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Keeping you in touch with BArts  
and the local arts scene



## New Programme!



Another five months of BArts' activities and events to enrich your autumn and winter days, presented by our affiliated groups ..There's 9 Creative Art groups, 7 Educational and Environmental groups, 5 Theatre groups/ schools, 2 Dance schools and 4 Music groups.... a mixture of the professional and skilled, voluntary amateurs, who keep the Arts alive within the borough.

We read a lot about the value of team *sports*, but people tend to underestimate the teamwork required to organise a successful arts group, or put on a performance. Professionals get paid for what they do; amateurs work for the *love* of their art and *donate* their own

money to sustain it. Most of today's professionals gained their first experiences with amateur groups, so it's essential that they are maintained and *valued*.

The Borough of Broxbourne is blessed with several Sports centres, but (as I keep *reminding* people! **Ed.**) there's not *one* building dedicated to the creative and performing Arts. An extension to the Spotlight could be the obvious answer, since the site has spacious grounds that tend to be under-used, but that would require a vigorous campaign and some fund-raising, *plus*, ideally, a local philanthropist to leave a lasting legacy, like John Warner and Robert Barclay, Of course the 'vision' and agreement of the Borough of Broxbourne would be required first! Perhaps it's time for The Artful Badger\* to be resurrected?



\*The Artful Badger was the title of a fund-raising campaign set up by Cheshunt Dramatic Society, East Herts Choral Society, East Herts Operatic Society and Hoddesdon Players, which raised £10,000 over a five year period during the 1980s, to establish an Arts Centre at Cheshunt School. Key members of BArts' current team were involved and The Badger Centre ran successfully for a number of years until Cheshunt School expanded and had to reclaim arts-dedicated parts

of their buildings for routine school activities

### Highlights of the New Programme

**Hoddesdon Music Club's 80th season**—**Sept 21st** Piano, **Oct 19th** String quartet and **Nov 23rd** Harp recital.

**Vallé Academy Musical Theatre** **Slice in the Spotlight** **Oct 19th-20th**

**Hoddesdon Players' Autumn Production** **The Revlon Girl**, **November 7th-9th**

**Broxbourne Theatre Company Pantomime: Mother Goose** **January 8th—12th**

**3 Let's Do Lunch** **Back to the Drawing Board** **Sept 13th**, **Feet of Clay**, **Nov 20th** and **Mars v Venus** **Jan 17th**



# New Horizons!?

BArts is entering its 25th year of voluntary service to the borough this year and while we cannot claim a high profile these days, in terms of large scale events, we are quietly working away to sustain the Arts and promote the wide-ranging opportunities offered by our affiliated groups.

There is now general agreement that an active *brain*, as well as an active body, is absolutely crucial to maintaining health and general well-being, particularly in later life. Statistics suggest that people with interests and hobbies tend to live *longer* than those who don't and they make fewer visits to their GPs! 'Lifelong learning' may sound like a bit of a chore, but the reality is actually very different and it is possible to have something interesting to do every day of the week without having to travel far, or spend lots of money. Additional benefits are meeting people who share your interests, possibly learning new skills and making new friends.

Flicking through the new BArts' programme, you may be hoping for one or two *events* that could be worth attending, but, perhaps, generally overlook the groups offering regular activities. You may not have thought of it in this way, but with one of BArts' groups you can...*Learn French, Italian or Spanish...Enjoy watercolour painting... Keep Fit...Eat out... Improve your photography... Go on a mini-break ...Practise the art of flower-arranging... Do a bit of acting or singing, or get involved back-stage... Play guitar... Discover your Family History... Explore London.... Dance, Dance, Dance...Ballet, Tap, Line, Zumbs Sing for Pleasure...Play games...outdoors or indoors .... Write stories and poems.. Listen to all kinds of music....Read Shakespeare....Knit and Natter.. Have a day out... Study the stars with Astronomy....Dip into Local or General History... Ring Hand-bells... Volunteer at Lowewood Museum....Sample Let's Do Lunch .... Drop into a free piano concert.....In short, you could be spoiled for choice! There is, in fact, so *much* to do beyond the armchair and the screen that you won't have time to feel fed up or 'under the weather.*



## Explore 'new horizons' with BArts' new programme!

Most of BArts' groups welcome visitors / potential members, so you can enjoy a 'taster' before any commitment. If you are on your own and reluctant to 'brave' it, there's always someone to help and make you feel welcome.

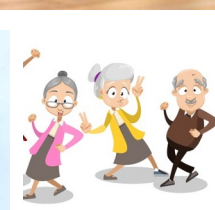
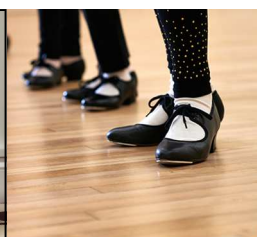
### A few comments from individuals attending one of BArts' groups...

*So enjoyable. I look forward to every week .....Fabulous pianist and a lovely way to spend a couple of hours....Lots of helpful tips to create my family tree.....Wow! I learn something new every time. .. Didn't realise it could be so interesting...*

*High standards and a lot of fun.....*



Exploring London



# The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

## Broxbourne

**Thurs, September 19th**



**Speaker: Richard Thomas**  
**Spotlight 10.00 am**

**Thurs, October 17th**  
**Finding Sapper Clay**

The remarkable story of a First World War Royal Engineer from Nuneaton, who was at the battles of Gallipoli and the Somme. Delving back into his family's history revealed links with C19 brick-making in Warwickshire and the novelist George Eliot



**Speaker: John Griffiths-Colby**  
**Spotlight 10.00 am**

**07496 702998**  
**broxbourneu3a.org.uk**

## Cheshunt

**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**

**Thurs, October 24th**  
**The Simon and Garfunkel Story**



**Speaker: Martin Orkin**

Simon and Garfunkel met at school in New York City, in 1953, where they learned to harmonize and began writing songs. They went on to become one of the best-selling duos in the 1960s.

**Laura Trott Leisure Centre 1.30 pm**

**01992 621543**  
**cheshunt.u3asite.uk**

## Lea Valley

**Monday, September 9th**



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

**Monday, October 14th**



**Speakers: Christine & Peter Padwick**  
*A light-hearted survey of banning and censorship over the past 100 years or so, with pictures, songs & anecdotes*  
**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).**

**07802 415089**

**E-mail**  
**m.gordon@dsl.pipex.com**

**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.

# Hollywood - The Golden Age of the Studio System



**Sept 26th to Dec 5th**  
**Half Term: Oct 31st**  
**Tutor: Christopher Budd**  
**Fee: £55**

*Paramount. Fox. Warner Bros. RKO. M-G-M. You've seen their logos all of your cinema-going life. Behind each one is part of the story of how five giant studios – and a handful of lesser lights – built and ruled over the golden age of Hollywood. And each one, with their own stable of producers, craftspeople, and stars, brought us a wealth of movie*

**The first week of a course will be a taster session, without commitment or obligation.**

**The last session of each term usually concludes with a buffet lunch.**

## Broxbourne B.ALL Adult Leisure Learning

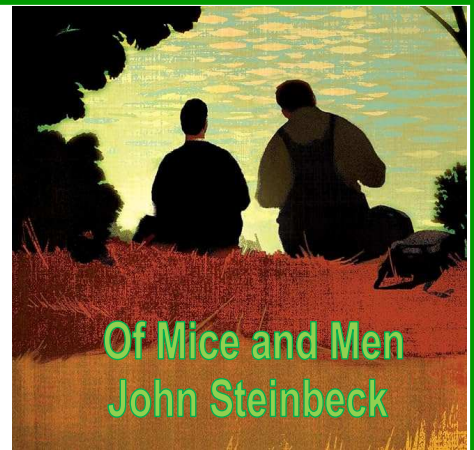
**01992 306598**

**E-Mail**  
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**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**  
**at Broxbourne Parish Centre**  
**B.ALL was originally part of the WEA, Workers' Educational Association, which was a national organisation for adults, founded way back in 1903, before full secondary education was available for all.**

In recent years, the WEA has been mainly for extended learning for pleasure, but it gradually became more expensive with an increasing amount of paper work so the Hoddesdon and Broxbourne branch made the decision to operate independently with a change of name.

Around 30 people sign up for each term's course and there is a particularly pleasant, friendly atmosphere as people enjoy sharing the same interests.



**Jan 23rd to March 20th**  
**Half Term: Feb 20th and 27th**  
**Tutor: Dr. Stephen Wilkinson**  
**Fee £45**

*A deceptively dense and thoughtful portrayal of working men in 1930s California by Nobel prize-winning US author John Steinbeck. We will read the novel together - closely - teasing out the meanings that are hidden deep within the text.*

*Despite its attachment to a particular time and place, the themes and concerns are timeless and valid still today.*

**B.ALL is just one of 7 BArts' affiliated groups offering opportunities for learning for leisure and pleasure.**

**Termly courses may cover Arts, Environment, History, Science, etc**



**The Parish Centre, St. Augustine's Church, Churchfields, Broxbourne.**  
*(nr Broxbourne Station) Car Park in Mill Lane*

**Autumn 2025**

**May 1st to July 20th**

**Ten London Country Houses**

**Including Ham House and Kenwood**

**Tutor: Adam Smith**



## FRIENDS OF LOWEWOOD MUSEUM

A series of booklets  
produced by members of the Friends -  
**£2-00 each**  
all proceeds to Lowewood Museum

A Little Learning  
Broxbourne's Admirals  
From Easter Jones To St, Catherine's  
Lowewood  
Rawdon House  
Robert Barclay and Barclay Park  
Tankards, Tales and Taverns  
The Grange  
The Hoddesdon Brewery  
The Railway History of Broxbourne Borough  
The Rawdon Family  
The Star  
The Story of Hoddesdon's Inna and Pubs  
The Warner Family  
William and Sarah Ellis of Rosehill

**AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM**

Our latest exhibition...

Welcome to  
**TOYS  
OF OUR  
TIME**

21 June- 21 December 2024

## Lecture Programme Autumn 2024 - Spring 2025

LECTURES ARE HELD  
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL,  
MILL LANE, BROXBOURNE EN10 7BQ

COFFEE & TEA AVAILABLE FROM 7.30PM  
NOTICES AT 7.50PM AND MEETING COMMENCES AT 8PM

### 2024

- TUES 17<sup>TH</sup> SEP: 'THE WARNER FAMILY in the Borough of Broxbourne & Beyond' – *Sue Garside*
- TUES 15<sup>TH</sup> OCT: 'HODDESDON, THEN & NOW' – *Phil Janes*
- TUES 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV: 'CHRISTMAS – how our ancestors celebrated & what Christmas meant to them' – *Ian Waller*

### 2025

- TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> FEB: 'FEVER! – exploring the many diseases that have gripped the County, from the 1300s to the Covid pandemic' – *Janice Brooker*
- TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> MAR: 'LOST INNS & PUBS of Broxbourne & Wormley' – *David Dent*
- TUES 15<sup>TH</sup> APR: 'ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH' – Talk/tour – *Geoff Green*  
Please note: for this occasion only - meet at the CHURCH at 7.15pm, start 7.30pm, no refreshments
- TUES 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY: AGM – at 7.30pm, followed by tea/ coffee, then:  
'THE LIFE, TIMES & HISTORY OF THE PEARLY KINGS & QUEENS' – *Teresa Watts, Pearly Queen of Clapton*

The URCH is opposite The White Bear Pub car park. If travelling from Cheshunt, turn right at Broxbourne traffic lights into Station Road. Continue along road. Turn right at the pedestrian crossing into Churchfields. Follow the road round to the right, past Broxbourne Church, and into Mill Lane towards the High Road. Parking is available in the church car park in Mill Lane Close.



Lowewood Museum is based in a beautiful double-fronted Georgian house in Hoddesdon, built in the 1750s.

The collection includes geology, archaeology, social history, costume, photography and art. Highlights include a fine collection of paintings by James Ward, the Royal Academy artist who lived in Cheshunt, First World War diaries, and the story of James Pulham & Son, one of the greatest landscape design firms of the Victorian age.

Open Fridays and Saturdays  
10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Tea Room and Shop

01992 445596 [info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@lowewoodmuseum.org.uk)



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**

**Enhanced catering facilities coming soon !**

**Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th**  
**01992 441946**

*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](mailto:hoddesdonmusic@aol.com)



Telephone: 01992 464000 (Kathleen Lord - Chairman)



**Ware Choral  
Society**



Ware Choral Society invites you to  
Come and Sing

**Vivaldi Gloria**

Guest soloists: Erin Alexander and Miriam Sharrad

**Saturday, 28th September**

**10am – 3pm**

(bring your own lunch)

**Cost: Free!**

Riverside Hall, Ware, SG12 0DE

**01992 466172**



**Tribute Bands  
at the Spotlight**

**01992  
441946**

- 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

**Around  
and  
About**



**The NEW  
Hertford  
Theatre  
Now  
OPEN!**

**Sept 7th** The Ronnie Scott's All Stars:  
The Ronnie Scott Story

**Sept 12th** Dad's Army Radio Show

**Sept 15th** The Secret Life of Words,  
with Susie Dent (Countdown)

**Sept 18th** Swan Lake Ballet

**01992 531500**



**Southern Maltings**

**Ware**

**Sept 19th** Windrush Poetry Workshop

**Sept 22nd** Afternoon Tea Dance

**Sept 28th** Merry Wives of Windsor

**Sept 29th** Jazz

**07864 941546**

[info@southernmaltings.co.uk](mailto:info@southernmaltings.co.uk)



**Wyllotts Theatre  
Potters Bar**

**Sept 14th** Marriage of Figaro  
*Royal Opera House Screening*

**Sept 22nd, 24th** Miss Saigon  
*25th Anniversary show Screening*

**01707 645005**

[wyllyotts@inspireall.com](mailto:wyllyotts@inspireall.com)

# Late Extra!

Hoddesdon  
Town Centre



# Food Drink Fest

September 14th  
10.00 am to 6.00 pm



Morassi String Quartet

Hoddesdon Music Club's concert, scheduled for October 19th, was originally going to feature the Ambrose String Quartet, but the group has been affected by some unforeseen circumstances and had to withdraw. The Morassi String Quartet have been engaged to take their place.

Formed at the Royal College of Music in 2018, by violinists Natasha Humphries and Katie Mazur, violist Toby Warr, and 'cellist Iza Stefanska, the group has already established an excellent reputation, aiming to bring a fresh and bold flavour to the chamber music scene, and described as "*artists who play as one, with an emotional maturity belying their years.*"

**The programme will include Mozart,  
Mendelssohn and Janacek**

**October 19th  
7.30 pm**

**United Reformed Church, Mill Lane,  
Broxbourne**

**Tickets £15, Family £35,  
Age 25 and under, £3**

**01992 464000]**

**[www.hoddesdonmusic.org.uk](http://www.hoddesdonmusic.org.uk)**

## Fund-raising Concert for St. Augustine's Church.



Mezzo –Soprano, Susanna Tudor-Thomas, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and has been a member of English National Opera since 1994.

Her recital in aid of the church will include well-known arias, music by Ivor Novello and some Welsh songs, accompanied by Richard Black.

Richard Black



Refreshments will be served after the concert, when there will be the opportunity to meet Susannah.

**Sunday, September 29th  
3.00 pm**

**St. Augustine's Church, Churchfields,  
Broxbourne**

**Adults £10, Under 18, £5.**

Refreshments, Raffle

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