



BArts' Broadsheet



No.41. December 2023

A month of events with a festive flavour




My Kind of Music FESTIVE LUNCH

With 2 hours of music featuring
Barbara Manning at the Piano

MENU

Turkey breast, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce and gravy. **£18**

OR

Lasagne / Pizza Margarita / Pizza Chorizo
Jacket Potato with usual fillings **£12**

DESSERT

Chocolate Fudge Yule Log with Clotted Cream **£4**

December 6th

12.00 to 2.00 pm

at The Spotlight 01992 441946

Please book lunch by November 30th



The Magical Family Pantomime
CINDERELLA
12 December - 30 December 2023

Pantomime at The Spotlight



Jack and the Beanstalk
10th-14th Jan 2024
The Spotlight, Hoddesdon



JONGLEURS Comedy
SPOTLIGHT THEATRE HODDESODON
8TH DEC 2023
ON THE ROAD

Jongleurs' Christmas Special

Sat Dec 16th, Sun Dec 17th



Santa's Grotto at The Spotlight

December 13th 'Countdown to Christmas',
demonstration by Fiona Harrison
2 - 4pm, Jackson Hall, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.

01992 442907.

Hoddesdon Floral Art Club



Cheshunt **u3a**
learn, laugh, live



December 14th Christmas Entertainment
with Mike Maranda (Variety Collective)

Monthly meeting of **Cheshunt u3a** from 1.30pm at **Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Cheshunt.** Guest speaker at approx 2.30pm.

Secretary **Christine Luff** 01992 621543. email: cheshuntu3asecretary@virginmedia.com

There are no December meetings at the Spotlight for Broxbourne and Lea Valley u3a because of the pantomime

The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

Broxbourne

Thurs, Jan 18th 2024
How Old Movies Saved My Life -



Speaker: Mel Byron
Spotlight 10.00 am

Thurs, Feb 15th
**How To Survive and Thrive
In An Impossible World**



Speaker : Steven Carter
Spotlight 10.00 am

broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt

Thurs, Jan 25th 2024
'The First Enigma Code-breakers'



Speaker: Mike Barbakoff.
Laura Trott Centre
from 1.30 pm

Thurs, Feb 22nd
**RAF Special
Duties Service and
Special Operations**
Speaker:
Andy Strange.



Laura Trott Centre
from 1.30 pm

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Lea Valley

Mon, Jan 15th 2024



**Chicksands Priory—the most
haunted house in England?**
Speaker : Damien O'Donnell
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

This is a 'Bring A Friend' event for
members and guests / potential
members are welcome

Mon, Feb 12th



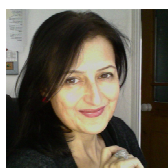
Speaker : Richard Thomas
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

lvu3a@live.co.uk

January 25th 2024

British Art from Egg to Bacon
(Leopold Augustus Egg)

This talk, by Lydia Baumann surveys a hundred years of Art in Britain, from the Victorian Leopold Augustus Egg to Francis Bacon, and examines ways in which Britain's isolated position resulted in an art which, while occasionally showing European influences, for the most part remained steadfastly and uniquely British.



About Us

We organise lectures,
special interest days and
outings, support arts
projects in East Herts and
document local church
artefacts.

**Meetings at
The Spotlight at
10.30am**

Coffee from 9.45 am.
Lectures start at 10.30am
and last about one hour.
Non-members welcome
(£8 contribution please).

info@theartssocietyeastherts.org.uk

February 29th 2024

Rome's Forum



Stuart Harvey has lived in Rome since 2003 and is a "History and Art Communicator" of 30 years experience.

working in educational tourism since 1992 and leading study tours all over Europe.

Now a full-time Rome tourist guide Stuart has developed a great love for the Eternal City and its many treasures and his entertaining and lively lectures and virtual tours bring the rich artistic and historical wealth of Rome's 28 centuries to life for people all over the world.



The story of Ursula & Ralph Vaughan Williams, told through his songs,
Ursula's poetry, various letters and a biography

*Featuring Lotte Betts-Dean (Mezzo-Soprano) Kieran Rayner (Baritone)
and actors Madeleine Walker and John D. Collins
with Nigel Foster at the piano*



Saturday, December 2nd 4.30 pm
United Reformed Church, Broxbourne
Hoddesdon Music Club



Telephone 01992 464000 hoddesdonmusic@aol.com



The Lynmore Singers

Saturday, January 20th
3.00 pm

The Lynmore Singers
with director **Tina Shepherd**
& **Julian Clef (piano)**

a mixture of sacred, classical
and popular music including jazz
and musicals.

Visitors welcome.

**Tickets £15, Family £35, Young person (25 or under) £3 from 01992 464000,
on the door with cash or cheques only or via www.hoddesdonmusic.org.uk.**

**The Next Step in the Arts, Culture
and Heritage Strategy**



**BOROUGH OF
BROXBOURNE**

A new post as a *temporary*, part-time Arts Development Officer for the Borough of Broxbourne is being advertised at a salary of £15,000 pa for 22 hours over a three day week. **Closing date for applications is December 10th.**

This is a tentative step in the right direction, but, sadly, isn't likely to be adequate to cover all the aspects of Arts, Culture and Heritage that have had a low priority for many years. Unlike so many other posts in local authorities, which require mainly competent clerical and management skills, Arts, Culture and Heritage really needs someone with in-depth knowledge and an *enthusiasm* for the Arts.. and this will be much harder to find.



More Dates For Your New Diary

Friday, Jan 19th 'Art and Audacity' *Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art.* — Tom Stoppard.

Art is anything you can get away with. Andy Warhol



Wednesday, March 13th 'Health, Wealth, Happiness?'

In the pink, or in the red? In spite of huge changes in education, employment, welfare and health facilities, Britain is still unable to provide an adequate standard of living for the whole population....

Friday, May 17th 'Let's hear It For the Girls' *Pioneer female writers from the C16, C17, C18 and C19, who contributed much to the development of the novel and the gradual recognition of women as equal to men*

Wednesday, June 12th 'Playing For Laughs' *The art of comedy goes back to Ancient Greece and Rome. Many of their stock characters continued into Mediaeval, Elizabethan, and Restoration drama to form the basis of the stereotypical parts in modern farce and sit-coms.*

Friday, July 19th 'Masters of Music' *The style of music may change considerably from generation to generation, but unmistakable masters of the art always emerge to universal acclaim.....*

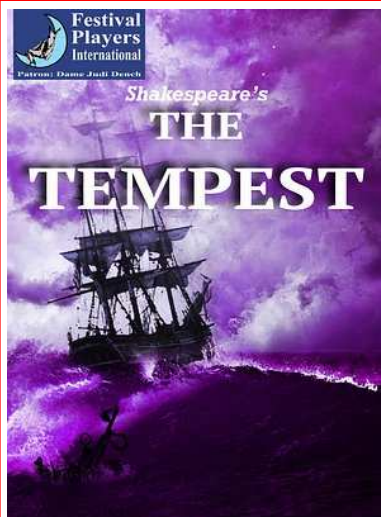
Friday, Sept 13th 'Back To The Drawing Board' *From Daedalus and Icarus's disastrous flying experiment to the Battle of the Somme and Covid Lockdown, human endeavour has often resulted in catastrophic human error*



**Free Lunchtime Piano Concerts
at The Spotlight
12.00 noon to 2.00 pm**

**January 3rd, February 14th,
April 3rd, May 8th**

Pre-book a table and lunch 01992 441946



OPEN-AIR SHAKESPEARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT GARDENS

JUNE 21ST

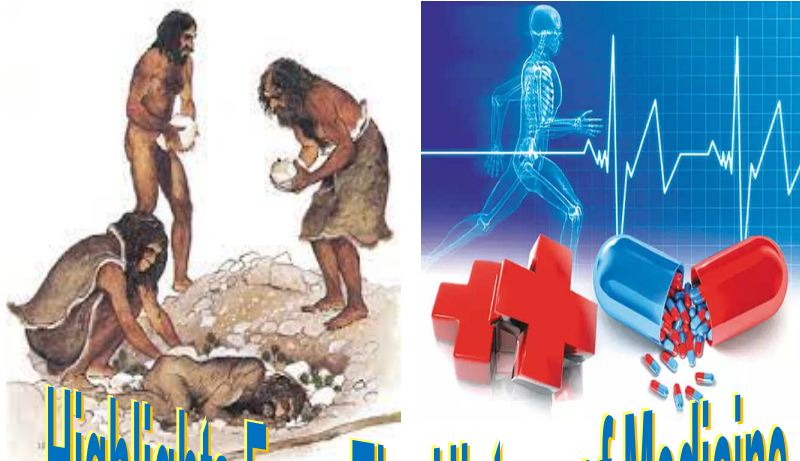
Part of the Love Hoddesdon Midsummer Festival

Shakespeare's last, and great, play is a triumphant compilation of intrigue, magic, and humour. Prospero, an exiled Duke with supernatural powers, creates a great storm which sees his enemies shipwrecked on his island. Magic abounds, plots are exposed, and a colourful array of characters gain their deserts.

Fascinating entertainment.



Spring Term 2024



Highlights From The History of Medicine

From prehistoric times to the modern day.....

Tutor: Dr. Christopher Woolston

Thursday, January 11th 2024 to Thursday, March 21st 2024

Half term Thursday, February 22nd 2024
10.30 a.m to 12.30p.m
at Broxbourne Parish Centre
Cost £45.00

01992 306598

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BArts' Watercolour Workshops

with Alison Showell

10.00 am to 12.noon
Tuesday Mornings

Jan 16th to March 26th
April 23rd to June 4th

at Bollescroft
next to
the Spotlight Car Park

01992 466627

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BArts' Groups, Members

Contributions to the Broadsheet always welcome, especially events, pictures, successes, opinions etc

Copy deadline is usually the 25th of the month,
but for the January issue it will be December 27th