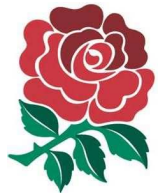




Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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A look back at Royal Celebrations in the Borough

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Four Day Funfair
(Thurs/Fri/Sat 11am to 10pm,
Sun 11am to 8pm)

Jubilee Beacon Lighting
with DJ and Community Choir
Thursday 2nd June (8.30pm to 10.30pm)

Jubilee Street Party with
Entertainments and Community Stalls
Saturday 4th June (10am to 7.30pm)

Jubilee Street Market on Friday

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
Celebrations!
Hoddesdon Town Centre
2nd - 5th June

Love Hoddesdon

www.lovehoddesdon.co.uk
@lovehoddesdon



Thursday 2nd June
8.30—10.30 pm
Queen's Jubilee Beacon Lighting
@ Hoddesdon town centre

Love Hoddesdon will 'host' the lighting of the Jubilee beacon in the High Street. The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm and will be supported by DJ and community singing by the Jukebox Choir.



🇬🇧 Celebrations! 🇬🇧

LEA VALLEY ART SOCIETY

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

'Happy and Glorious'



June 2nd to June 4th

A portrait painted by LVAS on display at Hoddesdon Parish Church

Saturday 4th June

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party
10.00am—7.30 pm

1950's musical entertainment including Opus 17 Swing Band,

11.00 am—1.00 pm and 1.30 pm-3.30 pm
Free 'hosted' brunch/lunch for invited local elderly people

3.30 pm General Street Party with entertainment by The Travelling Ding Dangs **plus** Food and Community Stalls.




June 10th Let's Do Lunch 'Two Elizabeths'

A Platinum Jubilee Event, presented by BArts, looking at the lives of two long-reigning Queens and comparing two ages of exploration and discovery.

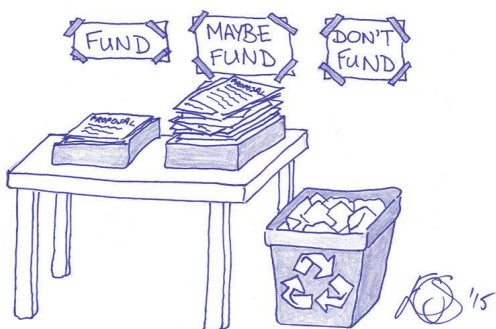
12.00 noon, Spotlight
Tickets £15, incl. 2-course lunch & glass of wine.

SOLD OUT!

Reminder About Subscriptions!

Before you read any further, may we remind you that the BArts' subscriptions for 2022/ 23 for Groups, Patrons and Friends were **due on April 1st**.

Needless to say, subscriptions are a *vital* part of our finances, contributing towards our publicity, programme printing and newsletter. We are fortunate to have a modest grant from the Borough of Broxbourne and the occasional generous donation from individuals, but we don't usually apply for, or benefit from, any *major* grants or arts awards, as the criteria generally relate quite specifically to *new projects* focused on *minority* groups. No organisation seems to want to help to sustain a well- *established* group with a good reputation!



Grant panel categories



June 1st My Kind of Music

Free concert,
with pianist Barbara Manning
12.00 noon to 2.00pm
Café / Bar. Spotlight

Light classics, evergreens, the great American Songbook, ...hit numbers from stage and screen.. music for every taste.

Advance table booking essential.
Spotlight Box Office 01992 441946.
<https://www.thspotlightvenue.com/contact-us>



More Summer Events



June 8th Floral Demonstration,
Hoddesdon Floral Art Society.
2.00—4.00 pm, Jackson Hall



June 13th Lea Valley u3a
'Much Ado About
Something'

A light-hearted look at the ups and downs of family life. Main meeting from 1.00 pm.
Talk at 2.00 pm. Spotlight

June 16th Broxbourne u3a
The Work of the Herts
and Beds Blood Bikes



From 10.00 am to 12.00 Spotlight

June 23rd Cheshunt u3a
The Importance of Lasting Attorney.
Meeting from 1.30 pm, Speaker 2.45 pm.
Laura Trott Centre

June 30th
The Arts Society East Herts
Three Great Families and Their
Gardens .. the Astors, Rothschilds,
and Sackville-Wests
by Caroline Rayman at the Spotlight.
Coffee from 10.10 am, Speaker at 10.30 am



July 13th Hoddesdon
Floral Art Society
Floral Demonstration
2.00—4.00 pm,
Jackson Hall, Hoddesdon.

July 16th
& 17th

The
Stoller
School
of Dance

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TOGETHER WE
RISE
The Spotlight **RISE** £16, £17.50
£1 off conc.
#STOLLERARMY
16th July 5.00pm, 17th July 2.30pm



Mayhem Theatre Arts Has A New Image!

For creative, visual and performing arts tuition, studio hire, holiday courses, theatre trips and workshops, our Hoddesdon hub caters for all!

Enjoy taking a step into the magical world of Mayhem. *"At the heart of the community"*.

Mayhem celebrated its 15th birthday in January and decided to update its image in the spirit of a new start after Covid. Each aspect of the business now has its own colour logo and links to the new website. There are some exciting new opportunities in the creative and visual arts.

Mayhem is actively involved in the community, offering studio hire to numerous local organisations, including BArts and the U3A, and is a vital part of Love Hoddesdon's promotions.

Mayhem Theatre Arts 01992 465100

Brewery Yard, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8HF

mayhemgroup.co.uk

MAYHEM SHOWS & EVENTS

Forget your troubles, c'mon...

GET HAPPY

"A show filled with things that make you smile"

The Spotlight, Hoddesdon
Sunday 10th July 2022

Matinee 2.30pm Evening 6.00pm

Tickets £14

July 10th Dance Production

Jukebox Social Singing Club

Every Thursday
7.15 - 8.45pm

FREE!

Adults only
Come and join our social singing club every Thursday at Mayhem.

Funded by Mayhem, Shepherds Estate Agents, Portman Finance and Love Hoddesdon BID
(limited numbers available)

MAYHEM
THEATRE & CREATIVE ARTS
nicole@mayhemtheatrearts.co.uk
01992 465100

Thursdays, 7.15 - 8.45pm. Free!

Social singing group for adults only, funded by Love Hoddesdon and local businesses

August Summer Holiday Workshops and Camps for Children. Full details in July's Broadsheet. or look on the website mayhemgroup.co.uk

September 12th £62.50

November 7th £52.50

Dear Evan Hansen West End Trip

Monday 12th September 2022

£62.50 p/p
Mayhem Student Price: £52.50
(not available for those under 18)

Performance: 7.30pm

Incl. return coach

Suitable for 10 years +

MAYHEM
THEATRE & CREATIVE ARTS
theatretrips@mayhemgroup.co.uk
01992 465100

& Juliet West End Trip

Monday 7th November 2022

£52.50 p/p
Mayhem Student Price: £42.50
(not available for those under 18)

Performance: 7.30pm

Includes return coach from Hoddesdon or Cheshunt

Suitable for 12 years +

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Lowewood Art Group



"These paintings celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, individually painted by Lowewood members and skilfully attached to a board by Kay Perversi. The Queen's portrait is by Bill Evans, another valued member. Both are hanging in the Lowewood Museum café, as part of their **Jubilations & Coronations** exhibition

The paintings were offered for BArts' **'Elizabethan Echoes'** competition, but, sadly, were the *only two* entries, so the competition aspect isn't really viable. In the prose and poetry section, only five entries were received.

Lowewood Art Group is a small, friendly group that meets from 1.00 to 4.00 pm on Wednesdays in the Scout Hut off Cozen's Lane West. We welcome all those who wish to enjoy painting—beginners or more experienced. The first week is free for you to try."

Any enquiries to Joan 07577 660062

Adjusting to a New Era at the Spotlight. Not just a whinge— but facing some hard facts!



Since the Spotlight re-opened just a couple of months ago, the commercial programme of mainly tribute bands seems to be doing really well, considering that the cost of living has shot up and food banks are overstretched. Most shows seem to be playing to nearly full houses, or at least to more than *half* full.

For local theatre and community groups, the picture isn't *quite* as rosy. Most groups' memberships have *declined* since the pandemic, while *costs* have increased substantially.

BArts and many of our member groups have been regular users of the Spotlight since it first opened in 1976, have used their box office for ticket sales and relied on being able to display their publicity in the main public areas, as well as in What's On.

- Now, many well-established practices have changed
- Venue hiring costs have increased
- The café bar is to be kept free from posters and those in the foyer are now mainly for professional events and much smaller than they used to be.
- Art exhibitions are no longer allowed, so a large chunk of BArts' annual programme has collapsed. There are no proper art galleries in the borough.
- The box office is open only Monday to Friday and closes at 2.00 pm.
- The café/ bar is open only when there is an event and offers just biscuits, crisps and occasional cakes.

- For anything more substantial, an *outside* caterer would have to be brought in.
- We have been advised that it is *impossible* for a *regular* catering provision by the Spotlight to make an adequate profit.

Since the Spotlight is meant to be for the *community* as well as commercial, the loss of facilities in the long term may have a serious detrimental effect on *all* of us.

The expression '*If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen*' ie if you don't *like* the situation, go somewhere else, has occasionally been suggested by people who don't really *understand* the problems.

- There *is* nowhere *else* with the same capacity and facilities.
- If the Spotlight *isn't* used, then the events won't go into What's On and ticket sales will be down.
- Lack of proper theatre facilities in a more modest hall—lighting, sound etc— will affect the quality of the performance. Audiences much prefer somewhere with a proper bar.
- Most school halls just aren't good enough these days.
- If technical elements are *imported* to an ordinary hall, the cost is prohibitive.

BArts' 'brief' from the borough has always been to provide a programme of events that they **couldn't**, or wouldn't **want** to provide. **ie** music *beyond* tribute bands, art exhibitions, plays, lectures, cream teas, back stage tours...

If *we* are no longer able to do this, who *will*?

If voluntary arts groups *aren't* able to survive, the whole community will be the poorer.



Can you imagine the uproar, if *sport* were to be similarly affected?

Lowewood Museum Trust Has Completed Its First Year!

One part-time *paid* member of staff, *nine* Trustees, around *fifty* volunteers, a substantial number of Friends of Lowewood and several successful bids for funding. It looks as though everything is heading in the right direction and there are some exciting plans and projects for the *second* year, with the emphasis on community involvement. Lowewood Museum celebrates its 40th birthday in July, with a garden party, some special activities and entertainment.

The museum gift shop and cafeteria have exceeded expectations in terms of visitors and sales. There's a good range of teas and coffees available, plus chocolate, biscuits and cakes. On Saturdays, when there is a special event, cream teas are served and proving very popular.



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70 Sewn Stories Project
Want to be part of a Jubilee project & have your work exhibited at Lowewood Museum?

Join us!

Community Drop in & Participation Day
Saturday 28th May, 11am-3pm

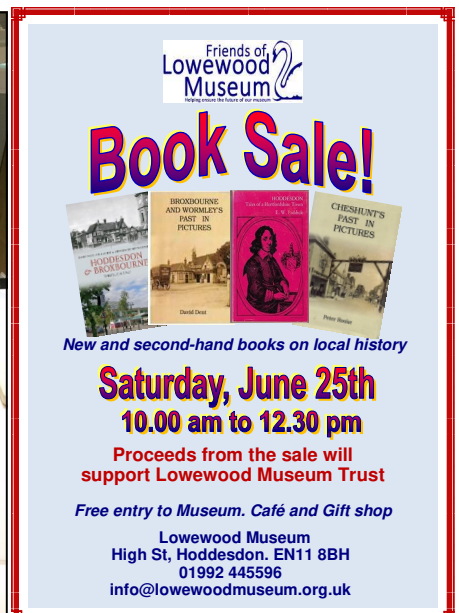
The Gifted MUSEUM



Lowewood Museum's Peace Tree for Ukraine and one of the newly-planted pots of primulas in the Ukrainian colours. The garden is looking good, thanks to the work of three volunteers



There are more than 40,000 items in the museum's collections, many of which need specialist care to protect and preserve them. Every items is catalogued with details of its origins and history and the records, originally compiled by hand, are being transferred to digital mode. These are some of the 'behind the scenes' jobs carried out by volunteers. Below, volunteer, Humam Mohammed, is photographing items for the records.

Friends of Lowewood Museum
Helping protect the history of our region

Book Sale!

New and second-hand books on local history

Saturday, June 25th
10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Proceeds from the sale will support Lowewood Museum Trust

Free entry to Museum. Café and Gift shop

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High St, Hoddesdon. EN11 8BH
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info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

What Do You Know About Where You Live?

Many of the following publications are available at the Borough of Broxbourne's Museum in Lowewood House, Hoddesdon

Friends of Lowewood

Local History Booklets Price £2 / £2.50

contributed by

David Dent, Sue and Peter Garside, Bryan Hewitt

A Little Learning.

Schools in Hoddesdon from C16 to mid C20

Barclay Park

From 'Easter Jones' to St Catherine's.

The History of a Hoddesdon School

Lowewood.

Hoddesdon's Pubs and Inns.

Tankards, Tales and Taverns

Gazetteer of Broxbourne Borough's Pubs and Inns

The Grange.

The Hoddesdon Brewery

The Railway History of Broxbourne Borough.

The Rawdon Family of Hoddesdon.

The Star.

The Warner Family at Hoddesdon.

In Preparation: Rawdon House

Hardback Books on Local History

Prices around £12 / £15

Broxbourne & Wormley's Past in Pictures **D.Dent,**

Broxbourne Past **J.Edwards.**

Broxbourne Past & Present **M.Hoare.**

Cheshunt in Hertfordshire **J. Edwards.**

Cheshunt's Past in Pictures **P. Rooke.**

Goff's Oak & Theobalds Past:

Photographs & Engravings **J. Edwards**

Hoddesdon & Broxbourne Through Time

D. Dent, S.Garside, S.Poulter,

Hoddesdon Highlights **S. Garside.**

A History of Hoddesdon

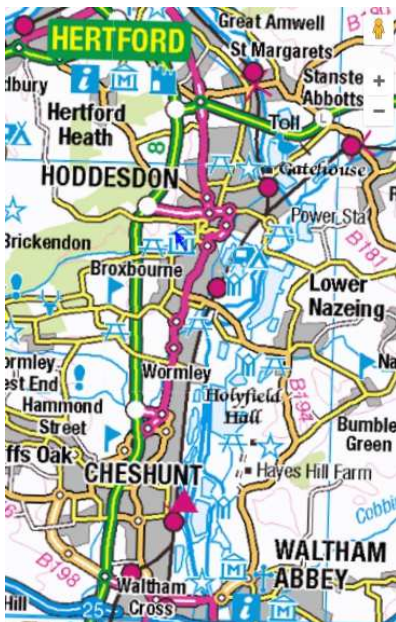
in the County of Hertfordshire: **J,A Tregelles.**

Hoddesdon High St, a Nostalgia Trip **S. Poulter.**

Hoddesdon Past, a History **S. Garside.**

Hoddesdon,

Tales of a Hertfordshire Town, **E.W.Paddick.**



Broxbourne



Goff's Oak



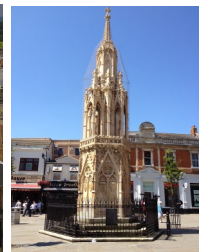
Wormley



Cheshunt



Hoddesdon



Waltham X

Broxbourne Summer Festival?!

No Arts Centre, No Art Galleries, No independent theatre, No classical music (except for Hoddesdon Music Club). Shouldn't we be trying to *remedy* the situation instead of just grumbling? Our area seems to be better at *retrograde* steps, rather than positive *improvements!* Unity is strength! We managed to rescue the borough museum. What *more* could we achieve with some concentrated, co-ordinated effort?

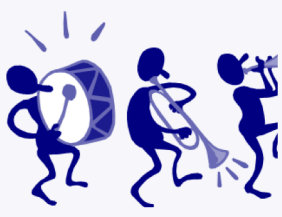
In the latter decades of the C20, there was a **Broxbourne 'Midsummer' Festival**, organised by a local entrepreneur, Richard Lorimer, who, sadly, has just died aged 92. I took over from him in 2000 and, with BArts, continued the festival until 2005.

Amazingly, there were as many as 49 different events that came under the Festival 'umbrella' and included opera, an orchestral concert, several instrumental / vocal events, jazz, a talent competition, open-air Shakespeare, art exhibitions, events for children, street entertainment etc. The major stumbling block wasn't getting the events together, but the problem of *adequate publicity*—large posters on key sites, a festival *atmosphere* in the town centres etc, due to restrictions on posters, bunting etc.

The subject of festivals has recently cropped up again during several different meetings I've attended. Why *couldn't* we have a **Broxbourne Festival in Summer 2023?** It could actually be a little *easier* to put together than it has been in the past.

Rather than having to devise and afford lots of special events, if local organisations simply 'pooled' their usual / normal / chosen summer events and activities, say during June and July, just think what an impact that could have as a 'festival'.

Involvement, ideally, could / should include: BArts and our member groups, the Borough, the Spotlight, Lowewood Museum, Love Hoddesdon (just look at what they've achieved with collective responsibility), street markets, shops, pubs and restaurants, local performers and artists, local church / school fetes, flower festivals, garden parties, events in local parks, important cricket / tennis matches, cream teas.....



So... what do we need to do to make it *happen?*

- Agree in principle
- Designate June / July
- Sign up to participate
- Notify your usual / special activities during the period, together with your publicity
- Attend a few meetings, via Zoom if necessary.

Potential Benefits

- Improved sense of 'community'
- Publicity and appreciation of your group
- New opportunities for co-operation, initiatives
- Increased income



Happy to receive your comments and suggestions. Lee Rayner, *Editor BArts Broadsheet*
Also involved with / member of B.All, Broxbourne U3A, Hoddesdon Music Club,
Lea Valley U3A, Lowewood Museum, Mayhem Theatre Arts



Snowdrops, Alison Gordon



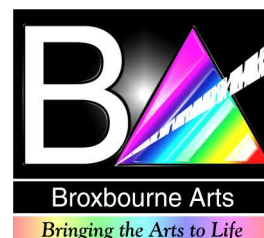
Apple Blossom, Joan Styles



Apple Blossom, Pam Travell



Character, Val Gudge



**BArts'
Watercolour
Class**



Character, Pam Travell



Character, Carol Quayle

**Meets Tuesday
mornings, during
term time,
at Bollescroft,
(next to the
Spotlight car-park)**

**Call
Alison Gordon,
01992 466627,
if you are interested in
joining the group,
which enjoys
professional tuition.**

Artists in search of a local gallery....Lowewood Museum ?
Not enough space. Window of empty shop? Limited, short term.....

**Herts Visual Arts <https://www.hvaf.org.uk/galleries>
has a huge range of pictures exhibited on line.
Not quite as pleasurable as walking round a gallery, but better than *nothing***