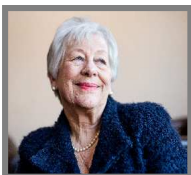




BArts' Broadsheet



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Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local arts scene



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BArts' Trustees and Management Team 2024-2025

Registered Charity No. 1188425

Confirmed after the 24th A.G.M. July 16th 2024

Malcolm Gordon, *Chairman / Secretary*, John Elson *Treasurer*,
Lee Rayner, *Director of Programming*, Kathi Broad, Marion Barrett, Valerie Foster,
Rita Hutchinson, Pamela Perkins, *Plus representatives of BArts Affiliated Groups*
and Borough of Broxbourne representatives—
Cllr. Gordon Nicholson, Cllr. Steve Wortley
and Steve Whitlam, *Community Development Manager*

Two other regular members of BArts' Team are not on the board of trustees, but carry out vital tasks throughout the year. Alison Gordon assembles the three editions of our printed programme, gets them ready for publication and helps with the distribution.

Sue Elson does the shopping and catering for the Let's Do Lunch series

Summer Holiday Activities For Children!

BArts' Local Theatre Schools Offer Exciting Workshops



Stoller School of Dancing
Summer Workshop
August 5th-9th

10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Age 5-13years

Learn a show in 5 days and perform on stage for family and friends

The Churchgate Academy,
Cheshunt

07930 667006

madeline_stoller@hotmail.co.uk



The Vallé Academy

Musical Theatre Summer Camp
August 19th-23rd

9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Age 5-12 years

Acting, Singing, Dancing, Art and Craft and a performance for family and friends.

Dance, Craft and Fun

August 21st
10.00 am to 11.30 am
Age 3-5 years



Aladdin



A popular class, so early booking advised.

enquiries@valleacademy.co.uk 01992 622862

Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts

01992 465100 hello@mayhemgroup.co.uk

Tues, August 20th
9.30am-3.00 pm

Screen Acting Intensive

Age 7-14 years

Weds, August 21st
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Flower Garden Ballet Morning

Age 3-7 years

Thurs, August 22nd
9.30 am to 3.00 pm

'Six' Musical Dance Camp

Age 7-14 years

Fri, August 23rd
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Party Rockers

Age 4-9 years



Summer
Workshops

August 20th-23rd

The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

Broxbourne

Thurs, August 15th



Speaker: Joanne Larner

Spotlight 10.00 am

Thurs, September 19th



Speaker: Richard Thomas

Spotlight 10.00 am

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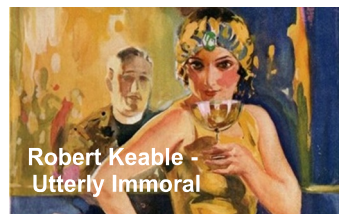
Cheshunt

Thurs, August 22nd



Speaker: Roger Browne
Laura Trott Leisure Centre.
1.30 pm

Thurs, September 26th



Speaker: Simon Keable-Elliott
Simon's grandfather, Robert, wrote the scandalous novel *Simon Called Peter*
Laura Trott Leisure Centre.
1.30 pm

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cheshuntu3a.org.uk

Lea Valley

Monday, August 12th



Speaker: Alison Green
The transformation of Theobalds Farmhouse garden
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

Monday, September 9th



Speaker :Tony Tutton
Guitarist, Drummer and lead singer
Spotlight, 2.00 pm

01992 916485
lvu3a@live.co.uk

Sept 26th



Brueghel, The Seasons and The World

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.



About Us

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

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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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.

THE VALLÉ ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Celebrating their 30th Birthday



This year, The Vallé Academy celebrates a significant milestone as it commemorates an impressive 30 years of teaching in the community. Since its establishment in 1994, the Academy has welcomed a staggering amount of students with many going on to remarkable success in their careers in the performing arts industry and in all walks of life.

This October, The Vallé Academy will showcase 'A Slice in the Spotlight' in Hoddesdon. The show features a variety of musical theatre performances by students of all ages, from 4-year-olds to adults. This will mark the academy's impressive 258th performance, showcasing the talent and dedication of its students. The audience can expect a vibrant and entertaining show that highlights the hard work and passion of everyone involved in the production.



THE Vallé ACADEMY
Established with Love 1994



Two hours of easy-listening piano music with Barbara Manning

Free entry 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm
in the Spotlight Green Room Bar

Pre-order a hot lunch, or select a freshly-baked pizza on the day.
Advanced table booking advised

**August 7th, Sept 4th, Oct 2nd,
Nov 6th, Dec 4th**

Music!

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THE Old Mill Retreat
CAFÉ
Broxbourne



Saturday, August 31st
11.30 am to 1.30 pm

“Without music, life would be a mistake.” Nietzsche

If you're into tribute bands, September will be a bumper month at



The Spotlight

- Sept 6th** The Last Days of Disco
- Sept 7th** Celine
- Sept 13th** Rat Pack
- Sept 14th** Ed Sheeran
- Sept 15th** Back To Bacharach
- Sept 19th** Rod Stewart—Some Guys Have All the Luck
- Sept 21st** Marvin Gaye
- Sept 27th** That'll Be The Day



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Hoddesdon
Music Club

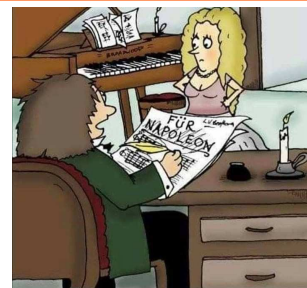


Piano Recital by Colin Stone
Saturday, September 21st, 7.30 pm
United Reformed Church, Broxbourne

Professor at the Royal Academy of Music and member of the London Mozart Trio, Colin is a regular broadcaster on Radio 3 and has an extensive discography. His programme will include Chopin and Prokofiev

Email: hoddesdonmusic@aol.com
Telephone: 01992 464000 (Kathleen Lord - Chairman)

I've forgotten which tune we're improvising on



"Don't be silly Elise...Of course I remembered your birthday."





Around and About the Local Scene

Hoddesdon

HODDESDON ALLSTARS
WITH LOVE HODDESDON PRESENTS

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCKTOWER

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024
11.00am - 7.30pm

HODDESDON
Allstars
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Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity



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FOOD & DRINK RAFFLE PRIZES
FAIRGROUND RIDES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FREE EVENT



Also open Fri & Sat
10-4PM

UPCOMING
Lowewood
MUSEUM



SUMMER EVENTS

Join us this summer as we celebrate toys and play.
save the dates . more details to come.

Fri 26 July- Family Trail launch day

Wed 31 July -Family games day

Wed 14 August - Model Railway day

Wed 28 August - Family games day



History On Our Doorstep!



Rye House Gatehouse

Rye House Gatehouse, Rye House Quay, Rye Road,
Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 0EH

Dating back to 1443, Rye House was originally a brick-built fortified manor house. In Tudor times, Catherine Parr, sixth wife of Henry VIII, spent part of her childhood here.

In the C17, it was involved in a plot to assassinate King Charles II.

Free Admission / Donate £1
11.00 am—3.00 pm

**Aug 11th, 18th, Sep 15th, 29th,
Oct 13th, 27th**

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Contact: info@leevalleypark.org.uk | 03000 030 610



Hertford Castle

Site of an original Norman castle c.1066. Rebuilt for Edward IV in C15. Elizabeth I spent some of her childhood here. The Gatehouse is now all that remains

Adjacent to Hertford's new Beam Theatre, the castle hosts various events, particularly during the summer.

Rock at the Castle

ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Local musicians will span across three stages featuring a wide range of genres including folk, indie, rock, soul, and pop music, suitable for all the family.

Aug 4th

12.00 noon to 7.00 pm

Free entry but donations to designated charity welcome

Bums On Seats?!



Getting 'bums on seats' is no mean feat at the best of times, but has become even harder since Covid and the widespread *apathy* that seems to have afflicted so many people, who are now reluctant to leave their gadgets and home screens for *live* activities and entertainment.

Membership of so many organisations is down by around a third since 2020 and those attempting, to recruit, or find volunteers to undertake some committee / operational responsibilities are finding it unusually difficult

Affordability of subscriptions, transport, or ticket prices may be an increasing problem for some in the current economic 'climate', but reduced facilities for the sake of economy may also have an impact in local areas..

A glance at the current *London* theatre scene suggests that there's a huge effort to get bums on seats, with some cut-price tickets and a range of *supplementary* activities to boost interest and help support events. Although there are *some* new plays and musicals, there's a huge number of *revivals* (nine musicals!) and 'feel-good' productions, which are more *likely* to attract audiences than the unknown.

Increasing diversification seems to be the name of the game for some long established, specialist venues such as the Royal Opera House, Sadlers Wells and the Royal Albert Hall that now offer such things as... Workshops, Family Sundays, Live At Lunch, Tea Dances, Insight To, Audience With, Performance Platform, Back-stage Tours etc.

Our local theatre, The Spotlight, has also been obliged to 'play-safe' with a mainstream programme of tribute bands which can help to fund a *few* events for theatre-goers, but the overall response to these has been somewhat limited and a recent matinée of NT's Noel Coward's *Present Laughter* had just *twelve* people in the audience! The atmosphere is not good on such occasions. Lack of full catering facilities since Covid hasn't helped, but this is likely to be remedied in the near future.

The *right* atmosphere is difficult to define and achieve, but it is immediately apparent when it's *wrong*. Sometimes it's an unfortunate *combination* of small things....blank, 'cold' unwelcoming décor, partly closed facilities eg .shutters down on bar / food counters, a closed box office. The introduction of one or two extra facilities could make all the difference ...Pre-show light lunch / afternoon tea, interval drink / glass of wine in ticket price; Behind the Scenes Tour/ Lighting Display, Theatre / Cinema *Club*.

Membership of Friends / Supporters schemes *should* help to foster a greater sense of community involvement and interest, but it needs something *more* than just the occasional discount on ticket prices. The Spotlight's impressive building and attractive grounds *could* become the heart of the community.....

In the Spotlight Programme —Full details in the printed programme / web site

Live Relay Sept 17th, 18th National Theatre

Prima Facie *Moral dilemmas in the world of law*

Films Sept 9th Back To Black, the Amy Winehouse story

Sept 24th, 25th Baltimore, based on the real-life story of rebellious debutante Rose Dugdale

**Live Theatre! October 9th The Windrush Secret,
22nd Macbeth**