

Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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Looking Back...

Well, we've *survived*, in spite of the odds stacked against us and some of our affiliated groups unable to continue because of declining membership.

The pandemic seems to have changed the community in subtle ways, with so many people now much less interested in making the effort to socialise or volunteer.

We haven't yet been interviewed about the proposed Arts and Culture consultation, but hope that a realistic, long-term strategy may be devised, at long last, to give Arts in the borough the same status as Sport.

The re-furbished Spotlight has made a bold beginning, with its huge range of tribute bands and new, permanent manager, but BArts are still trying to come to terms with increased prices and changed conditions.

Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year

Congratulations and thanks to our 26 affiliated groups and all our loyal patrons, friends and supporters for their endeavours to keep the Arts *alive* in Broxbourne!

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| A10 Orchestra | The Hoddesdon Society |
| Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning | Jason Theatre School |
| Broxbourne Chorus | Lea Valley Art Society |
| Broxbourne Theatre Company | Lea Valley U3A |
| Broxbourne U3A | Lowewood Art Group |
| Burford Art Group | Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts |
| Cheshunt U3A | Step 2 Step Dance Academy |
| East Herts Operatic Society | The Arts Society East Herts |
| Hazelwood Art Group | The G.O. Hub |
| Hoddesdon Camera Club | The Stoller School of Dancing |
| Hoddesdon Floral Art Society | Three Valleys Male Voice Choir |
| Hoddesdon Music Club | Doreen Turner Ballroom Dancing |
| Hoddesdon Players | Vallé Academy of Performing Arts |

Looking Forward

The recently re-opened Lowewood museum is going from strength to strength and attracting substantial numbers of young visitors.

With additional new staff, it is hoped to extend opening times in the new year, after the building has had some substantial deep cleaning and re-arrangement of long-standing exhibitions.

We hope that some serious consideration will be given to allocating regular exhibition space *some-where* in the borough to accommodate the work of our highly talented local artists.

Since October 2019, the space at the Spotlight, used successfully for 20 years, has been withdrawn.

We hope that the catering situation at the Spotlight will be restored, at least to its former level, but preferably *enhanced* to encourage more customers

Festive Fun for All the Family



December 15th—31st

at the Spotlight

Tickets £23

Beauty and the Beast

01992 441946

thespotlightvenue.com



A Traditional Family Pantomime
Broxbourne Theatre Company

January 11th-15th
at the Spotlight

Tickets
£13.50-£19

Evenings 7.30 pm.
Saturday/ Sunday
matinees 2.00 pm

01992 441946
thespotlightvenue.com

Pop-Up Panto!
Love
Hoddesdon
Cinderella
FREE
Sun Dec 4th
11.00 am, 1.00 pm 3.00 pm
Hoddesdon Clock Tower



Hertford Theatre
at Ware Drill Hall

Dec 10th-Jan 1st

Puppetry, Folk Music and
Story Telling

Tickets £16

01992 531500

box.office@hertfordtheatre.com



THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA
THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE
CINEMA EXPERIENCE
SAT 10 DEC
Southern Maltings, Ware

HARLOW PLAYHOUSE IN ASSOCIATION WITH KID THEATRE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
THE MAGICAL PANTOMIME ADVENTURE
Harlow Playhouse
CINDERELLA
Dec 1st to Jan 8th

A GEORGIAN
CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER
10.00 AM - 3.00 PM

Meet our Georgian couple and find out all about how the Georgians celebrated at Christmas. Help stir up the Twelfth Night cake, prepare plum puddings and try festive Georgian treats

LOWEWOOD MUSEUM,
HODDESDON

St. Catherine's and St. Paul's,
Hoddesdon Parish Church

Carols by
Candlelight

Hoddesdon
Parish
Church
Opposite
Morrisons

Sunday, December 18th,
6.30 pm

Festival of Carols

Children from 16 local
schools will be singing
at the Jubilee Shelter,
Hoddesdon

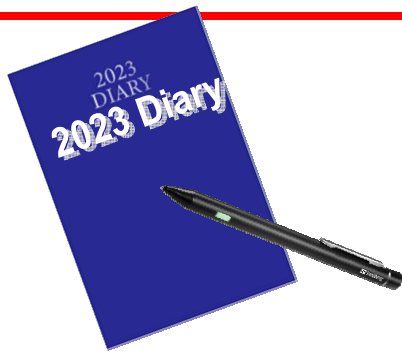
Dec 7th, 9th, 14th

Love
Hoddesdon

Love Hoddesdon
New Year Street Fair

Friday 30th December –
Tuesday 3rd January





Dates For Your New Diary



Jan 20th Rainbow Rebels *Writers of the C20th who dared to be different...*

March 15th The Mists of Time “ *The past is a foreign country.... they do things differently there*” *Remember the days when a letter posted in the morning arrived in the afternoon, people could read road maps, Woolworths’ store prices were 3d and 6d and your daily pinta was delivered?*

May 19th Celebrity Cause *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.....*

June 14th Town and Country *The majority of people in Britain live in a town or city, but more than half yearn for the country life—fresh air, a slower pace of living and a greater sense of community.....*

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

Broxbourne Arts Forum’s talks on a wide variety of subjects are illustrated with music and served with a dash of humour, a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine!

12.00 noon. Dinant Room, The Spotlight

Tickets £16.00 01992 441946

'My Kind Of Music'

Dec 7th, Jan 4th, Feb 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd

The *best* of all kinds of music played for you
by Barbara Manning
12.00—2.00 pm

The Spotlight Café Bar

Call 01992 441946 to book a table

**Free Lunchtime
Piano Concerts!**

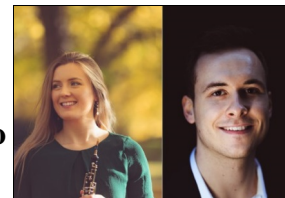


Hoddesdon Music Club

All concerts will be held at the United Reformed Church, Broxbourne, Herts.

Saturday, January 21st 2023 Hannah Condliffe, oboe, Dominic Doutney, piano

3:00pm. To include: Britten: Selection from 6 Metamorphoses after Ovid
Britten: 2 Insect Pieces, **Poulenc:** Oboe Sonata, **Jeffrey Agrell:** Blues for DD.



Saturday March 18th Ellis Piano and Wind Ensemble

7:30pm Programme: Mozart: Quintet for Piano and Winds
Poulenc: Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano,
Reinecke: Trio for Oboe, French Horn and Piano
Beethoven: Duo for Clarinet and Bassoon in C major. **Piazzolla:** Medley of pieces



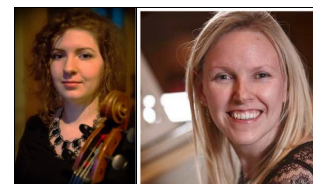
Saturday April 22nd Matthew Burton, guitar

7:30pm The solo guitar repertoire that Matthew performs for concerts is very diverse. The styles range from Spanish, French, Japanese to Paraguayan music and he usually includes some popular guitar favourites, such as 'Recuerdos de la Alhambra' by Tarrega.



Saturday May 20th Molly Oldland, cello, Jennifer Carter piano

7:45pm Beethoven: Sonata in A Major Op 69
Robert Schumann: 3 Romanzen Op 94
Brahms: Sonata in E minor Op 38



To become a member and sponsor the concerts costs £56 single, Family £120, Age 25 and under £10



Hoddesdon Music Club 01992 442187 Secretary, Laurence Cole
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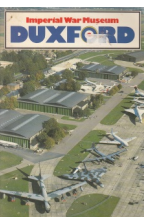


Broxbourne

3rd Thursday
in the month at 10.00 am

Jan 19th
The Panama
Canal

Speaker:
Richard Thomas



Feb 16th
History of the
Imperial War
Museum Duxford
Speaker: David Allars

March 16th
The Beatles, Their
Heroes and Their
Music

Speaker: Martin Orkin



At the Spotlight
broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Broxbourne
u3a

Cheshunt

4th Thursday
in the month at 1.30 pm

Dec 8th
Christmas Meeting



Jan 26th
On Becoming
a Famous Author—
Writers, publishers and
bookshops. Prepare to be
shocked, amazed and
amused. Speaker: Martin Lloyd



At the Laura Trott Centre
cheshuntu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt
u3a

Lea Valley

2nd Monday
in the month at 1.00 pm

Jan 16th
Noel and Ivor

Two outstanding
composers and
performers of C20
British musical theatre.
Speaker: Geoff Bowden



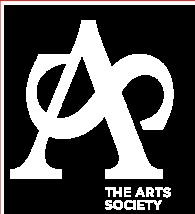
Feb 13th Walking the Beat to
Nirvana. From bus driver in Banbury to
a firearms office charged with protecting
Margaret Thatcher,
Speaker: Mervyn Edwards.



March 13th
Moroccan Blues The story
behind the special blue
pigment that features on
buildings and fishing boats
along the Moroccan coast

At the Spotlight
lvu3a.org.uk

Lea Valley
u3a



The Arts Society—East Herts Programme 2023

10. 30 am, The Spotlight, Hoddesdon

26 January 2023 London's Lost Department Stores

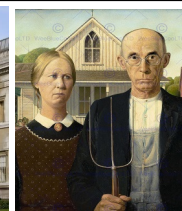
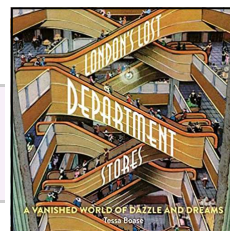
23 February 2023 Dazzling Dufy: Invitation to a Luminous Feast with Raoul Dufy

30 March 2023 Pots and Frocks - the World of Grayson Perry from Essex Potter to Superstar National Treasure

27 April 2023 The Amadeus Myth

25 May 2023 10 Favourite Paintings from the National Gallery Why I love them

29 June 2023 The Man with the Pitchfork: Iconic paintings from early C20 America



info@theartsocietyeastherts.org.uk



**2022 WILF REID
AWARD**

Christine Horder
for her painting of
the Crown pub



Fifteen members of the Society each produced a small section of a Mediterranean Landscape by Picasso.



Golden Palette Award
Maggie Gibbs' Poppy



The Seven Sisters by Maggie Gibbs

**BArts' Watercolour
Classes**



A Theatre Ticket Makes A Great Gift!



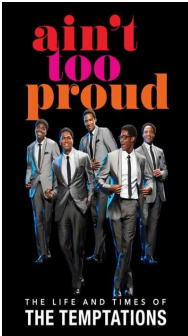
MAYHEM March 9th 'Bonnie and Clyde', the Musical. 7.30 pm, Garrick Theatre, London. £62.50, Includes return coach from Hoddesdon or Cheshunt.

SHOWS & EVENTS Pick up: Hoddesdon 4:45pm / Cheshunt 5:00pm

01992 465100 **OR** also on **March 9th**, the same date for the same price you could see 'The Great British Bake-Off'

May 10th 'Ain't Too Proud' the life and times of the Temptations.

7. 30 pm Prince Edward Theatre, £60.00. **Coach and pick-up times as above.**



An unusual view of Love Hoddesdon's festive Christmas scene



Hoddesdon



Elegy To Christmas

December winter solstice—
Sunless days and long, dark nights—
Pagan, Roman Saturnalia
And the Festival of Light.
Leafy evergreens and candles,
Present giving, drunken feasts
Bacchanalian celebrations
Play the fool, bring out the beast.
Then adapted by the Christians
To celebrate the birth
Of baby Jesus of Nazareth
'Saviour' and 'God's son' on earth.
Two thousand or so years later,
We've lost sight of simple joy;
Greed and gluttony now rule
In the name of a baby boy.
'Ellar'

