



BArts' Broadsheet No. 53. December 2024



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*Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local arts scene
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, but if the white runs out, I'll drink the red!"*

Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

Hoddesdon Loves CHRISTMAS
Sunday 24 November
10am-6pm
Hoddesdon Town Centre

A fun filled day of Live music, food and craft stalls, mulled wine, Christmas Parade, snow globe, fireworks, fun fair rides and much more...

Surprise Main Act plus Britain's Got Talent Semi-Finalist and The Voice Semi-Finalist

For details please call 01992 785555 or visit www.broxbourne.gov.uk

Christmas Music and a Festive Lunch

12.00 to 2.00 pm
with Barbara Manning at the piano and My Kind of Music

December 4th

Spotlight Bar
Pre-booking essential
01992 441946

Lea Valley u3a Christmas Social

December 9th

Live Piano Music, Christmas Raffle, Table Quiz, Buffet Lunch £3. Complimentary Tea / Coffee Soft Drink / Wine.

1.00 –3.00pm,
Spotlight Bar

...Other Celebrations on the Way!

The year 2025 will be a bit of a milestone for BArts and for one or two of the team, who have *very big* birthdays coming up! Plans are already well underway and the first of our three programmes for next year will soon be with the printer and all set for early distribution.

Needless to say, we really appreciate the enthusiastic support that we've received over the years, to encourage us to 'bring the arts to life' in Broxbourne, often in spite of very difficult circumstances. It would be all too easy to write us off as 'old codgers,' *but*, don't be fooled! The marbles are still in place, the imagination is still working and we have a lifetime of experience in the arts to put to good use!

BArts
Broxbourne Arts Forum
Bringing the Arts to Life

Programme

Art, Craft, Concerts, Courses, Dance, Drama, Education, Environment, Lectures, Let's Do Lunch, Literature, My Kind of Music, Open-Air Shakespeare, Talks, Theatre, u3a, Workshops and more

Celebrating 25 years!

January - May 2025



Spotlight, Hoddesdon
 The Pantomime of your Dreams
SLEEPING BEAUTY
 December 12th - 30th

MOTHER GOOSE
 a traditional family pantomime
 Broxbourne Theatre Company
Jan 8th-12th
 2025
 at the **Spotlight Theatre**
 Hoddesdon

Book for both!

Something for the family!

Box Office 01992 441946

November 30th - January 1st

Cinderella and the Glass Slipper
 BEAM

HD&OS
 Our Traditional Family Pantomime
Dick Whittington
 January 16th - 19th

Two professional and two amateur pantomimes on offer, locally, so you may be spoilt for choice! The amateur groups, Broxbourne Theatre Company and Hertford Operatic and Dramatic Society, have been presenting panto for many years so you can be sure of a good standard of performance, scenery and costumes and all the features of a very traditional, corny script

Box Office 01992 531500

SANTA'S BIG ADVENTURE
 A NEW PUPPET MUSICAL

A New Seasonal Puppet Musical
 Devised by Marc Day

Duration: 40 mins including meet and greet
Age Suitability: 1 - 5

Tickets: £12 Adult | £10 Child
 Special discounts available for Nurseries and Pre-school groups - please contact the Box Office

December 15th—24th

Performances
10.30 am and 1.30 pm

Spotlight
Hoddesdon

01992 441946

Made possible with **Heritage Fund**

Lowewood MUSEUM
 Lowewood Museum Trust Ltd. Charity Number: 1102966

Festive Thank You

Free mince pies and mulled wine

Lowewood Museum would like to invite the community to thank the National Lottery Heritage fund and National Lottery players for all their support this year.

Saturday 21 December 2024
10am-3pm

Pop along for some festive cheer and enjoy the *Woolly Crafters' Christmas display*

Last chance to view our exhibition

Welcome to **TOYS OF OUR TIME**

No need to book, just drop in.

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Lowewood MUSEUM

High Street, Hoddesdon

A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
ANDRÉ RIEU
Gold & Silver
 December 8th and 15th

BEAM
 Stage Screen Social
Hertford

Muppet Christmas Carol
 December 21st

The Nutcracker December 21st

BEAM
 Stage Screen Social
Hertford

Andrea Bocelli 30:
 The Celebration December 22nd

HARLOW PLAYHOUSE
 CREATE • ENJOY • FOR ALL

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SLEIGH RIDE
 BY KEVIN WILSON

December 7th -24th



CHRISTMAS FARMER'S AND CRAFT MARKET
 SUN 1 DEC
 10AM - 3PM
 December 1st

SOUTHERN MALTINGS
 .CO.UK
 Ware

December 8th

A Christmas Carol

Christmas EXPERIENCE

December 14th, 15th

ALAN BARNES QUARTET

December 22nd

Tea Dance
 With Barry Sapsford's Swing Orchestra

December 22nd

Local u3as Contribute to the Arts

Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley Branches offer more than *fifteen* different interest groups that are arts-based!

Subjects include:

Art and Craft-Art Appreciation, Card Making, Model Making, Knit and Natter, Needle Felting, Sew, Knit, Patch and Chat, Photography, Watercolours, Woodturning.

Dance-Country, Folk, Line, Salsa

Literature-Creative Writing and Poetry, Looking at Literature, *including* Shakespeare. Play Reading, Reading For Pleasure

Music-Folk and Country Music, Guitar, Handbells, Listening to Music, Music Appreciation, Musicians United, Singing for Fun, The A-Train Band

and Theatre Trips

broxbourneu3a.org.uk; cheshunt.u3a@gmail.com; lvu3a@live.co.uk



The A-Train Band



Singing For Fun



Needle Felting



Knit and Natter



Art Appreciation



Reading For Pleasure



Handbell Ringing



Guitar Playing



Wood Turning

Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Lea Valley

Looking at Literature

The Shakespeare group is branching out...to look at *other* great writers as well as Shakespeare....
 Self contained topics, **£4 per session**
 incl. Coffee and biscuits, or book for the *whole* term
7 sessions for £21

Spring Term

- Jan 10th** Chaucer and the Canterbury Tales
- Jan 24th** Shakespeare's Life and Work
- Feb 7th** In Search of the Sonnets
- Feb 21st** Elizabethan Theatre, Plays and Playwrights
- March 7th** Restoration Comedy and Romance
- March 21st** Poets Laureate-John Dryden to Simon Armitage
- April 4th** The Development of the English Novel

Meeting 10.30 am-12.30 pm 2nd and 4th Fridays
 Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Rd, Hoddesdon.

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Spotlight on Local Theatre and Dance Schools

Full details are in BArts' Programme

Five of the Borough of Broxbourne's theatre and dance schools are affiliated to BArts and have established a reputation for high standards, with a full range of classes, exciting performance opportunities and qualified, dedicated teachers. Two have their *own* premises, but are geographically far enough apart not to have to compete and the other three use various local venues.

The general public may think of theatre schools in terms of precocious youngsters and pushy Mums, BUT their achievements go way *beyond* stagecraft and the confines of the syllabus and graded exams to have a positive impact on confidence, poise, sociability, communication skills, community spirit and even ordinary, every-day school work.

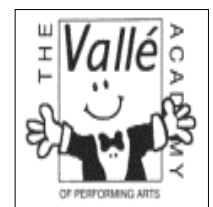
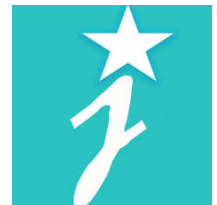
Local students usually have an opportunity to take part in the Spotlight annual pantomime and some also gain early professional experience in TV and film work and West End shows.

Most of today's stars began as *amateurs*, appearing first in school productions, local am-dram / local theatre schools, before going on to professional training.

In many cases, after a few years in the business, they open a school to supplement their periods of 'resting' and find themselves overtaken by the reality of the admin necessary to keep it afloat. In their late twenties, or early thirties, if they want marriage and a family, they also realise that these don't combine too well with touring, or the unsocial hours of performing, so gradually re-focus their attention on teaching, choreographing and directing, which can, actually, be even more rewarding.

It's interesting to note that some of the principals of our affiliated schools knew each other as youngsters, either at the same school, or in a show together at the Spotlight, and are now making a contribution to the local community. Some now have their *own* children, who just *happen* to have talent and are following in their footsteps.....

“There's no business like show business!”





Jason was founded more than 65 years ago by Joy Spriggs, initially in Enfield, then extending to Cheshunt and Broxbourne. Her granddaughter, Lauren Bayford, together with Tracey Wring, now head the team of professional teachers, maintaining the high standards established by Joy and the close links with Broxbourne Theatre Company. Past students include Julia McKenzie and a Spice Girl!

Tracey Wring and Lauren Bayford



Lisa and Sally Coleman

Created in 2020, **LSV** amalgamated with **Step2 Step** in 2022 to extend their range of opportunities for professional performance in venues such as His Majesty's, London and Disneyland Paris and sustain exceptional standards in all aspects of dance, with excellent examination results and a particularly happy family atmosphere. Their classes are based at Goff's Churchgate Academy



Nicole May



Mayhem celebrates its 18th birthday in January and has an enviable record of innovation and excellence in all aspects of performance. With an extensive outreach programme and links with schools such as Haileybury, their studios in Hoddesdon provide a focal point for the community and students play an active part in local events. They have won numerous awards, hosted a TV talent show, appeared at the National Theatre and past students have performed on Broadway and in the West End.

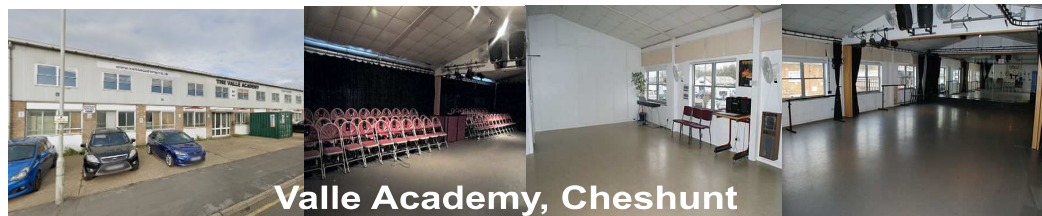


Madeline Stoller

Founded in 2003, **Madeline Stoller** has a background of successful professional performance and teaching, which has set the high standards for the school. Apart from excellent exam results, Stoller students have featured in the finals of national competitions and appeared on the West End stage. An annual production, Christmas show and holiday workshops offer other exciting opportunities. Classes take place at Albury Village Hall, Goff's Churchgate Academy and Wormley Community Centre



Corinne Vallé




The Vallé Academy was founded in 1994 with just 14 students. In 2003, it became a registered charity and, with a Lottery Arts Funded Grant, moved to purpose-built premises in Delamere Road, Cheshunt with a studio theatre. There are now more than 500 students and more than 60 different classes from which to choose! The Vallé performance team is available for fêtes and events. In 2014, Corinne Vallé received an Outstanding Service Award presented to her by The Borough of Broxbourne.



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Harriet Adie (harp)
Saturday Nov 23rd
4:30pm,
United Reformed Church,
Broxbourne



The Spotlight 

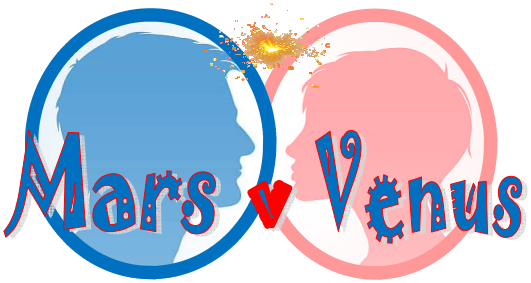


The Ox and the Ass: Silent Watchers at the Crib
by Hilary Guise
Nov 28th
10.30 am

Have you ever wondered why every Nativity scene and every school play has to have an Ox and an Ass?

Reminders and Late Extras!

LET'S DO LUNCH!



The battle of the sexes!
January 17th
£17

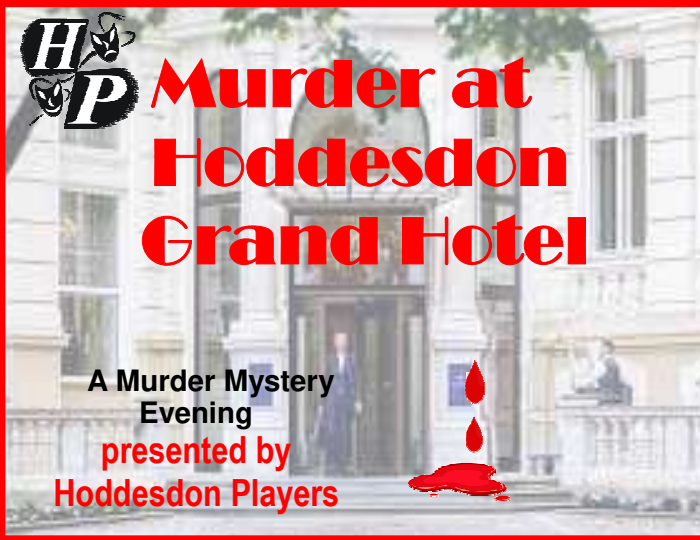
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The Spotlight
November 30th

THE *Elvis* YEARS
20th ANNIVERSARY TOUR
THE STORY OF THE KING




£28 01992 441946



HP Murder at Hoddesdon Grand Hotel

A Murder Mystery Evening
presented by
Hoddesdon Players



7.30pm, Saturday 25th January

at **St Catherine's School,**
Haslewood Avenue, Hoddesdon

Tickets **£18.00** (including fish & chip supper)

01992 460838

or enquiries@hoddesdonplayers.org.uk

Please bring your own drink & glasses

Something for every taste!



Hoddesdon Music Club

Royal Festival Hall Concert



Sunday, January 26th, 3.00 pm

Concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor Vasily Petrenko

Tickets £48 incl coach

01992 464000

Dates For Your New Diary

2025
A5 week to view



Arts Society East Herts

Jan 30th Mixed Doubles
Feb 29th Michelangelo, Copernicus and The Sistine Chapel
March 14th Becoming Jane Austen
April 25th The Joy of Indian Classical Music
May 30th Thomas Heatherwick, A Modern Leonardo?

Let's Do Lunch

Jan 17th Mars v Venus
March 19th In Service
May 16th Changing Tastes
June 18th Gently Zimmering
July 18th Happiest Days of Our Lives
Sept 13th My Kind of Music

My Kind of Music

Jan 8th
Feb 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th

Hoddesdon Music Club

Jan 25th Broxbourne Handbell Ringers
March 22nd Ensemble Renard
April 12th Baroque Alchemy
May 17th Saxophone Recital

Theatre

Jan 8th-12th Mother Goose
Broxbourne Theatre Company
March 1st, 2nd Rhythm 2025, Time Warp
Vallé Academy
March 14th Seasons of Love
Mayhem Theatre Arts
April 24th—26th Time To Kill
Hoddesdon Players
May 7th -10th Made In Dagenham
Broxbourne Theatre Company

u3as B- Broxbourne, C- Cheshunt, LV Lea Valley

Jan 13th Off the Record—Album Covers **LV**
Jan 16th Fifty Old Films To Make You Feel Good **B**
Jan 23rd Bees and Beekeeping **C**
Feb 10th The London Cage **LV**
Feb 20th Thirty Years Addictive Manufacturing **B**
Feb 27th Copped Hall **C**

Courses

Jan 23rd—March 20th Of Mice and Men . **B.ALL**
May 1st—July 7th Ten London Country Houses **B.ALL**

Miscellaneous

Feb 12th Winter Days *Floral Art*
March 11th Have Containers, Will Travel *Floral Art*
March 29th Quiz Hoddesdon Music Club
April 9th My Family and Other Animals *Floral Art*



Broxbourne and Lea Valley u3as meet at the Spotlight



Cheshunt u3a meets at the Laura Trott Centre

March 10th The Beginning, Muddle and End **LV**
March 20th Guilty or Not Guilty **B**
March 27th Oh, Matron! **C**
April 10th Secret London **B**
April 14th A Grandmother's Legacy **LV**
April 24th The Importance of Lasting Power of Attorney **C**

Full details of all events in BArts' Programme January—May 2025