



Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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Welcome New Members!

Howard Connor, Val Foster,
Jean Merle, Irene Rossin,
Diana Weston, Sandra Yates



Reminder About Subscription Renewal March 31st

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to BArts over the past year. Your subscriptions have helped us to keep the Arts alive in Broxbourne and your enthusiasm and support for events makes it all worthwhile.

The different categories of subscription are still very modestly priced, considering how much costs have increased, and work out at little more than 50 pence per week. For this, members receive three full-colour printed programmes a year, twelve BArts Broadsheets and occasional discounts on some events. Affiliated Groups also benefit from the circulation of publicity—around 2,500 programmes are printed and distributed three times a year.

Current Subscriptions

Family Patrons (4 in family) £60
Joint Patrons (2 in family) £45
Individual Patron £30
Friend of BArts £12
Group Member £18
U3A Groups £35
Arts Active Schools / Art Teachers £18
Sponsor *from* £100
Programme Sponsor £250

In these troubled times, we *need* the Arts more than ever!

£ Renew Now! £

How To Become A New Member or Renew for Another Year

Select the *type* of membership. Please provide a stamped, addressed envelope for return of membership card. You can pay in two ways, but bank transfer is preferred because of new bank charges:

1. By Bank Transfer to:

Broxbourne Arts Forum
Sort Code: 40-24-21
Account No: 21377337 Please quote: BArts Subs

2. By cheque in favour of **Broxbourne Arts Forum**; please send to:

Malcolm Gordon
4 Warners Avenue
Hoddesdon
Herts. EN11 8LR

Enquiries: 01992 466627
info@broxbournearts.org.uk

No fresh index card this year, but, so that we can keep in touch, please advise us, either by email or by post, if there is any change in your contact details, including postal address, email address, landline and mobile numbers.



Gift Aid!

BArts is a Registered Charity (No. 1188425) and can claim Gift Aid.

If you are a UK taxpayer we would be grateful if you would complete a Gift Aid Declaration; please request one. If you have *already* done so, you do not need to send another declaration.

Please Note
'My Kind Of Music'
is cancelled
for April 5th
 as it clashes with the
Easter pantomime.

Pianist, Barbara Manning, plays in the
 Spotlight café-bar, usually on
 the **first Wednesday** in the month,
 from **12. noon until 2.00 pm.**
Admission is free.

To pre-book tables and lunches
 call 01992 441946

There is usually a choice of two or three hot
 dishes / sandwiches, plus cakes, ice cream...

May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th,
Aug 2nd, Sept 6th

'My Kind Of Music'





Celebrity Cause!



May 19th

‘Celebrity Cause!
 presented by **BArts.**

The cult of celebrity, boosted by
 mass media, is a weapon of
 ‘mass distraction’, filling gaps in
 empty lives and inspiring young
 people to want to be
 famous above anything else....



Let's Do Lunch!
Now Booking!

Tickets £16
*including 2-course
 lunch & a drink.*

12noon,
Dinant Room,
Spotlight,
Hoddesdon,
01992 441946 or
www.thespotlightvenue.com

**Pre-booking
 essential .**

Town and Country



June 14th

‘Town and Country!
 presented by **BArts.**

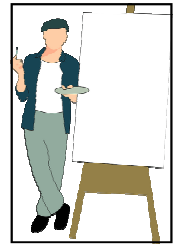
The majority of us live in
 towns or cities, but many
 dream of escaping to the
 country and leading
 the ‘good life’.



Around the Groups



Q. Where can artists exhibit in the Borough of Broxbourne?
A. After 20 successful years of exhibiting in the Spotlight bar, there isn't *anywhere* in the borough now, except the occasional offer of an empty shop window!



Lea Valley Art Society



Each year LVAS set members a painting challenge in the Spring. This year the Challenge was to paint A Front Cover Book Illustration- which was won by Angela Gonslaves. Her painting was in watercolour depicting Alice in Wonderland.



Prizewinning Book Cover Design for Alice in Wonderland



Lights in Amsterdam
by Chris Horder



Hand Holding
A Flower by Pat Brown

**Lea Valley Art Soc. meets on
Fridays 2.00 pm—4.00 pm.
Call 07818 431062 for details.**

**Hoddesdon Camera Club meets
alternate Mondays at 8.00 pm.
E-mail hodcamclub@aol.com**

Hoddesdon Camera Club

Delicate Flower
by Chris Holt

Crab Apple Bud
by Peter Langton



Orchids
by Tania Johnston



Hoddesdon Floral Art Club



The Love of Flowers
Demonstration by
Shoni Rogers



April 12th, 2.00-4.00 pm

Jackson Hall, Burford St, Hoddesdon.
01992 442907

vivanne@hotmail.co.uk



Hoddesdon Music Club

Matthew Burton,
Guitar



Saturday
22nd April 2023
7:30pm

at United Reformed Church, Broxbourne
hoddesdon music@aol.com 01992 464000

HODDESDON PLAYERS
Amateur Dramatic Society presents
Registered Charity No. 1144079

Life x 3

by
Yasmina Reza
translated by
Christopher

the
Spotlight
Theatre,
Hoddesdon

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

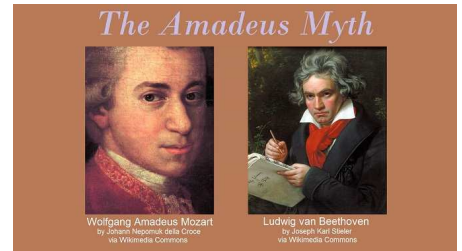
Tickets @ hoddesdonplayers.co.uk

Hoddesdon Players



April 27th-28th
7.30 pm

Matinee April 29th
3.00 pm
at The Spotlight



The Arts Society East Herts

The Amadeus Myth, April 27th

Thursday Meetings at The Spotlight, 10.30 AM.

Broxbourne



Course Fee £55

Half Term
June 1st

Looking at the history of London and its
architecture through ten urban houses and
their occupants, from the suburban to the
aristocratic.

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Broxbourne Parish Centre,
St. Augustine's Church.
01992 306598
E-Mail linda.williamsecc@gmail.com

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 meas-
ure!

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

The Spotlight
01992 441946

Hoddesdon Floral Art Club

Members' Bring and Buy

May 10th 2.00-4.00 pm

Jackson Hall, Burford St, Hoddesdon.
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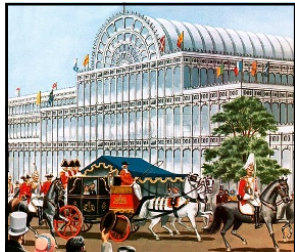
Around the Groups



The u3a Page—Three Local Branches

Broxbourne

Thurs Apr 20th
Sir Joseph Paxton and the Great Exhibition
Speaker: David Fowler
The Spotlight 10.00 am



Thurs, May 18th
AGM followed by 'Charity Shops'
Speaker: Tony Earle
The Spotlight 10.00 am

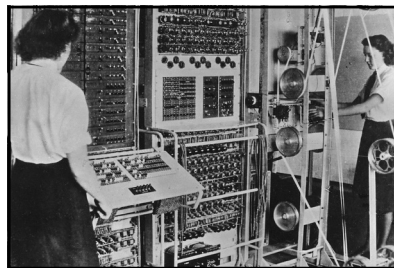


Thurs, June 15th
Pictures From the Pally
A story of early TV
Speaker: Stephen Barnard
The Spotlight 10.00 am



Cheshunt

Thurs April 27th
AGM 2.15 pm followed by
World War II: The History of Bletchley Park.
Speaker: Mike Barbakoff



Laura Trott Centre from 1.30 pm

Thurs May 25th
Where Do Novelists Get Their Ideas From?
Speaker: Roberta Darbyshire



Laura Trott Centre from



Lea Valley

Mon April 17th
The Greening of London.
Speaker David Williams



The Spotlight 2.00 pm

Mon May 15th
The Wildlife of India
Speakers: Graham and Mary Brace



The Spotlight 2.00 pm

Mon June 12th
Women's London
Speaker: Rachel Kolsky



The Spotlight 2.00 pm

A huge range of activities and events for those no longer in full-time work



MAYHEM
STUDIO HIRE

Looking For An Affordable Venue?

Whether you're looking for a rehearsal facility, a studio for an aerobics class, or a fully equipped meeting room for your organisation, Mayhem has a range of studio spaces to suit your needs – All available to hire 7 days a week!

Mayhem is situated in Brewery Road, Hoddesdon Town Centre, close to the Sainsbury's superstore, and has private parking for up to 30 cars. Buses stop outside



The Rayner Room

The Rayner Room: Ground floor room Size: 9m x 4m
Laminate floor; Portable Sound Equipment; Heating and Air Conditioning. There is a white board that doubles as a screen for projecting images, DVDs etc

The Taylor Studio: 1st Floor Studio Size: 10m x 10m
Harlequin Dance Floor, Mirrors, Ballet Barre, Sound System, Heating & Air Conditioning.



The Taylor Studio

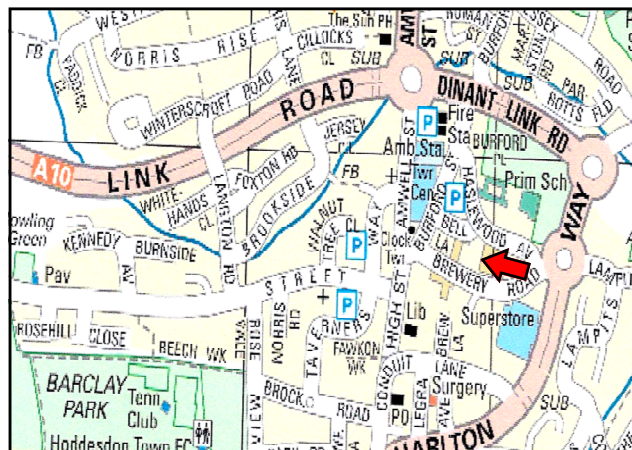
The Ross Studio: Detached Building Size 12m x 5m
Multi Purpose Dance Floor. Sound System, Heating, Mirrors, Ballet Barre.

Tailor-made packages for all your needs.

Tea / Coffee making facilities available on request.



The Ross Studio



**To find out more Call 01992 465100
e -mail : hello@mayhemgroup.co.uk**

**Established
in 2007**



MAYHEM
THEATRE & CREATIVE ARTS





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New Developments and Events at Mayhem

Sparks Film School is the UK's leading film school for children and young people. Mayhem is excited to announce that they will be collaborating with Sparks as their East Herts and Borough of Broxbourne base, running Sparks courses during term time and school holidays, with our first course this summer!



Students joining Sparks Film School follow a unique programme of learning, through which they develop a wide range of skills and knowledge in filmmaking, animation, and photography.



Mayhem will be partnering with **Bijou Talent**, a top children's agency that will exclusively represent Mayhem students. This is a huge opportunity for their students, with the first audition day on Sunday 17th September!

Holiday Workshops



MINI ROCKERS
DANCE CAMP!
Tues 4th April
10:00am-12:00pm
3 - 7 years
£16.50

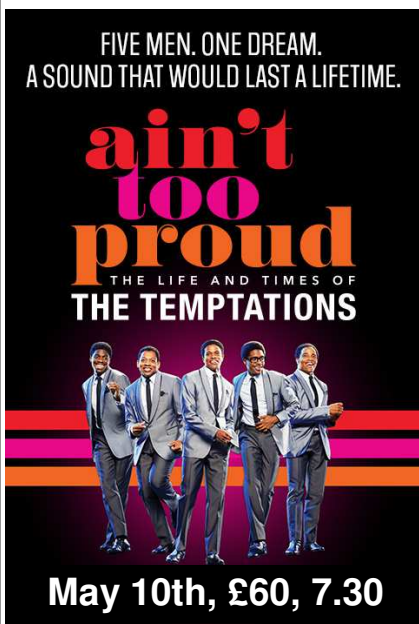


HAIRSPRAY
THEMED MUSICAL DAY!
DANCE*SING*ACT
THURS 6TH APRIL
09:00AM-15:00PM
6 - 12 YEARS
£34.00



GREASE
THEMED MUSICAL DAY!
THURSDAY 1ST JUNE
09:00AM-15:00PM
6 - 12 YEARS
£34.00

A great way to keep the children happily occupied during the Easter and Whitsun holidays.



FIVE MEN. ONE DREAM.
A SOUND THAT WOULD LAST A LIFETIME.
ain't too proud
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
THE TEMPTATIONS
May 10th, £60, 7.30

Two Mayhem Theatre Trips

A jukebox musical based on the story of the Temptations and the six wives of Henry VIII take to the mic to tell their tales!

Prices include return coach travel from Hoddesdon / Cheshunt

BOOK NOW!
01992 465 100



SIX
PREPARE TO LOSE UR HEAD
June 22nd, £65 stalls, 8.30

What A Difference!

The Petter Gallery has been refreshed with paler coloured case fronts to lighten and brighten the space. The cases are still arranged around themes, but these have been adapted and widened and now cover:

The Borough, Leisure, Childhood and Learning, Getting Around, Pubs and Inns (panel only), Shops and Shopping (panel only), Homes and War. More 20th century objects have been added

The Ward Gallery has been transformed into a new mini exhibition space, showcasing the amazing photograph collections. They are presented by areas of the Borough, as part of our **Curated By** series of exhibitions, which is part of the **Your Heritage, Your Museum** project.



Lowewood Museum's Curator, Helen Giles, L and Naomi Delamore R, the Community Engagement Officer

The first exhibition, which opened on Saturday 4th March, covers the village of Wormley. All of the photographs have been chosen and curated by local residents, who have provided information and memories. The next exhibition will be about Turnford and is likely to open in early 2024.

The first exhibition, which opened on Saturday 4th March,



Helen Giles and regular volunteer, Paul Martin.



The part played by enthusiastic and skilled volunteers at the museum has been crucial in the process of re-opening and refreshing the venue and displays. **Lynn Phillips** seen L with Naomi Delamore, recently received a Heritage Hero Award for her outstanding contribution.

The problem of dry rot at Lowewood continues, unfortunately, and has affected the opening and siting of several planned exhibitions. A permanent solution is being investigated.

Friends of Lowewood Talks

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

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

No Meetings, June, July, August

**United Reformed Church Hall,
Mill Lane, Broxbourne, EN10 7BQ.**

Coffee, Tea from 7.30pm Meeting 8.00

Exhibition Plans

June – September 2023: Windrush an exhibition which is part of the Your Heritage Your Museum lottery funded project.

October 2023 – April 2024: Borough Beats an exhibition of rock n roll in the Borough of Broxbourne from 1950s to 1980s.

April - October 2024: Toys Of Our Time a celebration of toys of the past. This will be a community-led exhibition where Lowewood will be appealing for toys and memories to fill the exhibition space.

Lowewood MUSEUM

Your Heritage, Your Museum

More Events at Lowewood

....with new café facilities to enhance your visit!



Lowewood MUSEUM



FREE
JUST POP-IN

Lowewood Woolly Crafters

Upcoming dates 2023:

- Tuesday 4th April 2-4pm
- Tuesday 18th April 2-4pm
- Tuesday 2nd May 2-4pm
- Tuesday 16th May 2-4pm
- Tuesday 30th May 2-4pm



An informal group of knitters who meet to create projects in the Lowewood café.

FAMILY EARTH DAYS

Easter Holiday

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL
10.30am-4pm

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL
10.30am-3pm

Quiet hour 3-4pm
(*by reservation only)

Come and celebrate
International Earth day!

- Junk jungle art activity
- Music workshops with Avril
- Creature trail in the garden
- Activities with local environmental groups



Admission free but donations welcome.
Activities are on the ground floor and the first floor. The first floor is accessed by stairs only.
*for quiet hour reservations please email info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

Your Heritage, Your Museum!

CURATED BY WORMLEY

A photographic exhibition about Wormley, curated by the local community.
Photographs from Lowewood Museum, many never seen before.



A new series of local area displays.

*Our first floor is only accessible by two flights of stairs.
An album of photographs is also available on the ground floor.

Lowewood MUSEUM



The WINDRUSH

We are celebrating Windrush 75 this year and are collecting stories of the Windrush generation and their families in Broxbourne.

If you have any objects, photographs, documents or stories you would like to share with our community curators, contact us on

info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk



St. George's Festival and Parade

Saturday 1st April
Hoddesdon Town, 10am – 5pm

Arena entertainment programme from 10.30am
Food and Community stalls
Children's Funfair
Street Entertainers
Children's themed parade (from Golden Lion PH) at 1pm

www.lovehoddesdon.co.uk
@lovehoddesdon
SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

St. George's Festival and Parade



Hoddesdon

This year the St. George's Festival and Parade is being held in early April in order to provide a reasonable amount of time before our King's Coronation event in May. It will comprise an arena programme of entertainment on the War Memorial island, an array of family orientated fairground rides/stalls in the Clock Tower area, and food and community stalls between Fawkon Walk to Lord Street. There will also be a parade involving costumed characters, as well as local schools/uniformed groups between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. This will start at the southern end of the High Street (near the Golden Lion PH) and end at the War Memorial.

the Spotlight What's On At The Spotlight?

Spotlight PRESENTS

Written & Directed by Marc Day
RED RIDING HOOD
A TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME
Musical Direction & Original Music by Chris Burgess
5-12 April

Spotlight

WINNER
BEST KIDS & FAMILY MOVIE 2022
April 13th – 14th
Matilda
Musical

Family entertainment in April
01992 441946

Warning! The following opinion may distress some readers!

English Language and Literature Under Threat?!

Our language is one of the richest and most widely spoken in the world, but, increasingly, it is coming under attack by groups of ignorant, immature, hypersensitive people, who seem to be going through every long-established 'classic' or popular novel with a magnifying glass in search of potentially *offensive* words.

From Thomas the Tank, Enid Blyton and Roald Dahl to Agatha Christie, Ian Fleming Dickens and Shakespeare, the revisionists are at work finding problematic themes and words that have, so far, stood the test of time, deleting words such as *fat*, *mad*, *crazy*, *backwards* and *darkly* because they could upset people with weight, mental health or colour and race issues. Even nursery rhymes aren't safe...now we have. *Baa Baa sheep sheep* and *The farmer wants a person!*

It is also suggested that people can't cope with anything that isn't relevant to 'today', so directors update and distort themes, settings, costumes and props in 'classic' drama to make it more acceptable. St. Joan with a mobile phone for her 'voices', or Othello in a flak jacket is a bit hard to take and makes nonsense of so much of the action!

Updating Dickens' impressive narrative and memorable characters to give them modern social problems and a vocabulary of expletives really doesn't add anything to the original. If that's the only kind of literature the meddlers think appropriate for today, let them write their *own!*

