



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene
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Lowewood
MUSEUM

Your Heritage, Your Museum

Heritage Lottery Fund Award of £228,800 for Lowewood Museum!

Lowewood Museum Trust CIO has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £228,800 for an exciting heritage project entitled

Your Heritage, Your Museum, which will work with diverse communities throughout the Borough of Broxbourne.

Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the three year project seeks to expand the Museum's engagement beyond its traditional audience by working with community groups throughout the Borough to capture their local stories, past and present.

The **'Your Heritage, Your Museum'** programme will recruit community curators through a series of outreach activities, pop up events and locally generated exhibitions, which will help redefine and refresh the Museum galleries, replacing the dated, static displays alongside an enhanced virtual presence and digital engagement.

This approach will draw upon Lowewood Museum's extensive photographic collection to reinforce local identity and sense of place. Audiences with whom the museum is keen to develop stronger relationships include younger people, socially-isolated, older adults and those with mental health needs, identified through work with NHS social prescribers. Other strands to the project include the development of the museum's gardens to enhance biodiversity and the redevelopment of the museum's website. Two staff will shortly be recruited to manage the programme. **For details of these posts, please see Lowewood Museum's website**

<https://lowewoodmuseum.com>

In addition to the considerable financial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, there has been funding for the programme from Broxbourne Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council locality budgets and the Love Hoddesdon Business Improvement District. The project is also endorsed by many community partners including Broxbourne Arts Forum, the CVS for Broxbourne and East Herts, the Broxbourne Alliance NHS Primary Care Network, the U3A and the Wormley and Turnford Big Local.





HODDESDON MODEL AND RAILWAY CLUB

MODEL RAILWAY DAY

AT LOWEWOOD MUSEUM

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER, 10AM - 4PM

COME ALONG AND SEE THE DELIGHTS OF MODELS AND LAYOUTS FROM THE HODDESDON MODEL AND RAILWAY CLUB!

Working models and layouts include: • G scale • N gauge • OO gauge Thomas • 16.5 narrow gauge	• Boats • Trucks • Carousel	ADMISSION: FREE Suitable for all ages, just turn up and enjoy!
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Lowewood Museum
 High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8BH
 01992 445596 | www.lowewoodmuseum.com
 Twitter: @lowewood Facebook: @lowewoodmuseum




Lowewood Museum Trust CIO, Charity Number: 119094

Lowewood Museum Events and Exhibitions

Tankards, Tales and Taverns.

Historic inns and pubs in the Borough of Broxbourne

Ends November 6th

Model Railway Day

October 28th

Extensive model lay-out for railway enthusiasts
of all ages

Family History Day with Lea Valley U3A

November 13th

Help with starting your family history, plus an
exhibition focused on ancestors in two world wars

The Borough at Christmas

Memories of Traditional Festivities in Broxbourne

November—December 18th

2022

John Warner School

180 year Celebration

Your Heritage, Your Museum

Community contributions that have
enriched life in the Borough of Broxbourne

Open Fridays and Saturdays

10.00 am to 4.30 pm

4 Galleries including pre 1600 artefacts,
post 1600 historic costume, toys, art work
and photographs

Café and Gift Shop

Children's Quiz Trail

Garden

Pottery Club

High St, Hoddesdon EN11 8BH

01992 445596



Lea Valley u3a Collaboration with Lowewood Museum

If you've ever fancied finding out more about your ancestors, then a session at Lowewood Museum may be just what you're looking for. **The Lea Valley U3A Family History group**, will be there all day on **Saturday, November 13th** to answer questions and help with 'on the spot' research.

The group has some particularly interesting examples of ancestors' war service featuring in a display, *plus* more extensive research on individual families that can be traced back to the C15 and C16 with the help of parish records.

The latest in the Who Do You Think You Are

TV series has demonstrated just how much *can* be found and when Judi Dench was recently featured, how very *exciting* it is to uncover some unsuspected facts!

Ever wondered what family members did during wartime?

Family HISTORY DAY

AT LOWEWOOD MUSEUM

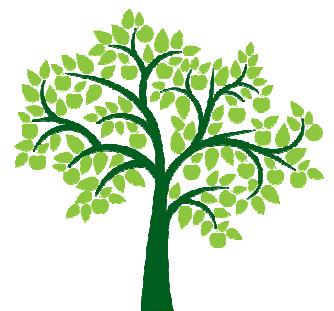
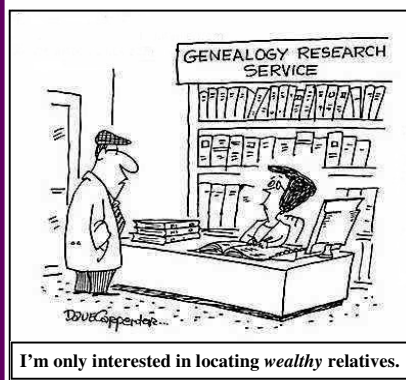
SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021
10AM-4PM, ADMISSION FREE

The event is on the ground floor (wheelchair accessible).

Come along to our family history day and chat to members of the Lea Valley U3A Family History Group who can provide advice and support on how to research your own family history. Find out more about their research projects. A helpdesk will be available between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

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u3a MUSEUM

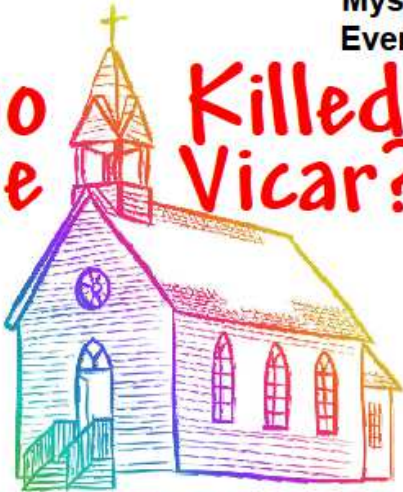


I warned you Oedipus, not everyone likes what they find when tracing their family tree



presented by Hoddesdon Players **A Murder
Mystery
Evening**

Who Killed the Vicar?



Saturday 20th November 2021

7.30pm

at St Catherine's School,
Haslewood Avenue, Hoddesdon

Tickets **£15.00**
(including fish & chip supper)
01992 460838 or
enquiries@hoddesdonplayers.org.uk

Please bring your own drink & glasses



BArts' Buffets



Pack Up Your Troubles

£5
per person



Call
01992 46538

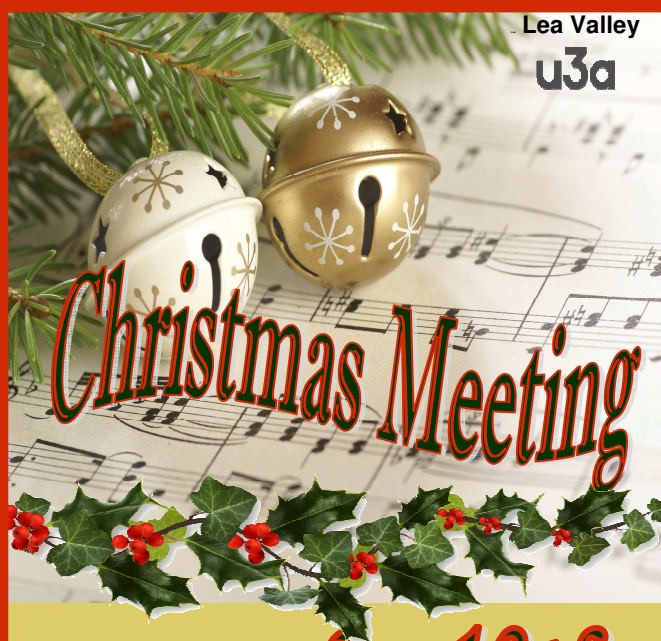
*Songs and Memories of Two World Wars -
1914-1918 and 1939-1945*

November 10th

Zoom at **12.00 noon**



Lea Valley
u3a



Christmas Meeting

December 13th

*Bell Ringing... Carols.. Mince Pies..
Picture Quiz.. Seasonal Readings...
and all things Christmassy!*

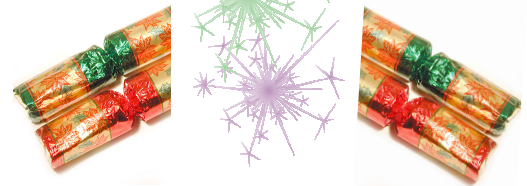
1.30 pm at Stanboroughs
Conduit Lane, Hoddesdon

Renew 'Auld Acquaintances'



BArts' Buffet presents

Christmas Crackers!



The Spirit of Christmas Past and Present

December 15th

12.00 noon £5

Bookings: **01992 465383,**
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Cheques Payable to: Broxbourne Arts Forum
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Bank Transfer: Sort Code 40-24-21
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Zoom!

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Venues, Values and *Vision* in the Borough?

The recent consultation on the future of the Spotlight recommended various measures to reduce the annual deficit, inevitably including increased charges and more ‘commercial’ activities that will affect *community* use of the facilities and encourage, or in some cases *oblige* local groups to seek viable alternative venues.

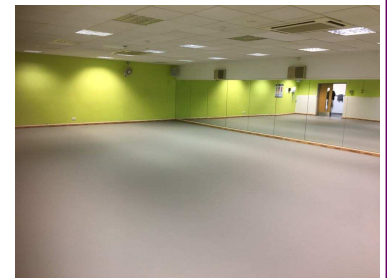
Sadly, this is ‘easier said than done’. The U3A’s monthly meetings may attract around 200 of their 400 to 800 memberships, but sports centres with the *capacity* don’t necessarily have the appropriate lay-out or vital facilities.



Stanboroughs Conservative Club in Conduit Lane, Hoddesdon, has proved excellent for numbers up to 130. With a small bar and catering facilities, both Broxbourne and Lea Valley U3As have found it a pleasant place to meet, with very helpful staff. A recent Group Leaders’ meeting with a substantial buffet lunch was particularly successful.

Stanboroughs Conservative Club

However, theatre schools and performing arts groups, especially where dance is involved, need a good size stage and proper lighting, sound and dressing rooms for their productions—features which are mostly lacking in even the most up to date school halls. A large, flat ‘space’, such as a sports hall, needs a lot of expensive items to be *imported* before it can operate as a theatre and may have a high ceiling and echo to contend with, too.



Laura Trott Centre

(Ed’s Note Try presenting ‘A Christmas Carol’ with the sound of sports going on all around and an *echo*, or a dance gala involving a hundred children and only two tiny dressing roomsand you’ll understand!)

One or two groups have had to go *outside* the borough for a suitable venue—EHOS to Harlow and Cheshunt Dramatic Society to Cuffley!

The Borough of Broxbourne was identified as lacking in cultural achievements in a recent *national* survey (and is sometimes rudely described as ‘*the cultural desert*’ at arts conferences!) It would be such a pity if the high endeavour and achievement of BArts’ groups and other local community organisations were to be further depleted by purely financial considerations and short-sighted decisions.



“Once upon a time there was a Broxbourne Midsummer Festival that had 49 arts events in 4 weeks, featuring an international concert pianist, a professional opera, a Shakespeare *matinée* for schools.... a garden party, a whole wall of publicity at the Spotlight, an opening ceremony with the Mayor in attendance.....”“

The arts and culture have a wide, measurable impact on our economy, health, well-being, society and education.”

Quote from The Arts Council



"Oh yes it is! Oh, no it isn't!"

Broxbourne Theatre Company's traditional pantomime, a regular feature at the Spotlight, long *before* the introduction of a professional production, has had to be cancelled for this year due to the continued closure of the Spotlight. Since Hertford Theatre is *also* closed for major re-design and extension, there is nowhere else suitable for a full-scale performance.

BTC's The Sound of Music, scheduled for May last year, is now planned for performance in 2022.

Cheshunt Dramatic Society
Presents

Dick Whittington
A family pantomime

Cuffleg Hall Theatre

Friday 7th Jan 2022 – 7:30pm
Saturday 8th Jan 2022 – 2.30pm & 7:30pm

Box Office
07473 467827
chesdramsoe@hotmail.co.uk
www.cheshunt-dramatic-society.co.uk

Cheshunt Dramatic Society's traditional pantomime.. once a regular feature at Cheshunt's Wolsey Hall, this season will be *outside* the borough, as the Mayhem- managed Go Hub is currently out of use, pending crucial repairs by Broxbourne Borough services.



Hoddesdon Music Club— Flying the Flag for Classical Music..

Erika Baikoff,
Soprano,
with
Gary Beecher,
Piano

Where *else* can you find
any in the borough?

*Music by Purcell,
Schubert, Poulenc,
Strauss, Rachmaninov*

Saturday, 27th November
5.00 pm and 7.30 pm

United Reformed Church, Broxbourne



Email: hoddesdonmusic@aol.com



Telephone: 01992 464000 (Kathleen Lord - Chairman)

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Looking for a bright, attractive, medium-sized venue,
centrally located with plenty of free parking?

You can't do better than

Bollescroft

Adjacent to the Spotlight Car-Park

Available 7 days a week until 11.00 pm

Managed by Broxbourne Theatre Company (BTC)
Ideal for community groups, keep fit, parties etc

www.BroxbourneTheatreCompany.co.uk
See Hire Bollescroft page

CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET
SUN 7 NOV | 10AM - 3PM



MARKETS BY SOUTHERN MALTINGS

CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET
SUN 5 DEC | 10AM - 2PM



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Hertford Folk Dancing Group

welcomes new members



Meet Wednesday Evenings 8.00-10.00 pm

Hornsmill Estate

Contact: Carol Reast 01992 465725

Broxbourne - the New Tinsel Town?



Boreham Wood, Bushey, Elstree, Leavesden—Hertfordshire is already quite well-off for film studios, but now a new multi-million venture is proposed for *Broxbourne* and, subject to planning permission, Sunset Studios will occupy a 91 acre site close to the M25 roundabout.

With Media Studies and Creative Arts a very popular choice at Herts Regional College and local secondary schools and the six performing arts schools affiliated to BArts covering most aspects of *performance*, there could be new job opportunities for technical and talented youngsters, as well as for many others in the various essential trades associated with film-making and the vital supporting admin.

Lowewood Museum's project **Your Heritage, Your Museum** is currently involving Media students from HRC who have been filming dozens of live interviews with local people. (Ed's Note. The enthusiastic, enterprising young film crew I met have already formed themselves into an independent company, determined to make a career in the industry.)

At least two film companies have also been using locations in the borough recently, so we may be entering a new phase that enhances Broxbourne's 'cultural' profile and reputation.



Hoddesdon Christmas Fayre Light-Up

Saturday, November 27th
10am to 6 pm

Sample a little
Christmas Spirit!



Do you...



Hoddesdon

Then make sure you...

- ♥ SHOP LOCAL ♥
- ♥ EAT LOCAL ♥
- ♥ SPEND LOCAL ♥



Every Friday on Mayhem's Facebook

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF
MARVELLOUS 'MAYHEM'
WEEKLY GIVEAWAY COUNTDOWN FOR
10 WEEKS!



Mayhem Theatre Arts
will be celebrating its
15th birthday
in January

There will be a large, company birthday party at Stevenage Leisure Centre in January, which promises to be a very *active* affair.

Mayhem Director, Nicole May, recently tackled a really challenging activity when she did a sponsored walk to the summit of Mount Snowdon. She and partner, Paul, are proud to say that they reached the summit in 2 hrs 40 mins and raised £1,273, half which will go to Transitions UK, who support vulnerable young people, and half to Mayhem's bursary and scholarship placements for 2022.



Together by Dick Watts



Tea Time by Sue Greaves



Dreams by Liz Lower



Friends by Maggie Gibbs

Autumn Weekly Challenge

LEA VALLEY
ART
SOCIETY