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Welcome to Bromsgrove Festival

Since its rejuvenation in 2014, Bromsgrove Festival went from strength to strength, halted only, as so many things were, 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. 2022 saw a resurgence of the Festival in its earlier, more comprehensive, format and it is to be hoped that the event continues its path "onwards and upwards" in future.

The 2023 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, even now, 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 continued closure of Artrix, as a venue and as an arts centre, has a dramatic effect on the programme. The Festival will also continue to sponsor free events including a Day of Music and Dance on Bromsgrove High Street, a concert in the popular Bite Sized Classics series and, in association with Creative Arts Showcase, a fun, family inclusive all-day and evening event in Sanders Park with a host of entertainments, spectacles and activities, including performance, music, art, hands on craft taster workshops, street food, soft drinks and bar.

In addition, the Festival will be staging and 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, which are designed to bring the "arts", in the widest definition of the term, to all sections of the community, are still in the planning stage and/or awaiting grants and you are advised to keep an eye on the web site and on social media for a chance to be involved.....better still, register to be included on our regular email list via our web site (see next paragraph)

All of the events in this brochure, and, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, 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. 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 2023 Bromsgrove Festival offers another exciting programme and 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](https://twitter.com/bromsgrovethefestival) and Instagram

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Saturday 17th June, 7.30pm

Sinfonia of Birmingham: Summer Concert

Sinfonia of Birmingham

A lovely concert of music for strings, wind, and full orchestra, given by this delightful five-star amateur ensemble.

In a long-standing tradition of presenting annual concerts at St Andrew's Church, Barnt Green, the orchestra will perform the following pieces:

Dvorak: Serenade for strings, op.22, E major

Gounod: Petite symphonie

Beethoven: Symphony No.4, op.60, Bb major

St Andrew's Church, Barnt Green, B45 8NR

Tickets: £15 adults, £5 students/children

Available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinfonia-of-birmingham-in-barnt-green-tickets-599412156897> Or on the door

For more info: sinfonia.org.uk Or contact: Helen Rudeforth 07447 435 449



Friday 23rd June 19.30

"A Night at the Museum"

Norton Collection Museum and Loudmouth Enterprises

An evening of Gracious Hospitality with Wine and Fine Comestibles and entertainment by Natasha Gale, Harpist from Birmingham Conservatoire. A wonderful opportunity to peruse our gem of a Museum, how Bromsgrove used to be!

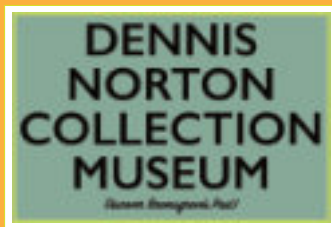
Norton Collection Museum, 26, Birmingham Road,

Bromsgrove. B61 0DD

Tickets: £10

Available from: Eventbrite, Decanter Spirit and Norton Museum

For more info: www.nortoncollectionmuseumtrust.org.uk Tel: 01527 836582



Saturday 24th June 11am

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings

Summer Concert

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings

A wide selection of string orchestra music ancient and modern including Purcell, Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Pirates of the Caribbean and Animals by Garrix!

Catshill Methodist Church, 66 Golden Cross Lane, Catshill B61 0LG

Free admission

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



Saturday 24th June 10am-4pm

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

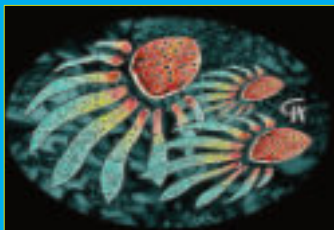
Christine Harmer

Handmade enamelled jewellery, up-cycled boxes and decorative items 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.

Bromsgrove High Street

Free Event



Saturday 24th June from 10.00am

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, Robert Bird, 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

www.facebook.com/CourtLeetBromsgrove



Saturday, June 24th at 3.00.p.m

"It's Showtime on Fair Day !!"

Barnt Green Choral Society.

Join BGCS with local soloist Catherine Taberner for Showtime Entertainment for Bromsgrove Fair Day, featuring selections from The Lion King, Fiddler on the Roof, Les Miserables, and songs from other shows. The Concert will last just over an hour and will be followed by refreshments.

Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, B60 2JD.

Ticket Price £12, plus a £1 Booking Fee - ticketsource.co.uk

- or £12 on the door (Cash or Card).

Under 16's are free / ticket price includes refreshments after the Concert.

For further information : barntgreenchoralsociety.org



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Saturday 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



Sunday 25th 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 25th June

Bands in the Park – Royal Spa Brass band

Bromsgrove District Council

Royal Spa Brass Band 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, blanket for an afternoon of musical fun!

Sanders park, Kidderminster road Bromsgrove B61 7JP

Free event

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

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/events



Wednesday 28th June 7.30pm

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty

Fairfield Flicks

Filmed live at Sadler's Wells in London, this 5-star award-winning production was the fastest-selling Matthew Bourne show when it was first staged in 2012.

With his trademark wit and creativity, Matthew Bourne transforms the classic fairy story into a gothic world of fairies and vampires set to Tchaikovsky's instantly recognisable score.

Fairfield Flicks @ Fairfield Village Hall
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove
B61 9LZ

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Wednesday 28th June, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

Tongue in Cheek

Festive Classics

Singer and pianist Michael Lunts brings a confection of delicious witty send-ups and parodies, including Gilbert & Sullivan and Tom Lehrer. Expect a torrent of patter and a sprinkling of satire alongside some memorable melodies.

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

Tickets: £30.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £15.00, 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

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Thursday 29th, Friday 30th June, Saturday 1st July

Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival

Redditch and Bromsgrove CAMRA

140 different beers, sourced from local breweries as well as breweries from around the country. The cask and key-keg beers on offer will be a mix of different styles including Milds, Bitters and Golden Ales as well as Stouts and Porters. There will also be 50 different ciders, perries and fruit-flavoured ciders from the UK's great cider and perry-producing counties.

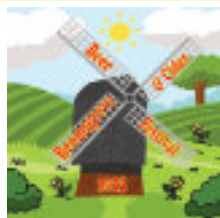
In addition, there will be live music and a selection of food vendors to complete your festival experience.

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

Tickets: £5 including programme

Available from: on the door

For more info: <https://bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk/>



Thursday 29th June 8.00 pm

Ruth Angell at Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Multi instrumentalist/singer/songwriter Ruth Angell whose career has included working with many artists such as Rufus Wainwright, Andrea Begley, Birdy, Ashley Hutchings, Terry Reid, Sid Peacock, Becky Mills, Jim Moray, Jo Hamilton and many more. Sit back and escape the rigours of everyday life and let the music in. Her new album Hlywing has received tremendous acclaim in the national press

Catshill Social Club, Meadow Road Catshill, B610JJ

Admission : 8.00 members : £10.00 non members : Under 25s £4.00 : pay on the door

For more info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk 07828 716842



Thursday, June 29th at 11.00.a.m

Black Country Poetry Brunchtime

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Two well known poets from the Black Country, Emma Purshouse and Johnny " Mogs " Morris, recite a selection of their work.

The Dry Spy, 12, St John's Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8QY.

Ticket Price: Free admission by ticket only

For further information: bromsgrovewords.com

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Saturday 1st July 10.30am to 3.30pm

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



Saturday 1st July 8.00pm

Dee and the Beats

Fairfield Flicks

Well known for their acoustic performances, this local 4-member group will be performing something different, so, sit back and enjoy a lazy summer evening with some great music and an intimate performance.

Fairfield Flicks @ **Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove. B61 9LZ**

Tickets: **£8.00** Available from: www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

For more info: www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk



Sunday 2nd July

Bands in the Park – Brass Beatz

Bromsgrove District Council

Brass Beatz are an 8/9 party band with a brass section, playing feelgood tunes from 60/70's to modern day.

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

Sanders park, Kidderminster road **Bromsgrove B61 7JP**

Free event

Fore more info: Events team 01527 534030 events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/events



Wednesday 5th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

The Right Brass Notes in the Right Order

Festive Classics

Holborne Brass Ensemble will, again, demonstrate their trademark brand of excellence, spontaneity and versatility over a few centuries of music from Albinoni and Bach to Cole Porter and Lennon - McCartney

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

Tickets: **£30.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these**

tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £15.00, 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

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Thursday 6th July to Sunday 9th July From 10am

Bromsgrove Folk Festival

@ Avoncroft Museum

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival Avoncroft Museum of Buildings

A long weekend of fun, friendship and great music plus stalls, hands on activities, workshops, live music, street food, bars, dance, story telling.

Line up to date includes The Lost Notes, Colum Sands, The Jigantics, Anthony John Clarke, Dave Gibb, Vicky Swan and Jonny Dyer, Zulu Tradition, Keith Donnelly, Lauren South, Kenny Speirs, Silvington, Patchwork Skies

Bringing two worlds together in a celebration of all things "folk"

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

Tickets: Various prices

Available from: www.avoncroft.org.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovefolkfestival.co.uk www.avoncroft.org.uk 07828 716842



Saturday July 8th at 10.30 a.m.

Players' Platform

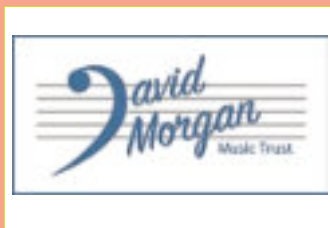
David Morgan Trust

This is an informal concert providing a performing opportunity for young musicians in the Bromsgrove area. If you are interested in taking part in this event please contact Anita Porter.

Catshill Baptist Church, Milton road (B61 0NA)

Tickets: £ admission is free

For further information please contact Anita Porter (email anitaporter125@gmail.com)



Saturday 8th July, 11am-3pm

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/>



Saturday 8th July 10am to 4pm

Art Show

Avoncroft Arts society

A celebration of what Avoncroft Arts Society is all about, Come and view the many pieces of art and craft work produced by our members

Join a FREE workshop and try your hand at producing a piece of art (note the workshops are aimed at adults)

Avoncroft Nursery will also be holding fun activities for younger artists

Avoncroft Arts Society, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove. B69 4JR

Entry £1 on the door

For more info: Avoncroftarts.org.uk Tel 01527 833829



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Sunday 9th July 2.30p to 4.30pm

Bands in the Park – Avonbank Brass

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 with concerts both for local charities and also to support itself.

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

Sanders park, Kidderminster road Bromsgrove B61 7JP

Free event

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

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/events



Monday 10th July reception 6.30pm, concert 7pm

Housman! A celebration with music and poetry.

A collaboration of local organisations:

Bromsgrove Society, Housman Society, Bromsgrove WORDS, Bromsgrove Concerts, Bromsgrove District Council, Bromsgrove Arts Alive, Friends of St John's, Bromsgrove Festival and Bromsgrove School. An evening to celebrate A.E. Housman's poetry with music, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Housman Society.

Featuring the Dante Quartet, Tenor Alessandro Fisher and Pianist Benjamin Frith presenting a programme to include Housman settings by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Ian Venables.

Plus poems recited by BBC Midlands Today Presenter, Nick Owen.

The evening will be held with an audience and live streamed.

Routh Concert Hall at Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove B61 7HP

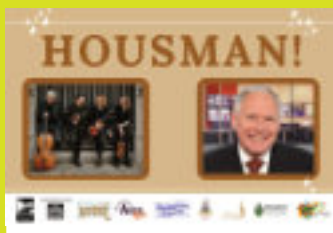
Audience tickets: £ 25 to include welcome reception drinks and nibbles, students free of charge.

Live stream ticket link: £12

Available online from: www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/boxoffice

Available in person from: Decanter Spirit on Bromsgrove High Street (cash only)

For more info: Facebook event: www.facebook.com/e/5e9EkYKt



Tuesday 11th 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: 'Sir Thomas Cookes and the History of Bromsgrove School' with Philip Bowen, former Deputy Head of the School. Includes a tour and archive centre visit.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

Members £50. Non-members £55.

A discount is applied if all three days are booked together.

Online booking via Eventbrite

Follow link from <http://bsoc.co.uk/>

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



Wednesday 12th 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: 'Looking at Local Churches: History and Architecture' with Tim Bridges, Conservation Advisor and Architectural Historian. Includes guided church tours in the afternoon.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

Members £50. Non-members £55.

A discount is applied if all three days are booked together.

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Wednesday 12th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

Music for Dance

Festive Classics

After last year's well received concert, the well-known local violinist, Shulah Oliver, will lead the Selina Bella Strings Quartet in a newly created programme of dance music

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

Tickets: **£30.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance**

£15.00, 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 info: **Graham Mackenzie** Email: grahammackenzie@aol.com Mobile: 07901 550577



Wednesday, July 12th at 7.30.p.m.

Behind the Mics

WORDS.

Three Legends of Sports Broadcasting - Nick Owen, Jim Rosenthal and Pat Murphy - recall the highs and lows from their long careers, unashamedly dropping a few illustrious names along the way. Freshly-minted authentic anecdotes you won't hear anywhere else".

Bromsgrove Sporting Club, The Victoria Ground, Birmingham Road, B61 0DR.

Ticket Price: **£20 - ticketsource.co.uk**

For further information: bromsgrovewords.com / 07988-083101



Thursday 13th 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: 'Harvington Hall: House of Secrets' with Phil Downing, Harvington Hall's House Manager. Includes a visit to the Hall in the afternoon.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. B61 7HP

Members £50. Non-members £55.

A discount is applied if all three days are booked together.

Online booking via **Eventbrite**

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Thursday 13th July 8.00pm

Dan Sealey at Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

From bassist with Ocean Colour Scene to working with his dad Dave Sealey as Cosmotheke, back again and all the places in between
All the stories and all the music from an unconventional career which has taken local musician Dan Sealey from the Albert Hall to the Music Hall.
Truly a night to remember!

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

Tickets: Pay on the door....8.00 members : £10.00 non members : £4.00 under 25s



Friday 14th July and Saturday 15th July
**Bromsgrove Carnival
and Timberhonger Lane 10K**

Bromsgrove Carnival

Friday will bring an outdoor cinema screenings situated in the heart of Sanders park encompassing a street food village and all new to 2023 we welcome 'Social Eats' to our Saturday event too who bring live music, a continuation of the street food village and a licenced bar with music for all audiences to enjoy throughout the day.

Our street food village / party in the park will be largely ticketed but free to enter. We recommend to bring own seating for both events however there will be seating available at the event. More info can be found on our Facebook page.

The event is likely to be busy, if we can ask people to walk to the park or if they wish to park at the rear of the park, it may be subject to charges and likely to be congested.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, B61 4JP

FREE EVENT but donations accepted for local charities

For more info: adam@bromsgrovecarnival.org 07429 418 543

Facebook : **Bromsgrove Carnival**

Twitter : **@carnivalfun**

Instagram : **Bromsgrove Carnival**



Saturday 15th July 11.00 am

Moseley Clarinet Ensemble at Rubery

Bite Sized Classics

The Moseley Clarinet Ensemble will play 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, jazz and modern music.

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

Free admission and free ice creams for the children attending

For more info: grahammackenzie@aol.com



Saturday 15th July, 7.30pm to 10.30 pm

Festival Barn Dance

Avoncroft Folk Dance Group

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

**Avoncroft Arts Centre, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath,
Bromsgrove, B60 4JP**



The Bromsgrove Society

Pride - Preservation - Progress



The Bromsgrove Society is a joint **civic and history society** which cares about the past, present and future. We hold regular local history talks, produce 3 newsletters a year and an annual local history publication 'The Rouser'. We keep a watch on local matters and in 2022 published the book 'Bromsgrove: The Story of a Market Town' by Jenny Townshend and Julian Hunt. We are proud of our contribution to the town and district. We welcome new members and items for our publications.

Our 3 day **Summer School** takes place in July. This year's topics are Bromsgrove School, local churches and Harvington Hall. Each day comprises a morning presentation, sociable lunch and afternoon visit linked to the day's topic.

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

Find out more:

The Bromsgrove Society is on line

Website www.bsoc.co.uk

Social Media : facebook & twitter @BromsgroveSoc

Email info@bsoc.co.uk

Founded 1980: Registered Charity No. 510542



Saturday 16th July 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Bands in the Park – Shipston Town Band

Bromsgrove District council

Shipston Town Band is the original town band and is a contesting band which in the past has enjoyed a string of successes in the contesting field. Recently promoted to the Third Section, the band enjoys a full engagement book and welcomes players who enjoy their contests and bandstands alike.

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

Sanders park, Kidderminster road Bromsgrove B61 7JP

Free event

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

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/events



Wednesday 19th July, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

The Shepherd on the Rock

Festive Classics

Tom Caldecote (clarinet) and Bridget Kerrison (soprano)

Festive Classics is delighted to welcome this new professional duo to play solos and duets with piano accompaniment including, of course, Schubert's iconic 'Shepherd on the Rock'

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

Tickets: £30.00, including lunch and a glass of wine - these tickets must be booked at least 7 days in advance £15.00, 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: Graham Mackenzie grahammackenzie@aol.com 07901 550577



Wednesday 19th July 7.30pm

Translations

Fairfield Flicks

Debut feature film from US filmmaker Keith Kopp. TRANSLATIONS is a Welsh romance drama that explores love between two people who are dealing with mental health challenges. The film stars some amazing new talent like Kate Morgan-Jones (The Pact and The Forfeit) and Alan Emrys (Young Wallander and Host).

Fairfield Flicks @ Fairfield Village Hall

Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove. B61 9LZ

Tickets: £5.00

Available from: www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

For more info: www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk





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Worcestershire B61 8LL



Friday 21st July 2pm to 4pm

BUCs Open Sessions

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club

The Club invites anyone with an interest in listening to or learning to play the Ukulele to come along to a regular club session 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



Friday, July 21st at 11.00.a.m.

Blasted Politicians !!!

WORDS

Quentin Letts is the Parliamentary Sketch Writer for The Times and the Theatre Critic for The Sunday Times, previously having written for The Daily Telegraph and The Daily Mail in both London and New York. His books include " Stop Bloody Bossing Me About ". It will be a very amusing and informative morning !!!

The Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, B60 4JR.

Ticket Price: £15 - ticketsource.co.uk

For further information: bromsgrovewords.com / 07988-083101



Saturday 22nd July 10am to 10pm

Creative Fest 23

Creative Arts Showcase

An explosive collaboration between Creative Art Showcase and Bromsgrove Festival.

The final celebration evening for Bromsgrove Festival 2023's event, is Creative Fest 23

This fun, family inclusive event boasts bags of entertainment, spectacles and activities, including performance, music, art, hands on craft taster workshops, street food, soft drinks and bar.

Free to all, bring your friends and a portable seat and settle in for an amazing day and evening.

To apply for a stall or more information visit www.creativeartshowcase.org or Facebook / Instagram

Please email info@creativeartshowcase.org if you would like to get involved.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster, Road, Bromsgrove BN61 7JP

FREE EVENT



St John's Spire Appeal

Help us to raised £350,000

There is cracking in the sandstone at the top of the spire, caused by the internal metal stabilising rod rusting.

Text SPIRE to 70450
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Say Hello: friends.stjohns.church@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove



Saturday 22nd July

FRENCH FANCIES

THE MIDLAND SINFONIA

Programme to include :

Faure – Requiem

Joseph Bologne – Chevalier de Saint-Georges Symphony

Ravel – Bolero (an arrangement for Chamber Orchestra)

Performers include:

The Midland Sinfonia

Guest Conductor: Dexter Drown

Soprano Soloist: Isabelle Palmer

Baritone Soloist: tbc

Guest choir: The Oakville Singers and guests

St Laurence Church, School Lane, Alvechurch B48 7SB

Tickets in advance: £13 or £3 for students and under 16s

Available from: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk or Gin & Pickles and The Lounge Community Café, Alvechurch

Tickets on the door: £14 / £3 card or cash

For more info: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk midlandsinfonia@gmail.com

Also on social media: Facebook and Instagram



THE
MIDLAND
SINFONIA

Professional Orchestra
reaching out to the Heart of England

Saturday 22nd July, 11am to 3pm

Open Day at St John's Church

Friends of St John's, Bromsgrove

Come and explore Bromsgrove's ancient building, climb the tower, ring the bells and marvel at the view of the town from the tower top. Learn about the history of the church and explore the church yard. Then follow the "bee creative trail" to a Sanders Park for the Creative Fest 23 a free, fun packed day and evening.

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

There's no parking at the church, except for disabled badge holders.

The Open Day is free to attend,

but please support our Spire Appeal www.tinyurl.com/Friends-donate

For more info: www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove



Sunday 23rd July 2.30p to 4.30pm

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 road Bromsgrove B61 7JP

Free event

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Sunday 23rd July 6.30pm

Much Ado About Nothing at Avoncroft Museum

Oddsocks Theatre Group

Award winning theatre company, Oddsocks Productions, are back out on the road this summer with Shakespeare's romantic romp "Much Ado About Nothing", brought to life in their own, inimitable, hilarious and irreverent style!

Drama and deception mix with sun, songs and silliness to create a theatre event you won't forget as this "Hugely funny" (The Stage) company play their home city with their "energetic, downright silly, utterly professional and totally inventive theatre" (East Midlands Theatre Review).

Suitable for all from 7-107.

Avoncroft Museum of Buildings Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove B60 4JR

Tickets: £12/£20

Available from: www.ticketsource.co.ukbooking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT

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



BROMSGROVE'S NORTON COLLECTION



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"Bromsgrove as it used to be!"*

At 26 Birmingham Road, B61 0DD (Just beyond the Strand)
OPEN 10am to 4pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.
Or by special arrangement for Groups with Dennis Norton, 01527 919531
Web: www.nortoncollectionmuseumtrust.org.uk

Sunday 23rd July 7.30pm

Summer Gala Concert

– The Scandinavian Connection

Orchestra of St John, Bromsgrove

Conductor Richard Jenkinson

Tchaikovsky: Hamlet Fantasy Overture, Opus 67

Sibelius: Karelia Suite, Opus 11

Alfvén: Swedish Rhapsody No. 1 ("Midsummer Vigil")

Sibelius: Symphony No. 5 in E flat major, Opus 82

Refreshments will be available during the interval

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

Tickets: Adults £10. Free admission for under 16s.

Available from the beginning of May via:

www.priorbooking.com

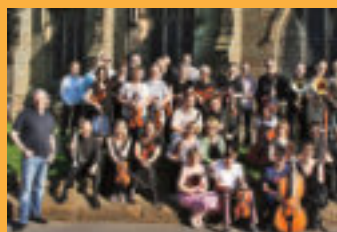
Decanter Spirit (49 High Street, Bromsgrove)

or on the door.

Website: www.osjbromsgrove.org

Email: enquiries@osjbromsgrove.org

For more info: Claire Poole 07739 459546



HOUSMAN!

Celebrating A.E. Housman's poetry with music, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Housman Society.

Monday 10th July at 7pm

Routh Concert Hall, Bromsgrove School,
with an audience and live streamed.

Featuring: The Dante Quartet
Tenor, Alessandro Fisher
Pianist, Benjamin Frith

Programme to include the Housman settings by Ralph Vaughan Williams,
On Wenlock Edge and Songs of Eternity and Sorrow, by Ian Venables.



Poems recited by BBC Midlands Today Presenter, Nick Owen

**Tickets £25 to include a drink (students free) or
£12 for live stream link.**

Visit www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/boxoffice or

Decanter Spirit on Bromsgrove High Street (cash only)

Find details online via Bromsgrove Festival, Bromsgrove Concerts or Bromsgrove Society



The Bromsgrove Society



Pubs with Music!

Every Saturday night from 23rd June to 24th July from 8pm

Live music @ Ye Olde Black Cross

Varying live acts every Saturday during the festival. Have a drink in the oldest pub in Bromsgrove.

Ye Old Black Cross , 70 Worcester Rd, Bromsgrove B61 7AG

For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/yeoldeblackcross>

Saturday 1st July from 7.30pm

Live music, disco and karaoke

Cross Inn

A party night featuring live music disco and karaoke

Cross Inn 34 Alcester Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove, B60 1EW

For more info: <https://www.blackcountryales.co.uk/pubs/the-cross-inn>

Saturdays from 24th June to 22nd July

3pm to 6pm

Live music in the garden of this popular pub

Crown at Catshill

24th June soloist Gemma Louise

1st July Cada band

8th July soloist Kate

15th Soloist Hayley

22nd ska fella.

All our live music is from 3pm till 6 pm

The Crown 244 Stourbridge Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 9EL

For more info: <https://crowninnatcatshill.co.uk/> 01527 878030

Every Friday night from 23rd June to 24th July From 8pm

Live music @ The Dry Spy

Varying live acts every Friday during the festival. Have a cocktail and kick back and relax and enjoy a fabulous evening in delightful surroundings.

The Dry Spy, 12 St John St, Bromsgrove B61 8QY

For more info: <https://www.thedryspy.co.uk> 01527 877727

Pubs with Music!

Every Friday night from 23rd June to 24th July From 8pm

Live music @ Ego

Varying live acts every Friday during the festival..

Ego at The Forest, 290 Birmingham Road, Lickey End, Bromsgrove, B61 0EZ

For more info: <https://www.egorestaurants.co.uk/restaurant-bromsgrove/>

Every Friday and Saturday nights from 23rd June to 24th July From 8pm

Live music @ Hop Pole

Friday 23rd June Velvet Jam

Saturday 24th Crazy Legs

Friday 30th Shine a Light

Saturday 1st July Cranked

Friday 7th Bosted Juke Box

Saturday 8th Rattlesnake Jake

Friday 14th Highway

Saturday 15th Thirsty Work

Friday 21st Mr Wolf

Saturday 22nd Thunderdays

The Hop Pole, 78 Birmingham Rd, Bromsgrove B61 0DF

For more info: <https://www.hop-pole.com/>

Friday 7th July from 7pm

Live music @ New Inn

7th July with Bad Medicine , Bon Jovi tribute band

New Inn, 10 Doctors Hill, Bournheath, Bromsgrove, B61 9JE

Tickets: £8.

Available from: website: <https://thenewinnbournheath.co.uk/whats-on-2/>





Creative Fest 23

Headline Act : Weekend Anthems Band

Food & Drink - Bromsgrove Indie Club

Creative Interactive Stalls

Family Fun / Circus Skills / Giant Bubbles

and much more.....

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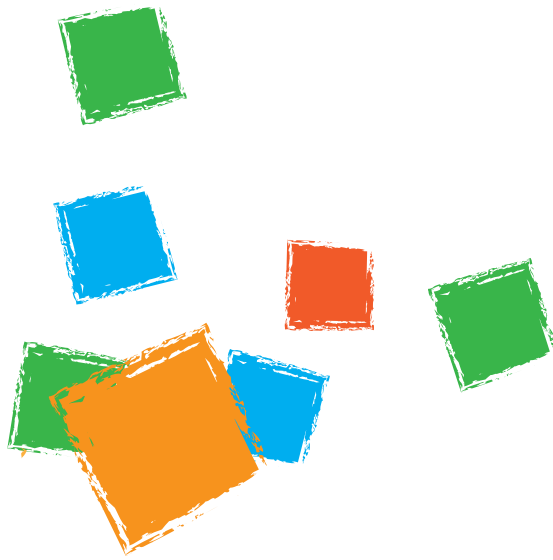
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Bromsgrove 2023 Events at a Glance

Art and Textiles

29/6/23	900	Exhibition	Silk Painters
24/6/23	1000	Market Stall	Harmer 250622
8/7/23	1000	Exhibition	Avoncroft Arts

Drama

23/7/23	1830	Play	Avoncroft Oddsocks
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Classical

17/6/23	1930	Concert	Sinfonia
23/6/23	1930	Concert	Norton Collection
24/6/23	1100	Concert	Bromsgrove Amateur Strings
24/6/23	1500	Concert	Barnt Green Choral
25/6/23	1045	Church Service	St John's Patronal
28/6/23	1930	Concert	Festive Classics
28/6/23	1930	Film	Fairfield Flicks
1/7/23	1930	Film	Fairfield Flicks
5/7/23	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
12/7/23	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
15/7/23	1100	Concert	Bite Sized Classics
19/7/23	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
22/7/23	1100	Concert	TMS
22/7/23	1100	Church Service	St Johns Open Day
24/7/23	1930	Concert	OSJ 230723

Community Events

24/6/23	-	Fair Day	Court Leet 240623
25/6/23	-	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
2/7/23	-	Beer Festival	Camra
1/7/23	1030	Day of Dance	High Street Events - Bromsgrove Festival
8/7/23	1100	Celebration	Pride
10/7/23	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
15/7/23	-	Carnival	Carnival
16/7/23	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
22/7/23	1000	Creative Fest	Creative Arts Showcase
23/7/23	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand

Bromsgrove 2023 Events at a Glance

Folk Roots and Jazz

29/6/23	2000	Ruth Angell	Bromsgrove Folk Club
6/7/23	1000	Folk Festival	BvFF
8/7/23	1030	Players Platform	David Morgan Trust
13/7/23	2000	Dan Sealey	Bromsgrove Folk Club
15/7/23	2000	Barn Dance	Avoncroft Folk Dance Club
21/7/23	1930	Open Session	Bromsgrove Ukulele Club



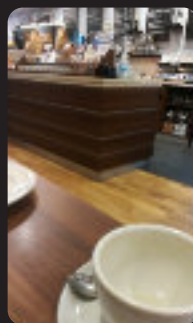
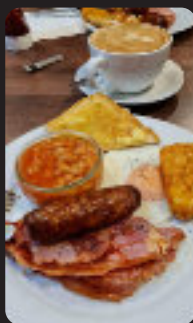
Walks and Talks

29/6/23	1100	Talk	Words
10/7/23	1900	Celebration	Houseman Soc
11/7/23	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
12/7/23	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
13/7/23	1000	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
12/7/23	1930	Talk	Words
21/7/23	1100	Talk	Words



Dance

15/7/23	2000	Barn Dance	Avoncroft Folk Dance Group
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Dine-in · Takeaway

OPENING HOURS:

Monday - Saturday : 9.00am am – 4.00 pm

Sunday and Bank Holidays : 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

74 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8EX





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.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk** and also following social media...

Facebook : Bromsgrove Festival

Twitter : @bromsgrovethefestival

Instagram : Bromsgrove_Festival

or by subscribing to the **Festival newsletter** via the web site



Promotion and advocacy of the arts, culture and heritage in and around Bromsgrove... all year round

All Saints Art Club : All and Sundry
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Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings
Avoncroft Young Embroiderers : Barnt Green Choral Society
Blackwell Concert Band : **Bromsgrove Amateur Strings**
Bromsgrove Community Choir : **Bromsgrove Concerts**
Bromsgrove District Council – Arts Development
Bromsgrove Festival : **Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival**
Bromsgrove International Musicians' Competition
Bromsgrove Library : **Bromsgrove Music Centre**
Bromsgrove Operatic Society : Bromsgrove Photographic Society :
Bromsgrove School : Bromsgrove School of Dance :
Bromsgrove Town Crier : **Bromsgrove Ukulele Club**:
Christine Harmer : Creative Art Showcase :
David Morgan Music Trust : **Dragon Music** : Fairfield Flicks
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Lickey Hills Art Society : **Orchestra of St John**
Rubery Drama Group : Someone at the Door
South Birmingham Guild of Silk Painters : **St John's Choir**
Stage Door Dance Academy
The Ancient Court Leet and Court Baron
of The Manor of Bromsgrove
The Bromsgrove Society : The Housman Society
The Midland Sinfonia : The Norton Collection
The Rubery Singers : **Theatre Train** : **Wild Hollowfields** : **WORDS**

For more details of members, events, etc.,visit...

www.bromsgroveartsalive.co.uk



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