

The two events below truly do take us from the sublime to the ridiculous! In August, we have a talk and short recital from the luminous Dame Felicity Lott - a real coup for Crowborough Arts! And before that, to counterbalance any potential overload of culture, we're putting on one of our occasional murder mystery evenings - a really fun evening, and one not to be missed.

There's lots more in store, including an exciting opportunity for those of you who offer workshops and teaching sessions - so read on, sign up and take part - and we look forward to seeing you!

An Evening with Dame Felicity Lott

Felicity is one of Britain's best-loved sopranos. In opera, her portrayals of the Strauss and Mozart roles in particular have led to critical and popular acclaim worldwide. Her concert engagements have taken her to the major orchestras, working with Rattle, Haitink, Mehta, Previn, Masur, Welser-Möst, Sawallisch and Sir Andrew Davis. Felicity has appeared on the major recital platforms of the world and we are indeed fortunate to have her with us in Crowborough this August, to speak about her life in performance and to give a short recital. Seats are limited, so reserve your places now to avoid disappointment.

A Talk & Short Recital by Dame Felicity Lott

Sunday, 11th August, 3 pm
The Green Lane Music Room



Pre-booked Tickets Only: £22 (members) | £25 (non-members)

Email: avbiq@icloud.com

MURDER AT ST VERNON'S!

Saturday, 27th July, 7.30

The Memorial Institute, North Street, Rotherfield, TN6 3LX

Cripes! A beastly Murder
Mystery set in a school for the
more challenging sort of girl!

Get a team together to solve
the dastardly - yet hilarious -
murder. Our professional cast of
characters will be on hand to
answer your most probing
questions!

Glass of Fizz on Arrival!

Bring Your Own Tuck!!

Licensed Bar!!!



Book Now!

£22 members | £25 non-members

To book, call 01892 853294 or email gaye.jee@clara.co.uk

Book Now for an Evening of Murder, Mystery & Mayhem!

Bookings are coming in fast for 'Murder at St Vernon's' - a murder mystery set in the 1950's. You start the evening by mingling with the professional cast of characters, before witnessing the events leading up to a dastardly murder! Meet art teacher Mr Rogers: he's got a secret - can you prise it out of him? And where did Millicent get her tin of toffees? Did Daddy really send them to her? And who has been sniffing round caretaker Wally's onions? These - and many other urgent questions - including of course "whodunnit?" are waiting to be answered by you and your team. Book now!

Do You Love to Talk about Books?

Booklovers is a book group with a difference: instead of everyone reading the same book, members talk about a book they've enjoyed. That way, everyone gets some great recommendations for future reading. Notes from each session are recorded on the Crowborough Arts website, so you can go back over all the books discussed. Our small, friendly group would be able to take another couple of members at the moment, so if you're interested, please get in touch with **Christine Roberts** on 01435 873672 or 07967 593520



Do You Offer Workshops or Tuition?

We're planning a new area on the Crowborough Arts website for our professional artists and makers, to put them in touch with people who might be interested in learning something new or improving their creative techniques.

If you offer courses in ceramics, painting, singing, or anything else within the artistic spectrum, please do consider signing up!

The charge for creating your page will be £40 a year, and it will be accessible via a dedicated 'Workshops & Tuition' tab on the website's homepage. See the screengrab below as an example.

If you'd like to discuss this in more detail, please do contact Gaye at gaye.jee@clara.co.uk, or call 07799 842244.

Sandy Infield at Black Shed Studios: Painting, Batik & Printmaking Workshops; One-To-One Tuition



Sandy studied painting at the Slade School of Fine Art and has made her own work ever since. Black Shed Studios are located in Fairwarp, in the heart of the Ashdown Forest. Sandy says, "Making art is fun and empowering. When you join a class or course at Black Shed Studios you can expect to be nurtured and encouraged. You will see real



progress in your work and have the satisfaction of knowing that you did not copy, you created!"

We offer a wide range of classes. Join us for a few hours, a day or course. We can even tailor your course to your needs, whether you are a beginner wondering where to start or an experienced artist wanting to learn new skills. We teach in small groups and know that all our guests are individuals on their own journey.



Visit Sandy's website at: <https://www.sandyinfield.com>, email: sandyinfield@gmail.com or call her on 07594920763

Take Flight with The Martlets

Our community choir, 'The Martlets', is now in its third year, and we're looking to expand our numbers. We specialise in English traditional folk songs and perform several times a year. Our regular venues include St Denys' Church and The Kings Arms in Rotherfield, Penshurst Place and other historical locations. We practise on Thursday evenings, and although we're currently on our summer break, we'll be back in early September.



Singing as part of a choir has proven health benefits, and we pride ourselves on welcoming everyone; no matter whether you're an experienced singer, or haven't sung since school - give us a try. Come to a free 'taster' session, to meet our inspirational music leaders and the rest of our friendly chorus, or just call for a chat if you'd like to find out more.

Call Gaye on 07799 842244 or email gaye.jee@clara.co.uk

Make your Mark!

ART EXHIBITION

Artists from Crowborough Arts have joined forces with students of Beacon Academy, and other local artists, to put on an art exhibition to raise funds for the extension of the Artytime Scrapstore and skatepark in Jarvis Brook. All art work has been donated, and is for sale to raise funds for the project which will serve as a creative space for the community, as well as saving art resources from going to landfill. Do come along to the Crowborough Community Centre in Pine Grove - you might see a picture you'd like to buy! The exhibition is free and will be open from Saturday 29th June until Thursday 25th July.

Open Studios - Diarise Now!

It may seem a long way off, but as we know, the summer passes in a flash! Give yourself something to look forward to as we ease towards autumn, by spending a brilliant weekend visiting the homes and studios of local artists. This year promises to be the best yet, and we've got a new string to our bow in the form of Mayfield artists, as well as Crowborough itself and Fairwarp. See you there!

OPEN STUDIOS
7th & 8th September
10 am - 5 pm

Free entry to the studios and workshops of around 45 artists in Crowborough, Rotherfield, Mayfield and Fairwarp

Full details of all artists and venues at: www.crowboroughopenstudios.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Life Drawing: June 13th, 24th, July 11th, 22nd

9.30 - 12.15, £14 members, £16 others.

Details from Richard at richardnottingham49@gmail.com

Portrait Drawing: June 3rd, July 1st

10.00 - 12.00. £12 members, £14 others.

All Life & Portrait sessions at Scout HQ, Whitehill Rd, Crowborough, TN6 1RJ. Details from Richard at richardnottingham49@gmail.com

Martlets Folk Choir

Extended Session/Workshop: July 13th (for performance on 17th)

Regular rehearsals: September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th; October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

All sessions 7.00 pm at The Scout Hut, North Street, Rotherfield
£7 (members) £9 (non-members) per session.

Details from gaye.jee@clara.co.uk or call 01892 853294

Booklovers: May 28th, July 2nd

Call Christine Roberts on 01435 873672 or 07967 593520

July 17th: The Martlets Folk Chorus perform at The Kings Arms, Rotherfield

7.30, free entry

July 27th: 'Murder at St Vernon's' - Murder Mystery Evening

Bring a picnic; licenced bar.

7.30 pm, The Memorial Institute, North St, Rotherfield, TN6 3LX

£22 members, £25 others

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August 4th: Members' Annual Garden Party. More details tba

August 11th: Dame Felicity Lott - Talk & Short Recital

3 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

£22 members, £25 others

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August 24th: Beautiful Beasts, Beautiful Lands - Conservationist Mark Infield talks about his new book

7.30 pm, 3 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

£10 members, £13 others

September 7th & 8th: Open Studios - Crowborough, Fairwarp, Mayfield

10 am - 5 pm

September 21st: Alessandra Testai & Robin Jeffrey Perform Songs of the Mediterranean - more details tba

October 20th: Daniel Tong & Sara Trickey in Concert

3 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

£22 members, £25 others

Bookings: Email avbiq@icloud.com

November 10th: The Ludlay Quartet

3 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

£22 members, £25 others

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