



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!**

A10 Orchestra  
Broxbourne Adult Leisure Learning  
Broxbourne Chorus

Broxbourne Theatre Company

Broxbourne U3A  
Burford Art Group  
Cheshunt U3A  
East Herts Operatic Society  
Hazelwood Art Group  
Hoddesdon Camera Club  
Hoddesdon Floral Art Society  
Hoddesdon Music Club  
Hoddesdon Players

The Hoddesdon Society  
Jason Theatre School

Lea Valley Art Society

Lea Valley U3A

Lowewood Art Group  
Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts  
Step 2 Step Dance Academy  
The Arts Society East Herts  
The G.O. Hub  
The Stoller School of Dancing  
Three Valleys Male Voice Choir  
Doreen Turner Ballroom Dancing  
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.

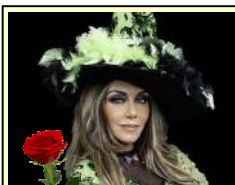
We hope that some serious consideration will be given to allocating regular exhibition space *some-where* in the borough to accommodate the work of our highly talented local artists.

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



Hertford Theatre  
at Ware Drill Hall

Dec 10th-Jan 1st

Puppetry, Folk Music and  
Story Telling

Tickets £16

01992 531500

box.office@hertfordtheatre.com



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

Dec 7th, 9th, 14th

Love Hoddesdon  
New Year Street Fair  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December –  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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

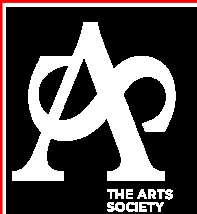


**Feb 13th** Walking the Beat to  
Nirvana. From bus driver in Banbury to  
a firearms office charged with protecting  
Margaret Thatcher,  
Speaker: Mervyn Edwards.



**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](http://lvu3a.org.uk)  
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# The Arts Society—East Herts Programme 2023

10. 30 am, The Spotlight, Hoddesdon

**26 January 2023** London's Lost Department Stores

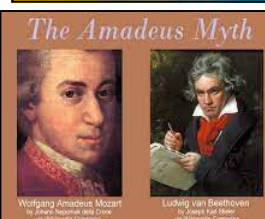
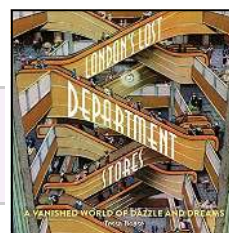
**23 February 2023** Dazzling Dufy: Invitation to a Luminous Feast with Raoul Dufy

**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



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**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.

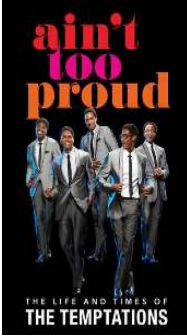
SHOWS & EVENTS **Pick up: Hoddesdon 4:45pm / Cheshunt 5:00pm**

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'

