



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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HODDESDON PLAYERS
Amateur Dramatic Society presents
Registered Charity No. 1149656

Anybody for Murder?

November 10th-12th
by Brian Clemens & Dennis Spooner

BArts
Broxbourne Arts Forum
Bringing the Arts to Life

Quiz!

November 19th

7.00 for 7.30 pm
at The Barclay Hall, Hoddesdon Parish Church,
Pauls Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8TR

Tickets £10
Tables of 8 (or we can make up a table for you)
Please bring own drink and eats
01992 466627 / 465383

BArts
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Let's Do Lunch

Pianissimo!

The origins and versatility of the piano
with live music
November 23rd

Tickets £16,
including 2 course lunch
and a glass of wine.

12.00, Dinant Room, the Spotlight.

SPOTLIGHT BOOKINGS
01992 441946

Broxbourne

3rd Thursday
in the month at 10.00 am

Nov 10th
When Policemen
and Doctors Start
to Look Young
Speaker: Keith Baldwin

Dec 1st
Eighteen Years
in the Grotto—
Santa Speaks!
Speaker: Colin Oakes

Jan 19th
The Panama
Canal
Speaker: Richard Thomas

At the Spotlight
broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Broxbourne
u3a

Cheshunt

4th Thursday
in the month at 1.30 pm

Nov 24th.
54 Maritime
Heroes in
45 Minutes.
Speaker: Cathy Shelbourne

Dec 8th
Christmas Meeting

Jan 26th
On Becoming a Famous
Author—Writers, publishers
and bookshops.
Prepare to be shocked,
amazed and amused.
Speaker: Martin Lloyd

At the Laura Trott Centre
cheshuntu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt
u3a

Lea Valley

2nd Monday
in the month at 1.00 pm

November 14th
The Baby Boomers
Part 2
Speaker: Alan Haines

Jan 16th
Noel and Ivor
Two outstanding
composers and
performers of C20
British musical
theatre
Speaker: Geoff Bowden

At the Spotlight
lvu3a.org.uk

Lea Valley
u3a

Non-members of a u3a may attend any of the above meetings as a guest for a modest fee.



My Kind of Music



BArts' Sponsored
Piano Concerts

Free entry on the first
Wednesday in every
month



The *best* of all kinds
of music played for

you
by

Barbara Manning



Spotlight Cafe Bar

12.00 - 2.00 pm

A lovely way to spend a dreary winter's lunchtime! You may be surprised to learn that these concerts have been running for more than 12 years now and, before Covid, there could be as many as 70 people enjoying a light lunch and a selection of evergreen melodies, seasonal favourites, show and film music and popular classics.

We're not quite back to an audience of 70 yet, but it *is* advisable to **book** a table.

There is usually a choice of one substantial hot dish, a cold alternative, or sandwiches.

Dates 2022 2/11 7/12. **2023** 4/1/ 1/2, 1/3, 5/4, 3/5

Call 01992 441946 to book a table

Hoddesdon
Music Club



Piano à Deux, 'Paris to Porgy'

**Saturday 26th November 2022, 4:30pm,
United Reformed Church, Broxbourne**

Programme includes

Fauré: Dolly Suite,
George Onslow: Sonata No 2 in F Minor
Liszt/Bendel/Ang/Stoodley: Hungarian Rhapsody No 2
George Gershwin arr. Ang/Stoodley: Novelette, Love Walked In
and Scenes from Porgy & Bess.

Non-member visitor tickets Single £15, Family £35, Age 25 and under £3



Musical Theatre Workshops



Morning and Afternoon
Sessions

December 19th

Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts

The workshops will be
delivered by Alex Fobbester, an
actor-musician, from the origi-
nal West End cast
of Elf, the Musical,

Students will learn a song
and dance number from the
Elf musical!

mayhemgroup.co.uk
01992 465100



Please Note

**The 'Behind the Scenes' talk,
tour and tea scheduled for
November 11th with
Hoddesdon Players
production 'Anybody for
Murder' has been cancelled,
due to circumstances beyond
our control**

Romantic Spirit **H.S.O.**
HERTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Rachmaninov Symphony No 2
Weber Euryanthe Overture
Bruch Violin Concerto
Soloist: Magdalena Filipczak



Saturday
12th November
7:45pm
Drill Hall, Amwell End
Ware

**Tickets £17 adults,
£8 students and children**

**Saturday 12th November,
Ware Drill Hall, 7.45 pm**

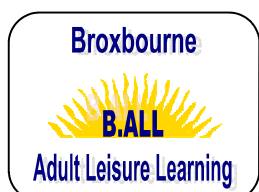
<https://www.wegotickets.com/HertfordSymphonyOrchestra>
NB Special introductory offer to BArts and U3A members
who book in advance



**Christmas Spectacular
Sun 11 Dec 2022**

3pm Haileybury, Hertford Heath,
Including festive orchestral music,
primary-school choirs and audience carols!

Hertford Symphony Orchestra



Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning
Formerly the WEA

(Workers' Educational Association)



The WEA was founded as a charity in 1903, to bring professional education to adults who lacked the means to stay on at school, or to go to university, but could attend evening classes after a working day and gain further qualifications.

These opportunities are still available today, but there are now also many adult 'students', often retired people, who attend courses for leisure and pleasure and enjoy meeting like-minded people.

Sadly, the bureaucracy and increasing amount of paperwork and box-ticking involved in running such classes, as in all forms of education, gradually became an arduous chore for volunteers, so the Broxbourne and Hoddesdon branch took the bold decision, a couple of years ago, to 'go it alone', and, after some discussion, devised their own name and logo, which inspired a few rude comments and much laughter! However, the independent courses have been so enjoyable and popular, with most classes attracting more than 30 students, that it is felt that the logo suggests 'having a ball!'

The course for this term, **Costume and Music in films**, is already half way through, but has been most enjoyable, with ample audio-visual illustrations in the well-equipped Broxbourne Parish Centre.

Next year's plans include :

Winter Term 2023 - Pot Pourri - Tutor Richard Thomas (a selection of local history and history of the waterways)

Summer Term 2023 - Ten London Houses. Tutor Adam Smith

The first week of a new course may be attended free without commitment.

Further details of the courses will appear in the December Broadsheet.

New Titles in the 'Let's Do Lunch' Series—

(Still going strong after more than 20 years and more than 150 different subjects)



Writers of the C20 who *dared* to be different!



"The past is a foreign country. They do things differently there"



The cult of celebrity, boosted by mass media, is a weapon of 'mass distraction',

**All tickets £16, including 2-course lunch and a glass of wine.
12.00 noon, Dinant Room at the Spotlight
01992 441946 thespotlightvenue.com**

Consultation on The Arts / Culture/ Heritage Strategy for the Borough of Broxbourne

BArts and our member groups will be among the organisations consulted within the next few weeks about an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy for Broxbourne. This follows the recent consultation about the Spotlight and suggests that there will be an attempt to improve Broxbourne's rating after an Arts Council *national* survey placed our borough in the bottom 20% for Arts provision and achievement.

We have several very successful sports centres, but nothing dedicated to the Arts and no Art Gallery, so there is clearly a need for some 'levelling up'.

Draft Hoddesdon Town Centre Strategy Consultation

This can be viewed on-line,
or in public libraries until
Dec 5th

[https:// haveyoursay.broxbourne.gov.uk/pl/hoddtc/](https://haveyoursay.broxbourne.gov.uk/pl/hoddtc/)

Key issues relate to:

- Accessibility, with more attractive approaches to the town and a possible new bus route.
- Improvements to Fawkon Walk with better paving, planters etc
- Promotion of Hoddesdon's History and Heritage, better signage and notice boards.
- Love Hoddesdon will play a significant part in supporting and helping to implement approved strategies.

Have you sampled the Dinant Cinema Facilities at the Spotlight?

With sound-proofing, fresh décor, comfortable new seating and screen and tickets at just £7.50, this imaginative venture is rather like a cinema *club*, but it may take time to establish a regular audience.

The programme is varied and there are several showing times on offer to suit most people, so it should be a real winner.

November Programme

- 5th** Thor: Love and Thunder.
7th Where the Crawdads Sing
18th Bullet Train
27th 1. The Muppet Christmas Carol
2. Nativity 3
3. Miracle on 34th Street
29th Downton Abbey—
A New Era

Random Ramblings

(otherwise known as odds and s**s)

...Returning once again to the thorny question of PUBLICITY

Local voluntary groups, who have used the Spotlight for years, are wondering how they are going to *afford* their usual entries in 'What's On', now that there are *charges* for every event advertised—around £90 for part of a page!

Apparently, the borough would also like to have some control over the style and quality of the publicity offered....which would make life very difficult indeed, as *we* tend to use composite pictures / quirky illustrations, rather than just a photograph.

The borough notice boards naturally have priority for their *own* posters, advertising in the local press is out of the question for us, most shops won't take posters, it's a bit hit and miss with libraries, so just *how* do we reach our audiences... Web sites? Social media? Both take hours to keep up to date. Posting flyers? Without e-mail, prohibitively expensive. Word of mouth? Probably the best of all, but the answer is, possibly, *all* of those, However, there is still much to be said for seeing the *same* poster a few times and reacting to the point of buying a ticket, or tucking a flyer into your pocket and reading it at leisure later on.

QUESTION HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT EVENTS THAT INTEREST YOU? We'd be really interested to *know*, as it could affect our future planning and budget.



One of our members e-mailed this poster from Sawbridgeworth, which was accompanied by lots of other useful information about events and community facilities in the area. A good idea, or would it go straight into the bin??!

Ed's Note I have just spent nearly 2 days trawling websites and social media, looking for up-to-date information. Very few sites are well-maintained, clear information isn't easy to find, or in date order. One site had hundreds of entries in completely random sequence, with the *latest* event surrounded by old material!

E-MAIL YOUR VIEWS / PUBLICITY PROBLEMS TO THE EDITOR, PLEASE

PS. The Town Crier offered his services during a recent lunchtime conversation!

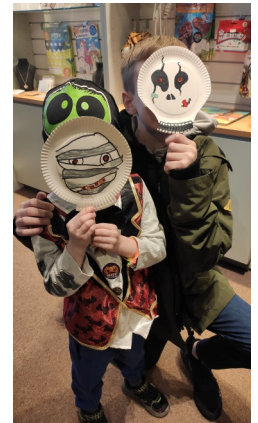


Lowewood
MUSEUM
Your Heritage, Your Museum

Spooky Half Term Success!

Broxbourne's Lowewood Museum was visited by nearly 200 children and their parents last Wednesday, to take part in the special Halloween craft activities, pumpkin hunt and story sessions—all of which were free. Most children arrived dressed in their Halloween outfits and the Lowewood staff presented themselves as witches and wizards! The shop and café did a roaring trade and on-the-spot donations by parents, most of whom had never been to the museum before, suggested that the whole day was a huge success.

**Lowewood Museum,
High St, Hoddesdon
EN11 8BH
01992 445596
Open Fridays and Saturdays
from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.
Admission free.**



Hoddesdon's Historic Market Charter

A special ceremony took place in Hoddesdon town centre last week to unveil a plaque commemorating the granting of a market charter and a three-day annual fair by Henry III in 1253.



A group of children from St. Catherine's School confidently performed a short piece about the market, dressed in appropriate costume, there was a small display of vintage cars and a street organ, to add to the atmosphere, and the official Town Crier, in his traditional robes, introduced the proceedings.



The event was attended by the Deputy Mayor, Sherrie McDaid, local Councillors, the Love Hoddesdon team and various invited guests, including local historians Sue and Peter Garside, with David Dent, Chair of Lowewood Museum Trust and two Trustees. BArts' Chairman and his wife, Malcolm and Alison Gordon were also in attendance.

At the end of the formalities, an excellent lunch was provided by Nonna's Kitchen.



**Alison and Malcolm Gordon
with the Deputy Mayor**



**Hoddesdon
BOROUGH OF
BROXBOURNE**



HODDESDON



Hoddesdon CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
TOWN CENTRE

- Food, Craft and Charity Stalls
- Festive Fun Fair Attractions
- Arena Entertainments from 11am
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- Giant Snow Globe
- Street Entertainers

Father Christmas Parade 5.15pm
Fireworks finale at 5.50pm





FREE



Pop-up, Open-Air Panto

SUNDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2022
FROM 11:00-16:00



Hoddesdon

BID

Business Improvement District

Warm Spaces
Offering A Warm Welcome



Drop into a Warm Space! From 7th November 2022 until the end of March 2023, the venues will be:

- St Joseph's Church, Waltham Cross, Mondays – 10.00am – 3.30pm
- St Augustine's, Hoddesdon, Tuesdays – 3.00 – 5.00pm
- Hoddesdon Baptist Church, Wednesdays – 10.00 – 3.30pm
- Rosedale Community Church, Cheshunt, Wednesdays - 10.00 – 3.30pm
- Christchurch, Waltham Cross, Wednesdays – 3.00 – 5.00pm
- St Cuthbert's, Rye Park, Thursdays - 10.00 – 3.30pm

Everyone, of any age, is welcome.

Around and About




**The Southern Maltings,
Ware SG12-7BS**
3-6pm . £10 in advance, £12 on the door

The Clark Tracey Trio



Sunday, November 27th

Events in Ware

November 6th



CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET
SUN 6 NOV 10AM - 4PM

November 26th



MAKE YOUR OWN
Christmas Wreath

SAT 26 NOV 3PM

December 2nd



Southern Maltings
COMEDY NIGHT
DICKENSIAN SPECIAL

FRI 2 DEC 8:00PM - 11:30PM

December 4th



CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET
SUN 4 DEC | 10AM - 3PM

December 10th



THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA
THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE
CINEMA EXPERIENCE

SAT 10 DEC 2PM - DOORS OPEN

December 11th



THE
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

SUN 11 DEC 6PM