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Welcome to Bromsgrove Festival 2024

Following the two to three year lay off caused by the Covid pandemic, and the subsequent recovery therefrom, Bromsgrove Festival and its organisers slowly returned to produce an excellent event in 2023 and, whereas the recovery process is still a tad slow, we are getting there with around for 45 events occurring during the Festival period this year..... and that's just in the Festival period, Bromsgrove is a hive of arts and cultural activity all year round! That said, as we go to press, even more events 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.bromsgrovetfestival.co.uk and on social media... Facebook/Bromsgrove Festival... Twitter @bromsgrovetfestival... Instagram@bromsgrove-festival.

We are heartened by the return of Artrix to our list of event organisers and congratulate Bromsgrove Community Arts and its volunteers for their work in bringing the venue back to life and would urge you to give them your support to ensure that the venue continues to thrive (www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk)

This year, in association with Creative Arts Showcase, Bromsgrove Festival will be presenting a day on the High Street showcasing Bromsgrove Festival events, including hands on free creative art and craft, mini low-cost taster workshops, juggling and hands-on circus skills, ice cream bike, an art display and art taster workshop, and much more. Keep your eyes peeled for flash mobs! To help you navigate way through the range of events on offer, we have again included a list by genre at the end of the chronological listing.

The 2024 Bromsgrove Festival offers another exciting programme, and we are certain 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.bromsgrovetfestival.co.uk on a regular basis. Up to date information is also available on our Facebook page and you can follow us on Twitter@bromsgrovetfestival and Instagram

DISCLAIMER: With the exception of those events for which it is expressly stated to be the promoter, Bromsgrove Festival Limited is not responsible for the conduct or organisation of the various activities and entertainments mentioned in this listing. Accordingly it will accept no liability in connection with those events which are the sole responsibility of the promoters.

Saturday 22nd June All day

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 Midsummer's Day. Colourful, traditional procession on Bromsgrove High Street to the Housman Statue. Proclamation of the Charter by the Bailiff, Philip Thomas. An assize of goods offered for sale in the town at 11am. 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 22nd June 11am

Bromsgrove Festival Launch Party

Creative Arts Showcase in partnership with Bromsgrove Festival

Showcasing Bromsgrove Festival events: includes hands on free creative art and craft, mini low-cost taster workshops, juggling – and hands-on circus skills, ice cream bike, an art display and art taster workshop, and much more. Keep your eyes peeled for flash mobs! The real A E Housman - meets Azthetic Poetry a mash up of poetry & rap, WOW!

Bromsgrove High Street

Tickets: Free event no tickets needed

More info at www.bromsgrovesfestival.co.uk & www.creativeartshowcase.org



Saturday 22nd June 3pm

Lloyd Webber and Friends

Barnt Green Choral Society

We'll be returning to Bromsgrove Baptist Church for our Family Concert as part of the Bromsgrove Festival, where this year's theme will be based around the musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber. We'll be joined once again by popular local singer Catherine Tabberner for some solo numbers and local school children will also be taking part.

Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2JD

Tickets: £10, under 16s free. Cake and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Available from: Choir members; on the door (cash or card); or from Ticket Source

For more info: www.barntgreenchoralsociety.org





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Sunday 23rd June 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 the patron saint, St. John the Baptist. Bromsgrove Court Leet attend in full robes and regalia and process into the church with the choir. All are welcome to attend this community service.

St John the Baptist Church, Kidderminster Road,

Bromsgrove B61 7JW

Free event

For more Info: www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchBromsgrove



Sunday 23rd June 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – Worcester Concert

Band

Bromsgrove District Council

Worcester Concert Brass is a traditional Brass Band. Its members are a mixed group of more than 30 people, ranging in age from 12 to 65 years. They play a wide range of easy listening music embracing songs from the stage, themes from films and TV series, light classics as well as more traditional Brass Band music.

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

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event

For more Info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do



Sunday June 23rd 7pm

Midland Concert Orchestra

Summer Concert

Bromsgrove Arts

Join the Midland Concert Orchestra for an evening of summer entertainment not to be missed!

An opportunity to relax with a glass of wine from the bar whilst listening to the orchestra play swing and popular music from across the decades.

You will not only be entertained by the orchestra, but also our compere, Peter Tomlinson, and our vocalists Claire Worboys and Jonathan Darby will bring characterisation and dramatization to the performance.

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

Tickets: £10 (under 16s free)

Available from: www.ticketlab.co.uk

For more info: www.midlandconcertorchestra.uk www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk





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Wednesday 26th June, music at noon, lunch at 1.00pm

Mr Coward Entertains

Festive Classics

Michael Lunts will present the première of his new show based on a recording that Noël Coward made of his own songs. The show will not be an impersonation, but more like an hour in the company of Coward, as he would have presented the material himself from the piano.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings,
Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, 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 on the door – music only, no lunch

Available from: Please send a cheque payable to 'Festive Classics' with a SAE to Festive Classics, 101 Fininstall Road, Fininstall, Bromsgrove, 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 01789 638511 or 07926 202307



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Wednesday 26th June 2.30pm

Hamlet

Bromsgrove Arts

A tale of revenge that has stood the test of time, Shakespeare's classic tragedy is reimagined for the modern day as a gripping psychological thriller! Transcending the confines of the stage, the film utilises nearly every room of the Theatre Royal Windsor to transform it into the immortal Elsinore Castle, from basement dungeon to roof-top battlement. The critically acclaimed, recent stage cast of 'Hamlet', including Ian McKellen, Frances Barber (King Lear, Chekhov's The Seagull) and Jonathan Hyde (King Lear, Titanic, Crimson Peak), bring their iconic roles to life in this compelling new film adaptation.

Director Sean Mathias

Film Classification: 12A

Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove. B61 9LZ

Tickets: £4.00

Available from: www.ticketlab.co.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



Wednesday 26th June 7pm

Julius Caesar at Avoncroft Museum

Oddsocks Theatre Company

Rome 44BC. Egotistical Emperor Julius Caesar is sweating (and it's not just the heatwave). His liberal Senators are a stabbing pain in the backside. They've had enough! Rome is in chaos, trust in the government is weak and the emperor's fate is written in the stars (or the 'entrails of a goat'). The peasants are revolting as the most famous political coup in literature is given the Oddsocks treatment. Expect the tearing of togas, the swishing of Roman swords, some preposterous puppetry and the biggest battle scene five actors have ever created. On your marcus, getus setus, let the games begin!

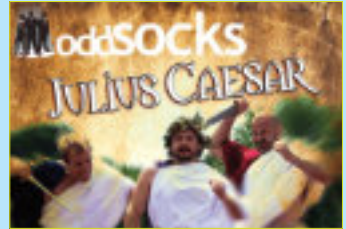
Suitable for all from 7-107

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

Tickets: £20 plus booking fee (concessions available)

Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk

For more info: www.oddsocks.co.uk



Thursday 27th June 5pm

Friday 28th June 11am

Saturday 29th June 11am

Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival

Redditch & Bromsgrove CAMRA

Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival 2024 opens on 27th June with 130 beers, 50 ciders, entertainment and food. Organised by CAMRA volunteers, it's THE summer event to try lots of local drinks, listen to music, eat food from local vendors and soak up the sun with family and friends.

Bromsgrove Rugby Club, Finstall Road, Bromsgrove B60 3DH

Advance tickets £20 to include entry, a festival glass and beer/cider tokens.

Additional beer/cider tokens are given to CAMRA members.

See website for more information and tickets. www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk



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27th June 2024 8pm

Mike Silver : Past Imperfect : The Journey Between the Songs

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Using photographs and music, Mike paints a vivid and emotional picture of his life as a musician, earning a living through the making, playing and sharing of his compositions - being one of the first artists signed to Elton John's Rocket record label - the hilarious story of miming live on air on GMTV - sharing all these recollections and more, with humour and compassion, supported by a slide show.

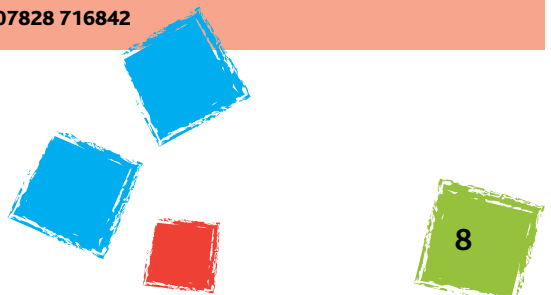
www.mikesilver.co.uk

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

Admission Price: **Members £10. Non-members £12. Under 25s £5.**

Available from: **Pay on the door.**

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



Saturday 29th June 10am - 4pm

Grandparents' Games Day

The Norton Collection Museum

A day of traditional pub and parlour games for grandchildren to find out what amused their grandparents and a selection of modern games and VR headsets for the grandparents to experience what their grandchildren are up to. Parents can join in too. A fun day for everyone!

The Norton Collection Museum, 26, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0DD

Free Admission - Donations happily accepted!

For more info: www.facebook.com/nortoncollection

www.nortoncollectionmuseumtrust.org.uk



Saturday 29th June 1pm - 5pm

Fun in the Foyer

Artrix

Family Fun in the Artrix Foyer, with entertainment, food, café/bar, backstage tours and more

Artrix, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Free Event

See website for details: artrixbromsgrove.co.uk



Saturday 29th June 7.30pm – 10pm

Curtain Call – 30th Anniversary Show

Stage Door Dance Academy

A celebration of dance to music from stage and screen. There is something for all the family to enjoy as we move and groove through a diverse range of styles including jazz, ballet, musical theatre, tap and acrobatics. Children, from 3 years, and adults are ready to show case their talents and bring some sparkle to your day.

Artrix, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ

Adults £12, Under 16s and Over 60s £10

Available from www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.facebook.com/StageDoorDanceBromsgrove/

Mobile: 07990 936753



Saturday 29th June 7.30pm

Love and Romance

The Midland Sinfonia

The Midland Sinfonia with celebrated soloist Craig Ogden (guitar) in a programme to include Vivaldi's Concerto in D and Boccherini's Fandango.

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

Tickets: In advance £15. £3 students and under 16s.

On the door, if available, £17.50. £3 students and under 16s

from: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk

or The Lounge, and Gin & Pickles The Square, Alvechurch.

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



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Friends of ST. JOHN'S
Heritage Fund

Sunday 30th June 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – Brass Band of Central England

Bromsgrove District Council

Brass Band of Central England is recognised as one of the finest brass bands in the UK and comprises some of the best instrumentalists across the Midlands. They aim to share their music for the enjoyment and benefit of others, whether through original music or the classics, big bands or shows.

As one of the UK's finest ensembles, the band upholds the traditions of excellence in music-making to entertain and 'thrill' with every performance.

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

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do



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Web: www.nortoncollectionmuseumtrust.org.uk

Sunday 30th June 4pm

A Whoall Noyse of Recorders

Heart Of England Recorder Orchestra (HERO)

Join HERO for an afternoon as they play music especially written for the recorder orchestra by contemporary composers. Music that is partly programme music, partly descriptive music and music that tells a story. See a whole range of recorders from the tiny soprano to the giant great-sub-bass.

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

Free entry with retiring collection.

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



Monday 1st July – Saturday 6th July During library opening hours.
(8am – 8pm for Libraries Unlocked registered users).

Button and Badge Making in Bromsgrove

The Bromsgrove Society

An exhibition telling the story of the Sanders family and the business they operated with the Nicholls family. Last year, people with personal or family connections to the Button Factory told their stories about the manufacturing of buttons and badges in Bromsgrove. Some of the information gathered and the story of Benjamin Sanders will feature in this free exhibition. Original artefacts loaned by the Norton Collection Museum will be on display.

Bromsgrove Library, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA

Free entry

For more info: www.bsoc.co.uk



Tuesday 2nd July 10am - 4pm

Heritage Craft Skills Day

Friends of St John's

Join the team at Friends of St John's to learn about heritage skills and have a go at traditional building crafts. Learn from experienced professionals and help with important restoration work at Bromsgrove's ancient Grade I listed building. St John's Spire Appeal is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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

Tickets: Free

Available from: www.stjohnsfriends.co.uk

Booking is essential. Places are limited.

Further details via friends.stjohns.church@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove



Wednesday 3rd July, music at noon, lunch at 1pm

Dedicated to Pablo Casals

Festive Classics

Dr Richard Jenkinson will perform the second of Bach's solo cello suites, combined with a suite by Pablo Casals' former student, Gaspar Cassadó, which is full of Spanish verve and flair. These substantial works will be separated by 'The Song of the Birds' in an arrangement by Casals.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, 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 on the door – music only with no lunch

Available from: **Please send a cheque payable to 'Festive Classics' with SAE to Festive Classics, 101 Finstall Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove, 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 01789 638511 07926 202307

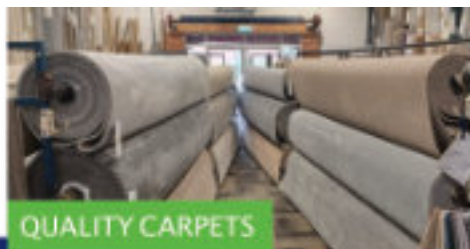


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Thursday 4th July 11am

A History of Jewellery from Elizabeth 1st to Elizabeth Taylor

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John Benjamin is well known to television viewers for his appearances on The Antiques Road Show. John's presentation will look at 450 years of jewellery design, from the era of opulent Renaissance enamels and pearls, progressing through the so-called 'Age of the Faceted Stone', 19th century Revivalism, Late Victorian mass production, platinum, Cartier, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Post-War Modernism and the impact of treated gems and man-made diamonds on the market today.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings.

Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, B60 4JR.

£12 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or from WORDS, Sycamore House, Rigby Hall, Rigby Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 2EW. Please enclose a cheque made payable to WORDS and enclose a SAE. and your email address if you have one.

For more info: www.bromsgroverwords.com



Thursday 4th July 7.30pm

Pre-Folk Festival Singin' n 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 concert room and/or an acoustic open mic in the marquee...the choice is yours (or you could do both!!)

All ages, all genres welcome to this FREE event

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

For more info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk



Friday 5th July 7pm

150th Anniversary Quiz & Beetle Drive

All Saints Church

This Summer All Saints Church celebrates 150 years since its inauguration. As part of a fantastic programme of events the Anniversary Quiz & Beetle Drive will be fun for all the family! Ticket price includes quiche and chip supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

All Saints Church Hall, (opposite All Saints Church), Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 1AF

Tickets: £10 per person, £7 for ages 16 and under.

Please book in advance (for catering purposes). Details of booking options can be found on the 150th Anniversary webpage: www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/395192/All_Saints_at.aspx



Bromsgrove Folk Festival

4th - 7th July 2024



Martyn Joseph Track Dogs

Grannys Attic

plus individual sets from —

Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne,
George Sansome, Lewis Wood

Enda Kenny Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer

Rob Barratt Dave Gibb

Oli Jobs Joe Bayliss Silvington

Will Morgan Fairfield Tosh Ewins Stitherum

Ukulele Workshop, Festival Choir, The Morning Walk, Camping,
Good Grub, Pub and Outdoor Sessions

In the planning stages.....

Story Telling, Dance Demonstrations, Workshops, Craft Stalls

Bromsgrove Rugby Club

Finstall Road, Bromsgrove B60 3DH

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Friday 5th July 2024 from 12 noon

Bromsgrove Folk Festival **The Friday Concerts and Sessions**

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Afternoon Concert from 2pm featuring early arriving guests.

Early evening event in the Concert Room (content tbc).

The Friday Night Main Marquee Concert from 7pm featuring sets from Fairfield (Revisited), Enda Kenny, Granny's Attic and Martyn Joseph.

Club Bar opens at 12 noon for impromptu session.

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

Tickets from: **£26**

Available from: www.bromsgrovetalkclub.co.uk

www.bromsgrovetalkclub.co.uk



Saturday 6th July 1pm - 5pm

Fun in the Foyer

Artrix

Family Fun in the Artrix Foyer, with entertainment, food, café/bar, backstage tours and more.

Artrix, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN.

Free Event

See website for details: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk



Saturday 6th July from 10am

Bromsgrove Folk Festival **Spectacular Saturday**

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

A day of fun, friendship and great music with afternoon Main Marquee concert featuring Silvington, Miriam Backhouse, Cohen Braithwaite Kilcoyn, George Sansome, Other Roads and an evening concert featuring Dave Gibb, Vicki Swann and Jonny Dyer, Rob Barratt, Enda Kenny and Track Dogs.

Concerts in the Club Room from 10am featuring some of the above plus others as well a craft market, dance demonstrations and sessions.

Food available all day

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

Tickets: From **£19 to £42**

Available from: www.bromsgrovetalkclub.co.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovetalkclub.co.uk or call 07828 716842 or email

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Facebook – Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival X (Twitter) @bromsgrovetalk Instagram

@bromsgrovetalk_folk_club



6th July from 8pm

Totally 80s

The Black Cross Pub

Totally 80s are an 80s cover band based in Worcestershire. Expect to hear the biggest pop hits of the decade from artists such as Wham, Depeche Mode, Nik Kershaw and The Human League.

The Black Cross, 70 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7AG

Free admission



Sunday 7th July 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – AD Concert Band

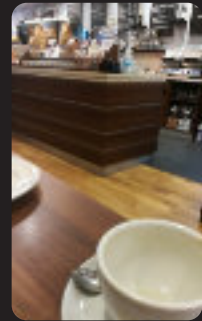
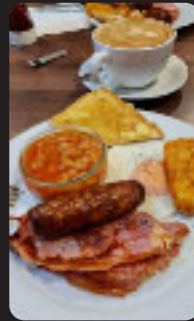
Bromsgrove District Council

AD Concert Band play a complete range of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Their varied repertoire includes arrangements of orchestral music, pop and rock medleys, themes from films and musicals, jazz and swing music as well as specialist wind band music. Bring your chairs and a picnic and, if necessary, a blanket for a lovely relaxing afternoon.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do



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

Sunday 7th July 2024 TBA pm

Summer Concert for Gershwin

Bromsgrove Concerts

A celebration of 100 years of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and goodbye to 60 years of Bromsgrove Concerts.

Enigma Brass and Alastair Moseley (piano).

Conductor Richard Jenkinson.

Programme: Gershwin's An American in Paris and Rhapsody in Blue and Marquez's Danzon No 2 made famous by the Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela, written by Mexican composer in his typical dance style.

Routh Concert Hall, Bromsgrove School, B61 7DU

Tickets: £10, under 25s go free.

Available from: Bromsgrove School box office by phone and online

For more info: Bromsgrove School Events page



Tuesday 9th July 9.30am – 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: 'The Canal World' with Tony Condor, former Curator of the National Waterways Museum Gloucester. Includes a local visit to the Worcester and Birmingham Canal.

Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. 61 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: Email: summerschool@bsoc.co.uk Telephone: 01527 877227



Wednesday 10th July 9.30am – 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: 'Benjamin Sanders and Button Making in Bromsgrove' with Pat Tansell. Includes an afternoon visit to sites associated with the Sanders family and their legacy.

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: Email summerschool@bsoc.co.uk Telephone: 01527 877227



Wednesday 10th July, music at noon, lunch at 1pm

Trad Jazz at Lunchtime

Festive Classics

Sauce City Jazz will entertain with a range of traditional and cherished New Orleans Dixieland jazz classics - 'Trad Jazz' - such as Panama Rag, Muskrat Ramble, Just a Little While, Bourbon Street Parade and Tin Roof Blues. As usual, each number will be improvised, so every performance is unique.

New Guesten Hall, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, 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 – music only with no lunch

Available from: Please send a cheque payable to 'Festive Classics' with SAE to Festive Classics, 101 Fininstall Road, Fininstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DE.

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

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Thursday 11th July 9.30am – 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: 'The Inns and Public Houses of Bromsgrove' with Jenny Townshend and Julian Hunt. Includes a visit to town centre sites associated with inns and pubs.

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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Thursday 11th July 8pm

Over the Moon

Bromsgrove Folk Club

Canadian roots/swing duo Over the Moon's Suzanne Levesque and Craig Bignell are award winning multi-instrumentalists/vocalists. Living on a ranch in the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains, their music is a wild ride from 40s sounding Western swing and Appalachian old-time, to cowboy blues. Simple and sweet, all of their material has a common thread that speaks of the Canadian West.

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

Tickets: £8.00 for Folk Club members: £10.00 for non-members. Under 25s £5.00

Available from: Pay on the door.

For more info: www.bromsgrovefolkclub.co.uk



Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July

Bromsgrove Carnival

Bromsgrove Carnival

A free weekend full of fun, food, laughter and loads more....food village, licenced bar, fun fair, and music for all audiences to enjoy. Although seating will be provided, you are advised to bring your own.

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.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event but donations accepted for local charities

For more info: www.bromsgrovecarnival.org Facebook – Bromsgrove Carnival

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The Bromsgrove Society

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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 three newsletters and 'The Rousler', containing local history articles, each year. Our publications include 'Bromsgrove: The Story of a Market Town' by Julian Hunt and Jenny Townshend. We keep a watch on local matters and are proud of our contribution to the town and district. We welcome new members and items for our annual publications – do get in touch.

Our three day Summer School takes place in July. This year's topics are canals, the Sanders family and button making, and the inns of Bromsgrove. Each day comprises a morning presentation, sociable lunch and afternoon visit linked to the day's topic. See listing pages within this brochure for full details.



Find out more:

The Bromsgrove Society is on line

Website www.bsoc.co.uk

Facebook & X @BromsgroveSoc

Email info@bsoc.co.uk

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Saturday 13th July 8pm

Amber Liadan Live!

Bromsgrove Arts

Unleashing the power of music through her lyrics and unique voice, Amber Liadan is a singer, songwriter, and performer who creates melodies that resonate with the heart and soul. Follow her artistic journey as she brings her unique blend of passion and talent to the stage. Amber is the daughter of Heather Mac and Tim Parr, members of famous 80s band Ella Mental.

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

Tickets: **£8 in advance. £10 on the door.**

Available from: www.ticketlab.co.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



Sunday 14th July 10am

150th Anniversary Team Festival Eucharist

All Saints Church

This Summer All Saints Church celebrates 150 years since its inauguration. As part of a fantastic programme of events, the Team Festival Eucharist will formally mark the 150th anniversary. The service will be led by Bishop Martin, Bishop of Dudley. We look forward to welcoming all from the community.

All Saints Church, **Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AF**

Free event

All Saints Church Website:

www.bromsgrovesparish.org.uk/Groups/395192/All_Saints_at.aspx



Thursday 16th July 7.30pm

Poems and Locks

WORDS

Luke Kennard is a poet and novelist who teaches at the University of Birmingham. He was the Canal and River Trust's poet in residence 2016-2017 and will focus his reading and discussion on the poems produced during this period, as well as poems from a variety of his collections from the last twenty years.

The Studio, **Artrix Arts Centre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN**

£12 available via the **Artrix website** or from **WORDS, Sycamore House, Rigby Hall, Rigby Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 2EW**. Please make cheques payable to **WORDS** and enclose a SAE and your email address if you have one.

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**14 Sherwood Road, AstonFields Industrial Estate,
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Wednesday 17th July, music at noon, lunch at 1pm

Quintessential Classics

Festive Classics

The Chameleon Wind Ensemble - a quintet of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn - will perform a varied programme of lighter classics for you. The ensemble's name highlights the differing individual sounds of the instruments and the contrasting colours of the music in the wind quintet repertoire.

New Guesten Hall, **Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings**,
Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, 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** – music only with no lunch

Available from: Please send a cheque payable to 'Festive Classics' with SAE to Festive Classics, 101 Finstall Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DE.

Tickets can also be purchased via online transfer - see website

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For more information: Contact: Colin Butterworth 01789 638511 or 07926 202307



Wednesday July 17th 7.30pm

Scotland Yard Investigates

Bromsgrove Arts

From the files of Scotland Yard come these startling stage adaptations of infamous true-life nineteenth century crimes.

During the course of this macabre performance, you'll encounter many nefarious individuals from late Victorian London, such as the infamous Whitechapel Murderer Henry Wainwright. You will also meet the Lambeth Poisoner Dr Thomas Neill Cream, the sadistic serial killer and possibly the dreaded Jack the Ripper also.

Faithful to the source material but employing a theatrical flourish, expect to be entertained and horrified in equal measure in this one-man show written and performed by Jonathan Goodwin and directed by Gary Archer.

Fairfield Village Hall, **Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, B61 9LZ**

Tickets: **£10 Available from: www.ticketlab.co.uk**

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



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Saturday 20th July 11am - 3pm

Summer Open Day

Friends of St John's

Celebrate the rich heritage at St John's Church with a day full of fun and fascinating crafts and skills, alongside firm favourites – have a go on the organ, ring the bells and climb the tower. Come along and enjoy a day for all ages. Made possible with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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

Free event, no tickets needed. All welcome.

Tower climb is weather dependant, first come first served and subject to availability on the day.

Further details via www.stjohnsfriends.co.uk friends.stjohns.church@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove



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Saturday 20th July 1pm - 4pm

150th Anniversary Summer Fair

All Saints Church

This Summer All Saints Church celebrates 150 years since its inauguration. As part of a fantastic programme of events the Family Fun Day will have a variety of games, stalls, refreshments, a flute recital and an exhibition of the church's history.

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

Free event

For further info: [All Saints Church Website:](http://AllSaintsChurchWebsite.org)

www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/395192/All_Saints_at.aspx



Saturday 20th July 1pm - 5pm

Fun in the Foyer

Artrix

Family Fun in the Artrix Foyer, with entertainment, food, café/bar, backstage tours and more.

Artrix, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Free Event

See website for details: artrixbromsgrove.co.uk



Sunday 21st July 2.30pm

Bands in the Park – Bedworth Brass

Bromsgrove District Council

The town of Bedworth, in Warwickshire, can trace its brass band roots back nearly 100 years – but despite the rich mining heritage of the area, the brass bands in Bedworth have their origins in the local churches. The current band has qualified for the National Finals on 6 occasions, the most memorable being at the Royal Albert Hall. Bring your chairs and a picnic and, if necessary, a blanket for a lovely relaxing afternoon.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event

For more info: www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do



Sunday 21st July 7.30pm

Symphonic Rhapsodies – A Summer Gala

Orchestra of St John, Bromsgrove

Conductor: Dr Richard Jenkinson

Johann Strauss Jnr: Die Fledermaus Overture

Delius: La Calinda

Sibelius: Symphony No. 6 in D minor, opus 104

Holst: Somerset Rhapsody

Delius: Summer Evening

Sibelius: Symphony No. 7 in C major, opus 105

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)

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Avoncroft Arts Society :Avoncroft Folk Dance Group
Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings
Barnt Green Choral Society

Blackwell Concert Band : **Bromsgrove Amateur Strings**
Bromsgrove Community Choir :

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 :
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Bromsgrove Town Crier : **Bromsgrove Ukulele Club**:
Christine Harmer : Creative Art Showcase :
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Lickey Hills Art Society : **Orchestra of St John**

Rubery Drama Group : Someone at the Door Samba Band
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 Museum
Theatre Train : WORDS

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

www.bromsgroveartsalive.co.uk

Pubs with Music!

Note : The following entries are during the Festival period....most of these pubs and licensed premises have live music all the year round....visit their website/social media for more information

Every Saturday Night

Live Music at Ye Olde Black Cross

Varying live acts every Saturday during the Festival. Have a drink in the oldest pub in Bromsgrove.....See also separate entry for Saturday 6th July...Totally 80s

Ye Olde Black Cross, 70 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove B61 7AG

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

Every Friday and Saturday Night

Live Music at The Hop Pole

- Saturday 22nd June - Mister Wolf
- Friday 28th June – Velvet Jam
- Saturday 29th June – Bang on the Ear
- Friday 5th July – Cada
- Saturday 6th July – Hot Spece (A Night of Queen)
- Friday 12th July – The Nicholson Band
- Saturday 13th July – Split Second
- Friday 19th July – The Core
- Saturday 20th July – Thunder Daze

The Hope Pole, 78 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0DF

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

Every Sunday Night

The Bowling Green Inn, Stoke Prior

Eclectic session of mainly folk musicians and singers

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

Many Fridays and every Saturday Night

Live Music at Catshill Social Club

Great music from established solo artists and bands

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

<https://www.facebook.com/CatshillSocial>

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!

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Various dates and times

Music at The Dry Spy

Live acts and DJ Sets at this popular Lounge Bar and Restaurant which sits adjacent to St. John's Church and provides a stunning backdrop to the Secret Garden and Roof-Top Terrace with unrivalled views over the Town.

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

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

Various dates and times

The New Inn, Bournheath

Live acts on many Fridays and Saturdays with BBQs on Summer evenings

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

For more information <https://thenewinnbournheath.co.uk/> 01527577555

Other pubs etc. worth checking.....

- **The Cross Inn, Finstall**

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

For more info <https://Facebook.com/CrossFinstall>

- **The Crown, Catshill**

244 Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 9LE

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

- **Ego @ The Forest, Lickey End**

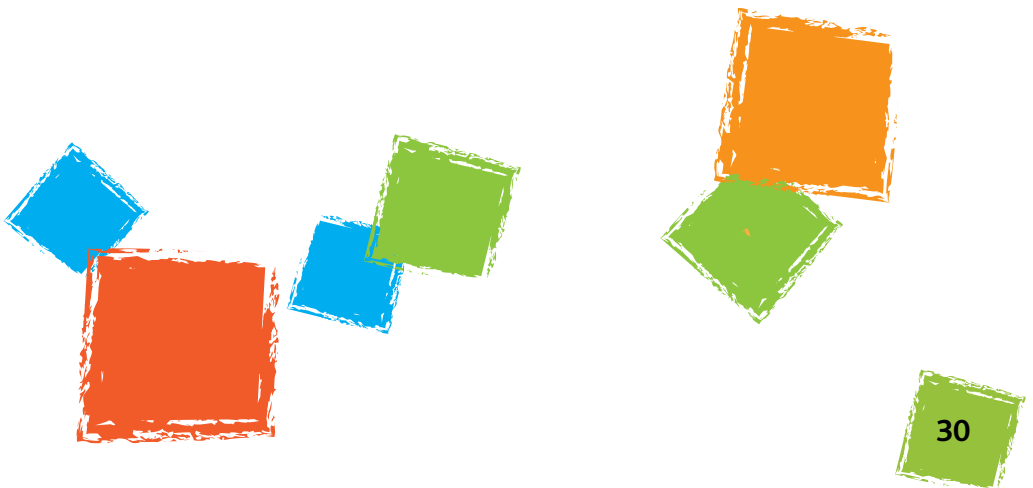
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For more info <https://www.egorestaurants.co.uk/restaurant-bromsgrove/>

- **The Little Ale House**

21 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove B61 7DL

<https://www.facebook.com/littlealehouse/>



Bromsgrove 2024 Events at a Glance

Drama

26/6/24	1900	Play	Avoncroft Oddsocks
26/6/24	1430	Film	Bromsgrove Arts
17/7/24	1930	Play	Bromsgrove Arts

Classical

22/6/24	1500	Concert	Barnt Green Choral Society
23/6/24	1430	Concert	Bands in the Park – Worcester Concert Band
23/6/24	1045	Church Service	St John's Patronal
23/6/24	1900	Concert	Festive Classics
29/6/24	1045	Concert	Midland Sinfonia
30/6/24	1430	Concert	Bands in the Park – Brass Band, Central England
30/6/24	1930	Concert	Heart Of England Recorder Orchestra (HERO)
3/7/24	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
7/7/24	TBA pm	Concert	Bromsgrove Concerts
10/7/24	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
13/7/24	2000	Concert	Bromsgrove Arts
17/7/24	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
20/7/24	1300	Summer Fair	All Saints Church
21/7/24	1430	Concert	Bands in the Park – Bedworth Brass
21/7/24	1930	Concert	OSJ

Community Events

22/6/24	-	Fair Day	Court Leet
22/6/24	1100	Festival Launch	Creative Arts Showcase
27/6/24	-	Beer Festival	Camra
29/6/24	1300	Fun in Foyer	Artrix
30/6/24	1100	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
5/7/24	1900	Beetle Drive	All Saints Church
6/7/24	1300	Fun in Foyer	Artrix
7/7/24	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
12/7/24	-	Carnival	
14/7/24	1000	Church Service	All Saints Church
20/7/23	1300	Fun in Foyer	Artrix
21/7/24	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand

Bromsgrove 2024 Events at a Glance

Folk Roots and Jazz

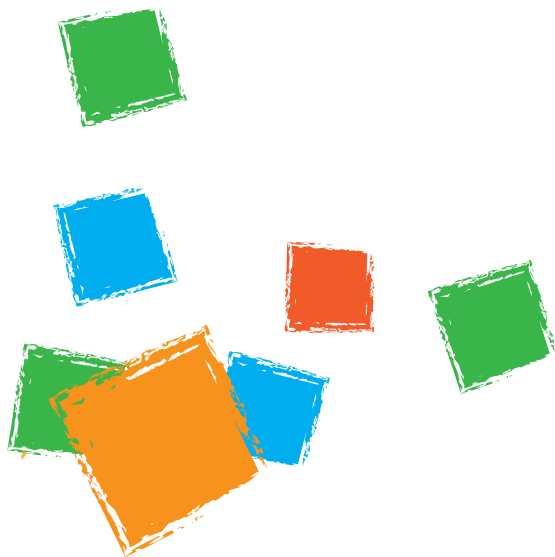
27/6/24	2000	Mike Silver	Bromsgrove Folk Club
4/7/24	1930	Folk Festival	Bromsgrove Folk Club
5/7/24	1200	Folk Festival	Bromsgrove Folk Club
6/7/24	1000	Folk Festival	Bromsgrove Folk Club
6/7/24	2000	Pub Concert	The Black Cross Pub
10/7/24	1200	Jazz Concert	Festive Classics
11/7/24	2000	Over the Moon	Bromsgrove Folk Club

Walks and Talks

29/6/24	1000	Talk	Norton Collection Museum
1/7/24	0800	Talk	BSoc
2/7/24	1000	Craft Skills	Friends of St John's
4/7/24	1100	Talk	Words
9/7/24	0930	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
10/7/24	0930	Summer School	BSoc Summer School 21/7/23
11/7/24	0930	Summer School	BSoc Summer School
16/7/24	1930	Talk	Words

Dance

29/6/24	1930	Dance Show	Stage Door
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