



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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### Planning Our Next Printed Programme

Yes! The next edition, for May to September, is *already* being put together and it's an increasingly challenging task to select / create events that should have a wide appeal, but are also *affordable*, since the price of absolutely *everything* has increased and we are now offering *three* editions a year, instead of two, to tie in with the Borough's What's On publications.

Of course, the bulk of *our* programme is provided by our affiliated groups, but our 'brief' has always been to provide events that the Borough Leisure Services wouldn't *want* to offer and, ideally, we'd like to try to balance the 11 'pop' tribute bands due at the Spotlight with some *other* kind of music. We used to be able to present orchestral concerts, recitals and an opera during the summer months, but getting sponsorship is also more difficult than it used to be.

We are delighted to say, however, that our annual Shakespeare production is safe, as we have just confirmed **June 2nd** for a traditional performance of Shakespeare's '**Romeo and Juliet**' by The Lord Chamberlain's Men, with an all-male cast, as in Shakespeare's own day. We are aiming for an outdoor performance, which only the very *worst* weather would prevent, in which case the company will perform *inside*.

Demand for our popular '**Let's Do Lunch**' series continues and we have some new titles planned right through to 2024. (See p.2)

The **My Kind of Music** *free* piano concerts are also continuing, with some guaranteed, improved catering on offer, but you *will* need to *book* at least a week in advance if you want lunch.

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SUMMER

Programme

May to September 2023

Concerts, Dance, Drama, Literature, Lunches, Music, Suppers, Talks, Teas, Theatre, Workshops and More...

Look out for the new programme, to be published around the last week in April!

At the Spotlight, Friday, June 2nd

William Shakespeare's

ROMEO AND JULIET

ON SALE NOW!

Adults £18, Under 16s and Students £10  
Family Four £50

01992 441946

### Lea Valley Art Society

Introducing our new LOGO and inviting anyone interested in sketching & painting to come along to our small friendly club on Friday afternoons at Wormley Scout Hut, Cozens Lane West, Broxbourne EN10 6QL.

Contact:  
Secretary 07818 431062 /  
01992 465797  
Treasurer 01992 468833



## 20 Years and Around 150 Different Titles! Let's Do Lunch Is Still Going Strong

**Eating, Drinking, Laughter and Music**—this was the original recipe for BArts' popular lunches in the early 2000s. Initially, part of the Broxbourne Midsummer Festival, with early titles such as 'Say It With Flowers' and 'Say It With Music', they gradually evolved to include many different subjects within the Arts, plus Social History and topical subjects. One or two particularly popular titles have been repeated, but usually rejigged to make sure that they are still relevant.

Little brainstorming sessions usually produce a list of potential new titles, followed by some time hovering over a hot computer to create eye-catching posters. Researching, writing, polishing and selecting appropriate music usually takes at least 3-4 weeks for each title.

The BArts' team's experience in directing and performing in amateur theatre led us to try to dress in appropriate colours for our theme and match tablecloths and the odd bits of décor, rather like dressing a stage.

A glass of wine / juice is offered on arrival. We do all our own catering and are particularly lucky to have a very reliable person in charge of this. The two-course lunch is usually a fairly substantial cold buffet of assorted salads, with meat and cheese, served with fresh, crusty bread plus a choice of dessert. If we were to use the Spotlight kitchen for hot food, the cost would be prohibitive.

We are amazed and delighted that new customers *still* keep coming and return another time with a friend!

**If you haven't yet been to one of our lunches, —we'd be very pleased to see you!**



## LET'S DO LUNCH ! New Titles

**March 15th The Mists of Time**  
*The memory and nostalgia for bygone days.*

**May 19th Celebrity Cause**  
*The cult of celebrity. Every youngster wants to be famous.*

**June 14th Town and Country**  
*Hustle and bustle, or a peaceful life?*

**July 21st Movers and Shakers**  
*Let him that would move the world first move himself..*

**Sept 15th By Royal Appointment**  
*Royal patronage has played a crucial role in the arts, trade, sport and charities.*

**Nov 29th Feet of Clay**  
*Celebrities and heroes with fatal flaws*

**2024**

**Jan 19th Art and Audacity**  
*Art is anything you can get away with!*

**March 13th Health, Wealth, Happiness**  
*In the pink, or in the red?*

**12.00 noon to approx. 2.40pm**  
**Dinant Room the Spotlight**  
**Tickets £16, incl lunch**  
**and a glass of wine**

**01992 441946**



**Did you know that BArts was part of the Amazon charity scheme?**

Amazon is winding down its Smile programme with effect from 20th February. They will be giving us the final sum owed, together with a payment equivalent to 6 months of credits in 2022.

Sadly, BArts' Chairman thinks that only his wife and the Broadsheet editor ever remembered to take advantage of Smile, to boost our funds! Please tell us he was wrong!



# Around the Groups



Broxbourne  
Theatre Company

## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

3rd-5th  
and 7th  
MAY 2023

The Spotlight,  
Hoddesdon



The love story of Seymour and Audrey, with a man-eating alien plant thrown in for good measure!

**Weds, Thurs  
Friday 7.30.  
Sun 2.00 pm  
and 6.30 pm**



## Hoddesdon Music Club

Sat March 8th

Ellis Piano and  
Wind Ensemble

**7:30pm,**  
United Reformed  
Church, Broxbourne.



## Broxbourne u3a

**Thurs Mar 16th Fungi**  
Speaker: John McCombe



**Thurs Apr 20th**  
**Sir Joseph Paxton and the  
Great Exhibition**

Speaker: David Fowler  
**The Spotlight 10.00 am**

## Cheshunt u3a

**Thurs March 23rd**  
**"Gardens of Easton  
Lodge"** Speaker  
Gary Matthews

**The Laura Trott Centre 1.30 pm**



## Lea Valley u3a



**Mon March 13th**  
**"Moroccan Blues"**  
Speaker: Elizabeth Gowing .

**Monday April 17th**  
**"The Greening of London".**  
Speaker David Williams  
**The Spotlight 2.00 pm**



**HODDESDON PLAYERS**  
Amateur Dramatic Society presents  
Registered Charity No. 1144098

## Life x 3

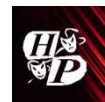
by  
Yasmina Reza  
translated by  
Christopher

the  
Spotlight  
Theatre,  
Hoddesdon

**27th - 28th April  
7.30pm,  
29th April 3.00pm**

Tickets @ [hoddesdonplayers.co.uk](http://hoddesdonplayers.co.uk)

## Hoddesdon Players



**April 27th-28th  
7.30 pm  
Matinee April 29th  
3.00 pm  
at The Spotlight**

Tickets@hodesdonplayers.co.uk

The Vallé Academy Dance Classes present

# RHYTHM - REMIXED 2023

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRE  
HODDESDON

Saturday 11th March at 4.00pm  
& Sunday 12th March at 2.00pm

Tickets: £15.00 Adult £ 12.00 Child

Tickets can be purchased online  
at [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valleacademy-tickets)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valleacademy-tickets>

The Vallé Academy of Performing Arts, Detamare Road, Cheshunt Herts EN8 9SQ  
Telephone: 01992 622862 [www.valleacademy.co.uk](http://www.valleacademy.co.uk)

March  
11th  
and  
12th  
at  
The  
Spotlight



# Around the Groups



Mayhem students will be performing at the Saracens Showdown event at Tottenham Hotspur stadium on **Saturday 25th March!**

Their performance teams regularly perform at school fairs, and local and professional events across Hertfordshire.

If you would like their students to perform at one of your events, please get in touch by emailing [millie@mayhemgroup.co.uk](mailto:millie@mayhemgroup.co.uk)

## Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts

Choice of Two West End Theatre Trips!



**Thursday March 9th**  
**7:30pm**  
**£62.50 pp**

*Includes return coach from Hoddesdon or Cheshunt*

**Pick-up:**  
**Hoddesdon 4:45pm /**  
**Cheshunt 5:00pm**

**01992 465100**

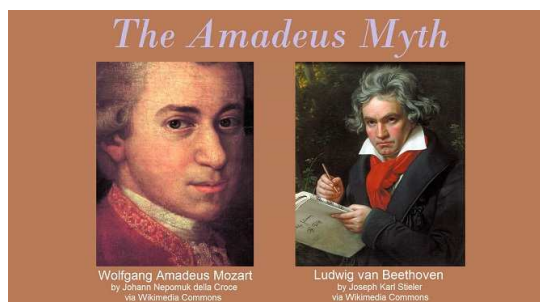


## The Arts Society East Herts

*Thursday Meetings at The Spotlight, 10.30 AM.*

**March 30th** **Pots and Frocks** - the World of Grayson Perry from Essex Potter to Superstar National Treasure

**April 27th** **The Amadeus Myth** Mozart's genius v. the hard working composer.



**Grayson Perry**

# Local u3a Interest Groups



Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley

## Shakespeare



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 11.00 am to 12.30 pm**

Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon.  
01992 465100



Currently reading the history plays, with DVD clips  
**Henry V, Henry VI, Richard III, Henry VIII**

**March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**

£2.50 per session, incl tea, coffee and biscuits  
Bus stop adjacent. Some free on-site parking 3 hours  
free in Sainsbury's car park 2 mins walk.

**Lee Rayner 07426 447812**  
leerayner\_arts@hotmail.com

## Lea Valley u3a



## Family History

Group meetings on the first Monday in the month  
**10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Hoddesdon Methodist Church

To participate in any of these activities, you need to be a member of the u3a, which costs under £20 per year. Each individual group charges its own modest fee to cover meeting room hire etc



Lea Valley U3A



## History Group



An informal, lively group meeting  
at 1.30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the  
month at Mayhem Theatre Arts,  
Brewery Road, Hoddesdon, to discuss  
a wide variety of history topics



Lea Valley u3a

## Listening To Music

Something for every taste!

Group meets at 1.30 pm on the **first Monday**  
in the month at Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Road  
Hoddesdon.

Some on-site parking for disabled, or three hours free  
parking in nearby Sainsbury's. Bus-stop adjacent

March 6th	Spring
April 3rd	A Tribute To Ukraine
April 24th	History and Music
June 5th	Orchestral Origins

# Food For Thought?

*“I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”*

*“Censorship is to art as lynching is to justice.”*

It is 90 years since the publication of Aldous Huxley’s book ‘**Brave New World**’ and 40 since George Orwell’s novel ‘**1984**’. Both books depicted a totalitarian system, where the state controlled every aspect of life and the citizens were brainwashed into becoming mindless ‘puppets’ by the distortion of language, the destruction of history and the repression of individual freedom. Wildly fanciful, or a serious warning of what *could* happen? ....

**1984 Quotes** *“Who controls the past’ ran the Party slogan, ‘controls the future: who controls the present controls the past”*

*“Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right.”*

**Newspeak** *Thoughtcrime, doublethink, ungood, oldspeak, minitruie*

**Brave New World Quotes** *“...most men and women will grow up to love their servitude and will never dream of revolution.”*

*“One believes things because one has been conditioned to believe them.”*

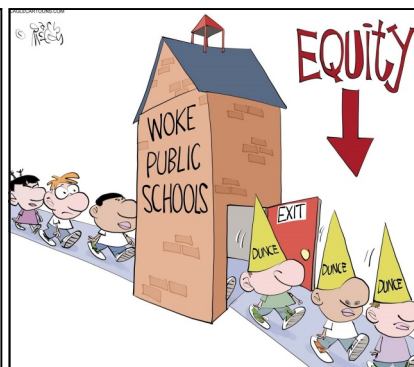


*“A love of nature keeps no factories busy”*

*“Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth.”*

**Dahl** *Augustus Gloop can't be 'fat', the (gender neutral) Oompa-Loompas aren't 'small' and even the BFG's gone PC: 'Woke' publishing censors REWRITE Roald Dahl's classic books for new editions that remove all language that snow flakes might find 'offensive'.*

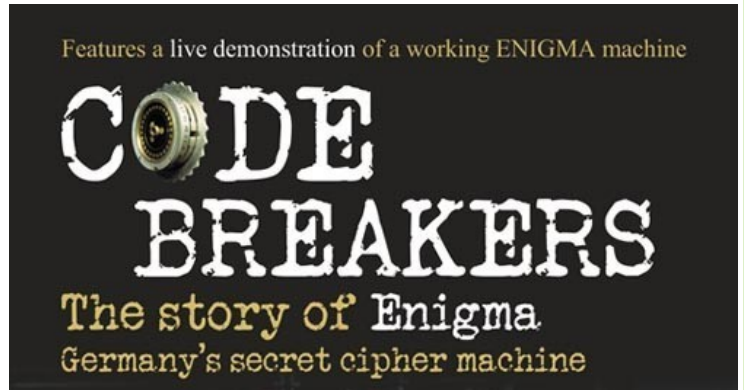
**Shakespeare 'Woke'** *English teachers have cancelled Shakespeare because of his 'white supremacy, misogyny, racism and classism' - and are instead using his plays to lecture in 'toxic masculinity and Marxism'.*



**March 7th, 7.30 pm**

One of the Second World War's most fascinating stories. The Allied Code-breakers, deciphered a vast number of German secret messages and used the intelligence gained to hasten Allied victory.

**Tickets £22 (£15 to u3a members)**



**Eggstravaganza  
Easter Treat!**

The Spotlight Theatre presents  
**Red Riding Hood**  
*A Traditional Family Pantomime*

**Written & Directed by Marc Day**  
Musical Direction and Original Music by Chris Burgess

Based on the classic fairy-tale and created for  
The Spotlight Theatre by Marc Day, the theatre manager.

*'If you go into the woods today, you're in for a big surprise!'*

**April 5th to 12th**  
**01992 441946**

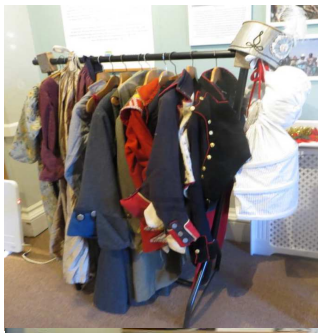
**Hertford Symphony Orchestra**

**Discounted Tickets for BArts  
and the U3A**

**Saturday, March 4th, 7.45 pm,  
Drill Hall, Amwell End, Ware**

Please note that this offer is only available for tickets purchased up until 12 noon on Friday 3rd March via the link below. The code is DHX2 and needs to be entered on this page

[WeGotTickets | Simple, honest ticketing | Hertford Symphony Orchestra](#)



## A Georgian Christmas Event at Lowewood Museum—

Festive food, Georgian costume and wigs for dressing up.

**STORIES @ THE MUSEUM**

Bring your little ones along for Storytime at the museum. What is your favourite story? Bring your own story books to share with others.

Last Saturday of every month from Feb 25th, 2.00-3.00 pm in the café

**Lowewood MUSEUM**

The Egyptian days at half-term attracted around 500 visitors



## Lowewood MUSEUM

Your Heritage, Your Museum

### Friends of Lowewood Talks

**Tues Mar 21st:** 'Hertfordshire's C18 Workhouses' Sheila White

**Tues April 18th** 'Bugging the Nazis at Trent Park' Helen Fry

**Tues May 16th** AGM Followed by 'The Phoenix' The foundation of Haileybury School' Toby Parker

No Meetings, June, July, August

United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Broxbourne, EN10 7BQ.  
Coffee, Tea from 7.30pm Meeting 8.00 pm..  
Members Free Guests £3

## Would you like to be part of our Springtime Woolly Project?

Lowewood Woolly Crafters invite you to get involved with decorating the museum to celebrate Spring.

We are looking for knitted or crocheted flowers (they can be any size, pattern or colour).

The flowers will then be combined to create decorations to be displayed at the museum.

Please drop your flowers into the museum by 21 March.

If you would like to Knit with others, join the Woolly Crafters on Tuesday 7 March 2-4pm and Tuesday 21 March 2-4pm.

Lowewood Museum  
High Street  
Hoodedon  
EN11 8BH  
T: 01992 445596  
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Your Heritage, Your Museum



Following a public vote, a set of four wooden swans which sat for 100 years on wooden gallows across Waltham Cross High Street have been named Hertfordshire's Museum Object of the Year 2023.



**Hoddesdon**

# Late Extra!

## Read All About It!



**Tony Cox**



**Claire Bayless**

Love Hoddesdon's BID Manager, Tony Cox, is standing down after five years of outstanding service to the community, particularly during the Covid crisis.

Finding someone to take on this demanding role hasn't been easy, but Claire Bayless, Community Officer with Morrisons, was about to have her role there reduced, thought this was perfect timing and agreed to take up the challenge.

Claire has lived in Hoddesdon for 20 years and is well-known for her community work. She recently won the public vote to have the new local bridge named after her, a permanent tribute to all her achievements. She will be working with Tony Cox for the next six weeks, before taking over from him.

**If you need to contact Claire you can do so on [lovehoddesdon@outlook.com](mailto:lovehoddesdon@outlook.com) or on 07446 655410.**

**The bridge runs from the Dinant Link Road across the New River to the industrial area.**

