

Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene



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So... let's forget about summer! Autumn is on the horizon, it's blackberry and apple pie time, the children go back to school and there are all sorts of 'special' days marked out for September...most of them *I've* never heard of.

**Sept 8th** International Literacy Day, **Sept 10th** World Suicide Prevention Day  
**Sept 13th** Roald Dahl Day **Sept 21st** International Day of Peace and World Alzheimer's Day  
**Sept 22nd** World Car-free Day and the first *official* day of Autumn  
**Sept 26th** European Day of Languages. **Sept 29th** World Heart Day

Did you know that although September is the ninth month of the year, its name, from Latin, actually means **seven**?! The Romans originally had only ten months in total and October, November and December mean eight, nine, ten! When they decided to honour their leaders Julius and Augustus Caesar and create the months of July and August, no-one subsequently bothered to *change* the names that were then ridiculously wrong!



September is usually the start of the new season for local arts' groups and both BArts and the Spotlight have new printed programmes to cover the period through to January. If you're a *member*, you will have already received your copy, but copies will be available in the Spotlight and local libraries etc,

With autumn and winter in prospect, maybe now is the time to think about some *new* activities? BArts' groups certainly have plenty on offer, many of which are highlighted in this Broadsheet. The three affiliated branches of the u3a in particular—Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley—have a huge range of interest groups and affordable opportunities for leisure and pleasure.

On dipping into the Spotlight's What's On, I've just noticed that what we have been calling the café /bar at the venue (previously 'bar/ lounge' before refurbishment) is now being referred to as the '**Green Room Bar**, which does give it a bit more of a theatrical flavour, in *name*, if not in ambience, but there has been no official announcement. Another recent addition at the Spotlight, in the absence of *full* catering, are authentic, stone-baked, Italian pizzas on offer before / during a performance.



**Don't Forget the Free Piano Concert  
in the 'Green Room Bar' next  
Wednesday, September 6th  
from 12.00 to 2.00 pm**



Lowewood  
**MUSEUM**

Your Heritage, Your Museum

High Street, Hoddesdon,  
EN11 8BH.  
01992 445596



# Museum Matters

**Borough Beats!**  
**November 4th 2023**  
**-June 1st 2024**

**An exciting new exhibition,  
celebrating all things rock 'n roll,**

...exploring the early days with skiffle music and the local boys' clubs, where many borough musicians and groups started their careers. We'll be focussing on some of the musicians and groups that hailed from the local area, including Cliff Richard, The Hunters, Buster Meikle and the Daybreakers, The Roulettes, Unit 4 +2, The Stalagmites, Jerry Hudson and The Eltones and many others.



Photo: The Roulettes, performing in December 1963.

L-R: Bob Henrit, Russell Ballard, John 'Mod' Rogan and Peter Thorp. Image: Alamy

The museum would love to hear from people with memories of local music-making, listening to records at local shops etc



Hoddesdon

Lowewood  
**MUSEUM**  
Your Heritage, Your Museum

the  
**Spotlight**

Hoddesdon Library



Hertfordshire



**FRIENDS  
OF BARCLAY PARK**



Hoddesdon Parish  
Church

**u3a**  
learn, laugh, live

**A Great Opportunity for Hoddesdon  
and the Local Community!**



**Barbecue, Craft Fayre, School Fête, Open Garden, Exhibition, Flower Show,  
Sporting Event, Music, Dance, Drama.....?**

*If you are organising an event in the Hoddesdon area for next June.....  
it could be part of the Festival!*

The Festival is in the early stages of planning at the moment, but an enthusiastic, experienced team of organisers has already met to discuss possibilities and agreed that a mixture of *special* events and some of the regular, annual events presented by local organisations could make a substantial, attractive programme with community appeal and some long-term benefits.

**Please contact Love Hoddesdon or BArts with enquiries / suggestions**

# The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

## Broxbourne

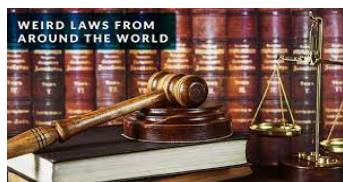
**Thurs, Sept 21st**



**'50's Music'**  
Speaker: Geoff Bowden

**Spotlight 10.00 am**

**Thurs, Oct 19th**  
**'The Weird and Wonderful World of Law'**

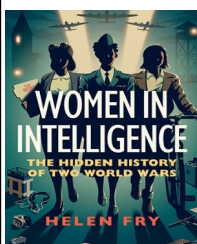


**Speaker: David Allen.**  
**Spotlight 10.00 am**

[broxbourneu3a.org.uk](http://broxbourneu3a.org.uk)

## Cheshunt

**Thurs, Sept 28th**



**'Women in Intelligence  
WW1 & WW2'**

Speaker:  
Dr. Helen Fry.

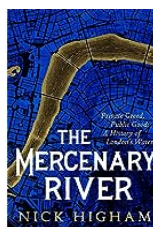
**Laura Trott Centre,**  
**from 1.00 pm**

**Thurs, Oct 26th**  
**'The Mercenary River'**

*a History of  
London's Water*

Speaker:  
Nick Higham.

**Laura Trott Centre**  
**from 1.00 pm**

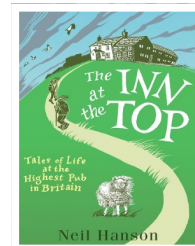


[cheshuntu3a.org.uk](http://cheshuntu3a.org.uk)

## Lea Valley

**Mon, Sept 11th**

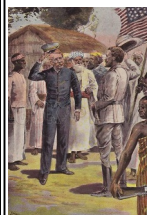
**'Inn and Out  
at the Top'**  
*The highs and  
lows of running  
Britain's highest  
inn.*



Speaker: Neil Hanson.  
**Spotlight, 2.00 pm**

**Mon Oct 9th**  
**Doctor Livingstone,  
I Presume'**  
*The story behind the meeting  
between Livingstone & Stanley*

Speaker : Fran Sandham  
**Spotlight, 2.00 pm**



[lvu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:lvu3a@live.co.uk)

**“Anyone who keeps learning, stays young!”**

Broxbourne  
**B.ALL**  
Adult Leisure Learning



**Politics Cannot Be Kept Out of Music!**  
**Sept 21st to Nov 30th**

Tutor John Winter. Course Fee £50

**Half Term Oct 26th**  
**10.30 am to 12.30pm**

*Both Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro' and Beethoven's 'Fidelio' struggled to satisfy the censor; 'Music while you work' was written to Government instructions and the BBC temporarily banned Vera Lynn... Why? Because of politics!.*

*A wide range of music from the C16 to the present day, with recorded extracts and an opportunity for questions and discussion.*

Broxbourne Parish Centre, St. Augustine's Church.  
01992 306598  
E-Mail [linda.williamsecc@gmail.com](mailto:linda.williamsecc@gmail.com)

The Arts Society East Herts

**September 28th.**  
**10.30 am**  
**at the Spotlight**

**Albrecht Durer**  
**Life, Ego and Afterlife**



Albrecht Dürer crafted a lasting legacy for his art through his prints, paintings, and copious writing. This lecture will trace Albrecht Durer's origins in his goldsmith father's workshop in Nuremberg, his ambitious travels in Italy and subsequent patronage by the Habsburgs.

[info@theartsocietyeastherts.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietyeastherts.org.uk)



# More Food For Thought!

*Keep the “ little grey cells” active and enjoy the company of like-minded people.....*



**with the u3a**

**Friday Mornings at Mayhem  
11.00 am to 12.30 pm**  
Informal reading, discussion,  
DVD clips

**£2.50 per session**  
with tea, coffee and biscuits

Currently looking at the History plays

*Come for a taster session without obligation*

**01992 467420**



## Let's Do Lunch!

**with BArts**  
Informative and entertaining,  
with musical illustrations

**12.00 noon, Dinant Room  
at the Spotlight**

**£16 inc. light lunch and a drink**

**Sept 15th By Royal Appointment**  
*The impact of patronage on the arts,  
trade and international affairs*

**Nov 29th Feet of Clay**  
*We create idols of talented people, but  
they are flawed humans just like the rest  
of us.!*

## Family History

**with the u3a**

### Who Do You Think You Are?

**First Monday in the month  
10.00 am to 12.00 pm**  
Hoddesdon Methodist Church

*Practical help with creating your family  
tree, using on the spot internet  
resources and members' experience*

**lvu3a@live.co.uk**



## Watercolour Classes

**with BArts**



**Tuesday mornings at Bollescroft**  
(next to the Spotlight car park)  
*Tutor Alison Showell*

**Autumn Term Sept 19th  
to November 28th**

**01992 466627**

# Listening To Music

with the u3a

Meetings on the  
*First Monday* in  
the month at  
Mayhem  
Theatre Arts



1.15 pm

£2.50 per session  
includes tea /  
coffee  
and biscuits

Varied programmes of orchestral,  
instrumental and vocal music  
introduced by a group member

**September 4th** National Music

Call 01992 467420 for full details

# Add a little Music and Drama to your life!



**Hoddesdon Music Club**

**Saturday September 23rd**

7:30pm, United Reformed Church,  
Broxbourne

**Piano recital  
by Yoon Seok Shin**



Pianist Yoon Seok Shin made his U.K. debut at St. John's Smiths Square in 2008, and performs some 50 recitals a year in Europe and Asia. He is also in much demand as an accompanist.

**Programme to include:** Schubert: Allegretto in C minor, D.915, Chopin: Nocturnes

**September 9th**  
**Song and Chance**  
*Valle Academy Cabaret and Quiz Night*  
**7.30pm at The Vallé Studio Theatre**  
(bring your own snacks (no nuts) and drinks).  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/)

21st - 23rd September 2023  
*Harlow Playhouse*  
**EHOS**  
**The Addams Family**  
A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY  
Playhouse.Boxoffice@Harlow.Gov.Uk  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**Box  
Office**  
01279-  
431945

**Sept 30th**  
**Three Valleys  
Male Voice Choir**  
St. Mary the Virgin Church,  
Churchgate, Cheshunt,  
**7.30pm. Tickets £10**  
from Nigel de Rivaz 01992 443514  
or at the door  
[www.3valleymvc.org.uk](http://www.3valleymvc.org.uk)

HODDESDON PLAYERS  
Amateur Dramatic Society presents  
A BUNCH OF AMATEURS  
by  
IAN HISLOP &  
NICK NEWMAN  
16th - 17th Nov. 7.30pm, 18th Nov. 3.00pm 2023  
the Spotlight Theatre, Hoddesdon  
tickets@hoddesdonplayers.org.uk



**Next  
Production**

**Nov  
16th-18th**

**Spotlight  
Theatre**

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