



BArts' Broadsheet

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Keeping you in touch with
BArts and the local arts scene

*"If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need."*

That was the week, that was! Well, *ten* days actually.....



Love Hoddesdon Midsummer Festival



Festival Report June 15th –24th



Picnics before the show and final bow at *The Tempest*

Bands in the park, a dog show, fair-ground rides, local films, music and antiques at the Spotlight, open-air Shakespeare, a cricket match, exhibitions, history walks, community stalls... Windrush and Caribbean music and food... surely something for everyone..... and the sun *shone!*

BArts affiliated member groups—Friends of Lowewood Museum, Hoddesdon Music Club, Lea Valley u3a and Mayhem Theatre Arts—all contributed to the success of the Festival. BArts' own contribution was an Art Exhibition— **'Paint the Town'** and **Watercolours** from our regular workshops (See pages 2 and 3)—and a special all-male cast production of **The Tempest**, which was very well received by a substantial audience.

There was a great atmosphere in the High Street on 'Gala' Sunday—June 23rd and the whole festival was a reminder of what a local community can achieve when all working together. Will it be an annual event from now on? ...Perhaps every *other* year!

New Blue Plaque on Mayhem Site

One of the low-key festival events was the placing of additional blue plaques around the town, to commemorate significant people or events. Mayhem Theatre Arts was delighted to be one of the recipients. Their detached studio in Brewery Yard is the actual site.



BArts
Broxbourne Arts Forum
Bringing the Arts to Life

Broxbourne Arts Forum presents

A Let's Do Lunch Event

The style of music may change considerably from generation to generation, but unmistakable masters of the art always emerge to universal acclaim.....

Masters of Music
Friday, July 19th

12.00 noon,
Ticket £16, includes lunch and a glass of wine.

Dinant Room, The Spotlight



Love Hoddesdon Midsummer Festival

BArts' 'Paint The Town' Exhibition

at Hoddesdon Parish Church June 21st—23rd



This was the *first* local exhibition that BArts was able to present since 2019 and the Borough's change of policy at The Spotlight. Prior to this date, we usually offered three or four exhibitions a year there and encouraged local amateur artists to explore different subjects and produce pictures for sale. We were offered an empty local shop window for display, but this is a very poor substitute for 'gallery' conditions.





Love Hoddesdon Midsummer Festival

BArts' Watercolour Exhibition
 at Hoddesdon Parish Church June 21st—23rd
 produced by BArts' Watercolour Workshops



The u3a Page...Three Local Branches

Broxbourne

Thurs, July 18th



Speaker: David Allen
Spotlight 10.00 am

Thurs, August 15th



Speaker: Joanne Larner
Spotlight 10.00 am

07496 702998
broxbourneu3a.org.uk

Cheshunt

Thurs, July 25th



Speaker: Mike Barbakoff
Laura Trott Leisure Centre.
1.30 pm

Thurs, August 22nd

Speaker to be confirmed

Laura Trott Leisure Centre.
1.30 pm

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Lea Valley

Monday, July 8th



Speaker:
Mark Smith
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

Monday, August 12th



The transformation of Theobalds Farmhouse garden

Speaker: Alison Green
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

01992 916485
lvu3a@live.co.uk

Sept 26th



by Gavin Plumley

This lecture explores how Brueghel pioneered a whole new way of thinking about the environment and our individual places within a shifting cosmos.

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).

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About Us

We organise lectures, special interest days and outings, support arts projects in East Herts and document local church artefacts.

Oct 24th

'Les Trois Grandes Dames' of Impressionism:



Marie Bracquemond,
Mary Cassatt and
Berthe Morisot
by Sarah Burles

From the start the Impressionist group included women artists but their contribution to Impressionism has often been overshadowed by their male contemporaries.

Out and About!

Special Summer Events!

Sunday, July 7th
at Hertford Castle

12.00 noon to 6.00 pm

Free entry!



ART & CRAFT MARKET
SUN 30 JUN 10AM - 3PM
STALLS & WORKSHOPS

SOUTHERN MALTINGS

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HSO's HERFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Concerts for Children

Sunday 30th June
2:30pm & 4:15pm
Drill Hall, Amwell End
Ware

Lucy Drever presents:
Musical Fairytales

A collection of enchanting and inspiring music for young people including:

- Hansel and Gretel - Sally Kee
- Firebird - Stravinsky
- Frozen - Lopez arr. Bob Krogstad
- In the Hall of the mountain King - Grieg
- Pictures at an Exhibition - Mussorgsky
- Dance of the Knights - Prokofiev

Adult tickets £12, Students / Children £6
Family Ticket £34
wegottickets.com 01992 5843221

Ware Musical Theatre waremusicaltheatre.org.uk

SONDHEIM & SCHWARTZ

A Musical Revue

Drill Hall, Ware

Friday
July 12th,
Saturday
July 13,
7.30 pm

Saturday
Matinee
2.30 pm

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60 ARTISTS & MAKERS
Hitchin Town Hall 19th- 21st July

Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream

July 30th
at
Stanstead Bury Farm

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Tickets £15, Under 16 £10

A Midsummer Night's Dream

at Stanstead Bury Farm, Stanstead Abbots

The woods outside Athens are busy this night. Four young Athenian lovers are lost. Oberon and Titania, the king and queen of the fairy-folk, are quarrelling whilst a group of craftsmen (who also happen to be some not-so-very-talented actors) are meeting in secret to rehearse their play.

With its many parts, Shakespeare's story of love, mistaken identity and magic has remained popular with audiences across the world. Our critically acclaimed production returns this Summer to delight audiences again! .

This is an open-air performance so please bring chairs/blankets and picnics to enjoy whilst watching.

We will perform in all but the very worst weather



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A New Studio For Hoddesdon

The spacious Hertfordshire Studios in Brewery Road, a couple of doors down from Mayhem Theatre Arts, held an introductory open day in May attended by the BArts' team, Borough representatives and various local arts organisations.

Kev Orkian, Concert Pianist and Comedian



Owner, Kev Orkian, is a multi-talented entertainer himself, a brilliant concert pianist and comedian, who has toured the world and performed for royalty. He is already associated with Love Hoddesdon and Mayhem and the studios will be another focal point and asset for the area.

Stage, Screen, Social

BEAM
Stage Screen Social

'Beam', Hertford's Rebuilt Theatre Opening August 23rd

A glance at the programme announced so far suggests that the new theatre will have events very similar to The Spotlight, with the inevitable tribute bands as regular features, a few celebrity 'personality' shows, and something for the children.



The main difference will be the new 3-screen cinema on the first floor, which will feature a mix of new release and classic films, with state of the art sound and projection facilities. The screens range in size, with Screen One seating 81, Screen Two, 65 and Screen Three, 54.

Selected Events

Aug 27th-29th Dinosaur World Live

Aug 30th—Sept 1st
Horrible Histories : Rotten Royals

Sept 7th Ronnie Scott's All Stars

Sept 12th Dad's Army Radio Show

Sept 15th Susie Dent Secret Lives of Words

Oct 11th Geoff Hurst

Oct 16-19 Shrek, the musical

Oct 26th Musicals Live-Band Sing-along

Oct 27th Pam Ayres

Oct 28th—29th The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Sports and Leisure Management Limited (SLM), also known as Everyone Active, will be supporting East Herts Council in the lead up to the launch of BEAM.

SLM manage several theatres including Gordon Craig Theatre at Stevenage and the Alban Arena in St Albans. Their experience will help ensure that there's a smooth launch of the new venue BEAM.

