

gathering with buffet lunch at Hoddesdon Tennis Club on July 15th. The weather was ideal, so people were able to sit at tables outside and talk, and talk, and talk!

The group has a whole year of courses planned from Sept 2021 to July 2022.

The autumn term is about **Waterways** all over the world (see ad on p. 5)

**Both Broxbourne and Lea Valley U3As** have survived with the help of Zoom, although some of their outdoor activities have also been able to resume.



**Broxbourne's** next main meeting, via Zoom on **August 19th**, will include a talk **Wildlife On Your Doorstep** by **Tom Way**.

**Lea Valley** meets on **August 9th** via Zoom for a talk on the **National Memorial Arboretum** and also on the **16th LIVE!!** for a social get-together (see details on p 4)



One unexpected benefit of the lock-down was the success of a *breakaway Shakespeare Group*, usually under the **Broxbourne U3A** 'umbrella', but run independently via Zoom by your Broadsheet Ed. Lee Rayner, with tech help from Lea Valley and BArts. Ten weeks on the plays with 29 people, six weeks on the Sonnets with 20 people!

An interesting book '**Shakespearean**', published during the pandemic, suggests that people turn to Shakespeare in times of crisis, because so much of what he produced reflected a profound understanding of people in distress, ...particularly relevant to his *own* time.



**Cheshunt U3A** will hold its **AGM** on **August 26th** followed by a talk from ex-Yeoman Warder, Mick Casson.

**September 23rd** The talk is '**Humanimal Trust, One Medicine**' The trust, founded by Prof. Noel Fitzpatrick (Supervet), is a collaboration by vets, docs and researchers for humans and animals to benefit and raise awareness of **One Medicine**. **Venue the Laura Trott Centre** unless regulations change *again* !





**Hoddesdon Music Club** After more than a year out of action, there are three concerts planned for the autumn term, **Saturday, September 18th** Diana Brekalo, Piano; **Saturday, October 16th** Emma Johnson, Clarinet and John Lenehan, Piano; **Saturday, November 27th** Erika Baikoff, Soprano and Gary Beecher, Piano. Performances will be at the usual venue, the **United Reform Church, Mill Lane Broxbourne**, with two options **5.00 pm** or **7.30 pm**, to allow for more spacious seating. For details of Annual Membership, or separate concert ticket prices please see the **HMC** website <https://www.hoddesdonmusic.org.uk/> or contact **Kathleen Lord** Tel: 01992 464000 or Email: [kathleentlord@aol.com](mailto:kathleentlord@aol.com)

**Lea Valley Art Society** With the relaxation of the Government COVID regulations, the Lea Valley Art Society will re-start their weekly meetings on **Friday 3rd September 2021, 2-5pm @ the Scout Hut, Cozens Lane West, EN10 6QL, Broxbourne**, with a full Autumn programme. **New members welcome. See website [www.leavalleyartsociety.co.uk](http://www.leavalleyartsociety.co.uk)**



**Lea Valley Discussion Group** has managed to meet a few times in Secretary, Edda Best's garden in Great Amwell. With life as it is, no shortage of subjects to discuss!

**Lea Valley U3A History Group** also met on July 26th—back in their regular meeting place at Mayhem Theatre Arts—with all doors open for fresh air! The topic was Slavery, with particular reference to C18 / C19 slave owners in Nazeing!



Lea Valley **u3a**  
**Welcome Back!**  
Monday, August 16th  
2.00 to 3.30 pm  
**Quiz!**  
**Conservative Club, Conduit Lane, Hoddesdon**  
**A get-together for members**  
**New Venue, New Time, New Beginning!**  
Additional refreshments available from the bar—  
Card payment only, please, not cash.

MAYHEM THEATRE ARTS PRESENTS  
**SUMMER 2021 DANCE CAMPS**  
**FAIRY BALLET SCHOOL**  
Thurs 29th July  
Thurs 19th August  
**STREET DANCE & CHEER CAMP TIME!**  
Wed 4th August  
**WILD CHILD JUNGLE JAM! STREET & ACRO**  
Thurs 12th August  
**ROTTEN TO THE CORE - DECENDANTS**  
Tues 31st August  
For prices and details on our summer programme email: [hello@mayhemtheatrearts.co.uk](mailto:hello@mayhemtheatrearts.co.uk)  
Mayhem Theatre Arts

**Summer Camp Workshops**

- Cruising with Ella**  
Performance skills of a cruise entertainer  
Age 13-17  
August 3rd  
1.00-3.00pm  
£18
- Learn To Choreograph**  
Style and passion in dance routines  
Age 10 plus  
August 5th  
10.15-12.15  
£18
- Next Top Model**  
Hair, Make-up, Cat Walk  
Age 8-14  
August 4th, 5th  
1.00-4.30 pm  
£60

**August Academy**  
[enquiries@vallacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@vallacademy.co.uk)

## Local Performing Arts Activities for the Summer Holidays



**This Saturday,  
July 31st**

**Vintage Vehicles  
at Hoddesdon  
Clock Tower**

**Themed Music  
Children's Fairground Ride.  
Master Henry Hoddas  
will visit at around  
1.30pm.**



## BARTS' Buffets

**Gently Zimmering!**



Every age and stage  
in life has its  
pleasures and  
pitfalls, but  
a sense of  
humour is *vital*  
when you begin to  
experience the  
limitations of  
old age!

REF:GZ8

“Music is the universal  
language of mankind;  
it expresses that which  
cannot be said and  
on which it is  
impossible to be silent”

REF SWM20



Lunchtime entertainment at mid-day, with your  
own choice of nibbles and a drink!

**BARTS' Buffets £5 per person,**

cheques to Broxbourne Arts Forum,  
25, Lyttons Way, Hoddesdon EN11 9NQ

or by Bank Transfer Sort Code 40-24-21  
A/c No . 21377337

**Zoom**



Please quote REF NO.  
when booking / sending  
cheque

**The Zoom link to join the  
meeting will be E-mailed  
the day before.**



**Hoddesdon goes 'Mediterranean' !**

With all the extra pavement licences for food and  
drink proving popular with the public, the town has  
taken on a different atmosphere and is more  
family-friendly in the evening.

## Waterways



Contact  
Linda Williams.  
01992 306598.

Half Term  
Oct 28th

Tutor: Richard Thomas

**Sept 30th to Nov 25th**

Broxbourne Parish Centre / Zoom  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Part 1 Local Waterways, Part 2 The Wonders of Waterways



For the Arts and 'Culture' to survive,  
the future may well be 'hybrid' -  
a mixture of live and 'virtual' on-line presentations.

# Around and About

## Staycation?

### Local Summer Activities



#### Live Music at Weekends

Cheshunt Country Club  
Marconato  
Nonna's Kitchen  
The Bell  
The George III  
The Golden Lion  
The White Swan  
The White Water Centre

Check on line for  
details



**HERTFORD  
FOOD & DRINK  
Festival**

August 1st, Hertford Castle

**HERTFORD CASTLE  
LIVE MUSIC EVENT**

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST 2021 12:30pm - 7pm

So look, relax and enjoy a variety of live music from local musicians.

Organised by Hertford Castle  
Sponsored by Hertford Castle

Pre-book tickets at  
[www.hertford.gov.uk](http://www.hertford.gov.uk)

**Create and Craft  
CLUB**

5-11 year olds

Southern Maltings

Thursday, August 5th 10.00 am  
Southern Maltings, Ware

**OPEN AIR CINEMA**

PRESENTS  
**MOULIN ROUGE**

7PM Friday 27th August

Gates open at 6pm with live music & refreshments

Tickets **£7**

Available online at [hertford.gov.uk/events](http://hertford.gov.uk/events) or at the Town & Tourist Information Centre 01992 584 322

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE - VALID FOR THE EVENT DATE & SEAT ONLY. TICKETS CANNOT BE EXCHANGED AND TRANSFERRED. TICKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Hertford  
Castle  
Open-Air  
Cinema  
August  
27th**



#### Hertford Castle Heritage Day

Archery Workshop  
Falconry Display  
Mediaeval Encampment  
Story-telling  
Viking Battles

**September 12th  
12.00 to 4.00pm**

**19.09.21  
SIGN UP NOW!**

MSD  
VolkerWesselsUK  
FB  
HB ACCOUNTANTS

**Run-around Hoddesdon  
September 19th  
2k, 5k, 8k start 10.00 am**

## Ping-demic!

No, it isn't the microwave timer  
Or the thing that you use to time eggs  
It's the great NHS with a message  
"Your urgent attention, we beg."



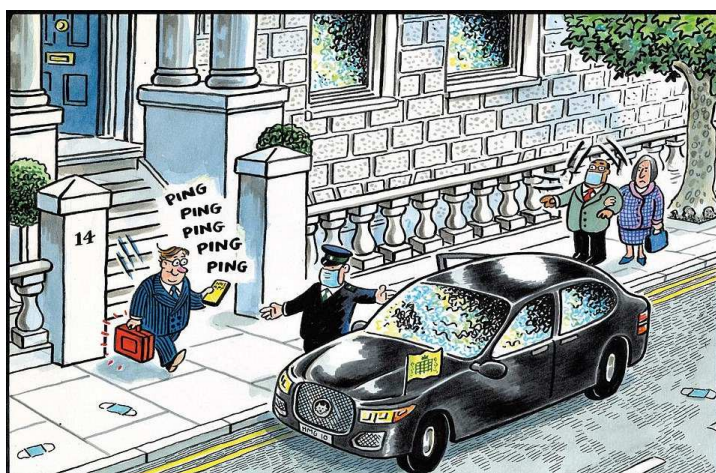
You've been in touch with the virus,  
Breathed the same air as new victim X,  
So now keep a sharp look out for symptoms  
Isolate and keep doing the checks."

The number of 'Pings' is alarming.  
Some businesses can't operate  
Key workers *can't* work,  
But shirkers *can* shirk  
And the NHS *is* in a state,

It's affecting supplies of essentials.  
Empty shelves are appearing again  
And that nightmare we thought was now over  
Is threatening to drive us insane.

Self-employed, or free-lance, it's a problem,,  
A disaster each day you take off  
For the mortgage won't wait  
You need food on your plate  
So perhaps you should stifle that cough.

Some have, I suspect, found an answer  
But a moral dilemma, they *cheat!*  
With one little tap of the NHS app  
If ignorance *is* bliss, they *delete!* Ellar



'He has ALL the symptoms to avoid self-isolating: Ministerial box, Cabinet seat, Government car...'



'False alarm, everyone - that WAS the microwave'

**Deadline for the September issue of BArts' Broadsheet No. 15 will be August 27th**

**In the absence of BArts' usual, printed programme, the Broadsheet is your opportunity to advertise your group's activities, or for individuals to contribute other news, views, poems, pictures etc**

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| 1. Constantinople    | 11. All the President's Men |
| 2. Central Perk      | 12. Three                   |
| 3. Four on each side | 13. Olivia                  |
| 4. 1997              | 14. Krone                   |
| 5. Once              | 15. French Open             |
| 6. Wellington        | 16. Holland                 |
| 7. Bristol           | 17. Four films              |
| 8. Rice              | 18. Marathon                |
| 9. The knee          | 19. Tojo Hideki             |
| 10. Iago             | 20. Mercury                 |

**Quick Quiz Answers from Broad-sheet 13**