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Welcome to Bromsgrove Festival

Since its rejuvenation in 2014, Bromsgrove Festival has gone from strength to strength, halted only, as so many things have been, by the pandemic which resulted in the complete cancellation of the 2020 Festival and a reduction to three street events only in the late Summer of 2021.

The 2022 Festival will continue to focus on the arts, culture and heritage activities in Bromsgrove and will maintain, and hopefully improve upon, the quality of events, albeit that the range and number of those events is still curtailed by some local arts organisations, and indeed some arts individuals, not having fully recovered in the aftermath of the pandemic....and, of course, the loss of Artrix has affected the programme greatly. The Festival will also continue to sponsor free events including three family days on Bromsgrove High Street, the popular Bite Sized Classics concerts and, in addition, will be promoting events inspired by the Tell Me What You Want survey and report which was concluded immediately before the pandemic struck. Some of these latter events are still in the planning stage or awaiting grants.

All of the events in this brochure, and more as they come to fruition, are also available on our website at www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk and on social media..Facebook/Bromsgrove Festival...Twitter @bromsgrovethefestival....and Instagram @bromsgrove-festival. In addition, you can, via the web site, register to be included on our regular email list.

To help your way through the range of events on offer, we have again included a list by genre at the end of the chronological listing.

The 2022 Bromsgrove Festival offers another exciting programme. We know that you will find something that you will enjoy and we encourage you to "try something new" right here on your doorstep in Bromsgrove.

Bob Bignell, Chair, Bromsgrove Festival



The events listed in this brochure were correct at the time of going to press. However, changes may occur and additional events be planned, so we would recommend that you visit our web site at www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk on a regular basis. Up to date information is also available on our Facebook page and you can follow us on Twitter@bromsgrovethefestival and Instagram

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Friday 24th June – Saturday 23rd July
(excluding Wednesdays and Sundays) during Rubery Library
opening times.

Silk Painting Display

South Birmingham Guild of Silk Painters

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

Rubery Library, Library Way, Rubery B45 9JS

Free event

For more Info: Kay Morris at kaymo@talktalk.net



Saturday 25th June 3pm

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings Concert

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings

Concert in aid of Hanbury Church renovations.

Music by Bach, Purcell, Tchaikovsky and many more!

Catshill Methodist Church,

Bromsgrove B61 0LG

Tickets: Free. No tickets, but donations collected for the Church afterwards

For more info: <http://marcodeboni.co.uk/bas.html>



Saturday 25th June 3pm

2022 Bite Sized Classics 1

Bite Sized Classics

Bite Sized Classics is an informal concert making the perfect introduction to classical music for young and old! The performance will take you on a one- hour journey through some great classical and modern music.

Venue TBA

Free admission

For more info: grahammackenzie@aol.com



Saturday 25th June 2022

Court Leet Fair Day & Street Market

The Ancient Court Leet of the Manor of Bromsgrove

Celebrating the 1199 Charter granted by King John to hold a Fair on Midsummers Day.

Colourful, traditional procession on Bromsgrove High Street followed by proclamation of the Charter by the Bailiff and assizes of goods offered for sale in the town at 11am by the Housman Statue.

All day street market with local crafters, schools and charities – some in traditional costume. All welcome!

Bromsgrove High Street

FREE EVENT

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



Saturday 25th June 10am -4pm

Handmade Crafts Stall at Annual Elizabethan Fair Day Charter Market and Court Leet

Christine Harmer

Handmade enamelled jewellery on display, made locally by Christine in her studio workshop at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath. Find unusual gifts.

Like to learn the craft? Taster sessions booked for individuals, or a small group of friends (2-3 people), held at the studio.

Shop area open to visitors.

Christine's website has more information about workshop sessions and opening hours.

Bromsgrove High Street

Free Event

For more info: www.enamelledjewellery.co.uk or 07759 122984



Saturday 25th June from 12 noon

Music and more in the Bird Box

Bromsgrove Festival

Following the Court Leet celebrations come along to the Bird Box for performances by local artists....music, dance, drama. You may even be inspired to join one of the many Bromsgrove arts, culture and heritage organisations

The Bird Box, Bromsgrove

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrofefestival.co.uk



Saturday 25th June 7.30 pm

Visual Radio Plays

Rubery Drama Group

Join us as we perform a selection of radio plays where you, the audience, watch the actors perform multiple characters with their voices and sound effects bringing you a distinct storytelling evening.

Beacon Church Centre, Whetty Lane, Rubery. B45 9DL

Tickets: £8 with £7 concessions

phone to book tickets which will then be available on the door

For more info: 0121 453 8733, 0121 445 2323, kaymo@talktalk.net



Sunday 26th June 7.30pm

A Celebration Concert

Loudmouth Enterprises

A Celebration of Happiness! – Orchestra of St John, Pianist Alastair Moseley, Celebrity Choir and Soloists - Siegfried Idyll, Litolf Piano Concerto, Blue Danube Waltz (so bring your Dancing Shoes!), the Hallelujah Chorus (anybody who wants to – join in and sing! Come on, folks, let's all go for it!!) and Beethoven's Choral Fantasia.

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

Tickets: Free admission.

Donations please to Friends of St John and the Norton Collection Museum

Available from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-celebration-concert-in-st-johns-tickets-305614540317>

For more info: Kevin Ward loudmouthbromsgrove@btinternet.com



Sunday 26th June

Bands in the Park – The Lost Notes

Bromsgrove District Council

The Lost Notes are a band born and based in the creatively fertile baglands of Moseley, Birmingham UK. They write songs about things that matter. Like the perils of one night stands and plastic surgery, the plight of bankers, greaseballs, snakes, Greco-Roman health and safety failings, mules, mermaids and the downright miserable.

A truly lively afternoon of Americana

Bring your chairs, picnic and, if necessary, picnic blanket for a lovely relaxing afternoon

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 534030



Sunday 26th June at 10.45am

St John's Church Patronal Service

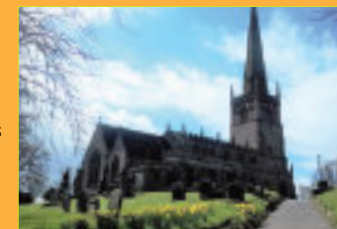
St John's Church with Bromsgrove Court Leet

Bromsgrove's ancient Grade I listed church building holds an annual service to celebrate St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of the town's historic church.

Bromsgrove Court Leet support the event by attending in full robes and regalia. All are welcome to attend this annual church service.

St John the Baptist Church, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove B61 7JW

Free event



Sunday 26TH June, 2:30PM

A Platinum Summer

Christ Church Catshill and Blackwell Concert Band

A celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Blackwell Concert Band's Gold and Platinum Awards at National Concert Band Festivals Christ Church Catshill, 2-10 Church Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove, B61 0JY

Donations will be invited, with proceeds to be shared between The Church Fabric Fund and the band's chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

<http://www.christchurchcatshill.org.uk>

<https://blackwellconcertband.co.uk/>



Tuesday 28th June 8pm

Bluegrass Jam Session

Bromsgrove Bluegrass Bash

Come and join in or watch this regular bi-monthly Bluegrass Jam Session and see banjos, guitars, mandolins and everything else Bluegrass !

All welcome.

The Boat and Railway, Shaw Ln, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4EQ

Tickets: £ FREE

Available from: www.bromsgrovebluegrassbash.com



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Web: www.loudmouthbromsgrove.co.uk

Tuesday 28th June 9.30am – 4.00pm

Singing day with Alexander L'Estrange

Bromsgrove Singing Projects

Primary School age pupils from local first and middle schools are invited to a workshop day with renowned composer and animateur Alexander L'Estrange. They will be joined in the afternoon by adult singers who will have prepared in advance.

A performance of 'Zadok Rules- Hallelujah!' will end the day.

Adults wishing to participate should contact
Ruth Henley r.g.henley@btinternet.com

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

Tickets: Free for children and parents

Available from: Contact your participating school

Steve.cowperthwaite@btinternet.com or r.g.henley@btinternet.com



Wednesday 29th June, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

Mozart's Gran Partita

Festive Classics

A performance by the Moseley Chamber Ensemble of Mozart's Gran Partita, a wonderful seven-movement serenade, showing off an astonishing variety of tones and textures for the 13 woodwind players. The concert will also include the wind version of Mozart's Cosi fan tutte Overture.

This concert generously supported by Margaret Goode

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4JR

Tickets: £25.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £12.50, in advance, or at the door - but with no meal

Available from: Please send a cheque (payable to 'Festive Classics') with SAE to

Festive Classics, 101 Finstall Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3DE.

Tickets can also be purchased via online transfer - see website www.festiveclassics.co.uk

Email: info@festiveclassics.co.uk

For more information: Contact: Colin Butterworth Phone: 01789-638511 Mobile: 07926-202307



Thursday 30th June 8.00pm

Bob Fox at Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

After many years enjoying great popularity as a solo folk artists and having much fun touring as a duo with Billy Mitchell (Lindisfarne), a chance meeting with John Tams (WarHorse Songmaker) changed his life completely when John suggested that Bob would be an ideal "Songman" in the National Theatre's production of WarHorse in the West End.



Three months later Bob was rehearsing in London with the new cast and opened in the New London Theatre as "Songman" in October 2011! He has subsequently travelled the world with the touring company

Bob returns as a regular favourite of Bromsgrove audiences (both before and after WarHorse).....his set will include music from his native North East as well as music and reflections from his time on the show

Bromsgrove Folk Club, Catshill Social Club, Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove. B61 0JJ

Members £10.00 : Non-members (always more than welcome) £12.00 : under 25s £5.00

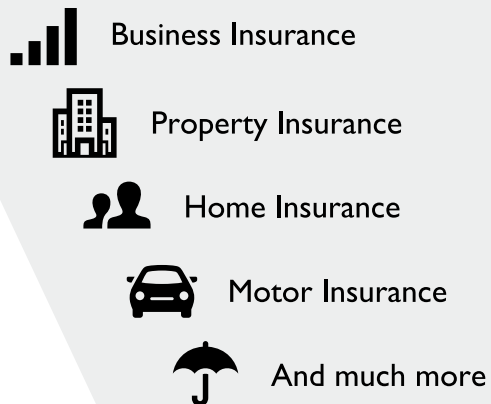
www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or pay on the door (card machine available)

For more info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk

email bobcynfolk@aol.com or call Bob on 07828 716842



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Saturday 2nd July 10am till 4pm
Sunday 3rd July 10am till 3pm

Avoncroft Arts Society Annual Art Exhibition and Craft fair

Avoncroft Arts Society

Annual arts society exhibition of work produced by the members and associated groups. There will also be a small craft fair.

Everyone welcome

Avoncroft Arts Society, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove.
B60 4JS

£1.00 paid on entry

For more info: Avoncroftarts.org.uk



3.00 pm Saturday 2nd July 2022

2022 Bite Sized Classics 2

Bite Sized Classics

Bite Sized Classics is an informal concert making the perfect introduction to classical music for young and old! The performance will take you on a one- hour journey through some great classical and modern music.

Venue TBA

Free admission

For more info: grahammackenzie@aol.com



2nd July 10.30am to 3.30pm

Try Something New!

Bromsgrove Festival

A chance to become part of in the Bromsgrove arts scene.

Whatever your preferred genre, Bromsgrove Festival and a number of experts in some of the fields that may inspire you will be on hand to point you in the right direction.

A real chance to "try something new"

Bromsgrove High Street

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk



Sunday 3rd July 2022 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – AD Concert Band

Bromsgrove District Council

Performing an extremely varied repertoire including arrangements of orchestral music, pop and rock song medleys, themes from films and musicals, jazz and swing music as well as specialist wind band music. Bring your chairs, picnic and (if necessary) blanket for a lovely relaxed afternoon in the park

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 534030



Sunday 3rd July Meet at 1.45pm Depart at 2pm

New Road History Walk

The Bromsgrove Society

A walk along New Road, Bromsgrove with local historians Julian Hunt and Jenny Townshend looking at selected buildings and the people who lived and worked in them. People new to the Bromsgrove's history are especially welcome.

See ticket for meeting place

Tickets: **£3 cash only, Booking essential**

Available, in person only, from FotoFactory, 123 High Street. B61 8AE



Wednesday 6th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

Great Tunes of the Swing Era

Festive Classics

The Red Snappers Jazz Band will entertain with a selection of popular traditional tunes - 'Trad Jazz' - such as Sweet Georgia Brown, Who's Sorry Now and Alexander's Ragtime Band. The band is led by trumpet player John Ruddick, who is the Director of the famous Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4JR

Tickets: **£25.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £12.50, in advance, or at the door - but with no meal**

Available from: Please send a cheque (payable to 'Festive Classics') with SAE to

Festive Classics, 101 Fininstall Road, Fininstall, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3DE.

Tickets can also be purchased via online transfer - see website www.festiveclassics.co.uk

Email: info@festiveclassics.co.uk

For more information: Contact: Colin Butterworth Phone: 01789-638511 Mobile:

07926-202307



Thursday 7th July 8pm to Sunday 10th July 5pm

Bromsgrove Folk Festival

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

A long weekend of fun, friendship and laughter and great music. A "small and friendly" festival with a 350 seat marquee for "up close and personal" concerts and a 120 seater marquee for even more intimate performances. A large camping field and a great pub for storytelling, singarounds and sessions.

Headlining are Artisan, The Anthony John Clarke Band, Quicksilver, Union Jill, Dave Gibb, The Jigantics, Mad Jocks and Englishment and a host of others

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

Tickets: Full weekend tickets **£54.00** excluding camping. Individual concert tickets from **£18.00**

Available from: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk

For more info www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk Bob Bignell 087828 716842



Thursday 7th July 7.30pm

Pre-Folk Festival Singin' and Suppin' Session

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

A pre-Bromsgrove Folk Festival celebration.

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

All ages, all genres welcome to this FREE event

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

FREE EVENT

www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or call 07828 716842 or email bobcynfolk@aol.com

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Instagram: @bromsgrove_folk_club



Friday 8th July from 12 noon

Bromsgrove Folk Festival

The Friday Concerts and Sessions

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Afternoon concert (from 2pm) in the MiniMarquee featuring early arriving guests.

Early evening concert in the MiniMarquee (artists tbc)

The Friday night Main Marquee night concert (from 7pm) features sets

by Fairfield, Dave Gibb, The Jigantics and Artisan.

Pub opens at 12 noon for impromptu session

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

Tickets from Friday after 5pm **£24.00**

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Instagram: @bromsgrove_folk_club



8th July 2022 2pm - 4pm

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club Open Session

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club

The Club invites anyone with an interest in listening to or learning to play the Ukulele to come along to our regular club session or our Showcase Evening (see later in brochure) where you can experience the range and versatility of this traditional folk instrument.

Small in size but huge in character

Stoke Prior Village Hall, Hanbury Road Stoke Prior B60 4DN

Free Event

For more info: Bromsgroveukulele.org



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3.00 pm Saturday 9th July 2022

2022 Bite Sized Classics 3

Bite Sized Classics

Bite Sized Classics is an informal concert making the perfect introduction to classical music for young and old! The performance will take you on a one- hour journey through some great classical and modern music.

New Song Community Church, 39 Broad Street, Sidemoor.

Bromsgrove. B61 8LW

Free admission

For more info: grahammackenzie@aol.com



Saturday 9th July 2022 10am - 6pm

Bluegrass Charity Pickathon

Bromsgrove Bluegrass Bash

Bromsgrove Bluegrass Bash is back with another marathon charity jam session in the High Street, Bromsgrove. Proceeds to go to the childrens' burns charity "Burnaid" at Birmingham Childrens' Hospital and are collected by Rotary Club Bromsgrove. Bring your guitars, fiddles and banjos!

High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8ES

Tickets: £ FREE

Available from: www.bromsgrovebluegrassbash.com



Saturday 9th July 10.30am

Bromsgrove Folk Festival Saturday Spectacular

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

A day of fun, friendship and great music with afternoon MainMarquee concert featuring Joe Bayliss, Silvington, Fairfield and Fragile Hearts and evening concert featuring Quicksilver, Mad Jocks and Englishmen, Mair Thomas and The Anthony John Clarke Band.

Concerts in the MiniMarquee from 10.30am featuring some of the above plus others as well as dance displays and sessions.

Food available all day

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

Tickets from £18.00 to £37.00 unallocated seating

www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk or call 07828 716842 or email bobcynfolk@aol.com

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Twitter: @bromsgrovefolk

Instagram: @bromsgrove_folk_club



Saturday 9th July, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Barn Dance

Avoncroft Folk Dance Group

A traditional English Barn Dance with live music. All dances will be called by our caller and walked through first - so no experience is necessary.

Avoncroft Arts Centre, Bromsgrove Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove. B60 4JP

Tickets: £5

Available from: liz@the-stantons.uk

For more info: Website: <https://avoncroftfdg.weebly.com/> Or email liz@the-stantons.uk

Phone 01905 353995



Saturday 9th July

Bromsgrove Pride

Bromsgrove Pride

A free pride event for all ages, celebrating the LGBTQ+ community in Bromsgrove. Our event is family friendly and promotes awareness for the local LGBTQ+ community. We will have stalls and some entertainment on Bromsgrove High Street. This small scale event is run by local volunteers.

Bromsgrove High Street

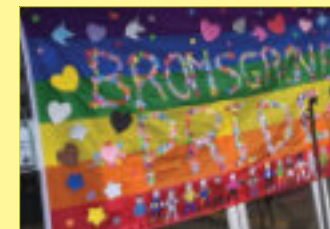
Free (no tickets needed)

www.facebook.com/bromsgrovepride

www.instagram.com/bromsgrovepride

www.twitter.com/bromsgrovepride

<https://bromsgrovepride.com/>



Sunday 10th July 2022 2.30pm

Bands in the Park - Blackwell Concert Band

Bromsgrove District Council

With a wide range of players in the band of varying experience and calibre the band's repertoire includes marches, jazz, calypso, blues, pop, rock, film scores and more.

Bring your chairs and a picnic (and if necessary a blanket) for a lovely relaxing afternoon in the park

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 534030



Sunday 10th July 4:00pm

Dance With The Recorder

Heart of England Recorder Orchestra (HERO)

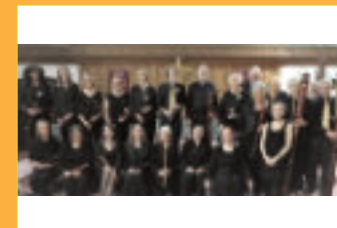
The Heart of England Recorder Orchestra (HERO) conducted by Michelle Holloway plays dance music from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II.

St. John the Baptist Church, 14 Kidderminster Rd, Bromsgrove, B61 7JW

Tickets: £10 (Children free if accompanied by an adult)

Available from: Ruth Henley (r.g.henley@btinternet.com or Tel. 01527 527022) or on the door.

<http://www.heart-of-england-recorder-orchestra.org.uk>



Sunday 10th July Meet at 1.45pm Depart at 2pm

Geology & Heritage Walking Trail

The Bromsgrove Society

The Bromsgrove Geology and Heritage Walking Trail

A guided 5km walk taking approximately 3 hours looking at how local rocks tell the story of how the planet has changed and shaped the character of the local building stone. Lead by John Gerner, volunteer geologist with the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust.

Meet outside the main gates to Bromsgrove Old Cemetery, Church Lane, B61 8QH

Tickets: £3 cash only Booking essential

Available, in person only, from FotoFactory, 123 High Street. B61 8AE



Tuesday 12th July 2022 8pm

Bluegrass Jam Session

Bromsgrove Bluegrass Bash

Come and join in or watch this regular bi-monthly Bluegrass Jam Session and see banjos, guitars, mandolins and everything else Bluegrass !

All welcome.

The Boat and Railway, Shaw Ln, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4EQ

Tickets: £ FREE

Available from: www.bromsgrovebluegrassbash.com



Sunday 10th July from 12 noon

Bromsgrove Folk Festival Sunday Fun Day

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

OK!! So here's how it is!! We are committed to getting people to realise just how much fun folk music is!!

SOOOO! We've dedicated Sunday as Family Fun Day. Outside of the concerts that we have in our MiniMarquee, we have a morning walk (dogs especially welcome!) Foam Flinging, dancers, music sessions, great food.....PLUS for a voluntary donation, entry into the Festival Finale Concert

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

FREE EVENT (Note : admission to MiniMarquee Concerts by ticket only....Afternoon Final

Concert admission by voluntary donation

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Tuesday 12th July 10am – 4.30pm

Bromsgrove Summer School Day 1

The Bromsgrove Society

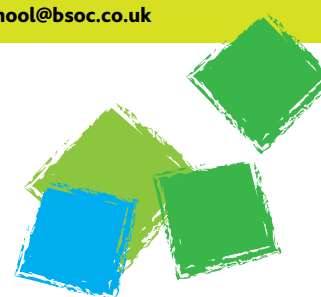
Celebrating industrial, architectural, and cultural history in Bromsgrove and the local area. Courses are held at Bromsgrove School and include parking and refreshments. Day One: 'Alvechurch – a Market Town' with Professor Chris Dyer and Stephen Price.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

£40 - £45

Online booking <http://bsoc.co.uk/school2022>

For further info: 01527 877227 or summerschool@bsoc.co.uk



The Bromsgrove Society

Pride - Preservation - Progress



Our **Summer School** takes place on 12th, 13th & 14th July at Bromsgrove School. Attendees learn about local history and the people who shaped Bromsgrove. Come along on one, two or three days for a morning presentation, a sociable lunch and afternoon walk or visit to a local place of interest.

See listing pages within this Bromsgrove Festival brochure for full details.

Get involved

The Bromsgrove Society is a joint **civic and history society** which cares about the past, present & future. We hold regular local history talks, keep a watch on local matters, and have recently published a new history book; "Bromsgrove: The Story of a Market Town" by Jenny Townshend and Julian Hunt. Society Members receive 3 newsletters and a copy of our local history publication "The Rousler" each year. We celebrated our 40th anniversary in 2020 and are proud of our contribution to the town and district. *We welcome new members and contributions to our publications.*

The Bromsgrove Society is on line

Website www.bsoc.co.uk

Social Media : facebook & twitter @BromsgroveSoc

Email info@bsoc.co.uk

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Wednesday 13th July 10am – 4.30pm

Bromsgrove Summer School Day 2

The Bromsgrove Society

Celebrating industrial, architectural, and cultural history in Bromsgrove and the local area. Courses are held at Bromsgrove School and include parking and refreshments. Day Two: 'Grafton Manor and the Talbots' with Jenny Townshend.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

£40 - £45

Online booking <http://bsoc.co.uk/school2022>

For further info: 01527 877227 or summerschool@bsoc.co.uk



Wednesday 13th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

A Musical World Tour

Festive Classics

The well-known local violinist, Shulah Oliver, will lead the Selina Bella Strings Quartet in a whistle-stop tour around the world through music, including dances, folksongs and classical favourites.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4JR

Tickets: **£25.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £12.50, in advance, or at the door - but with no meal**

Available from: Please send a cheque (payable to 'Festive Classics') with SAE to

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Thursday 14th July 2022 8.00pm

Richard Digance

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Born in West Ham, London, Richard Digance is a BAFTA Nominated entertainer and a recipient of The Gold Award from The British Academy of Composers and Songwriters. He is also one of the few folksingers listed in The Virgin Anthology of Songwriters. Along with award-winning radio documentaries he also composed and performed the music for the audio book version of work written by one of the world's best selling authors, Bill Bryson.

Tonight Richard joins us in his first incarnation as folk singer songwriter/comedian/entertainer.

Bromsgrove Folk Club

Catshill Social Club, Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove, B61 0JJ

Members £10.00 : Non-members (always more than welcome) £12.00 : under 25s £5.00

www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk

email bobcynfolk@aol.com

call Bob 07828 716842



Thursday 14th July 10am – 4.30pm

Bromsgrove Summer School Day 3

The Bromsgrove Society

Celebrating industrial, architectural, and cultural history in Bromsgrove and the local area. Courses are held at Bromsgrove School and include parking and refreshments. Day Three: 'Redditch – Needle-Land' with Julian Hunt.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

£40 - £45

Online booking <http://bsoc.co.uk/school2022>

For further info: 01527 877227 or summerschool@bsoc.co.uk



Thursday 14th July 2022 7.30pm

This Sporting Life - with Pat Murphy

WORDS

Pat Murphy has spent a lifetime reporting on cricket and football for BBC Radio, as well as producing more than forty books with such as Ian Botham, Brian Clough, Andrew Flintoff, Alex Stewart, Imran Khan, Graham Gooch and the late Bob Willis.

He has a fund of stories and insights into the world of Sports Broadcasting - forthright, funny, entertaining, and from the various horses' mouths.

You can read more about his career with the BBC on his website - pat-murphy-presents.co.uk - and you can follow him on Twitter - @patmurphybbc

Bromsgrove Rugby Club, Finstall Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3DH

£10.00 via www.ticketsource.co.uk

For further information - www.bromsgrovewords.com or nhtaylor44@gmail.com 07988-083101



15th July 2022

16th July 2022

Bromsgrove Carnival and Timberhonger 10K

Bromsgrove's Biggest free to attend event returns.....

Friday night cinema in Sanders Park including street food and beverages.

Saturday, a full day of family fun in the park including food/drink and live music, community stalls, fairground, our famous town parade lorry procession through the heart of the town and in the evening our famous Timberhonger 10k Race.



All donations made will go back into our three chosen community charities for 2022 : The Basement Project, Sense and Bromsgrove District Scouts
Sanders Park , Kidderminster Road. B61 7JP

Free (Donations please)

Facebook: Bromsgrove Carnival

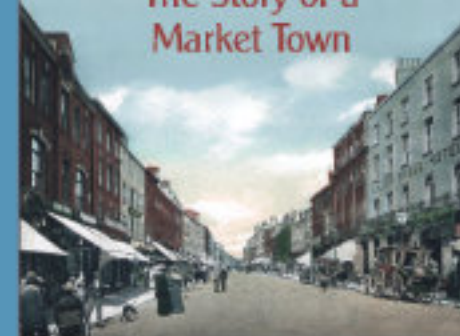
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Market Town



Bromsgrove: The Story of a Market Town,
by Jenny Townshend & Julian Hunt

The Bromsgrove Society's new book tells the history of this north Worcestershire community over the last one thousand years. Based on extensive research and lavishly illustrated with drawings, maps and photographs, it will appeal to all those who know and love the town, providing an evocative trip down memory lane. 320 pages.

Priced £25.00 plus £3.50 postage & packing.

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or email books@bsoc.co.uk to pay
by cheque or bank transfer.

BROMSGROVE'S NORTON COLLECTION

The Little Museum with a Big Heart!

Well, it's been a long hard haul, but we're nearly there! At the time of writing, the frontage still looks like a bomb site, but there's huge amounts of work going on and large pieces of infrastructure have been constructed and are awaiting installation. We're really hopeful that we will be able to complete the remodelling and reopen this midsummer, providing Disabled Access and a potential Social / Educational space that we didn't have before. Watch out for the Grand Reopening!



11.00 am Saturday 16th July 2022

2022 Bite Sized Classics 4

Bite Sized Classics

Bite Sized Classics is an informal concert making the perfect introduction to classical music for young and old! The performance will take you on a one- hour journey through some great classical and modern music.

St Chad's Church, New Road, Rubery, West Midlands. B45 9JA

Free admission

For more info: grahammackenzie@aol.com



3.00pm on Saturday 16th July 2022

2022 Bite Sized Classics 5

Bite Sized Classics

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St Peter's Church, 2A Charford Road, Bromsgrove B60 3LU

Free admission

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Saturday 16th July 2022 @ 7.30pm

The Rhythms of Life

The Midland Sinfonia

Programme to include:

Copland – Appalachian Spring
Saint-Saens – Carnival of the Animals
Clausen – Oh My Luve's Like a Red Red Rose
Coleman & Fields – The Rhythm of Life
Guest Performers – The Oakville Singers

St Laurence Church, Alvechurch, Worcestershire B48 7SB

Tickets: £14 (£13 in advance) Children & Students £3

Available from: <https://www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk/>

Or from Gin & Pickles and The Lounge in Alvechurch

For more info: <https://www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk/>

THE
MIDLAND
SINFONIA

Sunday 17th July 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – Royal Spa Brass

Bromsgrove District Council

Royal Spa Brass is all about the enjoyment of making music, with an emphasis on brass and percussion playing. They play all kinds of music, from traditional hymns and marches to film and tv tunes, via Dixieland, big band and classical.

Bring your chairs and picnic and, if necessary, a blanket for an afternoon of musical fun!

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 534030



Sunday 17th July 4.00 pm

Phoenix Goes Pop!

Phoenix Singers (Birmingham)

A family concert of songs from the 70's through to the 90's

Including songs from the Lion King and Shrek

+ Bohemian Rhapsody and other favourites

Musical Director: James Llewelyn Jones

Accompanist: Sara Wilander

and guest musicians

Routh Hall, Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road. Bromsgrove. Worcestershire B61 7DU

Adults £12 Children under 12 – free Over 12s and students - £5

Contact: Lynda at lynda.e.williams18@gmail.com

Or: Sally Powell 01527 831610

For more info: Phoenixsingersbham.org or phone Sally Powell 01527 831610



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18th July 2022 7.30pm -9.30pm

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club Showcase Evening

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club

The Club invites anyone with an interest in listening to or learning to play the Ukulele to come along to our regular club session (see earlier in brochure) or our Showcase Evening where you can experience the range and versatility of this traditional folk instrument.

Small in size but huge in character

Stoke Prior Sports and Country Club, Westonhall Road, Stoke Prior B60 4AL

Free Event

For more info: Bromsgroveukulele.org



Wednesday 20th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

The Enigma of Edward Elgar

Festive Classics

Michael Lunts will present the première of his new show about Edward Elgar's life, with an emphasis on his friendships with ladies. This is a more serious show than we have been accustomed to from Michael. It promises to be a fascinating insight into Elgar, newly researched by Michael.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4JR

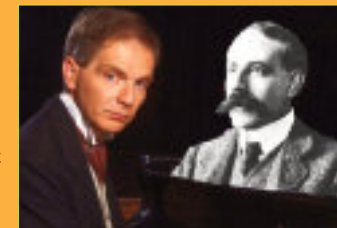
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Saturday 23rd July 2.30pm

Bromsgrove's BIG JAM

WuzikMuzik

A chance to get your instruments out and raise money for Ukrainian refugees. Bromsgrove's BIG JAM will see musicians from the area get together to collectively play many well known songs. All the chords will be projected onto a large screen so everyone can follow! All donations go to Busar.

The Events Area, Worcester Road. B61 7EE

Free to All

For more info: www.busar.co.uk



Sunday 24th July 6.30pm

Hamlet the Comedy

Avoncroft Museum in association with Oddsocks Productions

"Hamlet The Comedy" finds the eponymous royal student returning home for the summer holidays to find something rotten in the state of Denmark and it's more than just the bag of dirty washing! Mum's married Uncle Claudius and Dad's dishing the dirt from his grave – it's enough to make a teenager mad! Things will never be the same again in the Hamlet household...

Shakespeare's famous tragedy performed as you've never seen before with lots of laughs, music and memorable moments.

Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4JR

Adult £21 (£19 advance) Concession £16 (£14 advance) Child £15 (£13 advance)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT>

For more info: www.avoncroft.org.uk www.oddsocks.co.uk



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Saturday 23rd July 10.30am to 3.30am

A Day of Music and Dance

Bromsgrove Festival

Bromsgrove High Street comes alive with a mixture of music and dance styles filling the town centre with energy and great sounds. Bring your voices and your dancing shoes!!

Bromsgrove High Street

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk



24th July 2022 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – Avonbank Brass band

Bromsgrove District Council

A brass band based in the town of Evesham, Worcestershire, England. It is made up of roughly 25 players with percussion and entertains the local community in concerts both for local charities and also to support itself.

Bring your chairs and a picnic and (if necessary a blanket) for a lovely relaxing afternoon

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 534030



Sunday 24th July 7.30pm

Love and the Sea

Orchestra of St John, Bromsgrove

Conductor Richard Jenkinson

Soloist Claire Prewer (soprano)

Tchaikovsky Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture

Chausson Poem of Love and the Sea, Opus 19

Rachmaninov Symphony No 2 in E minor, Opus 27



Refreshments will be available during the interval

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

Tickets: All are £10. Accompanied children are free

Available via: www.osjbromsgrove.org or www.priorbooking.com or Decanter Spirit (49 High Street, Bromsgrove)

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www.osjbromsgrove.org email: enquiries@osjbromsgrove.org

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Bromsgrove 2022 Events at a Glance

Art and Textiles

24/6/22	900	Exhibition	Silk Painters
25/6/22	1000	Market Stall	Harmer 250622
2/7/22	1000	Exhibition	Avoncroft Arts

Drama

25/6/22	1930	Play	Rubery Drama 250622
24/7/22	1830	Play	Avoncroft Oddsocks

Classical

25/6/22	1500	Concert	Amateur Strings
25/6/22	1500	Concert	Bite Sized Classics
26/6/22	1430	Concert	Blackwell
26/6/22	1930	Concert	Platinum Summer
26/6/22	1045	Church Service	St John's Patronal
29/6/22	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
2/7/22	1500	Concert	Bite Sized Classics
6/7/22	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
9/7/22	1500	Concert	Bite Sized Classics
10/7/22	1600	Concert	HERO 100722
13/7/22	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
16/7/22	1100	Concert	Bite Sized Classics
16/7/22	1930	Concert	TMS
20/7/22	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
24/7/22	1930	Concert	OSJ 240722

Community Events

25/6/22	1100	Procession	Court Leet 250622
25/6/22	1200	Family Fun	High Street Events - Bromsgrove Festival
26/6/22	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
28/6/22	930	Singing Project	Singing Day 280622
2/7/22	1030	Family Arts Day	High Street Events - Bromsgrove Festival
3/7/22	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
9/7/22	1100	Celebration	Pride
10/7/22	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
15/7/22	1930	Carnival	Carnival
17/7/22	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
17/7/22	1600	Concert	Phoenix
23/7/22	1030	Music and Dance	High Street Events - Bromsgrove Festival
24/7/22	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand

Bromsgrove 2022 Events at a Glance

Folk Roots and Jazz

28/6/22	2000	Jam Session	Bluegrass
30/6/22	2000	Bob Fox	Bromsgrove Folk Club
7/7/22	1930	Folk Festival	BvFF
8/7/22	1200	Folk Festival	BvFF
8/7/22	1400	Open Day Ukulele	
9/7/22	1000	Pickathon	Bluegrass
9/7/22	1030	Folk Festival	BvFF
10/7/22	1200	Folk Festival	BvFF
12/7/22	2000	Jam Session	Bluegrass
14/7/22	2000	Richard Digance	Bromsgrove Folk Club
18/7/22	1930	Showcase	Ukulele
23/7/22	1430	Jam Session	Bluegrass

Walks and Talks

3/7/22	1345	History Walk	Bsoc Walks
10/7/22	1345	Geology Walk	Bsoc Walks
12/7/22	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
13/7/22	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
14/7/22	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
14/7/22	1930	Talk	Words

Dance

9/7/22	1930	Barn Dance	Avoncroft Folk Dance Group
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A number of events are, at the time of going to press, still in the planning stage and, in addition, some of these may be affected, extended and improved upon by grants applied for under the Recovery Through Creativity grant scheme.

It is recommended that you follow the on-going programme by regularly checking into the Festival web site www.bromsgrovesfestival.co.uk and also following social media...

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Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings
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Bromsgrove Amateur Strings : **Bromsgrove Art Society** :
Bromsgrove Choral Society
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Bromsgrove Town Crier : **Bromsgrove Ukulele Club** :
Christine Harmer : **Creative Art Showcase** :
David Morgan Music Trust : **Dragon Music** : **Festive Classics** :
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Lickey Hills Art Society : **Orchestra of St John**
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For more details of members, events, etc., visit...
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