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13th June - 19th July 2015

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Welcome to the Bromsgrove Festival

The Bromsgrove Festival has a long and successful history and 2015 will be its 55th year of existence. It is also the second year of the Festival in its new format. A new committee took over the Festival organisation in late 2013 and last year moved the Festival back from its fairly narrow classical music programme to its traditional approach of a much wider range of events. Whilst we kept, and indeed increased, the high quality classical music for which the Festival was well known, we added in 2014 a wide range of theatre, art, poetry, literature, dance and craft events. We also broadened out the musical events on offer to include opera, folk, jazz and other genres.

The 2014 Festival was judged a great success. Feedback from event organisers, who saw increased attendances, and audience members was almost unanimously positive. In light of this, the Festival committee have had no hesitation in organising the 2015 Festival in the same wide ranging, high quality community based format.

This 2015 Festival programme includes a significantly greater number of events than last year with an even wider range of activities. To help your way through the range of events on offer, we have included a list by genre at the end of the chronological listing.

In an important move, earlier this year the Festival organisation formed a partnership with Bromsgrove District Council to promote and deliver a series of events on Bromsgrove's newly refurbished High Street on the four Saturdays during the Festival period not covered by the Carnival and the Court Leet procession. The partnership is also backing a high profile dance event at Artrix on the opening day of the Festival, June 13th. The 2015 Festival offers an exciting programme. We know that you will find something that you will love and we encourage you to try something new right here on your doorstep in Bromsgrove.

Graham Mackenzie
Chair, Bromsgrove Festival Limited



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www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

The events listed in this brochure were correct at the time of going to press. However, as with every plan, changes will occur and we would recommend that you visit www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk on a regular basis for up to date information. To be kept even more up to date, "like" our Facebook page and/or follow us on Twitter @bromsgrovethefestival

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Friday 12th June

7.00pm Reception, 7.30pm Concert

Summer Evening Soiree

Hanbury Hall

School Road, Hanbury, Droitwich,
Worcestershire. WR9 7EA



A stylish evening with a Pimm's Reception preceding an hour of music performed by the strings of **The Midlands Sinfonia** led by **Nic Fallowfield**.

Enjoy Elgar's Serenade, Pachelbel's Canon, the Capriol Suite and music by Mozart, Purcell and Schumann followed by a light supper with wine in the elegant rooms of a beautiful house.

£20 to include reception and supper

Contact Sue Peters - 0121 453 2898 or bookings@bromsgrovefestival.co.uk

Apply early - limited availability

Friday 12th June 7.00pm

La Boheme – Royal Opera House encore screening

Artrix

The most popular opera of all returns in one of The Royal Opera's best loved stagings, regularly revived since its opening night in 1974 - and now being seen for the very last time. John Copley's keen stagecraft and loving attention to period and dramatic detail make his production a masterpiece of realism, while Julia Trevelyan Oman's designs evoke the atmosphere of 19th-century Paris. Several of today's greatest opera stars return to bid farewell to this sublime staging, notably Anna Netrebko as Mimi, and Joseph Calleja as her lover, Rodolfo. Israeli conductor Dan Ettinger conducts one of Puccini's most emotional and melodious scores, in a revival that promises to go down in Royal Opera history.

£15 (£12 students)



Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk

Friday 12th June Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

William Shakespeare's "As You Like It", performed by the Festival Players

The Festival Players Theatre Company perform the Bard's wonderful pastoral comedy full of love, laughter and lyricism. This talented all-male company return to St John's Church by popular demand following last year's Macbeth.

As You Like It is a colourfully-costumed two hour show, set in the Forest of Arden, full of engaging characters and features songs set to the original music by Johnny Coppin.

Perfect entertainment for a Summer's evening.

St John's Church, 14 Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7JW



More information on line www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove

by e-mail friends.stjohns.church@gmail.com and from www.thefestivalplayers.co.uk

Tickets at £15 each (Concessions for schools – please contact for details) available from Artrix Box Office: online www.artrix.co.uk or telephone 01527 577330 and in person from Artrix or St John's Church

Saturday 13th June 10.00am to 1.00 pm

Fun on the High Street

Promoted by Bromsgrove Festival in partnership
with Bromsgrove District Council

Bromsgrove High Street

An exciting morning of music, fun and entertainment on the High Street to
celebrate the start of Bromsgrove Festival.

For More Info: www.bromsgrovecityfestival.co.uk



Saturday 13th June and every Saturday during the Festival

Fancy a Tinkle?

The Bromsgrove Cobbler in Association
with Friends of St John's

Bromsgrove High Street

"From Chopsticks to Tchaikovsky, from Jerry Lee to The Duke"
the choice is yours on our public piano available for YOU to play
Free event.



Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 10.00am – 4.00pm

Art Exhibition

Avoncroft Art Society

Avoncroft Art Centre (Main Hall)

Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove. B60 3PJ

Exhibition of art, ceramics, textiles, sugarcraft, calligraphy, photography and a dance display from members
of the Avoncroft Arts Society.

Refreshments will be available. www.avoncroftarts.org.uk

Free entry to the exhibition

Saturday 13th June 10.30am – 5.00pm

Come and Sing Day

Bromsgrove Choral Society

North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1BA

This is a singing workshop led by David Lawrence (associate conductor of the CBSO Chorus) rehearsing
Chilcott's Requiem, which will be performed in the last session of the day.

Pre-booking is essential, call Chris on 01527 832467 or e-mail: chilcottday@logicalroot.co.uk

Cost is £20 (including hire of music score) students free

For More Info: www.bromsgrovechoralsociety.org.uk

Saturday 13th June at 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Captive

Bromsgrove Festival in partnership with
Bromsgrove District Council, Artrix and
Heart of Worcester College

Bromsgrove High Street

Powerfully physical, emotionally charged and extraordinary, Captive

is a dazzling blend of dance and aerial work. Performed by four dancers in a large cage, Captive is inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke's poem The Panther and considers how a human, like an animal, can be plucked from normal life and plunged into captivity.

BTEC students from HoW College will perform their interpretation of The Panther following a residency project with Motionhouse

Free outdoor performances

For More Info: www.artrix.co.uk or 01527 577330



Saturday 13th June 4.00pm and 6.30pm

Captive

Motionhouse

Motionhouse performances take place on the terrace outside

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Powerfully physical, emotionally charged and extraordinary,

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by four dancers in a large cage, Captive is inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke's poem The Panther and considers how a human, like an animal, can be plucked from normal life and plunged into captivity.

Free outdoor performances

For More Info: www.artrix.co.uk or 01527 577330



Sunday 14th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Jubilee Bandstand

Blackwell Wind Band

Presented by Bromsgrove District Council

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Traditional brass bands and music performed for free in
Sanders Park, Bromsgrove

For More Info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk, 01527 534030

Email – events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk



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Wednesday 17th June - Saturday 11th July

BRENDA HENDERSON EXHIBITION - BETWEEN THE LINES

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

"I work with pen or brush and ink, taking subjects from life or from
my own photographs, then scan and colour the drawings digitally.

My subject inspirations are landscapes and details, forgotten places and the untidiness of everyday living. My
working inspiration is from the 'ligne claire' work of Hergé, and the paintings and prints of Patrick Caulfield."

For More Info: www.artrix.co.uk

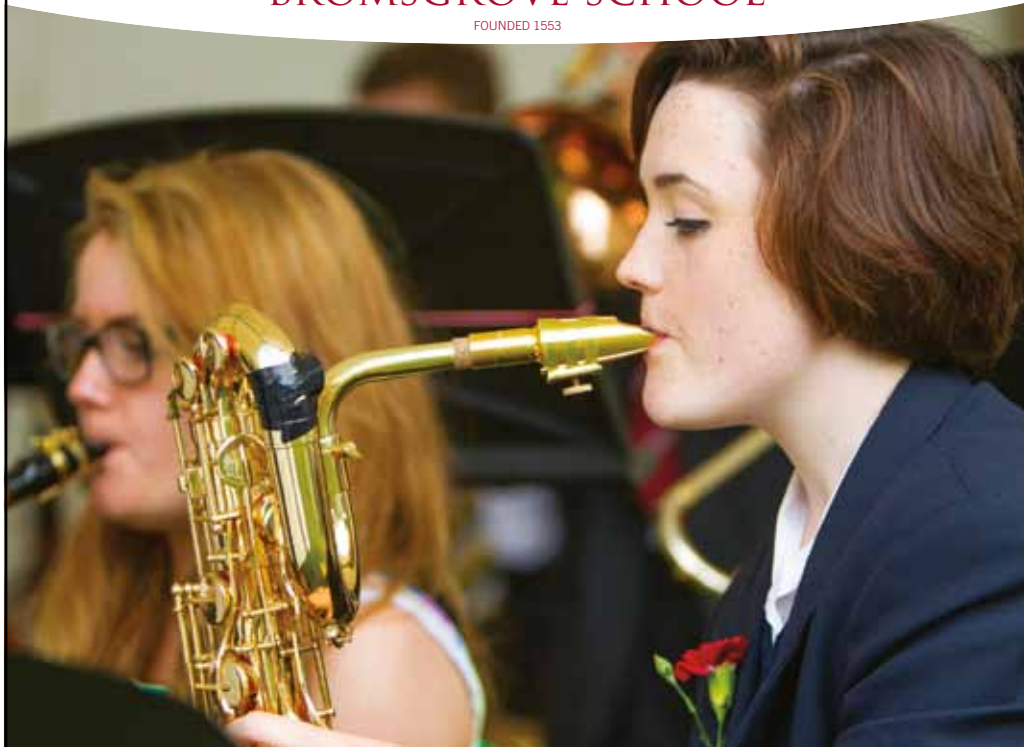


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www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk

Wednesday 17th June, music at noon, lunch at 1.00 pm

Music at Lunchtime: Flanders and Swann Revisited...through the eyes of Sir John Betjeman Festive Classics



New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

Flanders and Swann and poet Sir John Betjeman were canny observers of the British character. Their work is brought together for the first time by singer, pianist and actor Michael Lunts, celebrating a bygone world, where Miss Joan Hunter Dunn rubs shoulders with *The Honeysuckle* and *The Bindweed*. Betjeman's beloved steam trains run alongside F&S's *Transport of Delight*, while 'animals', from hippos to gnus, warthogs to elephants, abound! After the concert lunch will be served.

Tickets from: Festive Classics, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 1EW

Cheques, with SAE, made out to "Festive Classics"

Tickets £15 including lunch and glass of wine to be booked in advance, Concert only £8 at door

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Wednesday 17th June 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Acoustic Cafe

Plaza Coffee, Bromsgrove

Plaza Coffee, Chapel Street Precinct, off High Street. Bromsgrove.

Hosted by Bob Bignell, of local Acoustic Band, Fairfield, Plaza Coffee opens its doors to young and old musicians, singers and poets of any genre and to those who just want to listen for this daytime acoustic music session

Free Event

For More Info: 0121 476 5938 or 07828 716842



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Wednesday 17th June to Saturday 20th June 7.30pm
Saturday 2 Performances Matinee 2.30pm Evening 7.30pm

BROMSGROVE OPERATIC SOCIETY

at Artrix

To celebrate a highly successful 10 year association with the theatre Bromsgrove Operatic Society are proud to present at Artrix a truly

stunning cavalcade of song and dance. Drawing upon some of the most popular movies in recent years that have been recreated as musicals on the professional stage, audiences can expect the very best entertainment in town. This is a unique opportunity to glimpse, "on your own doorstep", the wonder of many of the songs and dance in those musicals that have graced Broadway and the West End.

In one evening you will journey through many fantastic songs and dance from musicals including Sunset Boulevard, Oliver, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Sister Act and Mary Poppins to name just a few.

Be prepared to experience wonder at the range of emotions and energies these musicals have provided many audiences over the years.

For a few nights the West End and Broadway will come to the Artrix and we know that you will leave with your feet tapping and your heart bursting with song!

Tickets available at Artrix Box Office, School Drive. Bromsgrove B60 1PQ
01527- 577330 or on line at www.artrix.co.uk

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE.

Ticket Prices; Family Ticket- 2 Adults and 2 Children (Under 18 years old) £45.00

Adults £15.00 Children £9.00 Concessions available on request for Groups of 10 or more.

For More Info: www.bromsgroveoperaticsociety.org.uk



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Saturday 20th June – Saturday 27th June
(excluding Sunday and Wednesday) during Library opening
times – 9.30 am – 5.30 pm (Saturday until 4.00 pm)

Silk Painting Exhibition

South Birmingham Guild of Silk Painters

Rubery Library, Library Way, Rubery. B45 9JS

The local branch of the Guild of Silk Painters is delighted to stage an exhibition of their work during the Bromsgrove Festival. Our monthly meetings provide an opportunity to try out different techniques showing the wonderful colours and ideas which painting on silk can produce.

For More Info: kaymo@talktalk.net



**Saturday 20th June All day with procession starting from
Housman Hall, Kidderminster Road at 10.00am**

Bromsgrove Court Leet Fair Day Procession and Annual Street Market

**The Ancient Court Leet and Court
Baron of the Manor of Bromsgrove**

Assize of Meat: 10.10am in High Street

Assize of Leather: 10.20am in High Street

Assize of Ale: 10.30am The Red Lion High Street

Reading of the Charter at Housman Statue: 11.00am



In full robes and regalia, the Bromsgrove Court Leet will process down the High Street to the Housman Statue. Court Officials assess the quality of goods sold in town in a light-hearted way and the Bailiff Hamish Wilson will proclaim the Royal Charter granted to Bromsgrove by King John in 1199.

The Annual Street Market Stalls are mostly operated by local fundraisers in traditional costume.
Free event, for all the family, no tickets required.

For More Info: www.bromsgrovecourtleet.co.uk www.facebook.com/CourtLeetBromsgrove



Saturday 20th June - Saturday 4th July
Weekdays 10.00am - 4.00pm; Sundays 12.00 noon - 4.00pm

Bromsgrove Art Exhibition

All Saints' Church, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove. B61 1AA
Local Art Clubs, Societies and Local Artists are invited to exhibit
their original artwork at the Annual Bromsgrove Art Exhibition

To enter a picture, contact Tony Turpin on 01527 876659 or at anthony.turpin@btinternet.com
Entry to the exhibition, £2.00, including a catalogue (proceeds towards church restoration fund)



**Saturday 20th June 10.00am – 5.00pm
and Sunday 21st June 10.00am – 4.00pm**

Art Textile Exhibition

Edwina Mackinnon and Ineke Berlyn

Main Hall, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove. B60 4JR

An exhibition of art textiles designed and made by students of Edwina Mackinnon and Ineke Berlyn.

The work displays all aspects of the processes involved from sketchbooks, dyed and printed textiles through to the completed item.

£3 which includes tea/coffee and cake

For More Info: www.edwinamac.blogspot.co.uk 07891 079080



Saturday 20th June from 12:30pm

Pub Crawl and Ale tasting

Redditch & Bromsgrove CAMRA

Starting at the Red Lion, 73 High Street, Bromsgrove. B61 8AQ

Ever wondered how beer is made? Perhaps you'd like to learn a little more about the many different styles of Real Ale out there? Then why not join us on an educational pub crawl around Bromsgrove centre's finest taverns and take part in our tutored tasting?

Open to ages 18+. Suggested donation of £2 per head on the day

For More Info: www.rbcamra.org.uk



Saturday 20th June Between 1.00pm – 7.30pm

The Summer Jam

Dantics

Sanders Park (skate park area) Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

A one of a kind eclectic event set to include high octane skateboard demos & competitions, stunning live graffiti, jaw dropping street performers & mouth watering street food... All of this set to a soundtrack provided by Bromsgrove's finest DJ's playing music from across the urban spectrum.

Free event

For More Info: www.facebook.com/BromsgroveSummerJam



Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm

Summer Concert – 'Eat, Drink and be Merry!'

Barnt Green Choral Society

St Andrew's Church, Sandhills Road, Barnt Green. B45 8NR

A selection of songs on the theme of 'Eat Drink and be Merry' with light instrumental items, and solos from baritone Dave Coulson, followed by a buffet supper

£10 adults and £5.00 children including refreshments from Wendy Tricklebank (0121 445 2344) or on the door

For More Info: barntgreenchoralsociety.org.uk



Sunday June 21st 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Little WORDS 'Grandpa in my Pocket'

Jan Page

Artrix Studio, Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Jan Page is a children's writer, best known as co-creator of the hit CBeebies comedy drama, Grandpa in my Pocket. She's written for many much-loved television programmes such as Thomas the Tank Engine, Fireman Sam, Postman Pat, Angelina Ballerina, The Tweenies, The Hoobs and thenew Magic Roundabout. Her books include Dog on a Broomstick and The Chocolate Monster.

Jan will be sharing some of the secrets of writing for children's television – how to create a world, build characters, devise stories and then bring them all to life on screen.

Think of some questions you'd like to ask her and come with some ideas of your own!

For adults and children 5 years upwards.

Tickets £6 children £3

Tickets available at Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ



Sunday 21st June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Jubilee Bandstand Local Choirs

Presented by Bromsgrove District Council

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Traditional brass bands and music performed for free in Sanders Park, Bromsgrove

For More Info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk, 01527 534030

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Sunday 21st June 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Organ Recital on the Tamburini Organ

All Saints' Church, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove. B60 1AF

Recital on the Tamburini Organ by Henry Fairs B Mus (Hons),
FRCO, Head of Organ Studies at the Birmingham Conservatoire
and Organist to the University of Birmingham

Programme

JS Bach (1685 – 1750)

Toccata, adagio and Fugue in C BWV 564

Partite diverse sopra il corale "Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig" BWV 768

Toccata in E BWV 566

Tickets £8 (Under 16: £4) Includes refreshments

Available from ME Carrick, 29 Malvern Road. Bromsgrove. B61 7HE. Tel. 01527 873135



Tuesday 23rd June 7.30 pm

Choral Concert by Ex Cathedra Academies

Bromsgrove Festival

The Chapel, Grafton Manor Hotel, Grafton Lane,
Bromsgrove. B61 7HA

An evening of summer choral music given by the senior
Academies of the renowned Ex Cathedra Choir

Conductor: Suzzie Vango

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval, Limited availability
from: Graham Mackenzie Tel 0790 1550577 or bookings@bromsgrovetheatre.co.uk

For More Info: www.bromsgrovetheatre.co.uk



Tuesday June 23rd -Saturday June 27th at 7.30pm

Fawlty Towers, Part III

All & Sundry Productions Ltd

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

All & Sundry Productions Ltd present three more hilarious
episodes of this well-known and well-loved TV series, charting the
antics of Basil Fawlty as he tries to run the worst hotel in England.

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or
online www.artrix.co.uk

£14.00 Full price; £12.00 concessions

For More Info: www.allandsundry.org



Wednesday 24th June, music at noon, lunch at 1.00 pm

Music at Lunchtime: Diabolus in Musica - A Cheste of Fyne Jewells

Festive Classics

New Gwesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

Diabolus in Musica is the style and title of a band of fyne minstrels, the whiche are become of late much
famed in thys lande through the playenge by them of sundrye pavans, galyards, almaynes, French Brawls,
and manie other suche fyne ayres and fancies, alle writ in the dayes of oure late greate Quene Elizabeth,
as cause greate delighte to alle that heare them, for that they have been but seldom hearde in thys lande
these manie hundreds of yeaes.

Historical music played on authentic instruments by specialist musicians in period costume.

Tickets from: Festive Classics, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 1EW

Cheques, with SAE, made out to "Festive Classics"

Tickets £15 including lunch and glass of wine to be booked in advance, Concert only £8 at door

For More Info: www.festiveclassics.co.uk

01527 878586 or 01527 872422



Wednesday 24th June 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Acoustic Cafe

Plaza Coffee, Bromsgrove

Plaza Coffee, Chapel Street Precinct, off High Street, Bromsgrove.

Hosted by Bob Bignell, of local Acoustic Band, Fairfield, Plaza Coffee opens its doors to young and old musicians, singers and poets of any genre and to those who just want to listen for this daytime acoustic music session

Free Event

For More Info: 0121 476 5938 or 07828 716842



Thursday 25th June 8.00pm – 10.30pm

Belshazzar's Feast

Bromsgrove Folk Club

Catshill Social Club, Meadow Lane, Catshill,
Bromsgrove. B61 0JJ

Something for every festival goer, with folk, jazz, more than a hint of superb ad lib humour all rolled into one amazing award-winning act. Their music is breath taking and wickedly inventive and the between tunes interchanges as intelligent and hilarious as the music.

Support from the Club's popular residents, Fairfield

Tickets by downloading application form at www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk

Non-members: £10; Members £6; Under 21 £3 plus 12 months free membership

For More Info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or bobcynfolk@aol.com or 0121 476 5938



Thursday 25th June 7.30pm

Outdoor Theatre – 'Twelfth Night'

The Lord Chamberlain's Men
Hanbury Hall

School Road, Hanbury, Droitwich, Worcestershire. WR9 7EA

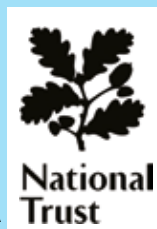
See The Lord Chamberlain's Men in yet another brilliant

production. True to Shakespeare's original script, Twelfth Night is a must for youngsters and adults alike. This classic tale of confused love and hidden identities is a comedy not to be missed.

Tickets: please call 0844 249 1895 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hanburyhall

£15.75 adult, £10 child, £41.50 family of 2 adults and 2 children

For More Info: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hanburyhall 0844 249 1895



25th June 6.00pm – 11.00pm (CAMRA members only)

26th June 12.00 noon – 11.00pm 27th June 11.00am – 9.00pm

Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival

The Redditch & Bromsgrove branch of

CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale)

Bromsgrove Rugby Football Club, Finstall Park, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 3DH

The 13th Bromsgrove Beer Festival will take place at Bromsgrove Rugby Football Club offering visitors a range of up to 120 Real Ales and a selection of Ciders and Perries. This is a family friendly event, but normal licensing laws apply to all intending to purchase alcohol at this event.

Tickets purchased on entry to the festival

£10 which includes entrance to the festival, festival glass and beer tokens. (Discount for card-carrying CAMRA members)

For More Info: www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk

Email: details@bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk



Saturday 27th June between 10.00am and 4.00pm

Street Theatre on Bromsgrove High Street

Bromsgrove Festival in partnership with
Bromsgrove District Council

Bromsgrove High Street – various locations

For one special day, Bromsgrove town centre becomes the stage and set for a pageant of street theatre!

Interactive, fun, physical, thought-provoking and inspiring, you will find theatre popping up, setting up or strolling through the town in all sorts of places. A true feast for the senses and absolutely free! Family-friendly.

For More Info: <http://www.bromsgrovetheatre.co.uk/>



Saturday 27th June 1.00pm until 11.00pm

Sunday 28th June 11.00am until 5.00pm

Folk Festival

Jinney Ring Craft Centre

Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Hanbury Road, Hanbury, Worcestershire. B60 4BU

The second Jinney Ring Folk Festival. Saturday line-up of 7 bands including Roving Crows, Babajack, Gaz Brookfield and Claire Boswell.

Cider and Perry Festival all weekend and folk entertainment including morris dancing.

Plenty of homemade food and refreshments.

Camping available.

Free parking.

Enjoy craft units, restaurant and Gift Shop too.

Tickets available by phone 01527 821272, online www.jinneyring.co.uk or in the Jinney Ring Gift Shop.

Saturday Tickets £16 advance (£20 on the gate) Under 14's £7.00. Under 5's free entry.

Saturday Night Camping £7.00 per person

For More Info: www.jinneyring.co.uk 01527 821272



Saturday 27th June 7.30pm

Celebrity Chamber Concert

The Midland Sinfonia

St Laurence Church, School Lane, Alvechurch. B48 7SB

Strauss Capriccio Sextet
Bruch Concerto For String Octet
Mendelssohn Octet

Violins: David Le Page, Shulah Oliver, Amy Littlewood, Richard Laing, Violas: Cathy Bower, Ann Beilby,

Cellos: Eduardo Vassallo, Nick Stringfellow,

Bass: Charles Wall

Tickets: £13 (schoolchildren accompanying adults free)

Full time students free with NUS card

From: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk, The Village Greengrocer Alvechurch; on the door

For More Info: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk 0121 447 7040



Sunday 28th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Jubilee Bandstand

Stour Concert Brass Band

Presented by Bromsgrove District Council

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

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Email – events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk



Sunday 28th June 3.00 pm

Celebrating English Song at Tardebigge

Elizabeth Watts (soprano)

Audrey Hyland (pianist)

Tardebigge Church, Church Lane, Tardebigge. B60 3AH

Free pre-concert talk: Richard Willmott, Chairman of the Traherne Association

Finzi: Dies Natalis

Elaine Hugh-Jones: Four songs including Eight O'Clock

Elizabeth Maconchy: Sun, Moon and Stars

Rebecca Clarke: Four songs including Down by the Salley Gardens

Bridge: Six songs including Love went a-riding

Tickets from: Coombe Cottage, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove B60 1EW

Cheques, with SAE, made out to "Celebrating English Song"

Tickets £15 (registered unemployed or full-time student £4, accompanied children in full-time education, no charge)

For More Info: song@mcgregor-smith.com www.celebratingenglishsong.co.uk 01527 872422



Sunday 28th June at 1.45pm for 2.00pm departure

Bromsgrove High Street History Walk

Bromsgrove Society

Join the Bromsgrove Society and Bromsgrove Past & Present to look at and hear about our town, its buildings and people.

Tickets cost £4 per person and include tea/coffee and homemade cake at Munching Moles afterwards.

Booking is essential, as numbers are limited, please call 01527 877227 to secure your place.

Monday 29th June 7.30pm

Step on Board

US Appalachian meets NW Clog

The Bowling Green Inn, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. B60 4BH
Local dance sides Step on Board (Appalachian) and Nancy Butterfly (NW Clog) join forces to present a fine display of both styles followed by the inevitable drinking and singing session led by local band Fairfield.
Free



Tuesday 30th June at 7.30 p.m.

Prize Winner's Recital (of 2014 BIYMC)

Bromsgrove Concerts

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

"Waltzes and Fireworks"

Daniel Petrica Ciobanu (piano)

Three Chopin Waltzes (Grande Valse Brillante Op.18;
Valse no.1 Op.69;
Minute Waltz in E flat major)
Chopin – Sonata no.2 in B flat minor
Chopin – Andante Spianato & Grande Polonaise Brillante

Shchedrin – Basso Ostinato
Debussy – Feux d'Artifice
Ravel – La Valse
Strauss / Gunfeld – Die Fledermaus

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk

£12 (£5 concessions)

For More Info: www.bromsgroveconcerts.org.uk



Waltzes and Fireworks



A piano recital by

Daniel Ciobanu

winner of 2014 Bromsgrove
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Competition

Tuesday June 30th 2015 7.30pm

Artrix £12 (£5 concessions)

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www.bromsgrove-concerts.org.uk

Wednesday 1st July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00 pm

Music at Lunchtime: Taking a bow with Michael Seal

Festive Classics

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

The Associate Conductor of the CBSO, Michael Seal, talks about life on and off the rostrum, his career as an orchestral musician and conductor and reveals what a conductor actually does! With a music career of over 23 years, there

will be many tales to tell and maybe the odd revelation or two...

Tickets from: Festive Classics, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 1EW

Cheques, with SAE, made out to "Festive Classics"

Tickets £15 including lunch and glass of wine to be booked in advance, Concert only £8 at door

For More Info: www.festiveclassics.co.uk

01527 878586 or 01527 872422



Wednesday 1st July 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Acoustic Cafe

Plaza Coffee, Bromsgrove

Plaza Coffee, Chapel Street Precinct, off High Street, Bromsgrove.

Hosted by Bob Bignell, of local Acoustic Band, Fairfield, Plaza Coffee opens its doors to young and old musicians, singers and poets of any genre and to those who just want to listen for this daytime acoustic music session

Free Event

For More Info: 0121 476 5938 or 07828 716842



Wednesday 1st July 7.30 p.m

Jazz on a Summer's Evening featuring the Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra and WYJO2 with special guest Alan Barnes (saxophone and clarinet)

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

The Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra continues to impress

audiences wherever it performs. Boasting some of the Counties finest young musicians, its reputation gains momentum year on year. Tonight, WYJO welcomes Alan Barnes, saxophone and clarinet jazz superstar as their special guest.

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Friday 3rd July 6.00pm

Ex Cathedra Singmaker Project

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Ex Cathedra bring their SingMaker Project to Bromsgrove when, in a day long workshop with pupils from St John's Middle School, they develop repertoire from a range of musical genres and varied cultures. This hour long concert showcases their day's work in Bromsgrove's unique theatre.

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£4.00 - school pupils free

For More Info: www.davidmorganmusictrust.co.uk



Saturday 4th July 8.00am to 7.00pm

Hanbury Countryside Show

Hanbury Countryside Show Society

Park Hall Farm, Hanbury, Redditch, Worcs. B96 6RD

Hanbury Countryside Show is one of the most spectacular outings for the whole family celebrating the very best of Midlands farming, equestrianism and rural life. The Show is above all a traditional one day agricultural and horse show based upon strong charitable principles. 2015 entertainment includes the amazing Broke FMX display team.

Tickets from the website www.hanburyshow.co.uk and local outlets as listed on the website.

For More Info: www.hanburyshow.co.uk



Saturday 4th July 10.30am – 4.30pm

Singing Day

Bromsgrove Community Choir

Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre, 19 Stratford Road, Bromsgrove. B60 1AS

Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join in and have fun singing together as a mass choir. No previous experience is necessary and there is no audition. A selection of songs will be taught aurally being built up in short sections, resulting in an instant choir!

To book your place ring Mary Rowlands 01527 876293 or email mary@hedgehog-art.co.uk

£5. Pay on the day (Bring own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided)

For More Info: Ruth Henley 01527 527022 or Email r.g.henley@btinternet.com



Saturday 4th July 10.00am – 4.00pm

Dancing in the Street

Promoted by Bromsgrove Festival in partnership with Bromsgrove District Council

The High Street, Bromsgrove

Bromsgrove High Street comes alive to the sound of music and the joy of dancing.



Saturday 4th July 7.30pm

American Independence Day Concert

Redditch Orchestra

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

A varied concert including choral items from Vale Harmony and Vale Connection.

Programme:

Gershwin "Rhapsody in Blue" – soloist Guy Shepherd, Sousa Marches, Copland - Four Dances from "Rodeo". Music from American Shows – "Oklahoma", "South Pacific" and "West Side Story"

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk or members of the Orchestra Member contact 0121 445 3365

£12 Concessions £10 Accompanied Children free

For More Info: Tel. 01527 577330 theredditchorchestra.wix.com



Sunday 5th July 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Jubilee Bandstand

Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra

Presented by Bromsgrove District Council

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Traditional brass bands and music performed for free in Sanders Park, Bromsgrove

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Tuesday 7th July

NBHS Senior Schools' Music Day

Evening Concert

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

A day open to pupils at local schools who are learning an orchestral instrument. All ages come together and rehearse together for a day and present an evening concert at Artrix.

Wednesday 8th July 7.00pm

Senior Schools' Poetry Slam

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Like gladiators to the coliseum ... they come to wage a war of words. Some word warriors will fall and some will triumph ... and some will go home with a jolly nice trophy, a pat on the back from teacher and no detentions for at least a week. This July, a crop of verbose vagabonds from Worcestershire High Schools will do battle to find out "who has the X Factor" ... but in a poetic kind of way.

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk

£6 (£4)

Bromsgrove Summer School

Arranged by The Bromsgrove Society

The Bromsgrove Summer School is now in its fifth year! There are six courses to choose from, all featuring the rich industrial, architectural and cultural history of Bromsgrove and district. Courses are held either at Cookes Room, the original Bromsgrove School, dating from 1695, or at the School's modern Learning Resources Centre. Free car-parking is available at the Worcester Road entrance to the School. Registration is at 9.30am and lectures begin at 10.00am. Lunch is at 1.00pm and for those taking part in afternoon visits departure is at 2.00pm. Proceedings should finish at approximately 4.00pm.

Tuesday 7 July

John Corbett and the Making of Droitwich Spa *OR* ***The Housman Family at Peace and War***

**Julian Hunt
and Jenny Townshend**
Afternoon visit to Droitwich

**Liz Oakley, Jeremy Bourne
and Andrew Maund**
Afternoon visit to Housman Hall

Wednesday 8 July

Herbert Austin and Longbridge *OR* ***The Magna Carta and the Barons Wars 1215-2015***

Max Hunt
Afternoon visit to Longbridge

Chris Upton
Afternoon visit to Evesham

Thursday 9 July

Stone Buildings in Bromsgrove *OR* ***Dissent and the Civil War in Bromsgrove***

Stephen Price and Julian Hunt
*Afternoon visit to Broom House,
Old Station Road*

Simon Henderson
*Afternoon visit to
St. John's Church*

Booking and further details from:

Mrs Chris Nesbitt, Hon. Secretary, the Bromsgrove Society, 31 Barley Mow Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0LU Tel: **01527 877227**

The fee for each course is £45 inclusive of morning coffee and an excellent lunch, or £40 for members of the Bromsgrove Society. The cost for those attending three courses will be £125 or £110 respectively.

Wednesday 8th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00 pm

Music at Lunchtime: Alastair Moseley (Clarinet) and the Virr String Quartet

Festive Classics

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

Music at Lunchtime is delighted to welcome back Alastair and the Virr quartet to play two wonderful works.

Brahms : Clarinet Quintet

Finzi (arr. Alexander) : Bagatelles for clarinet and string quartet

Tickets from: Festive Classics, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 1EW

Cheques, with SAE, made out to "Festive Classics"

Tickets £15 including lunch and glass of wine to be booked in advance, Concert only £8 at door

For More Info: www.festiveclassics.co.uk



Wednesday 8th July 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Acoustic Cafe

Plaza Coffee, Bromsgrove

Plaza Coffee, Chapel Street Precinct, off High Street, Bromsgrove.

Hosted by Bob Bignell, of local Acoustic Band, Fairfield, Plaza Coffee opens its doors to young and old musicians, singers and poets of any genre and to those who just want to listen for this daytime acoustic music session **Free Event**

For More Info: 0121 476 5938 or 07828 716842



Thursday 9 July – Saturday 11 July

Bromsgrove Folk Festival

Bromsgrove Folk Club

The Bowling Green Inn, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. B60 4BH

A full weekend of fun, friendship, laughter and, of course, great music. A small and friendly festival with a 350 seater marquee for "up close and personal" concerts. A 120 seater marquee for even more intimate performance and a great pub for singarounds and sessions.

Headlining this year are Artisan, Colum Sands, Blackbeard's Tea Party,

Hat Fitz and Cara and a host of others.

Tickets From: <http://www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk/festivaltickets.html>

Full weekend tickets from £39 (excluding camping). Individual concert tickets available

For More Info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or 0121 476 5938 or 01527 831577

Thursday 9th July 8.00pm – 11.00pm

Pre Folk Festival Singin' Suppin' and Session

Bromsgrove Folk Club

The Bowling Green Inn, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. B60 4BH

Bromsgrove Folk Club temporarily moves home for eclectic music session in the pub and/or an acoustic mic in the mini marquee ... the choice is yours.

Free Event. All ages, all genres more than welcome

For More Info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or bobcynfolk@aol.com

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Thursday 9th July 7.00pm

Worcestershire Dancing

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Produced by Dancefest, the dance development organisation for Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Worcestershire Dancing is a performance to celebrate the excellence of dance taking place in County schools and colleges. All stages from primary to higher education will be performing pieces representing creativity, progression and quality in this diverse and dynamic programme.

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk

£6.50 (£4.50) & Family £18



Friday 10th July Admission to other events from 5.00pm.

Concert starts 7.30pm

Bromsgrove Folk Festival – The Friday Night Concert

Bromsgrove Folk Club

The Bowling Green Inn, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior,
Bromsgrove. B60 4BH

Part of the Bromsgrove Folk Festival, the Friday night concert features sets from Fairfield, Anthony John Clarke, Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar, Artisan and Blackbeard's Tea Party.

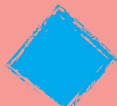
Truly a feast of music, laughter and jollity.

Tickets from: <http://www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk/festivaltickets.html>

or 0121 476 5938 or 01527 831577

Tickets from £20, unallocated seating

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Friday 10th July 7.30pm

Boys Make Noise

David Morgan Music Trust

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Catshill Middle School's Boys Make Noise group (leader Emma Wilcox) celebrates its tenth anniversary and will be joined for an evening of joyous music making by the Shining Stars Choir and Gareth Hughes' Drumming group.

Tickets From: 01527 577330 or Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk
£5.00 (£2.00 school pupils)

For More Info: www.davidmorganmusictrust.co.uk



Saturday 11 July 12.00 noon to 8.00pm and Sunday 12 July 11.00am to 4.00pm

BROMSGROVE CARNIVAL

High Street and Sanders Park

The biggest free event in town.

The Carnival fun kicks off on Saturday 11th July at midday with the parade snaking through the town to Sanders Park, which will host live music, charity and trade stalls, the funfair, car displays, dancing, the Timberhonger 10k and children's challenges. There will be a range of local food and drink including Tardebigge craft Cider and real ale from Birds Brewery.

There will be even more great entertainment on Sunday 12th July, as the live music, performances, charity and trade stalls and the funfair continue. We've also packed in even more fun with some sports events and a dog show too.

The Carnival event is free to attend and there will be free parking accessed via Whitford Road.

All events are weather permitting.



Saturday 11th July Admission to other events from 6pm,
main concert starts 7.30pm

Bromsgrove Folk Club – The Saturday Night Concert

Bromsgrove Folk Club

The Bowling Green Inn, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior,
Bromsgrove. B60 4BH

Part of the Bromsgrove Festival, the Saturday Night Concert features sets from Barlowcree, Colum Sands, Hat Fitz and Cara amongst others. Fine music for all tastes.

Tickets from: <http://www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk/festivaltickets.html>
or 0121 476 5938 or 01527 831577

Tickets from £22, unallocated seating

For More Info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk



Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm

Sinfonia of Birmingham Summer Concert

Sinfonia of Birmingham

St Andrew's Church Barnt Green

Following last year's sell out concert, the Sinfonia of Birmingham is delighted to return to St Andrew's in Barnt Green for its 2015 summer concert. This year the programme will be as follows :

Haydn - Symphony No.101 "The Clock"

Dvorak - Violin Concerto (Violin - Jacqui Martens)

Mozart - Symphony No.39

Conductor Mike Seal

Ticket Hotline 0121 447 7671

ticket.reservations@sinfonia.org.uk <http://www.sinfonia.org.uk/concerts.html>

Tickets may be available on the door but as last year's concert sold out we strongly advise reserving tickets.

£10, Over 60s £8, Concessions £6, accompanied under 12s free

For More Info: www.sinfonia.org.uk 0121 447 7671



Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm

Accelerate Dance Fest

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Dancefest presents an evening of work performed and created by talented young dancers from across the West Midlands.

Youth dance companies, including W'ire, 2Faced Dance and Elevate, will be performing high quality pieces alongside new work created by choreographers who are part of Creates, a choreographic mentoring programme for 15-21 year olds.

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk

£8 (£6) + Family £20



Sunday 12th July 11.00am – 4.00pm

Aston Fields Summer Fete & Car Boot

Bromsgrove Cricket, Hockey & Tennis Club

St Godwalds Road, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. B60 3BW

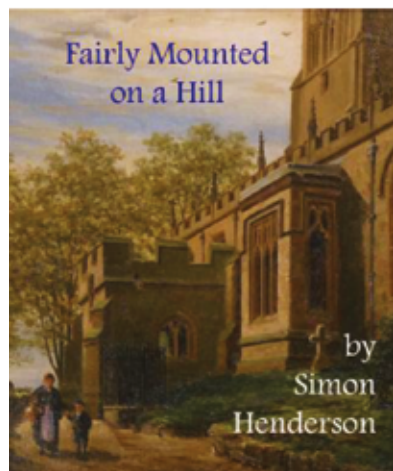
Over 50 stalls of food, drink, games, crafts, classic cars, car boot (£10.00 per car) and live music from acoustic guitarist Andy Thomas.

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For More Info: Facebook, Twitter, 07532 44 29 20 ask for Paul Munn



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Sunday 12th July 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Jubilee Bandstand The Jents

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Sunday 12th July Performance starts at 6.30pm

Oddsocks Theatre Company presents "Twelfth Night" at Avoncroft

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Wednesday 15th July – 16th August

The Artrix Open Summer Exhibition

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

Now in its second year, The Artrix Open Summer Exhibition celebrates the diversity of art being produced in the area. Last year's Summer Exhibition attracted over 140 submissions from more than 60 artists working across Worcestershire and Birmingham. This year we once again anticipate excellent submissions which will be selected with the help of our Young Curators.

Admission is free

Wednesday 15th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00 pm

Music at Lunchtime: "Poor Wand'ring Ones" Light Opera Favourites

Festive Classics

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

This young quartet of fine singers will be entertaining us with songs from Gilbert and Sullivan, together with other songs from the shows.

Bella Harris (soprano)

Tom Dalton-Cheetham (tenor)

Joanna Goldspink (mezzo)

Ben Cuffin-Munday (baritone)

Tickets from: Festive Classics, 56 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove. B60 1EW

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Free Event

For More Info: 0121 476 5938 or 07828 716842



Wednesday 15th July 7.00pm

CARMEN – ENO LIVE SCREENING

Artrix, School Drive, Bromsgrove. B60 1PQ

A passionate tale of lust, seduction and betrayal, no other opera boasts as popular a following as Bizet's Carmen. Set during the dying days of Franco's Spain, Calixto Bieito's acclaimed production of this must-see opera has been enjoyed by audiences across Europe.

Bizet's dazzling score evokes all the sounds and sizzling atmosphere of Spain through some of the opera's most famous melodies, from Carmen's seductive 'Habanera' to the Toreadors' stirring parade.

Sensational mezzo-soprano Justina Gringyte leads the cast, alongside the internationally acclaimed tenor Eric Cutler as José, ENO Harewood Artist Eleanor Dennis as Micaëla and Leigh Melrose as the tореador Escamillo. Returning to the Coliseum to conduct this stunning production is Sir Richard Armstrong. Carmen is sung in English | Running time: 2hrs 45mins

Tickets From: Artrix Box Office Box Office 01527 577330 or online www.artrix.co.uk
£14 (£12 students)



Friday 17th July 7.30pm

Blackwell Concert Band AND Blackwell Jazz Band in concert

Catshill Methodist Church, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill. B61 0LG

Blackwell Concert Band perform a variety of music including film and popular favourites, and will be joined by Blackwell Jazz Band, newly formed in 2014, in their first ever concert. Suitable for all ages.

Tickets: £7 (under 10s free) from Vicky Stock (Secretary) – stock.vicky@yahoo.co.uk
or ring 0121 244 1662.

For More Info: www.blackwellconcertband.co.uk or Vicky Stock (Secretary) – stock.vicky@yahoo.co.uk
or ring 0121 244 1662.



Saturday 18th July Between 10.00am and 4.00pm

Percussion on Bromsgrove High Street

Bromsgrove Festival in partnership with
Bromsgrove District Council

Bromsgrove High Street – various locations

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For More Info: <http://www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk/>



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Saturday 18th July 6.30pm

Outdoor Theatre – 'Emma' Heartbreak Productions

Hanbury Hall (National Trust)

Hanbury Hall, School Road, Hanbury,
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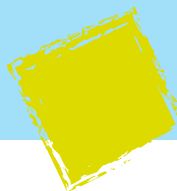


With the fitting backdrop of Hanbury Hall, you can lose yourself in Jane Austen's classic tale of Emma, the misguided matchmaker and her attempts at finding love. Bring the whole family to enjoy this funny and heartwarming tale by Heartbreak Productions.

Tickets: please call 0844 249 1895 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hanburyhall

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Sunday 19th July 10.45am

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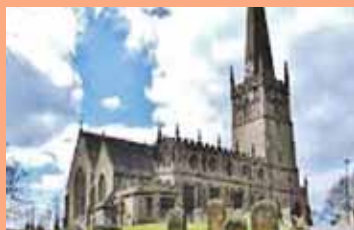
The Sunday Worship set to Mozart's 'Missa Brevis in F' K192

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Gala Concert

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Overture 'The Creatures of Prometheus'

Piano Concerto No 5 (Emperor) with Ben Frith, piano

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ART AND TEXTILES

Sat 13 June – Sun 14 June
Sat 20 June – Sat 4 July
Sat 20 June – Sun 21 June
Sat 20 June – Sat 27 June

Weds 17 June – Sat 11 July
Weds 15 July – Sat 16 August

Art Exhibition Avoncroft Art Society Avoncroft Arts Centre 10am – 4pm
Bromsgrove Art Exhibition All Saints' Church Mon-Sat 10am – 4pm (Sun 12 noon)
Textile Art Exhibition Avoncroft Arts Centre Sat 10am – 5pm, Sun 10am – 4pm
South Birmingham Guild of Silk Painters Rubery Library 9.30am – 5.30pm
(Sat 4pm, not Wednesday or Sunday)
Brenda Henderson Exhibition Artrix (not Sundays)
Artrix Open Summer Exhibition Artrix

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH EVENTS

Sat 13 June
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Sun 21 June
Fri 3 July
Tues 7 July
Weds 8 July
Thurs 9 July
Fri 10 July
Sat 11 July

Bromsgrove Choral Society 'Come and Sing' Day NBHS 10.30am – 5pm
HoW College, The Panther, Bromsgrove High Street 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Little WORDS 'Grandad in My Pocket' Jan Page Artrix Studio 2pm – 3pm
Ex Cathedra Schools' Singmaker Project Artrix 6pm
NBHS – Schools' Music Day Artrix Evening
Senior Schools' Poetry Slam Artrix 7pm
Worcestershire Dancing Produced by Dancefest Artrix 7pm
Boys Make Noise Artrix 7.30pm
Accelerate Produced by Dancefest Artrix 7.30pm

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Fri 12 June
Weds 17 June
Sat 20 June
Sun 21 June
Tues 23 June
Weds 24 June
Sat 27 June
Sun 28 June
Tues 30 June
Weds 1 July
Sat 4 July
Weds 8 July
Sat 11 July
Weds 15 July
Sat 18 July
Sun 19 July
Sun 19 July

Summer Evening Soiree with Midland Sinfonia Hanbury Hall 7pm for 7.30pm
Festive Classics Lunchtime Concert Guesten Hall Avoncroft 12 noon – Lunt
Barnt Green Choral Society Summer Concert St Andrew's Church B. Green 7.30pm
Organ Recital by Henry Fairs All Saints' Church Bromsgrove 6pm
Choral Concert Ex Cathedra Academies The Chapel Grafton Manor Hotel 7.30pm
Festive Classics Lunchtime Concert Guesten Hall Avoncroft 12 noon – Diabolus
Midland Sinfonia Celebrity Concert St Laurence Church Alvechurch 7.30pm
Celebrating English Song Tardebigge Church 3 pm
Bromsgrove Concerts Prize Winner's Recital Daniel Petrica Ciobanu Artrix 7.30pm
Festive Classics Lunchtime Concert Guesten Hall Avoncroft 12 noon – Seal
Redditch Orchestra Summer Concert 'Independence Day' Artrix 7.30pm
Festive Classics Lunchtime Concert Guesten Hall Avoncroft 12 noon – Moseley + Virr
Sinfonia of Birmingham Concert St Andrew's Church Barnt Green 7.30pm
Festive Classics Lunchtime Concert Guesten Hall Avoncroft 12 noon – Goldspink
St John Musicfest Orchestra of St John Chamber Concert St John's Church 7.30pm
Orchestra of St John at Morning Service St John's Church Bromsgrove 10.45am
St John Musicfest Beethoven Concert St John's Church Bromsgrove 7.30pm

DANCE

Sat 13 June
Mon 29 June
Thurs 9 July
Sat 11 July

Motionhouse Dance Company 'Captive' Artrix 4 pm and 6.30pm
'Step on Board' US Appalachian meets NW Clog Bowling Green Inn Stoke Prior 7.30pm
Worcestershire Dancing Produced by Dancefest Artrix 7pm
Accelerate Produced by Dancefest Artrix 7.30pm

DRAMA AND OPERA

Fri 12 June
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Weds 17 June – Sat 20 June
Tues 23 June – Sat 27 June
Thurs 25 June

'La Boheme' Royal Opera House encore screening Artrix 7pm
Festival Players Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' St John's Church Bromsgrove 7.30pm
Bromsgrove Operatic Society Movies to Musicals Artrix 7.30pm + Sat matinee 2.30pm
All and Sundry 'Fawlty Towers' Part 3 Artrix 7.30pm
Lord Chamberlain's Men 'Twelfth Night' outdoor theatre Hanbury Hall 7.30pm

Sun 12 July	Oddsocks Theatre Company 'Twelfth Night' open air theatre Avoncroft 6.30pm
Weds 15 July	'Carmen' English National Opera live screening at Artrix 7pm
Sat 18 July	Heartbreak Productions 'Emma' Hanbury Hall 6.30pm

FOLK ROOTS AND JAZZ

Weds 17 June	Acoustic Café Bromsgrove @ Plaza Coffee 3pm – 5pm
Weds 24 June	Acoustic Café Bromsgrove @ Plaza Coffee 3pm – 5pm
Sat 27 June – Sunday 28 June	Jinney Ring Folk Festival Jinney Ring Hanbury Sat 1pm – 11pm Sun 11am – 5pm
Thurs 25 June	Bromsgrove Folk Club Belshazzar's Feast Catshill Social Club 8pm – 10.30pm
Weds 1 July	Acoustic Café Bromsgrove @ Plaza Coffee 3pm – 5pm
Weds 1 July	Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra with Alex Barnes Artrix 7.30pm
Weds 8 July	Acoustic Café Bromsgrove @ Plaza Coffee 3pm – 5pm
Thurs 9 July – Sat 11 July	Bromsgrove Folk Festival Bowling Green Inn Stoke Prior Thurs 8pm, Fri & Sat 7.30pm
Weds 15 July	Acoustic Café Bromsgrove @ Plaza Coffee 3pm – 5pm
Fri 17 July	Blackwell Concert Band and Jazz Band
	Catshill Methodist Church Golden Cross Lane 7.30pm
Sat 18 July	Gren Bartley musician and lyricist Artrix Studio 8pm

HIGH STREET AND OTHER EVENTS

Sat 13 June	Fun on the High Street 10am – 1pm
Sat 13 June	Motionhouse Residency Students Dance on High Street 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Sat 13 June and every Sat	Fancy a Tinkle? Piano playing on the High Street
Sun 14 June	Blackwell Wind Band Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Sat 20 June	Court Leet Procession High Street (leaving Houseman Hall 10am)
Sat 20 June	CAMRA Pub Crawl and Ale Trail starting at Red Lion High Street from 12.30pm
Sat 20 June	The Summer Jam Dantics in Sanders Park 1pm – 7.30pm
Sun 21 June	Local Choirs Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 25 June – Sat 27 June	Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival Bromsgrove Rugby Club (Thurs 6pm – 11pm CAMRA members only; Friday 12 noon – 11pm; Saturday 11am – 9pm)
Sat 27 June	Festival Street Theatre High Street 10am – 4pm
Sun 28 June	Stour Concert Brass Band Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Sun 28 June	Bromsgrove Society High Street Walk 1.45pm
Sat 4 July	Hanbury Countryside Show Park Hall Hanbury 8am – 7pm
Sat 4 July	Bromsgrove Community Choir 'Come and Sing' Methodist Centre Bromsgrove 10.30am – 4.30pm
Sat 4 July	Dancing in the High Street 10am – 4pm
Sun 5 July	Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Tues 7 July – Thurs 9 July	Bromsgrove Society Summer School Bromsgrove School
Sat 11 July	Bromsgrove Carnival Procession Leaves Artrix 12 noon
Sun 12 July	Aston Fields Summer Fete & Car Boot Sale Bromsgrove cricket, tennis and hockey club 11am – 4pm
Sun 12 July	The Jents Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Sat 18 July	Festival Percussion Event High Street 10am – 4pm
Sun 19 July	Celebration Reed Brass Band Jubilee Bandstand Sanders Park 2.30pm – 4.30pm

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Sun 21 June	Little WORDS 'Grandad in My Pocket' Jan Page Artrix Studio 2pm – 3pm
Sun 19 July	WORDS Michael Pennington presents 'Sweet William' Artrix 7.30pm



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