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Welcome to Bromsgrove Festival 2025

It is an unfortunate fact that attendances at arts events, and indeed events in general, have still not totally recovered since the pandemic but despite that our local event organisers have, once again, stepped up to the mark and we have over 50 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 Festival 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 into being, are also available on our website at www.bromsgrovethefestival.co.uk and on social media...**Facebook/Bromsgrove Festival**...**Twitter @bromsgrovethefestival**...

Instagram @bromsgrove-festival. On all these platforms we will be keeping you up to date with latest developments.

We must, once again congratulate Bromsgrove Community Arts and its volunteers for their continued work in bringing Artrix back to life and would urge you to give them your support to ensure that the venue continues to thrive (www.arttribromsgrove.co.uk)

This year The Festival will once again be presenting a day on the High Street showcasing Bromsgrove Festival events and I would urge you to get down there and immerse yourself in the varied eclectic activities that are being planned

To help you pick your way through the range of events on offer during the Festival, we have again included in this brochure a chronological list by genre.....but don't let that restrict you from "trying something new!"

The 2025 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.

On a final note, I have decided to step down from my position as Chair of Bromsgrove Festival after this year's event. I have been an active Trustee since the festival's rejuvenation in 2014 and Chair since 2019 and I feel that it is time to hand over the reins to somebody else. It has been my privilege to serve the Bromsgrove arts community over the years, indeed it has been my joy, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to do so.....onwards and upwards!

Bob Bignell, Chair, Bromsgrove Festival



Bromsgrove
District Council
www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

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

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 21st June, All Day

Court Leet Fair Day and 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, Mark Robinson. 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

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



Saturday 21st June to Saturday 12th July

11am to 2pm every Saturday

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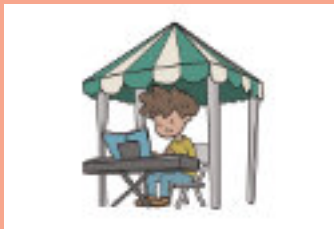
Bromsgrove Festival

Everyone is invited to play our electric keyboard and entertain the passers-by. Show off your talent, whatever your age or ability, and you may surprise everyone even yourself! In 2015, this event was a great success. Please help make the 10th anniversary revival even better.

Bromsgrove High Street

Free event

For more info: Call 07973 295972



Saturday 21st June 12.30pm to 4pm

Bromsgrove Festival Launch

Bromsgrove Festival

This year's Bromsgrove Festival launch will bring a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment and creativity for everyone on the High Street to enjoy. Following the Court Leet's annual ceremony, a variety of singers, dancers and musicians will take over the space with a taster of what's to come during the Bromsgrove Festival

By the Housman Statue, Bromsgrove High Street

Free community event

For more info: www.bromsgrofefestival.co.uk Facebook @BromsgroveFestival



Saturday 21st June, 3.00pm

The World of Disney

Barnt Green Choral Society

Start off the Bromsgrove Festival with a fun concert full of Disney favourites. The choir will be joined by the choir from St Andrews School Barnt Green who will perform many of your well-known Disney favourites with an accompanying ensemble. Come along with all the family to have a fun-packed Saturday afternoon followed by cakes, coffee, and soft drinks.

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

Tickets: £10 including refreshments, Under 16s free

Tickets available on the door

For more info: www.barntgreenchoralsociety.org



Saturday 21st June 11.00am

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings

Summer Concert

Bromsgrove Amateur Strings

A concert of String Orchestra music, including Film music and Vivaldi
Catshill Methodist Church, Catshill, Bromsgrove, B61 0LG

Tickets: £ FREE, donations to be given to charity

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



Saturday 21st June, 7.30pm

Queen - Through the Decades

Artrix Theatre

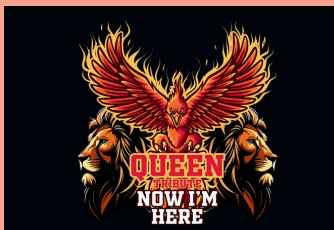
Following the hit sell out tour of 2024, Queen Tribute 'Now I'm Here' are back, led by the incomparable Josh Henderson, an internationally acclaimed vocalist known for his stirring portrayal of Freddie Mercury and powerhouse rock tenor vocals.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £ 27 plus booking fee

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk or call 01527 361324



Sunday 22nd June 10.45am

St John's Church Patronal Service

St John's Church with Bromsgrove Court Leet

Bromsgrove's ancient Grade I Listed church's annual service to celebrate its patron saint. Bromsgrove Court Leet attend in full robes and regalia and process into the church with the choir. All are welcome to attend.

Please note: There is no vehicle access to the church during restoration works to the spire.

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

Free event

For more info: www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchBromsgrove



Sunday 22nd June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Bands in the Park - Worcester Concert Band

Bromsgrove District Council

Worcester Concert Band are inclusive and enthusiastic individuals who enjoy making Brass Band music together. They perform at carol concerts, community events, fetes, and for the city's Lord Mayor. Their repertoire includes traditional brass band music, contemporary music and pieces from the stage and screen.

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 22nd June 3pm – 4.30 pm

Go Yellow

Primrose Hospice Choir

An afternoon of well-loved songs and an opportunity to join us in singing together or to simply enjoy our music. This event is open to people of all ages. All proceeds to The Primrose Hospice's Go Yellow Appeal.

Avoncroft Arts Society, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, B60 4JR

Tickets: Tickets can be bought from Primrose Hospice Fund Raising Team- 01527 889796

or from Primrose Hospice Charity Shop on High Street

£5, Concessions £4. Coffee, tea and cake are included in the ticket price

Also available on the door

For more info: Email: primrosehospicechoir@gmail.com or call 07846 599167

www.instagram.com/theprimrosehospicechoir

Facebook.com – The Primrose Hospice Choir



Sunday 22nd June 7pm

Swing into Summer with MCO

Midland Concert Orchestra

The Orchestra plays swing, jazz and popular music from across the decades, including tunes and melodies from Broadway, the libraries of Gershwin, Cole Porter and more. Local singer, Charlie Green, who wowed the judges in Britain's Got Talent will be our guest vocalist for the evening.

Routh Hall, Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road,

Bromsgrove B61 7DU

(For SatNav use **B61 7HP**)

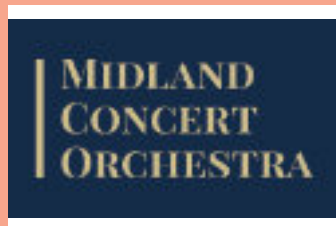
Tickets: **Adults £15, Under 18s £5**

Available from: www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/whats-on.aspx

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8am – 8pm for 'Libraries Unlocked' users. During staffed opening hours for everyone. See Worcestershire Libraries' website for opening times. Please speak to staff to upgrade your membership for 'Libraries Unlocked'.**

Silk Painting Display

South Birmingham Guild of Silk PaintersThe local branch of the Guild of Silk Painters is delighted to stage a display of their work during the Bromsgrove Festival. Their 2nd Tuesday afternoon of the month 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 entry

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



Wednesday 25th June Music at noon, lunch at 1pm

Craig Ogden – A Celebrity Recital

Festive Classics

Craig's performance will reflect the wonderful variety within the guitar repertoire and include music by Scarlatti, Villa-Lobos and Rodrigo – along with his warmth and sense of humour that charms every audience.

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

Concert tickets: £16 in advance or on the door, if still available.

Optional two-course hot lunch at 1pm, including a glass of wine, £16 each. These must be ordered in advance and are strictly limited in number.

Online - send an email to pefestive21@gmail.com for bank details. A pdf ticket will be sent by email. By post: Send a cheque and SAE to: Festive Classics, 101 Finstall Road, Finstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DE

For more info: www.festiveclassics.co.uk Enquiries: 01527 832492



Wednesday 25th June – Saturday 28th June 7.30pm

Dangerous Obsession

All & Sundry Productions

One sunny afternoon a quiet and unassuming man, obsessed with pinning the blame for his wife's accident on someone else, turns up at the home of Sally and Mark Driscoll and invites himself in. Their once perfect lives are turned upside down, as he threatens to reveal secrets that could change their lives forever.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £13 plus booking fee

Contains adult themes, not recommended for under 16s

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk or call 01527 361324



Thursday 26th June 8pm

Tania Opland and Mike Freeman at Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

Hammered dulcimer, guitar, violin, cittern, Native American flute, percussion with songs in many languages and rhythmic roots from Siberia to Morocco. This Anglo-Alaskan duo has been on the road together since 1995 in a unique collaboration which combines their distinctly separate musical backgrounds, bringing their exuberant music and wild tales to audiences around the world.

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

Members £8, Non-members £10, Under 25s £4

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Kevin Celebrates 40 years as Town Crier

Can you remember the summer of 1985? Fair Day to be precise. The day marked the beginning of a new era for Bromsgrove, and what a blessing for the town it has been to have Kevin Ward as our wonderful Town Crier since that day to this!

To celebrate the incredible 40 year achievement, Kevin is hosting the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers National Championship in Bromsgrove on Saturday 14th June. There will be two rounds of crying on the day to identify the National Champion. In the morning, the competition will be in the High Street while the market is on and the street is busy and bustling with people. Each Crier will cry about their hometown. After the formal competition the Criers will stay in the town centre, lunching at local cafes and restaurants, giving shoppers an opportunity to meet them. In the afternoon, the group will move to Avoncroft Museum of Buildings where the second round will take place on the lawns outside Guesten Hall. The two different locations will test the Criers' ability to adapt to different surroundings.

The event has been made possible thanks to support from Bromsgrove Institute Trust, Bromsgrove Festival, Bromsgrove Society, Bromsgrove District Council, Bromsgrove Court Leet, The Elmley Foundation, Cllr Josh Robinson, Cllr Mick Marshall, Cllr David Nicholl, Andrew Harris Trust, Destination Bromsgrove, Bromsgrove Cobblers and Allica Bank. Wythall Transport Museum are providing a vintage bus to move everyone round in style.

About the event Kevin said:

"I'm very pleased to be bringing this important, National Competition to the town to mark 40 very enjoyable years as Bromsgrove's Town Crier. The support I have already received from the organising team and the sponsors is fantastic. I am most grateful to all.

The judging will be based on diction and clarity of the Crier's cry at a suitable sustained volume. I've chosen two venues because the High Street's acoustic is quite reverberant and crowds will be passing for the market, so they'll need to grab people's attention. The Guesten Hall Field is open and acoustically dead, a completely different challenge. These two different spaces will find the best Town Crier!"

It will be a wonderful day in Bromsgrove, and I hope to see plenty of shoppers in the morning and visitors at Avoncroft Museum in the afternoon."



**National Town Criers
Competition**

**Saturday 14th June 2025
Bromsgrove**

**Morning - High Street
Afternoon - Avoncroft Museum**

 More info on Facebook
[@TownCriersCompBromsgrove](#)

Friday 27th June 3pm

Folk and Fry Ups

The Lemon Tree

Join The Holy Show band at The Lemon Tree for a relaxed afternoon of FREE folk music from 3pm. Purchase food and drinks and enjoy some folk favourites in the High Street's most colourful caff!

The Lemon Tree, 1 Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, B60 2BW

Free entry, just turn up on the day.

For more info: Facebook - The Lemon Tree



Friday 27th June 7:30pm

The Everly Brothers by Candlelight

Immerse yourself in the soul-stirring tunes of the Everly Brothers in this unique acoustic theatre show, brought to life by Gerry Slattery and Lars Pluto, renowned performers from internationally touring shows. Experience the magic by candlelight, as fascinating stories and anecdotes are woven together with timeless hits accompanied by a live string quartet.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £28

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Saturday 28th June 10am and 4pm

Avoncroft Arts Society Annual Art show

Avoncroft Arts Society

Lots of art works created by the members of Avoncroft Arts Society for you to enjoy and buy. Refreshments are available so come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of homemade cake. Take part in one of our FREE workshops. Please telephone or email to reserve a place to avoid disappointment.

Avoncroft Arts Society, Redditch Road, Stoke Heath, B60 4JR

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Saturday 28th June 11am

Players Platform

David Morgan Trust

Young musicians will give performances designed to showcase their talents. The David Morgan Trust supports children and young people in the Bromsgrove District to develop their understanding and appreciation of music.

Catshill Methodist Church, **Golden Cross Lane, Catshill,
Bromsgrove, B61 0LG**

Free admission

For more info: www.davidmorganmusictrust.org



Saturday 28th June 11am to 3pm

Pedestrian Poetry?

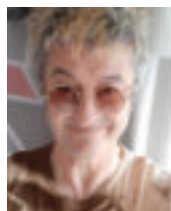
Bromsgrove Festival

Award-winning former Birmingham Poet Laureate Spoz (Giovanni Esposito) will be joined by local poets to perform in various places in and around the High Street, bringing their spoken word talents to entertain pedestrians and everyone else.

Bromsgrove Town Centre

Free community event

For more info: www.bromsgrovetheatre.co.uk



Saturday 28th June 12.30pm and 6pm

25 Terrific Years – Stardust Dance Academy

Stardust Dance Academy

Stardust Dance Academy's Annual Dance Show

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £15.50 plus booking fee

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Saturday 28th June 7.30pm

Celebrations of Life

The Midland Sinfonia

A concert celebrating anniversaries through music including Dvorák's Serenade for Strings, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's 4 Novelletten and Blue Danube by Strauss.

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

Tickets: In advance: Adults £14, students and under 16s £3

From www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk

On the door Adults £16, students and under 16s £3

For more info: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk



Sunday 29th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Bands in the Park

– City of Birmingham Brass Band

Bromsgrove District Council

The City of Birmingham Brass Band, founded during WWII, has a broad repertoire ranging from traditional and modern brass band music, through classical works arranged for brass, to film and television theme tunes and arrangements of popular melodies.

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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Sunday 29th June

Rising Stars – Victoria's School of Dance

Our talented students at Victoria's School of Dance will showcase their skills in 'Rising Stars'.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: **£10 plus booking fee**

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Tuesday 1st July 6.00pm

Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose

Bromsgrove Singing Projects

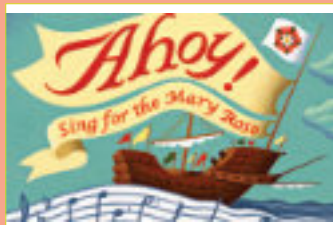
Pupils from local first and middle schools will come together for a day of singing with renowned amateur and composer Alexander L'Estrange, before giving an early evening concert performance of "Ahoy!" – a cantata based on British sea songs, accompanied by Alexander's live band.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: **£4**

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Wednesday 2nd July Concert 12 noon, lunch 1pm

Julia Åberg & Jackie Tyler

- A Kaleidoscope of Music

Festive Classics

Julia (violin) and Jackie (cello) of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will guide you through a kaleidoscopic selection of music from over the centuries, with many familiar tunes and some lesser-known melodies.

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

Concert tickets: **£16 in advance or on the door, if still available.**

Optional two-course hot lunch at 1pm, including a glass of wine, **£16 each.** These must be ordered in advance and are strictly limited in number.

Online - send an email to pefestive21@gmail.com for bank details. A pdf ticket will be sent by email. By post: Send a cheque and SAE to: Festive Classics, 101 Fininstall Road, Fininstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DE



Wednesday 2nd July 6pm

Meet and greet 5.30pm

Tiny Tim's Biggest Adventure

Artrix Theatre

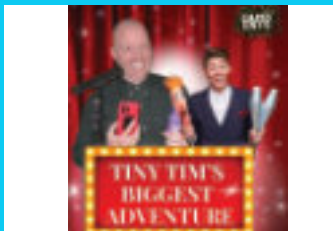
7 years ago, Tiny Tim decided to go on his own adventure navigating through adult life and posting about his prank calls on social media. With over 120 million views on YouTube and over 10 million followers on all social media platforms, perhaps at some point you have seen the hilarious videos of the legend that is Tiny Tim's Adventures. Now it's your turn to join the man behind the voice on his BIGGEST adventure to date.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £15.50 - £20 plus booking fee

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Thursday 3rd July 1pm-5pm (Preview session for CAMRA/Trade)

Thursday 3rd July 5pm-11pm

Friday 4th July 11am-11pm

Saturday 5th 11am-9.30pm

Bromsgrove Beer Festival

Redditch & Bromsgrove CAMRA

The CAMRA Bromsgrove Beer, Cider & Perry Festival is back! Sample over 100 real ales, 10 craft beers, and 40 traditional ciders and perries. Enjoy live music from talented bands and singers, plus various hot food options. Supporting our chosen charity, Primrose Hospice.

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

Tickets: £9 on the day, or £7 in advance.

Available from: <https://bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk/>

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



Friday 4th July 2pm-4pm

Bromsgrove Ukulele Open Event

Bromsgrove Ukulele Club

An open invite for all those interested in learning to play the ukulele or who just wish to come along for an afternoon of musical entertainment. Suitable for all ages and musical tastes.

Stoke Prior Village Hall, 60 Hanbury Road, Bromsgrove, B60 4D

For more info: www.Bromsgroveukuleleclub.co.uk



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Friday 4th July 7.30pm

"Kingmaker"

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Graham Brady, now Lord Brady of Altrincham, became a household name in the fourteen years of the recent Conservative governments, elected as the Chairman of the 1922 Committee in the House of Commons amidst the most turbulent times in modern political history. In this role he had a ringside seat throughout Coalition, Brexit and Covid, plus the election and removal of five Prime Ministers. Graham will be in conversation about his book 'Kingmaker' with Patrick Burns, the former Political Editor of the BBC in the West Midlands.

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

Tickets: £15

Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovewords.com



Friday 4th July 7.30pm

Cantoras Upper Voices Chamber Choir presents 'All Together We Are Love'

Cantoras Upper Voices Chamber Choir

Concert of a capella choral pieces written for Upper Voices, performed by Birmingham based choir 'Cantoras' with renowned Musical Director Mariana Rosas. The programme includes pieces old and new including works by Franz Biebl, Laura Mvula, Sarah Quartel, Don MacDonald, Cecilia McDowall, The Wailin' Jennys and many more!
St John's Church, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, B61 8DW

Tickets: £15

Available from: www.cantoraschoir.co.uk

For more info: www.cantoraschoir.co.uk or call 07815 071179

Facebook – Cantoras Upper Voice choir



CANTORAS
UPPER VOICES CHAMBER CHOIR

Friday 4th July 7.30pm

Paul Hopkins' Roy Orbison and the Traveling Wilburys Experience

Artrix Theatre

A journey through several decades of pop celebrating the music of Roy Orbison, Jeff Lynne's ELO, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, The Beatles' George Harrison and the collective genius that was The Traveling Wilburys.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £27 plus booking fee

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Saturday 5th July 9am-6pm, last entry 5pm

Creative Art Showcase at Hanbury Countryside Show

Creative Art Showcase

Visit our stall for free hands-on, interactive activities for all the family. There will be a display of handmade artisan goods from across the region. Beautiful gift items will be available for you to buy, which will support local artists and Creative Art Showcase. Making art accessible to all.

Park Hall Farm, Hanbury, Worcestershire, B96 6RD

Advance Tickets: £18. Under 12s free. For other ticket prices please see the Hanbury Countryside Show website.

Available from: www.hanburyshow.co.uk/tickets

For more info: www.hanburyshow.co.uk



Spire Appeal Project

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The restoration work on the tallest spire in Worcestershire is taking place thanks to the generosity of many organisations and individuals - we are most grateful to all.

Meet the stonemasons and project team to learn about the works and heritage crafts used to restore Bromsgrove's landmark ancient building.

Saturday 12th July

10.30am Cake & Coffee Concert followed by afternoon Open Day.

Say hello: friends.stjohns.church@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/FriendsStJohnsBromsgrove
www.stjohnsfriends.co.uk



Saturday 5th July 7.30pm

Darkside - The Pink Floyd Show

Artrix Theatre

The show will include a complete performance of 'Wish You Were Here', to mark the 50th anniversary of this stunning album, and the seminal work that is 'The Dark Side of the Moon'.

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

Tickets: £26 plus booking fee

Available from: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk

For more info: www.artrixbromsgrove.co.uk 01527 361324



Saturday 5th July 8pm

The Core Reggae Band

The New Inn

The Core Reggae Band will be performing and there will be Jamaican food for sale

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

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Why not join us? Everyone is welcome to attend our talks and events. As a member you'll receive our regular publications. Get in touch to join, submit an item for the Newsletter or Rouser, or inquire about joining a committee.



Find out more:

The Bromsgrove Society is on line

Website www.bsoc.co.uk

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Saturday 5th July 8pm

The Phil Ashmore Band

Bromsgrove Arts

Respected roots songwriter Phil Ashmore is now bringing to the national and international American scene. We are delighted to be hosting Phil along with his full band performing soul-stirring melodies and thought-provoking lyrics. Expect heartfelt ballads and foot-stomping country rock.

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

Tickets: £

Available from: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



Sunday 6th July 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Bands in the Park

– Blackwell Concert Band

Bromsgrove District Council

Blackwell Concert Band formed in 1998, when woodwind players were invited to join Blackwell Brass Band. It now has around 70 players of varying experience and calibre. The 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.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event

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



Sunday 6th July 2025 6:30pm

Doors open 5:30pm

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Oddsocks Productions

Oddsocks takes to the road again with another high-energy, feel-good, family theatre show. Shakespeare's most magical, fast-paced, hilarious comedy; "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed outdoors in Oddsocks' inimitable irreverent and knockabout style with live music, comedy action and even some outrageous hunting dogs! Don't miss out - Catch the Dream!

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

Advance ticket prices (plus booking fee)

Adult £20, Students and 60+ £15, Under 18s £12

Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk

For more info: oddsocks.co.uk or avoncroft.org.uk/whats-on



Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th July 7.30pm
– Saturday 12th July 12pm and 6pm

QMTS presents The Sound of Music

Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society

QMTS who brought 'Beauty and the Beast' to Artrix in 2024, return with 'The Sound of Music'. This unparalleled musical, telling the true story of the von Trapp family was the final collaboration between Rodgers and Hammerstein. With an exceptional score and uplifting songs like 'Climb Every Mountain', 'Do Re Mi' and 'My Favourite Things', 'The Sound of Music' is a show not to missed!

Artrix Theatre, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1GN

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Wednesday 9th July Concert 12 noon, lunch 1pm

Michael Lunts - Home Service

Festive Classics

A humorous view of life on the Home Front. Michael Lunts will celebrate life on the Home Front to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, bringing the Forties to life in all its grit and grandeur with songs that helped to win the war.

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

Concert tickets: £16 in advance or on the door, if still available.

Optional two-course hot lunch at 1pm, including a glass of wine, £16 each. These must be ordered in advance and are strictly limited in number.

Send an email to pefestive21@gmail.com for bank details. A pdf ticket will be sent by email. By

post: Send a cheque and SAE to: Festive Classics, 101 Fininstall Road, Fininstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DE

For more info: www.festiveclassics.co.uk



Thursday 10th July 8pm

The John Richards Band at Bromsgrove Folk Club

Bromsgrove Folk Club and Festival

One of the UK's best songwriters, John Richards has quietly become one of the most covered writers on the folk scene. He has gathered excellent musicians around him to present his fine original songs. First class musicianship and lovingly honed vocal harmonies are delivered in a polished, well-rehearsed, dynamic performance that would grace the largest of stages but tonight the magic comes to a more intimate audience.

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

Pay on the door

For more info: www.bromsrovecfolkclub.co.uk



Friday 11th 4.30pm – 10.30pm

Children's Film 5pm,

Main Event 8pm

Bromsgrove Carnival Open Air Cinema

Bromsgrove Carnival

Head down to Sanders Park for the Carnival's FREE Outdoor Cinema Event! Things to bring – chairs and blankets.

Please note: Doors open 4pm. Parking available off Whitford Road – Donation per vehicle. You will be able to bring your own allergy or

dietary requirement foods - there will be a wide variety of food stalls available. No alcoholic drinks will be permitted to be brought in. Licensed Bar on site – Cold Drinks, sweets, popcorn. Limited seating available on first come first served basis.

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Tickets: Free event with tickets required via Skiddle:

Available from:

Children's event - <https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Birmingham/Sanders-Park/Cinema-in-the-Park---Family-Film-Screening/40912639/>

Feature film <https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Birmingham/Sanders-Park/Cinema-in-the-Park--Evening-Feature-Film-Screening/40912641/>

For more info: Bromsgrovecarnival.org Facebook – Bromsgrove Carnival

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Saturday 12th July From midday

Bromsgrove Carnival - Celebration Days

Bromsgrove Carnival

Bromsgrove Carnival is back, bigger and better than ever! A 'Celebration Days' themed parade will travel through the town at midday. At Sanders Park there will be street food, bars, dance performances, a Main Stage with live music hosted by BBC H&W, a funfair, and stalls from local groups, charities and organisations and so much more free fun for all to enjoy.

Important Info: To access the street food village, bars, and main stage 'Party in the Park' you'll need a free ticket from: <https://www.skiddle.com/e/40751444>

Everything else, from the funfair to the parade, is open to all!

Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7JP

Free event but donations accepted for local charities

For more info: Bromsgrovecarnival.org Facebook – Bromsgrove Carnival

adam@bromsgrovecarnival.org



Saturday 12th July 10.30am

Cake and Coffee Concert

St John's Church, Bromsgrove

Start off Carnival Day with a short morning concert featuring the Singing Villeins and the Thompson-Cox Family Jazz Quartet. Light a capella vocal music with a jazz selection too! Followed by coffee or tea and homemade cakes.

St John's Church, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, B61 8DW

Free, no tickets required

For more info: Steve.cowperthwaite@gmail.com



Saturday 12th July 12pm-3pm

Spire Project Open Day

Friends of St John's

Discover why and how the top of Worcestershire's tallest spire is being rebuilt. Experience the heritage skills used, with our team of experts in our "Side by Side" activities. The Open Day follows the Cake and Coffee Concert.

Please note: There is no vehicle access to the church during restoration works to the spire.

St John's Church, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, B61 8DW

Free event

For more info: www.stjohnsfriends.co.uk

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Saturday 12th July 1pm 'til late

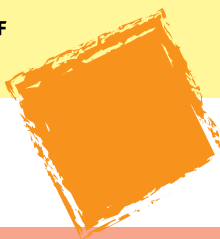
Live Aid 40th Anniversary Festival

The Hop Pole

A day of music with food and craft stalls in the garden. Bands will be performing all day, and Hot Space - Queen tribute - act will close the event inside the Hop Pole later in the evening. This is a charity event and a great day will be had by all.

The Hop Pole, 78 Birmingham Road, B61 0DF

Tickets: Free entry, just turn up



Saturday 12th July 3.30pm - 5pm

Retro School Assembly Singalong for grown-ups

Christa Hugo Pianist

Remember those old primary school assembly anthems? 'Give Me Oil in My Lamp', 'Lord of The Dance', 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'... and so many more! Come together and experience the joy of singing to all your favourite primary school assembly anthems — as voted for by you! Nostalgia, school day memories and surprises galore! Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, B61 9LZ

Tickets: £12.00

Available from: www.christahugopianist.co.uk

For more info: www.christahugopianist.co.uk



Sunday 13th July 9.30am – 3pm

Avoncroft Open Air Art Competition

Avoncroft Museum in association with Avoncroft Arts Centre

The gates will open at 9.30am, for you to find the best pitch for you.

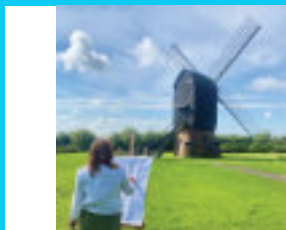
Set up in your chosen location across 19 acres, with 30 historic buildings and structures for you to work in and around. Finish off your work at home, then frame and mount it ready for a public exhibition in New Guesten Hall during Heritage Open Days on 20th and 21st September.

Avoncroft Museum, Stoke Heath Bromsgrove Worcestershire B60 4JR

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Sunday 13th July 7pm and Wednesday 16th July 7pm

National Theatre:

A Streetcar Named Desire

Bromsgrove Arts

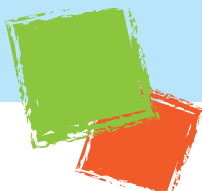
Gillian Anderson, Vanessa Kirby, and Ben Foster lead the cast in Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece, returning to cinemas. As Blanche's fragile world crumbles, she turns to her sister Stella for solace – but her downward spiral brings her face to face with the brutal, unforgiving Stanley Kowalski

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

Tickets: £15.50

Available from: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



Wednesday 16th July Concert 12 noon, lunch 1pm

French Horn Fireworks

Festive Classics

The eight French Horn players of The Birmingham Horn Sound will perform a programme of mostly classical works with some lighter numbers and some solo pieces.

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

Concert tickets: £16 in advance or on the door, if still available.

Optional two-course hot lunch at 1pm, including a glass of wine, £16 each. These must be ordered in advance and are strictly limited in number.

Online - send an email to pefestive21@gmail.com for bank details. A

pdf ticket will be sent by email. By post: Send a cheque and SAE to:

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



Saturday 19th July 8pm

Meat Loud Duo – A Tribute to Meat Loaf

Bromsgrove Arts

Meat Loud, with Andy Plimmer on lead vocals and with the awesome talent of Sally Rivers, will cover many songs from the Meat Loaf back catalogue, including a performance of the Album 'Bat Out of Hell' as well as some Jim Steinman classics.

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

Tickets: £12.50

Available from: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

For more info: www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



Sunday 20th July 10.45am

Haydn's Little Organ Mass

Orchestra of St John, Bromsgrove

Conductor: Dr Richard Jenkinson. The orchestra will participate in a normal 10.45am church service, playing Haydn's delightful Little Organ Mass, for string players with St John's Church Choir and organ. It lasts about 15 minutes. Besides the religious significance, this will be a musical precursor to the evening's Gala Concert.

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

No tickets - all free of charge. Part of a normal 10.45am church service



Sunday 20th July 2.30pm

Bands in the Park

– Central England Concert Band

Bromsgrove District Council

The Central England Concert Band, formed in the 1980's, is a warm and welcoming community ensemble who perform at various concerts and events throughout the year. We play a wide range of repertoire, including film music, hits from the musicals, marches, and more established wind band repertoire.

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 20th July 7.00pm

Musical Masterpieces

- Festival Gala Concert

Orchestra of St John, Bromsgrove

Conductor: **Dr Richard Jenkinson.**

The orchestra will again give a Gala Concert to end the year's Bromsgrove Festival. It will feature Richard Strauss' heartfelt Four Last Songs, followed by Bruckner's monumental 7th Symphony. A summer return to the Orchestra's home St John's Church in Bromsgrove.

Refreshments available during the interval

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

Adults £12, Under18s £5

Available from: www.priorbooking.com (a small fee applies)

or **Decanter Spirit, 49 High Street, Bromsgrove** (cash only)

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Email: enquiries@osjbromsgrove.org



Tuesday 22nd July 11am

"Kabul: Final Call"

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Sir Laurie Bristow was the United Kingdom's Ambassador to Afghanistan when the Taliban overthrew the government and took power in August 2021. His book, "Kabul: Final Call", is a first-hand account of the final days of the Republic and the evacuation of Kabul. A career diplomat, Laurie was previously the UK Ambassador to Russia. He is now President of Hughes Hall, Cambridge University, and regularly publishes and broadcasts on geopolitics.

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

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Varying live acts every Saturday from 9.00pm during the Festival.

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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 21st June - Bosted Juke Box
- Friday 27th June - TBC
- Saturday 28th June - Legend
- Friday 4th July - Stu Bishop
- Saturday 5th July - Cada
- Friday 11th July - The Core
- Saturday 12th July - Live Aid Anniversary Festival – see separate entry
- Friday 18th July - TBC
- Saturday 19th July - Behind the Bike Sheds

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

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

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

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

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

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/>
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290 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0EZ
For more info <https://www.egorestaurants.co.uk/restaurant-bromsgrove/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/littlealehouse/>
- **The New Inn**
The New Inn, 10 Doctors Hill, Bournheath,
Bromsgrove, B61 9JE



Bromsgrove 2025 Events at a Glance

Art and Textiles

23/6/25	800	Exhibition	Silk Painters
28/6/25	1000	Exhibition	Avoncroft Arts
13/7/25	9.30	Competition	Avoncroft Arts

Drama

25/6/25	1930	Play	Artrix
2/7/25	1800	Play	Artrix
6/7/25	1830	Play	Oddsocks
8/7/25		Play	QMTS

Classical

21/6/25	1930	Concert	Bromsgrove Amateur Strings
22/6/25	1045	Church Service	St John's Patronal
25/6/25	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
28/6/25	1930	Concert	Midland Sinfonia
2/7/25	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
4/7/25	1400	Concert	Cantoras Upper Voices Choir
9/7/25	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
12/7/25	1030	Concert	St Johns Church
16/7/25	1200	Concert	Festive Classics
20/7/25	1045	Concert	OSJ
20/7/25	1930	Concert	OSJ

Community Events

21/6/25	-	Fair Day	Court Leet
21/6/25	-	Festival Launch	High Street
22/6/25	1230	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
27/6/25	1500	Folk & Fry Ups	Lemon Tree
29/6/25	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
3/7/25	-	Beer Festival	CAMRA
5/7/25	900	Art Showcase	Creative Arts Showcase
5/7/25	2000	Concert	New Inn
6/7/25	1430	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand
11/7/25	1630	Open Air Cinema	Bromsgrove Carnival
12/7/25	1200	Celebration Days	Bromsgrove Carnival
12/7/25	1200	Talk	St Johns Church
20/7/25	1230	Bandstand Concert	Bandstand

Bromsgrove 2025 Events at a Glance

Folk Roots and Jazz

21/6/25	2000	Tinkle	Bromsgrove Festival
21/6/25	1500	Concert	Barnt Green Choral
21/6/25	1930	Concert	Artrix
22/6/25	1500	Concert	Primrose Hospice
22/6/25	-	Concert	MCO
26/6/25	2000	Concert	Bromsgrove Folk Club
27/6/25	1930	Concert	Artrix
1/7/25	1800	Concert	Artrix
4/7/25	1400	Open Event	Bromsgrove Ukulele
4/7/25	1930	Concert	Artrix
5/7/25	1930	Concert	Artrix
5/7/25	2000	Concert	Bromsgrove Arts
10/7/25	2000	Concert	Bromsgrove Folk Club
12/7/25	1530	Singaround	Christa Hugo Pianist
19/7/25	2000	Concert	Bromsgrove Arts

Walks and Talks

4/7/25	1930	Talk	Words
22/7/25	1100	Talk	Words

Dance

28/6/25	1230	Show	StardustDance Academy
29/6/25	-	Show	Rising Stars



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