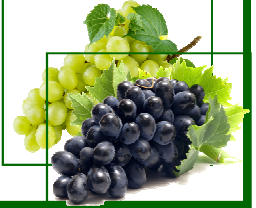




Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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### Apologies!

For reasons beyond their control, the Lord Chamberlain's Men have had to *cancel* the performance of **As You Like It** scheduled for the Spotlight on September 8th. If you already have tickets, refunds will be issued.

Please contact the Box Office 01992 441946

## Let's Do Lunch...Now Booking!

September and November are selling fast, so book now!



Tickets £15



Tickets £16

## My Kind of Music is Free!

Barbara Manning plays from 12.00 to 2.00 pm on the 1st Wednesday in the month



**EHOS PRESENTS**

**LEGALLY BLONDE**  
*The Musical*

THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER  
PERFORMANCES AT 7.30PM

THE SPOTLIGHT VENUE, BROXBOURNE

TICKETS £17 - £21

at the Spotlight Theatre

Tickets £17 and £21

Evenings 7.30 pm

BOOK NOW

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/EHOS

**HODDESDON PLAYERS**  
Amateur Dramatic Society presents  
Registered Charity No. 114056

**Anybody for Murder?**

November 10th-12th

by Brian Clemens & Dennis Spooner

Support your local theatre companies

Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd

Table Booking for Lunch Essential.  
Hot dish of the day, plus salad, sandwiches, cakes etc

All events are at  
The Spotlight, Hoddesdon

01992 441946

www.the-spotlightvenue.com/  
whatson

Please note, all transactions  
must be *by card only* from  
Sept 1st

Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning presents

**Broxbourne B.A.L.L. Adult Leisure Learning**



## Film Costume and Film Music

**Tutor Christopher Budd**

**September 22nd to December 1st**  
**Half term October 27th**

*Film costumes and film music were, initially, an integral, fairly low-key part of any production, but as the industry prospered, particularly in Hollywood, both became an important feature designed to enhance the dramatic action and atmosphere.....*

10.30 am Broxbourne Parish Centre  
 Course Fee £55 for 10 weeks  
 01992-306598 [linda.williamsecc@gmail.com](mailto:linda.williamsecc@gmail.com)

**U3A Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Lea Valley**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



# Shakespeare



**Tutor: Lee Rayner 01992 465383**

*An informal group looking at Shakespeare's life and works within the setting of the C16th /C17th and the Tudor and Stuart monarchy.*

**Friday Meetings**  
 throughout the academic year  
**Sept 9th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th, Nov 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Dec 2nd, 9th, 16th**

**11.00 am to 12.30 pm,**  
 Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon.  
 01992 465100  
**£2.50 per session, incl tea, coffee, biscuits**

Bus stop adjacent. Some free on-site parking for disabled. 3 hours free in Sainsbury's car park 2 mins walk




# Three Local u3a Branches

## Broxbourne

3rd Thursday in the month at 10.00 am

**Sep 15th**

**Good Morning Lords & Ladies.**

*Speakers: Barry & Gill Goodman.*

**Oct 20th**

**An Antarctic Odyssey**

*Speaker: Emeritus Professor Dr Bill Block*

**Nov 10th**

**When Policemen and Doctors Start to Look Young**

*Speaker: Keith Baldwin*

**At the Spotlight**  
**[broxbourneu3a.org.uk](http://broxbourneu3a.org.uk)**

**Broxbourne  
u3a**

## Cheshunt

4th Thursday in the month at 1.30 pm

**Sep 22nd.**

**Digital Forensics- WHO's watching you.**

*Speaker: Chris Truman*

**Oct 27th.**

**From Monorail in 1825 to Motor rail in 2021.**

*Speaker: Ray Schofield*

**At the Laura Trott Centre**  
**[cheshuntu3a.org.uk](http://cheshuntu3a.org.uk)**

**Cheshunt  
u3a**

Some people are members of more than one local branch, to maximise their opportunities, and pay a *reduced* sub for the 2nd branch

## Lea Valley

2nd Monday in the month at 1.00 pm

**September 12th**

**Ooh Matron! A History of the 'Carry On' Films**

*Speaker: Steve Dimmer*

**October 10th**

**Francis Albert Sinatra – 'Old Blue Eyes**

*Speaker: Howard Slater*

**November 14th**

**The Baby Boomers Part 2**

*Speaker: Alan Haines*

**At the Spotlight**  
**[lvu3a.org.uk](http://lvu3a.org.uk)**

**Lea Valley  
u3a**



# Listening To Music



*Something for every taste!*

Group meets at 1.15 pm at Mayhem Theatre Arts on the first Monday in the month

- Sept 5th Ian Hiscock presents 'Music of Austro-Hungary'
- Oct 3rd David Pracy presents 'A Tribute to Ukraine'
- Nov 7th 'Bellissima', music of Italy presented by Lee Rayner
- Dec 5th 'Christmas Crackers' members' favourites



Lea Valley u3a Lee Rayner 01992 465383

**"Without music, life would be a mistake."**

Friedrich Nietzsche,

How do you account for your taste in music? Do you go for 'pop' or 'classical', or do you enjoy the *best* of *all* genres? While it may be true that something either *appeals* to the ear or it *doesn't*, familiarity, plays a part too, and if you listen only to one *kind* of music, you'll never know what else you *could* like!

Although the National Curriculum requires *some* study of the great composers and *all* kinds of music, real appreciation of classical music and pride in traditional English folk songs and country dances no longer seems to develop in our youngsters and so much of our 'national' culture has been cast aside in favour of just 'pop'. Sadly, generations now seem to be growing up musically deprived'.

The Borough of Broxbourne used to offer some classical music in the Beaufort Suite at Bishop's College, but interest and audiences dwindled, so there is now no *professional* orchestral music in the Borough. The Spotlight's programme 'plays safe' by promoting purely 'pop' tribute bands,

because that's all the majority of the public is familiar with and *wants*.

It's really only the voluntary sector and BArts' groups that try to involve people in a much broader range of musical opportunities, many of which come under the u3a banner.

## You may not be aware of some of these. Check out the list below

A10 Orchestra **BArts**  
 Broxbourne Chorus **BArts**  
 Broxbourne Community Choir  
 Broxbourne Music Centre **Brox. School**  
 Country Dancing **Brox. U3a**  
 Folk and Country Music **Brox u3a**  
 Guitar Playing **Brox u3a**  
 Broxbourne Handbell Ringing  
 Hoddesdon Music Club **BArts**  
 Jazz Appreciation **Brox u3a**  
 Listening To Music **LV u3a**  
 Lynmore Singers  
 Musical Theatre **Brox.Theatre Co,**  
**EHOS. Jason Theatre School,**  
**Mayhem, Stoller School**  
**Valle Academy. (All BArts)**

Music Appreciation 1950s-80s **LVu3a**  
 Music in the Afternoon **Chesh. u3a**  
 Musicians' Workshop **Chesh. u3a**  
 Singing for Fun **Chesh. U3a**  
 My Kind of Music **BArts**  
 The A Train Jazz Band **Ches. u3a**  
 Three Valleys Male Voice Choir **BArts**



# Whatever Happened To Memberships?

Since March 2020, we have struggled to survive pandemic panic and months of lockdown. Now the doom and gloom merchants are predicting another ‘winter of discontent,’ with soaring prices, inflation, shortages, strikes and political mayhem. A worrying prospect!

What we’ve heard little about so far, but may be equally damaging and depressing, is what seems to be a profound change taking place within our communities and affecting people’s desire and ability to socialise / volunteer, or engage in traditional, previously popular activities. In short, most organisations / leisure groups have suffered a substantial loss of members and reported considerable difficulty in recruiting people willing to undertake any form of responsibility to assure an organisation’s survival! Most executive committees have at least a couple of posts unfulfilled.

The reasons for the change aren’t clear. Has the fear of Covid created apathy? Have people simply got *used* to not being active and become even more *addicted* to social media and screened entertainment in the home? Are people so worried about fuel and food prices that they can’t afford their annual membership fees?

We may not learn the answers to these questions for some time, but they may be part of other worrying trends—the growth of on-line shopping slowly killing the local high street, an increasing number of zoomed meetings and *lessons*, GP *telephone* appointments, people preferring to work from home, ‘woke’ censorship, re-writing history, hate crime....

**If you haven’t got around to renewing your memberships this year, we’d be interested to know *why*. What would persuade you to renew?**



“Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.”

## Recruiting and Retaining

The local u3a branches have been looking at ways to attract new members, including taking a market stall occasionally, mounting a display in libraries, or encouraging guests to main meetings, but local outlets for publicity are few and far between and newspaper ads are far too expensive.

Experts have suggested that the recruitment process requires people to be **Motivated**, have a **Trigger** that makes them act and then a simple **Process** to actually *join*!



**Invitation to Broxbourne Members  
FANCY A FREE CUPPA ON US?**

You're invited to the Sun Public House,  
Hoddesdon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
between 10.00hrs & 12.00hrs for a cuppa  
and an informal chat. An opportunity for  
you to meet your committee and let us  
know if there is anything we can do  
to improve your u3a experience!  
Make new friends in a relaxed  
atmosphere!

Please register on the following link, or  
telephone Bill Brock on  
01992 461810.  
<https://forms.gle/fSAefak387iayuiw9>



**40**  
**FASCINATING FINDS...**  
*From the Lowewood Museum Collection, in celebration of 40 years of Lowewood Museum*

**NEW EXHIBITION**



*Come and discover some of the lesser known objects from the museum collection.*

*Can you identify or imagine their stories?*



**OPENS SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**Admission free. 10.00 am to 4.30 pm**  
 NB This exhibition is on the *first* floor, accessible by stairs only

Lowewood Museum, High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8BH  
 01992 445596 www. lowewoodmuseum.com  
 info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

heritage open days

As part of our '40 Fascinating Finds' exhibition celebrating 40 years of Lowewood Museum, you are invited to join us for...

**FASCINATING ARCHAEOLOGY TALKS**

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**11AM - 12PM AND 2PM - 3PM**

**JUST TURN UP! FREE!**  
 SUITABLE FOR ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN (AGE 8+)



**Join us for an interactive and informal talk with our archaeology volunteer Christopher. A chance to see and handle some fascinating finds that he's uncovered in our stores!**

**Admission free. but donations welcome**  
 Lowewood Museum, High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8BH  
 01992 445596 www. lowewoodmuseum.com

Lowewood  
**MUSEUM**

**Your Heritage, Your Museum**

**BOROUGH OF BROXBOURNE**



A busy summer for Lowewood Museum! The 40th birthday garden party in July was followed by a **Model Railway Day** and a **Family Fun Day** in August, both attracting a substantial number of visitors.

The new exhibition '**40 Fascinating Finds**', which opens on September 3rd, has been put together by some of the regular volunteers at Lowewood, who soon realised that they were spoiled for choice when it came to selecting just 40 fascinating objects.

A new bench in recognition of the museum's 40th birthday was recently set up outside the museum and some of the volunteers tested it on one of the many sunny days we've had this summer.

**The bench nicely complements the beautiful Victorian post box nearby.**





# Cinema Returns to the Spotlight

.....a *Different* Experience in the Dinant Room!

From **Tuesday, September 20th to Tuesday, 25th October**, there will be a broad-ranging programme of films on offer several days a week, **including a few Saturdays and Sundays!** This is a bold, imaginative move to maximise the use of the Dinant room and fill a gap at the Spotlight since the big screen was damaged. The Dinant will hold 56 people, cinema-style, so a much more intimate atmosphere—more like a film ‘club’ and there won’t be any painfully loud obligatory adverts, just the film you came to see!

Tickets will cost £7 / £7.50 and some films will have 3 showings— at 11.00 am, 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm, others only 2. For a family film on a Saturday, the times will be 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. Occasional Sunday films will be 7.00pm.

## Programme

<b>September 20th</b>	Operation Mince meat	<b>October 13th</b>	Military Wives
<b>September 21st</b>	House of Gucci	<b>October 14th</b>	Little Women
<b>September 22nd</b>	The Duke	<b>October 15th</b>	Peter Rabbit
<b>September 24th</b>	Clifford, the Big Red Dog	<b>October 16th</b>	Moulin Rouge
<b>September 26th</b>	King Richard	<b>October 17th</b>	Nightmare Alley
<b>September 27th</b>	Little Voice	<b>October 21st</b>	Cyrano
<b>September 28th</b>	The Railway Man	<b>October 25th</b>	Elvis
<b>October 1st</b>	Sonic, the Hedgehog		
<b>October 3rd</b>	Belfast		
<b>October 5th, 6th, 18th</b>	Downton Abbey 9 performances		
<b>October 7th</b>	West Side Story		
<b>October 8th</b>	Encanto		
<b>October 10th</b>	Death on the Nile		
<b>October 11th</b>	Emma		
<b>October 12th</b>	Dear Evan Hansen		

**The Spotlight, Hoddesdon**

**01992 441946**

[www.the-spotlightvenue.com/whatson](http://www.the-spotlightvenue.com/whatson)

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What do you mean ‘pass the remote control’? We’re at the cinema!



I’m his guardian!



I can’t wait to see the reviews in the newspaper to find out whether I like the film or not!



## Love Hoddesdon's Huge Achievement

Since 2017 the Love Hoddesdon Team, made up of local businessmen and supported by Broxbourne Council, has established a Business Improvement District (BID) in Hoddesdon town centre. The strategic objectives of the love Hoddesdon BID are: **Managing the town, Investing in the town and Promoting the town.**

Over five years, Hoddesdon has been transformed from a soulless place in terminal decline to a lively community of people who *care*, with an increased number of pavement cafés, and a programme of initiatives and activities that support the town and attract people from elsewhere. Rock Around the Clocktower was a huge success in August and the **Food and Drink Fest on September 17th** is all set to attract a crowd..



**Harlow Parndon Mill** A 'hub of creativity', the venue provides workspace for artists, craftspeople, designers and architects and offers tuition for individuals and small groups. Ceramics, Glass, Metalwork, Jewellery, Photography, Sculpture and even Guitar-making are among the wide-ranging activities. There is a gallery for exhibitions and the sale of artwork.

**St. John's Community Arts and Recreation Centre** is the home of Harlow Chorus and presents concerts, exhibitions and workshops.

**Gatehouse Arts**, provides studio space for local, established and emerging artists at Eastgate, in previously empty shop and office premises in the town centre. There is a gallery for exhibitions.

**The Gibberd Gallery** is a visual arts space in the centre of Harlow run by Harlow Art Trust and has an annual programme of exhibitions .

## What's Going On Elsewhere?

Oscar Wilde declared that “ *Comparisons are odious*”, but it is sometimes worthwhile looking at what other areas within easy reach have to offer particularly for ‘arts’ enthusiasts.

**Enfield The Dugdale Centre** is an arts and business centre in Enfield Town. It has a 139-seat studio theatre, is the home of the Museum of Enfield and local archives and offers a suite of conference rooms for hire. There is also, an Art Gallery and a café specialising in locally made Italian Gelato!

**Millfield Arts Centre** which also includes Millfield Theatre and Millfield House in Edmonton, is also owned, managed and funded by the London Borough of Enfield Council.

**Hertford Courtyard Arts** is a unique, artistic hub located in Hertford, comprising a gallery, three teaching studios, one artist studio, a shop with work from local artists and makers and a café, where 'doodling' activities are encouraged during the summer holidays.

Hertford also has **Hertford Art House, Manic Ceramics, The Mill House** and an assortment of specialist small-scale studios presenting workshops and exhibitions.

**Ware Artshed** offers creative arts and crafts for every age group, including art, pottery, sculpture and macramé. On-site café.

**CMG Arts Dance School** Performing Arts Centre, with, four studios, a recording studio and music practice room as well as a cosy and welcoming cafe at the centre of the creative hub

**Ware Arts Centre, Southern Maltings and Kibes Lane** Creative Arts and Crafts, Exhibitions, Theatre and Music Events, Films, Festivals, Coimmunity Markets.

*“The arts answer all the needs of our human psyche. Without them we are robots.”*