



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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My Kind of Music!



Good News!

The piano chassis repairs are now *complete*, so the piano can be *moved*.

The Spotlight can now offer *hot* food for some events. (Cottage Pie, Jacket Potatoes.)

Audience numbers are beginning to improve. (Before Covid , there were sometimes as many as 70 for lunch!)

Barbara Manning's selection of music for the *free* 2-hour concert is a delightful mixture of film and theatre melodies, 'evergreens' and familiar classical pieces, *plus* a sprinkling of topical / seasonal items. For the June concert, the programme ranged from Handel's Queen of Sheba and Tchaikovsky's 'June' to Carousel and special Coronation themes.

Two hours guaranteed for pleasure and relaxation!

July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.

Table Booking advised 01992 441946

More Good News!



BArts' popular '*Let's Do Lunch*' series has resumed in the Dinant Room at the Spotlight, with many faithful, regular customers in the audience, *plus* a substantial number of new people. The most recent lunch '*The Two Elizabeths*' was completely sold out, with a waiting list for returns!

The Dinant room has been refurbished and now has the additional facilities of black-out blinds, projector and screen. The décor is a little stark, so the room does require an injection of colour to create a welcoming atmosphere. For the *Two Elizabeths*, 'royal' red, purple and gold cloths and napkins and a few flowers did the trick!

Next Lunch Dates

July 15th Mind the Gap—*the generation gap, the battle of the sexes and reflections on rich and poor in the British 'class system'.*
Tickets selling fast

September 16th National Treasures
The great British public's most favourite items, places and people.

Coming Soon

Celebrity Cause—*the lure of fame and fortune*

Movers and Shakers—*Innovators and eccentrics*

Pianissimo—*The history and versatility of the piano*

Rainbow Rebels—*C20 and C21 writers who have made an impact*

The Mists of Time—*Nostalgia for past pleasures and a very different world*

Summer Holiday Activities

With an Arts' Flavour

If you are a parent, or grandparent, with children to keep occupied and entertained during the school holidays, these workshops and summer camps could be your salvation!

Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts



1. Wed 3rd August - Fairy School (3-7yrs) Taylor Studio

Miss Sparkleberry is inviting you all to her ballet school for fairies! Flutter & sparkle through a magical morning of ballet, games, storytelling & tutus!

2. Wed 10th August Sewing Bee (6-12yrs) Rayner Room

Join us at Mayhem for some Creative Fun! All Craft materials will be provided and you will take home your wonderful creations!

3. Thurs 11th August Dance Camp - Encanto (6-12yrs) Taylor Studio

Put your dancing shoes on and enjoy learning routines to the popular Film Encanto!

4. Mon 15th—Wed 17th August Putting on a Musical in 3 Days! (7-16yrs) Taylor Studio.

Students will learn and perform musical numbers from the Musical 'Grease'. At the end of the week, parents and friends will be invited to watch their sharing of work.

5. Mon 22nd - Wed 24th August Acting for Stage and Screen 3 Days! (7-12yrs)

Taylor Studio. 9.30 am to 3.00 pm In this 3-day course, students learn acting techniques for the screen, as well as explore drama games and improvisation to improve their stage acting technique.

BOOKING <https://mayhem-group.class4kids.co.uk/camp/8> 01992 465100

THE Vallé ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Vallé Academy

SUMMER CAMPS '22

IN CHESHUNT

Fairy Academy 9.45-10.15am
For 18 months to 2 years
Have fun dancing with a parent or carer

Mini Pop 10.30-11.15am
For 3-4 years
Learning dances to the latest movie and pop songs

Monday 1st August
Monday 8th August
Monday 15th August
Monday 22nd August

Book NOW

THE Vallé ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Vallé Academy

SUMMER CAMPS '22

IN CHESHUNT

Week 1
Monday 1st - Thursday 4th August

Week 2
Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th August

For 4-7 years and 8-12 years

Book NOW

Have a fun week!
acting, singing & dancing
with a performance to family & friends
at the end of the week.

ACT DANCE SING

Vallé Academy valleacademy.co.uk 01992 622862

u3a Branches and Main Meetings

Each branch welcomes potential *new* members, who may wish to sample a monthly meeting (£2) and find out about Interest Groups and the range of activities before becoming a full member.

Broxbourne from 9.30 am, Spotlight

July 21st The Wildlife of Tanzania

August 18th The Royal Albert Hall

September 15th Good Morning Lords and Ladies

Some Unusual Groups: Chair Yoga, Country Dancing, Guitar, Knit and Natter, Wood Turning

Website u3asites.org.uk/broxbourne



Broxbourne u3a Country Dancing

Cheshunt from 1.30 pm, Laura Trott Centre

July 28th The Legend of the White Mouse

August 25th Reliving Our Own Story

Some Unusual Groups: Almost Loose Women, Ballet, Curry Club, Cycling, Musicians' Workshop, Sailing, Zumba

Website u3asites.org.uk/cheshunt



Cheshunt u3a Jazz Band

Lea Valley from 1.00 pm, Spotlight

July 11th Garden Party Celebrating 30th Birthday and the Platinum Jubilee.

August 8th 1936 The Year of Three Kings

September 12th Ooh, Matron! The Carry On films

October 10th Francis Albert Sinatra, *Old Blue Eyes*.

Some Unusual Groups: Archaeology and Ancient History, Astronomy, Chinese Brush Painting, Handbells, Members On Their Own, Playreading, T'ai Chi.

Website lvu3a.org.uk



Handbell Ringing Group

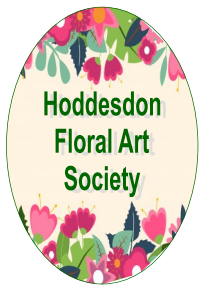
The huge range of interest groups and activities available within the three local branches ensures that anyone no longer in full-time employment could be very happily occupied *every* day of the week, in the company of people with similar interests.

Although some subjects seem to be 'academic' and may be a daunting prospect, the approach is informal and the emphasis is on shared experience and *enjoyment*.

For people who live alone, there are plenty of opportunities for leisurely walks, a gentle activity, reading or painting for pleasure, coach outings and pub lunches. Exploring London Groups are particularly popular in every branch.

The format of the main, monthly meetings allows for informal socialising and a chance to see what's on offer from the groups before the Speaker. If you don't fancy the idea of joining on your *own*, there are members at each meeting to welcome you, show you around and make sure that you have someone to talk to.

Around and About



Hoddesdon Floral Art Society.

Meetings 2.00—4.00 pm Jackson Hall, Hoddesdon

July 13th, August 10th, September 14th

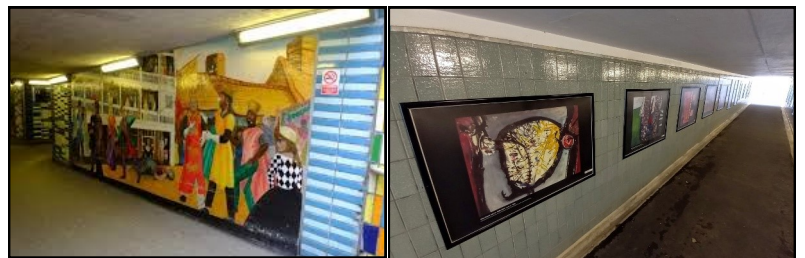
A Mural in the Brewery Road Pedestrian Underpass—*Art in the Community.*

Love Hoddesdon is currently in negotiation with Herts County Council to install a mural in one of the Hoddesdon underpasses. The idea is to link the proposal with the Young Entrepreneurs project and involve local young people in designing the artwork. With murals and enhanced lighting, underpasses can be transformed into somewhere attractive and interesting, instead of dismal, daunting and susceptible to petty crime.



Hoddesdon

Two different approaches on R... a colourful mural at the Elephant and Castle in London and framed pictures in Hertford.



Love Hoddesdon Summer Events



Sunday 21st August, 12 noon – 7.30pm, in conjunction with the Hoddesdon Allstars featuring local bands / artistes.

Saturday 17th September.

Love Hoddesdon Food Fest!



Do You Play Bridge? Try the StanBridge Club FREE.

We play Acol Bridge at Bishops College, Cheshunt. Mondays at 7.30pm Give us a try! Details, phone Dennis on 07881 858058.

Line Dancing at the Spotlight

Every Monday

Beginners / Improvers

1 hour from 9.30 am

Intermediates

10.30 am—12.30pm

Select 1 hour or 2 hours

1 hour £6.50, Spotlight Friends £5.50
2 hours £7.50



NB Dates may change, so check with the Box Office Mon—Fri 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

The Spotlight, High Street, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8BE

Box Office: 01992 441946

Heard It On The Grape Vine?

“The main kitchen at the Spotlight has been removed.”

False The last time we looked, a few days ago, it was still there!

“Spotlight cinema may start in the Dinant Room”

True The main equipment in the auditorium needs replacing, but there are insufficient funds, so the Dinant room has been equipped with black-out blinds, a projector and a screen. A programme of films will be announced very soon.



Focus on Theatre!

Local BArts' Theatre Schools

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 Performance 2.30pm | Evening Performance 6.00pm
Ticket price £14

THE STOLLER SCHOOL OF DANCING

proudly presents

TOGETHER WE RISE

The Spotlight **£16, £17.50**
£1 off conc.

#STOLLERARMY

16th July 5.00pm, 17th July 2.30pm

Two summer productions at the Spotlight, highlighting the amazing work that is produced by BArts' groups.

The performances showcase young dancers from pre-school to late teens, in a variety of dance genres and styles.

For some youngsters, it's their first time on stage. For others, it may be their last time, locally, before they embark on long-term, professional training for a career in theatre, or teaching dance.

It's a fascinating and inspiring experience watching young dancers perform with such skill and enthusiasm!

Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts
July 10th

The Stoller School of Dancing,
July 16th and 17th

Open-Air, Professional Touring Shakespeare

As You Like It
September 8th
in the Spotlight Gardens.
See full article on p 6

West-End Theatre Trips with Mayhem



Dear Evan Hansen
Monday, September 12th
7.30pm,
Noel Coward Theatre
£62.50pp in Stalls
Incl return coach from
Hoddesdon or Cheshunt
Suitable for 12 years+

THE LORD CHAMBERLAINS MEN

'As You Like It' - a pastoral comedy of 'couples',
"Love is merely a madness!"

AS YOU LIKE IT

Thursday, September 8th

The Spotlight Gardens, Hoddesdon
Picnics from 6.00pm.
Please note all drinks must be purchased from the bar.

Performance 7.00pm

The production continues in all but the very worst weather.

Bookings: 01992 441946

BARTS
Barnet Arts Theatre Society

Adults £18
Under 16 / Students £10
Family Four £50



And Juliet
Monday, November 7th |
7.30pm, Shaftsbury Theatre
£52.50pp in Stalls
Includes return coach from
Hoddesdon or Cheshunt
Recommended for 8yrs+

Call Mayhem 01992 465100

More!

Lea Valley u3a Theatre Trips

Lea Valley u3a Theatre Group
Cole Porter at his best!

THE MUSICAL SENSATION RETURNS

CAST: KERRY ELLIS, DENIS LAWSON, SIMON CALLOW, BONNIE LANGFORD

ANYTHING GOES

Guaranteed to lift your spirits
Thursday, August 11th Matinee

Best Stalls Seats at the Barbican
Ticket (with 33 seat coach) £63.00
Possibility of pre-show lunch TBC

Please book by June 25th, or we lose the booking
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Lea Valley u3a Theatre Group
Rodgers and Hammerstein's hit show

SOUTH PACIFIC

CAST: JOLIAN OVENBER, SINA BICA

SOUTH PACIFIC

Wednesday, August 24th Matinee

Best stalls seats at Sadler's Wells
Ticket (with 33 seat coach) £78.00
Possibility of pre-show lunch TBC

Please book by June 25th, or we lose the booking
leerayner_arts@hotmail.com
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Lea Valley u3a Theatre Group.
Christmas Treat!

The Nutcracker Ballet

Over 100 dancers and musicians bring *Nutcracker* to life with exquisite dancing, beautiful sets and Tchaikovsky's popular score played live by the English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Tuesday, December 20th Matinee

Best stalls seats at the London Coliseum!
Ticket (with 33-seat coach) £85.
Possibility of pre-show lunch TBC

Please book by June 25th, or we lose the booking
leerayner_arts@hotmail.com
01992 465383

Priority for Members, but open to *Non-members*, who pay an extra £2 per trip for insurance cover.

August 11th Anything Goes Matinée, Stalls £63 incl. coach

August 24th South Pacific Matinée, Stalls £78 incl. coach

December 20th The Nutcracker Ballet Matinée, Stalls £85 incl. coach

Call 01992 465383 or e-mail leerayner_arts@hotmail.com to book

"Founded in 2004 and named after the company that Shakespeare was a part of and for whom he wrote some of his most famous and greatest plays, *The Lord Chamberlain's Men* has established itself as the UK's premier open air touring theatre company.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men

Touring to over 70 venues throughout the UK and internationally over the summer months, *The Lord Chamberlain's Men* brings its unique blend of all male Shakespearean entertainment to some of the most beautiful and historic open-air venues. Here audiences sit under the stars, sip a glass of wine and enjoy a picnic while being enthralled in true Elizabethan fashion."

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN

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Rehearsal and Production Pictures

Book now at the Spotlight

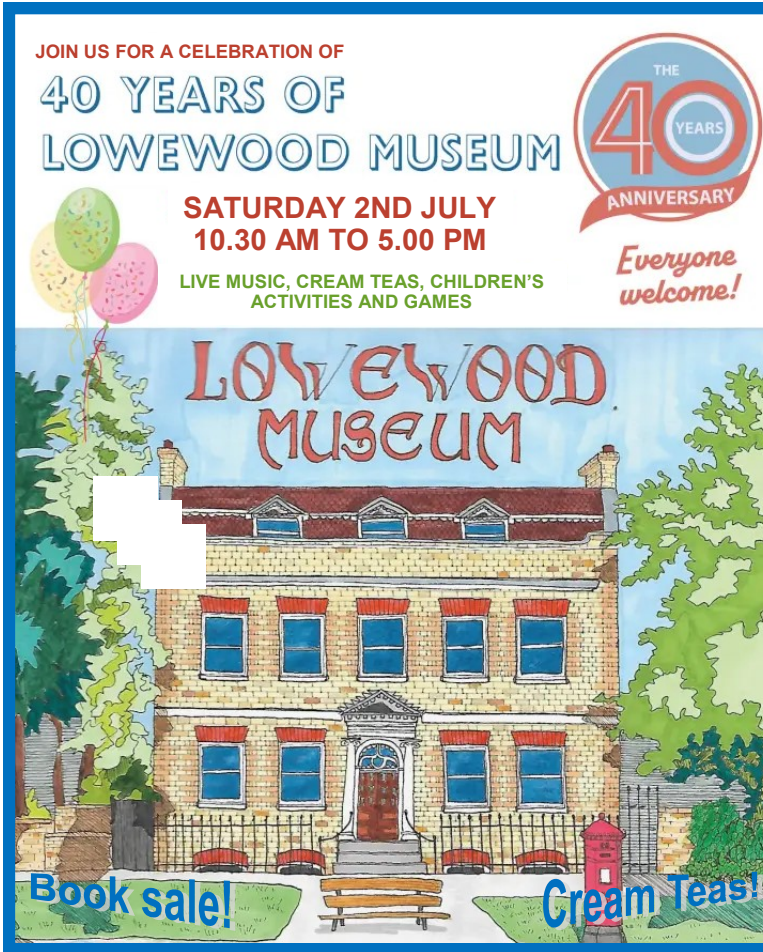
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Open-air touring is one of the most gruelling forms of professional theatre and requires performers of dedication and resilience to sustain a whole season of 'one-nighters'. Getting wet frequently is one of the hazards; spending half your income on take-aways and booze before returning to your dismal lodgings is another, but *real* actors aren't in it for the 'glamour'. Spare a thought for the young assistant stage manager—ASM (otherwise known as 'dogsbody' / 'gofer') who is usually the *first* to arrive at the venue and the *last* to leave, besides being one of the *actors*!

You may not know that..Shakespeare was one of the shareholders in the *original* Lord Chamberlain's men, in the C16 and early C17, as well as being the writer / stage director / bit-part player. Theatre became increasingly *popular* during the Elizabethan period and there were several *rival* companies touring as well as *competing* for the very few London theatres, the first of which wasn't purpose-built until 1576 and just called the *Theatre*. Companies and plays had to be *licensed* and careful to avoid *contentious* subjects, as they could be shut-down overnight if they breached regulations. Shakespeare usually set plays in a *foreign* country if they had material relevant to contemporary England, so it was difficult for the authorities to claim the law had been broken. Outbreaks of plague could close the theatres, sometimes for more than a year! Women weren't allowed to appear on stage until after 1660, so all Shakespeare's actors were *male* and the female parts were played by young boys before their voices 'broke'. Actors had a very bad reputation, often described as 'rogues and vagabonds', accused of indecency and blamed for *all* the ills of society! The idea of *knighting* them, as we sometimes do now, would have been unthinkable!

The museum *re-opened* in July last year, after a vigorous campaign to save it from extinction, but the beautiful Georgian building's service as a museum dates back to 1982 and it was formerly Hoddesdon's Public Library, then a mini-Arts Centre, run by a voluntary group, before becoming a museum for the Borough of Broxbourne.



Volunteers 'marketing' the museum in Hoddesdon's market.



Two museum volunteers on duty during the Platinum Jubilee week-end!

A garden party, cream teas and live music provided by pianist, Paul Arnold, will be part of the birthday celebrations on **Saturday, July 2nd**, as well as a book sale, activities and dressing-up for children and a last chance to see the '**Jubilations and Coronations**' special exhibition.



Paul Arnold, pianist, will play from 2.00-3.00 pm and there will be some guitar music from Trustee, Pete Dockar.

Future Events

July to late September '40 Objects For 40 Years of Lowewood' Exhibition. 40 significant items from the museum's collections.

August

Model Railway Days. Dates TBC

September to January 2023

John Warner School Exhibition

October 2022

Exhibition for Black History month.

Family History Day

2023

The Windrush Generation Exhibition

