BArts' Broadsheet No.75



Keeping *you* up-to-date with BArts and local Arts' news

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October Facts and Fables

10th month with a name that means 8!
Birthstone Opal, for Hope and Purity
A warm October means a cold February
Leaves change colour for lack of sunlight
October's full moon is the Hunter's Moon.
1066 Battle of Hastings
1805 Battle of Trafalgar
1926 First TV transmission



BArts' Quiz

October 10th
6.30 for 7.00 pm
United Reformed Church
£20 incl Fish and Chips
Tables of 8, or join a mixed table
Info@broxbournearts.org.uk
01992 460838

A *Vital* Fund-Raising Event!
Book *Now* and Help BArts to Keep the Arts Alive!

Not Many People Know This!

Broxbourne Arts Forum is 26 years old. Our popular Let's Do Lunch series has been running for nearly 25 years with 180 different scripts and 258 performances. The My Kind of Music series started in 2010. The Broadsheet is now in its 7th year.

October Features Music and Talks

Full details on BArts' Website and in our printed programme

Oct 7th My Kind of Music *Piano concert*
12.00 pm the Spotlight

Oct 24th Galin Ganchev, *piano*
Hoddesdon Music Club 7.30 pm
United Reformed Church

Oct 28th FREE Lunchtime Concert
Hyde Clarinet Quartet **1.00-2.00pm**
Christ Church, Waltham Cross





The range and frequency of music concerts has increased considerably since BArts' new Chairman took up his post. As a professional musician himself, his wide-ranging contacts are proving very useful, and for the first time *ever* Waltham Cross has a tempting programme of music .

Oct 12th The London Cage,
Secret interrogation centre. **Lea Valley u3a**
2.00pm the Spotlight

Oct 15th Wartime and Romance
Broxbourne u3a 10.00 am the Spotlight

Oct 20th Two Aerodromes and a Dragon's Tooth **Friends of Lowewood**
8.00pm United Reformed Church

Oct 22nd Burlesque, Me and the W.I.
Cheshunt u3a 2.30pm Laura Trott

Oct 29th Art Lecture 'Now You See It, Now You Don't -*the art of visual deception.* **Arts Soc. East Herts**
10.30 am the Spotlight

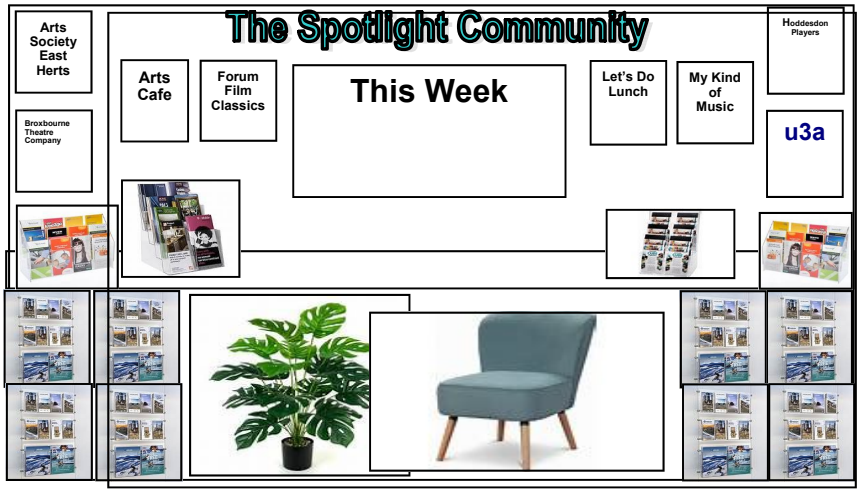
You don't need to be a *member* to attend these talks. Visitors are always welcome on payment of a small fee.

IMPORTANT



REMINDERS

The Spotlight 'Community' Board





Several months ago, the BArts' team was in touch with local councillors to point out that our community facility - the Spotlight-wasn't allowing the display of any *community* posters to *advertise* events *happening* there. We drafted the idea of a special board, to be on the wall *opposite* to the Box Office, so it wouldn't interfere with the Spotlight's commercial posters, and offered to pay half, if necessary.
We had no response to our suggestion, but you will appreciate our *mixed* feelings when a rather different design appeared, about a third of the size, positioned near the gents to the *Right* of the main entrance, when everyone entering always turns *Left!* There was no *prior discussion* before it was fixed..

Unfortunately, *another* problem has now developed. We specifically requested **Spotlight** Community, in other words for groups *using* the Spotlight, so that we weren't *sharing* it with posters for Bingo and Brownie sessions *elsewhere.* In the first week, we *removed* Enfield Coaches and Isabel Hospice.

Because of the board's position and dull background, we have made some extra bright headings and one for **each of the 9 BArts' groups who put on events there**

The Arts Society East Herts, Broxbourne Theatre Company, Broxbourne u3a, Hoddesdon Players, Jason Theatre School, Lea Valley ua, Mayhem Theatre Arts,The Stoller School of Dancing, The Vallé Academy

It's doubtful whether this board, in its current position, will make any appreciable difference to ticket sales, but we'll be monitoring it over the next few months,
In the meantime, if you need reminding of BArts' *next* event, that is one of the few places you're likely to find it **on a poster**.

Your Opinions and Experiences

Don't forget to respond to our request for your opinions on some *crucial* local community issues. Representing the Arts' Community is one of BArts' functions.

Magical Music in a Simple Setting

Two *Amazing* Concerts in *One* Weekend!



Hoddesdon Music Club's new season –its 82nd, made an impressive opening on Sept 19th,with the Pelléas Ensemble, an unusual combination of instruments of flute, harp and viola and some special arrangements of familiar music. Mozart's *Rondo All Turca*, jazz style, had audience appeal and extracts from Prokofiev's music for *Romeo and Juliet,* somehow managed to sound like a full orchestra at times.

The next day the BArts' team was on duty in the Spotlight Café hosting two groups of local singers—*It's Good To Sing,* under their conductor, David Boarder, and guests The Lynmore Singers from Enfield, with their conductor, Tina Shepherd. The choice of music was absolutely ideal for an informal Sunday afternoon, with old standards such as Jerome Kern's *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*, some musical theatre from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Mary Poppins* and even some Dolly Parton!

Additional special highlights were provided by oboists Caterina Daffeda and Catherine Wild and concert pianist, Julian Clef, who is the regular accompanist for the Lynmore singers and dazzled with a Chopin Nocturne and a Rachmaninov Prelude. The audience was clearly delighted and one gentleman enquired, hopefully, whether Café Concerts happened *every* Sunday afternoon. Not at current Spotlight hire rates! The Spotlight couldn't provide any cakes to go with a nice cup of tea, so BArts did a roaring trade in home-mades by our own team.





Photographs by Chairman, Samuel Beddard.

Lots of exciting music in the pipeline, with more Café Concerts, instrumental and choral events, so do make sure you pick up a copy of **BArts' programme** and visit our re-vamped website,.

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ARTS CAFÉ



Paintings by Angela Gonsalves



Photographs by Stan Benton



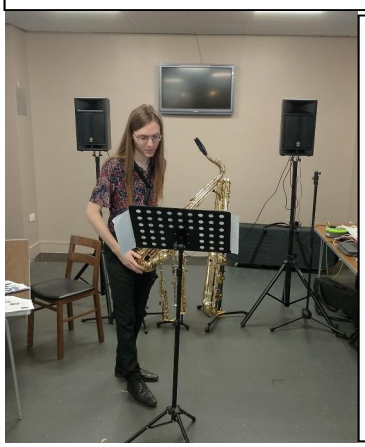
Paintings by Joan Facey



Weaving



Wildlife Paintings
by David Chitty



Samuel Beddard, *Saxophonist*, BArts' new Chairman

All photographs by Stan Benton
Hoddesdon Camera Club

At the Arts Cafe,September 15th A memorable day of some *first-class* Art work, lovely music and meeting new people. September 15th's Arts Café came very close to the imagined *ideal* when we first embarked on the venture last September. The quality and variety of work on display showed the talent there is within the Borough, that has so few occasions to be appreciated. Highly skilled photography, a weaving demonstration, some amazing wild-life paintings, insects in close-up, with fine detail, superb pencil portraits and a general relaxed atmosphere, with a little group playing Scrabble over coffee, and others tucking into pizza… We could have done with a few more visitors, but at the end of the day we had discovered a jewellery-maker and a wood-turner for the *next*, and, possibly the *last* Arts Café—a Christmas edition on December 15tth

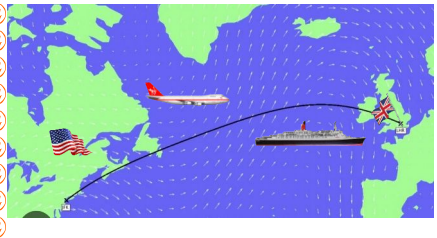
Costs of around £300 a session make a big dent in our reserves

Try Something Just A Little *Different!*

Our two longest-running events are not usually short of an audience, but, if you've never been you may wonder what exactly happens and whether it's worth giving them a try this Autumn.

Let's Do Lunch! has been running since 2002 and the expression suggests the underlying style of the event, usually making the most of 'tongue in cheek' humour while also offering lots of unfamiliar information about a familiar subject. Musical illustrations throughout may emphasise a fact, but are often there just for fun and the whole atmosphere is relaxed and informal. There's forty-five to fifty minutes talk either side of the lunch break, but it's shared between three or more voices, so you're less likely to find it tedious and nod off!

The cold buffet lunch itself is simple, but good, with a portion of meat, cheese and assorted salad items, plus crusty bread and butter and a glass of wine or fruit juice. There's usually a choice of two delicious desserts.



The next date is **November 11th** **Crossing the Pond** **£20, 12.00 to approx. 2.45 pm** which looks at the long standing, somewhat ambivalent British-American relationship, since Amerigo Vespucci made one of the first voyages to the New World. Sharing a common language, but with different meanings, has its problems, but is also a source of humour.



My Kind of Music is in its 16th year and began as a FREE, drop-in event, when the Spotlight café was open all day and there was a full lunch menu. Pre-Covid there could be as many as 60-70 people 'dropping in' to listen to Barbara Manning playing a very varied programme of easy-listening music, from light classical to 'pop' and everything in between, sometimes with a topical or seasonal flavour, too. This isn't a formal 'concert', as people do chat during the music, but they also applaud at the end of each section.

Since we now have to pay £60+ per hour to hire the café, we charge **£3** for an entry ticket and there is a menu of hot food to pre-order, a week in advance. Fresh pizza can be baked on the day. Once again, the atmosphere is very informal and one or two groups are tempted to sing along to the music, especially if it's from a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta or a modern musical.

This event is usually on the first Wednesday in the month at the Spotlight from **12.00—2.00pm.** **Next dates October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd**

Bookings spotlightvenue.com 01992 441946

u3a Learn, Laugh, Live Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley Learn, Laugh, Live u3a

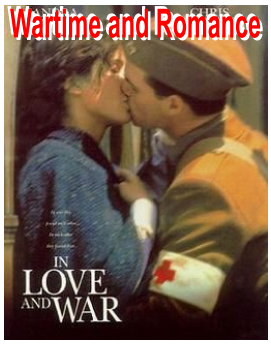
Ancient History, Antiques, Archaeology, Art, Astronomy, Bird-watching, Book Club, Bridge, Country Dancing, Creative Writing, Cycling, Day Trips, Craft, Croquet, Eating Round the World Exploring London, Family History, Gardens, Guitars, Heritage, History, Italian, Knit and Natter, Music, Netball, Padel,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

PLUS QUIZZES AND SEASONAL EVENTS

SEE EACH BRANCH FOR THEIR OWN RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND MAIN MEETING DETAILS

Broxbourne u3a meets at the Spotlight on the third Thursday in the month at 9.00 am 07496 702998 broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Broxbourne u3a
Oct 15th 10.30 am



Broxbourne u3a
Nov 19th 10.30 am

Music and Memories



Sing along to the tunes of the 50s, 60s and 70s!

Broxbourne u3a
Dec17th 10.30 am



Cheshunt u3a meets at the Laura Trott Centre on the fourth Thursday in the month at 1.30 pm 07984 791184 cheshunt.u3asite.uk

Cheshunt u3a
Oct 22nd 2.30 pm



Burlesque, Me and the W.I.

Cheshunt u3a
Nov 26th 2.30 pm



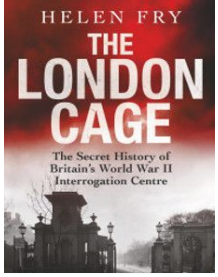
Hitchcock—
Man, Myth and Legend

Cheshunt u3a
Dec 10th 2.30 pm



Lea Valley u3a meets at the Spotlight on the second Monday in the month at 1.00 pm 01992 916485 lvu3a@live.co.uk

Lea Valley u3a
October 12th
AGM 1.45 pm
Speaker 2.00pm



Lea Valley u3a
November 9th 2.00pm



Robert Voss
Lord Lt. of Hertfordshire

Lea Valley u3a
December 14th 2.00pm



The History of Pantomime

Christmas Festivities from 1.00pm

Lowewood MUSEUM

Your Heritage, Your Museum

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What's Happening Around and About ?

Lowewood MUSEUM

Woolly Crafters

An informal group of Knitters and Crocheters who meet each fortnight to work on woolly projects.

Sessions run every other Tuesday 2pm- 4pm at Lowewood Museum

Just pop in

Upcoming dates

October 13th

October 27th

The session is free to attend thanks to National Lottery funding

all Welcome

For more info contact info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

Lowewood MUSEUM

ARCHAEOLOGY DAYS

Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October 2026
10.30am-3pm (quiet hour 3-4pm)

Join us for a fun day of all things archaeology

- Family-friendly archaeology dig
- Clay pot making
- Roman dress-up
- Arts and Crafts activities

No booking required!

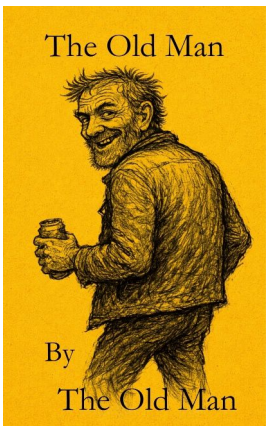
Suggested donation of £2 per child.

Activities are on the ground floor and the first floor. The first floor can be accessed via the stairs.
* For quiet hour reservations and more information, please contact info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk

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Local Writer's New Book

"The old bloke in the corner. The one people avoid, laugh at, judge, or quietly wonder about. Every pub has one. Now Thomas Forster, a Hoddesdon resident who works in the Wetherspoons pub, The Star, in the High Street, has written that man's story in a new book."

£7.99 paperback from Amazon, or local Wetherspoons

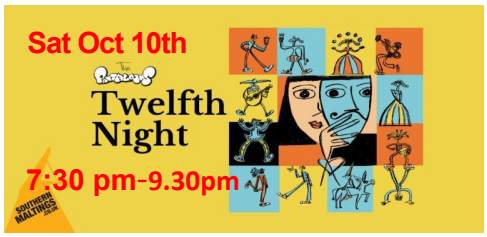
the Spotlight Hoddesdon

Highlights of the Spotlight in October

All Tribute Bands

Oct 3rd Forever Jackson Oct 9th MCartney Show
Oct 18th Urban Big Band Oct 22nd Bob Marley
Oct 25th Barry White Oct 29th Nashville Live.





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Sat Oct 24th
8.00-10.30pm



Thurs Oct 29th & Sat Oct 31st-
7.30—8.45pm

"The Southern Maltings is an artistic space dedicated to providing creative experiences that will enhance the health and well-being of the local and wider community. Through the provision of opportunities to learn, practice and experience creativity, we enable people of all ages and abilities to explore, experience and enjoy both their own and others' artistic endeavours. "



Weds Oct 7th 125 Years of Jazz Piano

World-class musicians bring to life the incredible music and stories behind the evolution of jazz piano.

Weds Oct 14th-
Sat Oct17th
Hertford Dramatic
& Operatic Society
presents
We Will Rock You
the electrifying rock musical, featuring the iconic songs of Queen.





Mon Oct 19th Tudors on Tour

The drama. The scandal. The dynasty. The Tudors like you've never seen them before. The Tudors are big box office – and it's easy to see why

Fri Oct 30th Sister Queens

A play of passion and treachery. Witness the unavoidable collision between dynamic sovereigns, which shaped the destiny of the thrones of Scotland and England. Enter the prison and the courts, private chambers and public processions as you journey with the cousins who called themselves Sister Queens—Elizabeth I of England and Mary,Queen of Scots



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