

The BArts' team is *delighted* to welcome Samuel Beddard, our *new* Chairman!

Professional saxophonist, teacher and Director of Music at Christ Church, Waltham Cross, Samuel is a multi-talented, young soloist and arranger, with extensive experience in all kinds of music. He is also qualified in advanced computer skills, so will be an asset in updating BArts' website.

Discussions have already taken place on one or two new ideas and the intention to bring more young musicians to the area to offer a wider range of music. BArts' new programme for September to January is already in preparation and we can now look forward to the new season, our 26th, with renewed optimism. **Below is a message from Samuel.....**

"It is an honour to have been appointed chairman of the Broxbourne Arts Forum, and I am immensely looking forward to working together with the diligent BArts committee to champion the arts throughout the borough. I will strive to provide local artists with the support and opportunities they deserve, while endeavouring to attract world-class talent and elevate the artistic standing of the local community on the national stage.

Over the last decade as a musician, I have enjoyed an eclectic career as a saxophonist – touring across the UK as a soloist, performing in London's West End, and joining award-winning ensembles in concerts across Europe – as well as arranging music for many leading composers, and working in education at the junior department of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Since moving to Cheshunt in 2025, I have been appointed Director of Music at Christ Church, Waltham Cross, where I have since founded their lunchtime concert series championing emerging young talent, alongside a programme of evening concerts from internationally renowned artists and curating the debut Christ Church Summer Music Festival in 2026.

I will bring my extensive experience from both performing and organising artistic events into my new role as chairman of BArts and help to expand their extensive programme throughout the borough. We have plenty of exciting plans for the upcoming months at BArts, and we can't wait to show you all we've been working on".

"Please do not hesitate to reach out if there's anything I can do for BArts' members / groups, and I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months at one of our many events."



Looking Forward... The Best of Local Arts with BArts

BArts Broxbourne Arts Forum presents

A Splash of Colour!

Creative Art Workshop for Children age 8-12

August 19th

9.30 am-12.00pm, £15

Studio B, Mayhem Theatre Arts

BArts' Booking 01992 467420
leerayner_arts@hotmail.com

The Arts Cafe

11.00 am-2.00 pm with live music

For all who love the Arts.
A place to relax and exchange ideas

Cartoons, Ceramics, Craft Cards,
Jewellery, Paintings, Photographs,
Quilting, Weaving

Poets' Corner, Board Games
Live Music

Free entry Sept 15th, Dec 15th

To book exhibition space call 01992 467420
leerayner_arts@hotmail.com



Behind the Scenes

A short talk on theatre, a back-stage tour, lighting display and cream tea.

2.00 pm, £15, including afternoon tea

November 20th
On stage with Hoddesdon Players' 'Quartet'

Forum Film Classics



September 8th
Pride and Prejudice (2005)
2 hours 9 mins.
Starring Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen, Brenda Blethyn, Judi Dench.

Jane Austen humorously portrays C19 society's materialistic values and hypocrisy versus romantic love.



November 10th
Sense and Sensibility (1995)
2 hours 16 mins.
Starring Kate Winslett, Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Imelda Staunton, Alan Rickman.

Stylish adaptation of Jane Austen's perceptive novel on middle class English society..

Emma Thompson won an Academy Award for her screenplay adaptation

BArts Broxbourne Arts Forum
Bringing the Arts to Life

Best in Broxbourne!



Bustling Market, Café, Church, Historic Building, Pub, River View, Sunday in the Park

Favourite Places!

Paintings, Photographs, Craft, Cards..... of favourite locations within the Borough of Broxbourne.

Exhibition and Sales Opportunities
September 15th—December 15th

01992 467420 leerayner_arts@hotmail.com

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Quiz!

WHO? WHAT? WHY? WHEN? WHERE?

October 10th

6.30 for 7.00 pm
Tickets £20

including Fish and Chips
Bring own drink, nibbles etc.
United Reformed Church Broxbourne

"A Song To Sing!"



Voices in harmony. Two local groups, It's Good To Sing and The Lynmore Singers come together in a programme of familiar songs..

3.00pm, September 20th

Tickets £15, Family 4 £50
spotlightvenue.com

Let's Do Lunch at the Spotlight!



Sept 11th Dynamic Dynasties
The survival of the fittest, or the most cunning and ruthless? Some families gain power and prestige over several generations, but a few come to a sticky end!

Nov 11th Crossing the Pond.
The relationship between Britain and America has always been 'special', but exactly what **does** cross the pond tends to be unnoticed or under-rated.

Dinant Room 12.00 noon Tickets £20 include lunch and a glass of wine

spotlightvenue.com




My Kind Of Music!

Piano perfect with
Barbara Manning!
Familiar melodies, from Elgar to Elton John, Bach to the Beatles, stage and screen hits.....

Pre-book a table and check out the special menu for a hot lunch, or select a fresh pizza on the day.

12.00pm-2.00pm
£3 entry

Sept 2nd, Oct 7th,
Nov 4th, Dec 2nd,
spotlightvenue.com

Looking Forward...

BArts Group Highlights



The Arts
Society
East Herts

Sept 4th The Science
of Art at the National
Gallery



Oct 29th Now You See It Now
You Don't - the Art of Visual Deception.

Nov 26th Harp and Holly.
It's History design and music -
with a seasonal flavour.



All lectures 10.30 am
The Spotlight, High St, Hoddesdon
EN11 8BE



**Christ Church
Music,
Waltham Cross**

christchurchmusic@outlook.com

FREE Lunchtime Concerts
Last Wednesday in the month
1.00pm

**Summer Music Festival
Aug 26th –30th 2026**

Aug 26th Duo Tânwen
Flute and Harp 1.00 pm. **FREE**

Aug 28th New Eden Consort
Fairest Isle: *Songs of the British Isles*.
7.00 pm Adult Tickets £10
Child / Student £5

Aug 29th Festival Orchestra
Gershwin, Bizet, Saint Saens
7.00 pm. Adult Tickets £10
Child / Student £5

Aug 30th Regent Brass 1.00pm
*Popular Music, plus last night of
Proms style!* Adult Tickets £10
Child / Student £5



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**Hoddesdon
Floral Art Club**

Sept 9th



**Life's Rich
Colours**

Nov 11th



A French Affair

Dec 9th



**Memories Are
Made of This**

Jackson Hall,
Hoddesdon
2.00-4.00pm

01992 442907

**Hoddesdon
Music Club**



Sept 19th 7.30 pm



Pelléas Ensemble
(harp, viola and flute)
Bartok, Ravel, Prokofiev

Oct 24th 7.30 pm



Galin Ganchev
(piano) *Bach, Mozart,
Chopin, Brahms, Fauré*

Nov 28th 4.30 pm



Sarah Williamson
(clarinet),
Simon Callaghan
(piano)
*Schumann, Brahms,
Gershwin*

Annual Membership (7 concerts)
£65, Single Ticket £17
*Includes programme
and interval refreshments*

**United Reformed Church,
Mill Lane, Broxbourne.**
01992 464000

HODDESDON PLAYERS
Music for Pleasure - Social enjoyment
Registered Charity 1118022

Quartet
by Ronald Harwood

19th - 20th November 7.30pm,
21st November 3.00pm 2026
the Spotlight Theatre, Hoddesdon

Tickets: Spotlight 01992 441946
www.thespotlightvenue.com

An amateur production by arrangement with Concord Theatrical

Looking Forward...

More BArts Group Highlights

Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning



125 Years of British Cinema

Sept 24th–Oct 22nd

10 week course. Fee £55

Tutor: Christopher Budd

Women Who Built the Film Industry

Nov 5th–Dec 3rd

Creativity and innovation shaped a powerhouse to rival Hollywood. Many of the early pioneers of the art of film were women.



Broxbourne Parish Centre

10.30 am—12.30 pm

For further details, call 01992 306598
or e-mail linda.williamsecc@gmail.com

Friends of Lowewood Museum

Helping ensure the future of our museum

History Talks

United Reformed Church, Mill Lane,
Broxbourne. **7.30 for 8.00 pm**



Sept 15th Much Hadham
Forge Museum and its
Collections
by *Cristina Harrison*

Oct 20th Two Aerodromes
and a Dragon's Tooth
by *Nazeing History Workshop*



Nov 10th Myths About
the Great War
by *Jim and Doreen Nicolson*

More..... Creative Opportunities On Your Doorstep!



Tue 18 Aug - Tue 8 Dec 2026
Music from 12:30-14:00

BEAM (HERTFORD) Sessions are monthly
free live acoustic sessions showcasing
new and familiar local artists

Thu 20 Aug - Thu 19 Nov
7.00 pm-9.00 pm £5
Duration: 120 minutes

'Connect, Create, Collaborate'

invites actors, writers, directors and
producers to explore new ideas,
develop existing projects and collaborate in a safe, supportive space.

+ Art and Craft Workshops @ Southern Maltings, Ware



Aug 10th,
Age 8+
2.00 - 3.00 pm
£12



Aug 12th,
Age 8+
1.00 - 3.30 pm
£20

**We've said it before, but
it's worth saying
again.....**

**THE ARTS ARE GOOD
FOR YOUR HEALTH!**



Forget exercise, a trip to a museum can delay ageing

Daily Mail Reporter

MUSEUMS have long been popular with the older generation – but now research suggests visiting them can help slow ageing.

The impact of engaging with culture 'can be comparable' to regular exercise, say researchers.

Experts analysed data from almost 2,000 people who took part in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, which follows over-50s in England.

They reported how often they went to the cinema, theatre,

museums and art galleries. From their answers, researchers devised a cultural engagement score ranging from 0 to 15.

Nurses also measured ten physiological markers, including body mass index and grip strength.

Analysis found those who took part in cultural outings every few months had a physiological age of 66.9 years, three years lower than those who did so less often.

Lowewood Museum Events - Just Right for the Holidays!

Lowewood MUSEUM
Lowewood Museum Trust CIO, Charity Number: 1102866

FREE EVENT
Nothing not worth it!

Futureproofing Our Community's Heritage

Building on the work done through our Your Heritage, Your Museum programme, Lowewood Museum is looking to embed the Borough's key stories at the heart of its displays.

Borough Beats, The Glasshouse Legacy, Broxbourne at War and The Windrush Generation are just some of the Borough's stories we have shone a light on, but we know there are many more!

Bring your ideas to a story gathering session at
Waltham Cross Library
Tuesday 4 August, 2-3pm

For more details, please contact us through our website
www.lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

Waltham Cross Library
123 High Street, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire EN8 7AN
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
T: 0300 03 4049

Hertfordshire
Lowewood Museum
Borough of Broxbourne

Lowewood MUSEUM

Join Lowewood Museum for a
STORIES DAY
For children of all ages
WEDNESDAY
12 AUGUST 2026
10.30am-3pm

With craft activities and projects to spark your imagination.

Local actor **Vickie Holden** will be joining us throughout the day for pop-up story sessions.

Suggested donation of £2 per child

Lowewood Museum
123 High Street, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire EN8 7AN
T: 01992 445596
E: info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk
W: www.lowewoodmuseum.org.uk
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Borough of Broxbourne

Lowewood MUSEUM

CIRCUS SKILLS
Family Fun Day
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026
10.30AM-3PM*

Learn the art of juggling, master balancing and enjoy craft activities.

SPLATS
WITH ENTERTAINMENT

*SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2 PER CHILD

*Quiet hour 3-4pm (by advance reservation only - contact the museum to book a place).

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Your Heritage, Your Museum

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Hoddesdon. EN11 8BH
01992 445596**

info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

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**HODDESDON ALLSTARS
WITH LOVE HODDESDON PRESENTS**

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCKTOWER

**SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD
11.00 AM—7.30 PM**

**FOOD & DRINK RAFFLE PRIZES
FAIRGROUND RIDES
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

FREE EVENT

Great Ormo Street Hospi Charity

HODDESDON Allstars FUNDRAISER

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**Things
To Do
in
August**

u3a

learn, laugh, live

Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley

u3a

learn, laugh, live

Facts

A world-wide organisation

Over 1,000 branches in the UK, with more than 430,000 members

Open to *anyone* not in full-time employment

Three branches in the Borough of Broxbourne, each operating *independently*, with their own subscription rates and Interest Groups

1. **Lea Valley** was the **first** in **1992**

2. **Broxbourne** 2000

3 **Cheshunt** 2010

Some people belong to more than one branch

UNIVERSITY JUST MEANS **FOR ALL** You don't need to have a degree, or be highly academic to be a member

A Huge Range of Subjects and Activities, including

Ancient History, Antiques, Archaeology, Art, Astronomy, Bird-watching, Book Club, Bridge, Country Dancing, Creative Writing, Cycling, Day Trips, Craft, Croquet, Eating Round the World, Exploring London, Family History, Guitars, Heritage, History, Knit and Natter, Languages, Music, Netball, Play-reading, Pub Lunches, Reading For Pleasure, Scrabble, Singing, T'ai Chi, Theatre Visits, Walking, Weekends Away **PLUS QUIZZES AND SEASONAL EVENTS**

Each Branch Has A Main Meeting Every Month, with a Speaker



Broxbourne meets on the **3rd Thursday** in the month
at the Spotlight 9.00 am-12.00 pm
07496 702998 broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt meets on the **4th Thursday**
in the month **at the Laura Trott Centre**
2.30 pm. 07984 791184 cheshunt.u3asite.uk



Lea Valley meets on the **2nd Monday**
in the month **at the Spotlight** from
1.00 pm, with the speaker at **2.00 pm**
01992 916485 lvu3a@live.co.uk



There are special Interest events in addition to main meetings

Broxbourne u3a
Aug 20th 10.30 am
Subterranean London



Cheshunt u3a
Aug 27th 2.30 pm
Mercy Ships



Lea Valley u3a
Sept 14th 2.00 pm
**Easton Lodge Gardens
& Daisy Greville**



*Followed by
Afternoon Tea*

Recent concern about the misuse / over-use of mobile phones by the undiscerning young has led to attempts to *control* the 'problem' by legislation, but the whole issue of screen-time and 'passive' leisure is much wider and deeper than perhaps we fully appreciated and it may already be too late to prevent some of the long-term consequences, for individuals and the community.

TV was widely predicted to kill cinema and live theatre, but has shown that they may be of mutual benefit within defined terms. However, 24/7 access, streaming etc is slightly different, so that the urge to seek activities and entertainment *outside* the home and engage in social *interaction* in the process seems to be in sharp decline for adults, too..

The term 'couch potato' came from America way back in 1978, to describe people who rarely budge from the sofa and lead a solitary, limited, inactive existence, away from the real world and glued to their screens. Obesity is one serious consequence, currently on the increase, even amongst the young

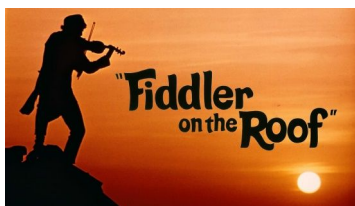
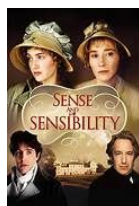
Most provincial theatre venues currently offer films as well as live performances. These tend often to be niche / off centre products, but there are also showings of familiar 'classics', award-winning titles of different genres that *don't* make it onto TV screens.

Not long ago, Borough Leisure Services stated an interest in a film 'club' as one of their ambitions for the Spotlight, which chimed well with some of BArts' ideas, hence **Forum Film Classics**. It is proving an *expensive* experiment, but we're still hopeful that it will become an established occasional 'treat' for more than a handful of people.

The recent showing of the musicals *Cabaret* and *Chicago* were clearly very much enjoyed by the small audience—certainly, the range of amazing talent involved in every aspect, from script, direction, choreography, acting etc—made it obvious *why* they were multi-award winners. Conversation with one person at the end of *Chicago* reassured us that we *are* hitting the 'target' now and again.. "I can't wait for the next one." is what we hoped to hear.



It may not be obvious, but we have been offering films with a linked theme—British comedy, Shakespeare and spin-offs, same composer / choreographer etc so our Autumn choice is two popular Jane Austen titles, *-Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* before two very *different* explorations of racial and religious prejudice in *'Fiddler on the Roof'* and *'The Pianist'* in the new year.



Sept 8th

Nov 10th

Jan 12th

March 9th



Hertford Castle
"Within these Walls"
Evening Tours
6.30pm - 7.30pm £5

Cedars Park, Cheshunt
 Currently no historic events / activities

Rye House Gatehouse
 Currently no up-to-date opening times or events

Outdated websites Whatever Happened To...
can be so misleading! 'Broxbourne Arts Development' ?

It was a bit of a surprise to come across this entry under '**Broxbourne**', while trawling local websites for interesting events in August, for it expressed some ambitions for the Arts in Broxbourne that were very much in line with BArts' own .

"to develop and promote local artists and arts' organisations, across all art forms and through the exchange of ideas".

Maybe the **DATE** should precede the text, for this proved to be **2014!** Also available on line is the **Borough of Broxbourne Arts, Culture and Strategy 2023-2030** , which is half- way through its period of defined aims and relevance. It makes interesting reading, although the three years from 2023—2026 don't seem to have produced **any** notable initiatives or improvements. Financial limitations will be the main explanation, but there are still possibilities in terms of better communication, co-operation and small-scale opportunities.

Sport in Broxbourne has always been an obvious *priority*, with several special, well-equipped centres, but not *one* for the Arts. Maybe the Spotlight could be put to broader use, operating as an Arts Centre as well as a theatre? However, it would need a major change of *attitude* from all concerned in local government—officers and elected councillors. Arts issues raised by BArts and individuals in recent letters to *several* councillors received just *one* reply,

Local Government Re-Organisation

From **1 April 2028**, four **new** councils take over:

North-West Herts, South West Herts, Central Herts and East Herts

The *Borough* of Broxbourne will cease to exist and become part of East Herts, with Buntingford and Bishops Stortford. **One** planning department instead of **eleven**, **one** adult social care team, **one** finance function. Whether it proves to be an improvement or not is anybody's guess!

Implications for local facilities, particularly Arts, and community life in general, with the prospect of some pruning and cost-cutting centralisation, may well produce new, long-term problems... not a 'Brave New World'!