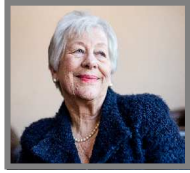




BArts' Broadsheet



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“... a February face, so full of frost, of storm and cloudiness.” Shakespeare



Free Lunchtime Piano Concert
with Barbara Manning
at The Spotlight
12.00 noon to 2.00 pm
February 14th

Book a hot lunch!
01992 441946
Or choice of pizza on the day

The Joy of Flowers



Demonstration
by Pamela Cantellow.

Hoddesdon Floral Art Society

2.00—4.00 pm,
Jackson Hall, Hoddesdon
01992 442907

February 14th



Mayhem Theatre Arts
was 17
on January 8th!



'R' Voices

'R' Voices is a warm, inclusive
contemporary choir for adults.

Everyone is welcome!

No auditions! No uniform! No choreography!

...just a bunch of 'Everyday people' who love to sing!

*Being a member of 'R' Voices offers a wonderful supportive
community that creates and shares beautiful moments together.*



Hertfordshire leader— Klaus White— teacher, musician, writer
and star of the West-End musical **Buddy**.

**Now at Mayhem Theatre & Creative Arts,
Brewery Road, Hoddesdon EN11 8HF,
in the back studio every Tuesday**

**Rehearsals 8.00-9.30pm, Doors open 7.45pm. Ten week terms £100
(please park in Sainsburys.)**



Book on-line for your free taster session www.Rvoices.co.uk ,
or register on your first visit. You can join at any point in the term,





The Vallé Academy
Dance Classes proudly present

Rhythm 2024 Watch Me Dance

The Spotlight Theatre, Hoddesdon

Saturday 9th March 2024

at 4.00pm

Sunday 10th March 2024

at 12.00pm

Ticket Price: Adults £17.50

Child £14.00

Babies in arms (under 18 months) £5.00

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, Delamare Road, Cheshunt Herts EN8 9SG
Telephone: 01992 622862 www.valleacademy.co.uk

JASON THEATRE SCHOOL



Spectacular— featuring Ballet, Tap,
Modern, Jazz and Musical Theatre

March 23rd-24th

Tickets £15-£18

Spotlight Theatre 01992 441946

Let's Do Lunch !



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....

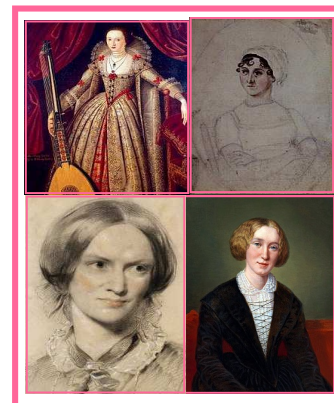
Ticket £16, includes lunch and a glass of wine

March 13th

12.00 noon, Dinant Room, The Spotlight,
01992 441946



Let's Do Lunch!



Let's Hear It For the Girls!

Pioneer female writers from the C16 onwards who contributed much to the development of the novel and the gradual recognition of women as equal to men

Ticket £16, includes lunch and a glass of wine

May 17th

12.00 noon, Dinant Room, The Spotlight,
01992 441946

The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

Broxbourne

Thurs, Feb 15th



How To Survive and Thrive In An Impossible World

**Speaker : Steven Carter
Spotlight 10.00 am**

Thurs, March 21st



Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

Speaker: A member of the team

Spotlight 10.00 am

broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt

Thurs, Feb 22nd



RAF Special Duties Service and Special Operations

**Speaker: Andy Strange.
Laura Trott Centre from 1.30 pm**

Thurs, March 28th



**Speaker: Tim Perkins.
Laura Trott Centre from 1.30 pm**

cheshuntu3a.org.uk

Lea Valley

Mon, Feb 12th



**Speaker : Richard Thomas
Spotlight, 2.00 pm**

Mon, March 11th



**Speakers:
Graham and Mary Brace**

Spotlight, 2.00 pm

lvu3a@live.co.uk

February 29th 2024 Rome's Forum



Stuart Harvey, a History and Art Communicator has worked in educational



tourism since 1992 and lived in Rome for 20 years. Now a full-time Rome tourist

guide, he has developed a great love for the Eternal city and its many treasures and his lively and entertaining lectures and virtual tours bring the rich artistic and historical wealth of Rome's 28 centuries to life for people all over the world.



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).**

March 14th 2024

Handel's Messiah Part 2: Behold the Lamb of God

Handel's *Messiah* was written in a single burst of energy in August 1741 and was presented for the first time in Dublin, the following Spring. Over the years, however, it has become traditional to present the work at Christmastime and for many attending a performance marks the arrival of the Christmas season.



Peter Medhurst

Singer, pianist and lecturer-recitalist, Peter has performed in major venues all over the world and broadcast with Classic FM and Radio 3 and 4

Half-Term Dance Workshops



Weds, Feb 21st Fairy School for Age 3-7

10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Flutter and sparkle through a magical morning of ballet, games, story-telling and tutus.

Taylor Studio, Mayhem Theatre Arts, Hoddesdon



Thurs, Feb 22nd, Mayhem Dance Camp Age 7-14

9.30 am to 3.00 pm

Learn dances to the songs from the new musical **Wonka** and improve technique

Taylor Studio, Mayhem Theatre Arts, Hoddesdon

Your Heritage, Your Museum!

CURATED BY TURNFORD

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



From
**Saturday 17
February 2024**

In our
mini-photography
gallery on the first floor*

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

THIS HALF TERM AT LOWEWOOD

TIGER DAY

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

10.30am - 3pm

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



- Follow our tiger trail around the museum.
- Take part in tiger music workshops.
- Make a tiger mask or paper hand puppet.

Admission free but donations are very welcome.

* For quiet hour reservations please contact info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk.
Activities will take place on the ground floor and first floor. The first floor is accessed by stairs.



**Lowewood Museum, High Street,
Hoddesdon. EN11 8BH**

01992 445596 lowewoodmuseum.com



Lowewood
MUSEUM

Your Heritage, Your Museum



Tribute Bands!?

Tribute bands first appeared some time after the Beatles had established their world-wide reputation and offered ambitious young musicians a way of at least being *noticed*. Some merely played the music in the appropriate style and clothes fashion; others went the whole hog and attempted to *impersonate* the stars, complete with wigs and body-language. Now such groups seem to be the *main* form of affordable *live* music and tour all over the country.

At the Spotlight

- Feb 2nd** Absolute Benson **George Benson**
- Feb 3rd** Magic of Miller—**Glen Miller**
- Feb 16th** UK **Pink Floyd** Experience
- Feb 17th** Legend - **Bob Marley**
- Feb 28th** Taylormania **Taylor Swift**
- March 5th** The Bohemians **Queen**
- March 12th** Cash Returns **Johnny Cash**
- March 14th** Essentially **Cher**
- March 15th** **Roy Orbison** and the Travelling Wilburys

If you're a fan and you live in Broxbourne, you must be overjoyed at having such a choice on your doorstep—**nine** bands in **six** weeks! That's without the other 'pop' concert offerings that are general and cover a *mixture* of popular music.

Other types of music, generally known as 'classical,' *struggle* to be heard in the borough and real devotees (mostly *Ancient* Brits!) have to travel into London to find something to their taste, or just stay at home and listen to recordings.

Does it matter that our youngsters only *know* one genre of music? Has state education *failed* to *introduce* the composers of the past? Or is it just not *fashionable* to acknowledge a liking for anything other than 'pop' for fear of being ridiculed by your peers? Until the 1960s, all state schools included basic information about the great composers and their works—symphonies, concertos opera, etc and, while it wasn't necessarily to everyone's *taste*, at least youngsters *knew* about it and had a *choice*.

OK, so 'Prom' concerts still manage to fill the Albert Hall, but that's drawing an audience from a very wide area—not just inner London. At one time, BArts offered a wide variety of music, but were eventually obliged to abandon it because of very limited publicity outlets and small audiences. The danger now is that with virtually *nothing* other than 'pop', some people have actually stopped *looking* in local programmes, because there isn't anything for them!

Just a thought —are the London Mozart Players, or the Bach Choir *tribute* groups? In the meantime, **Hoddesdon Music Club** is flying the flag!



March 1st

Four actors. Four Shakespeare shows. Endless possibilities~.

7.30 pm Tickets from £21.50

Don't miss these at the Spotlight!



May 14th and 15th

Tues, Weds evening 7.30 pm
Weds matinee 1.30 pm

Classic musical with a difference

Tickets from £21.50

01992 441946

Hoddesdon
Music Club



Saturday 16th March 2024

7:30pm at United Reformed Church,
Broxbourne

**Mathilde Milwidsky (violin),
Annie Yim (piano)**



A 2023 Classic FM Rising Star, **Mathilde Milwidsky** has been praised for her 'perfect intonation and beautiful shaping and colouring'. **Annie Yim** is creative collaborator and founder of MusicArt based in London. Her performances have been described as *most beautiful sounds, radiantly coloured, thoughtfully articulated*".



Programme to include: Beethoven: Sonata No. 4
Franck: Violin Sonata, Webern: Four Pieces Op.7

Hertford Symphony Orchestra



Drama & Destiny'

Saturday 9th March 2024

7:45pm

Conductor Jonathan Mann
Leader Emily Groom

Verdi La Forza del Destino Overture
Hummel Trumpet Concerto -
Soloist Chris Avison
Brahms Symphony No. 4

All Saints Church, Hertford SG13 8AE
TICKETS: Adults £18 Students/children £6

More Music



Hertford Choral Society presents



Handel: Saul

**Saturday, March 23rd
7.30 pm**

All Saints Church, Hertford, SG13 8AY
tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk



Ethel Smyth: Mass in D

Sat, 13 Apr 2024

Paul Mealor – Shadows of War;
David McGregor – The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27);
with Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia

St John's Church, Epping, Essex

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking>

Late Extra!

A couple of reminders relating to our ever popular **Let's Do Lunch** series. If you book *singly*, but are part of a *group* of friends also attending, please *ask* to be seated *with* them when you make the booking.

Please also notify any dietary issues.

We aim to start *promptly* at 12.00 noon and finish by 2.40pm at the latest, with the lunch break of around 45 minutes from 1.00—1.45 pm.

Welcome BArts' New Members

John and Vicki Avery, Joan Newman

Obituary



Joy Spriggs, (Miss. Joy) Founder of Jason Theatre School more than 60 years ago. Inspirational and dedicated teacher and examiner of dance and supporter of BArts and all local arts' activities. Daughter, Belynda, and grand-daughter, Lauren, continue her work at the flourishing local school.



Love Hoddesdon Midsummer Festival

Saturday, June 15th to Monday, June 24th

Sat, June 15th	Open-air Cinema, 3 films, plus children's activities	Fawkon Walk area
	Totally Tina	The Spotlight
Sun, June 16th	Midsummer Fun—Music, Family Entertainment, Stalls, History Walk	Barclay Park
Mon, June 17th	Hoddesdon History Walk through the town, from Lowewood museum	
Tues, June 18th		
Weds, June 19th	Up the A10 From London— <i>1st Generation Immigrants</i>	Hoddesdon Library
Thurs, June 20th	Antiques and A Little Bit of Nonsense	The Spotlight
Thurs, June 20th- to Sun, June 23rd	Festival Traditional Funfair	Hoddesdon Town Centre
Fri, June 21st to Sun, June 23rd	Open Days, Celebrating Creativity- Concert, Trails of Treasure	Hoddesdon Parish Church
Fri, June 21st	Professional Open-air Shakespeare	Spotlight Gardens
Sat, June 22nd	Fairy Wings Workshop	Hoddesdon Library
	An Evening With Gary and Trevor	The Spotlight
Sun, June 23rd	Gala Day - Two Music Stages, Street Entertainment, Community and Trade Stalls...	High Street, from Golden Lion to Clock Tower
Mon, June 24th	Festival Heritage Day— History Walk, plus Blue Plaque extras	Hoddesdon High Street

PLUS

**All events subject to confirmation.
More on the way!**

Full programme of events at **The Spotlight**.

BArts' Art exhibition of Hoddesdon Scenes See details on p

Hoddesdon Cricket, Football and Tennis Club open day and events

Poetry Workshops at the **Library** for Year 5 Juniors

Lowewood Museum open **Sun, June 16th and 23rd**

Other group participation / suggestions welcome



Love Hoddesdon
in conjunction with Broxbourne Arts Forum
presents



**Be part of the Love Hoddesdon
Midsummer Festival!**

June 15th—24th 2024

Pictures of Hoddesdon High Street,
or another aspect of the *local* scene,
in any medium, may be submitted
for display .

All age groups welcome to participate

NB The focus is on Hoddesdon,
so pictures of other areas in the
borough will not be acceptable

Use this entry form →



Entry Form

Picture	Size	Medium	Price

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Telephone /s

E-Mail.....

All enquiries 01992 467420 leerayner_arts@hotmail.com

**Please send entry forms to
5, Eversley Lodge, Park View, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8PH**

FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 20TH AT THE LATEST



Friday, June 21st
in The Spotlight Gardens

Picnic from 6.00 pm

