

Over the past 14 years, Crowborough Arts has put on over 130 separate performance events and exhibitions, plus countless life & portrait workshops, poetry, playreading & book groups, choir sessions. We are always looking to expand our remit, however, and would welcome input from any of our members who would like to become more involved in suggesting and/or organising events. No matter what your artistic passion, please do get in touch with either of our co-chairs, **Angela Vernon Bates**, or **Gaye Jee** for an informal chat. Full contact details are on our website: www.crowborough-arts.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sunday 20th October, 3pm
The Green Lane Music Room

DANIEL TONG (PIANO) &
SARAH TRICKEY (VIOLIN)



Beethoven
(*'Spring' Sonata*),
Fauré, Albeniz,
Tchaikovsky,
Saint-Saens,
Shostakovich etc

All proceeds to the Wye Valley Chamber
Music Festival for Young Chamber Musicians

Pre-booked Tickets Only: £22 (members) | £25 (non-members)
Drinks by donation towards the fund
Email: avbiq@icloud.com

Sunday 10th November, 3pm
The Green Lane Music Room

THE LUDLAY
STRING QUARTET



We are delighted to welcome The Ludlay Quartet, who are all members of The Corelli Ensemble

Their programme will include works by Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven

Pre-booked Tickets Only: £22 (members) | £25 (non-members)
Includes a free glass of wine; then by donation
Email: avbiq@icloud.com

Open Studios 2024

Open Studios 24 was certainly one to remember, with storms, rain and wind arriving on the preceding evening, just when most artists were putting up their work.

This was specially relevant at Studio One when five of the seven artists were displaying outside in tents and gazebos. Unfortunately, two of the tents were destroyed overnight by the wind, and artists involved had to move into the house to display their work there.



Three stalwarts stayed outside in the remaining gazebos, well wrapped up against the rain - as you can see from this on-site sketch by Mary Harris.

In spite of the weather, most of the 45 artists taking part reported a good

footfall and many sold work - we were all grateful to the visitors who braved the weather to come around!

This year had groups of artists showing in Rotherfield, Fairwarp and Mayfield, as well as in Crowborough and it was great to see so many artists - old and new - join us. And of course we love seeing visitors coming back and supporting us year after year too.

This is my last year of organising the event and for 2025 Sandy Infield will be taking over - many of you will have met her showing her work in Fairwarp this year. She will be a great asset to Open Studios and bring new ideas and energy to the event.

What the artists said about Open Studios ...

We had lots of lovely comments from artists who got in touch after the Open Studios weekend. Here are a few excerpts:

"Dear Angela, A

huge big thanks for organising ... I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it. I think it's by far the best Open Studios!"

"I just wanted to thank you for coordinating the Open Studios and I am so glad I took part. Barb Murray contacted me early this year and I encouraged 2 friends to join in and we all really enjoyed participating."

"Just to say how much I enjoyed being part of The Open Studios this year, just as I have the 2 years prior. Sandy worked hard to create a fabulous environment for both artists and visitors alike."

"We really enjoyed meeting lots of lovely visitors and Fairwarp was really busy over the weekend despite the showers!!"



An Evening with Dame Felicity Lott

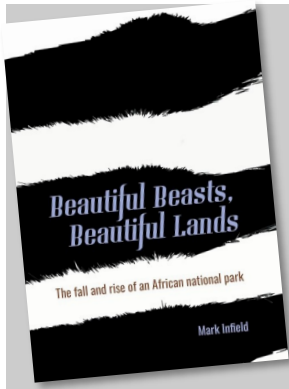
Those of us not on holiday in August were lucky to hear soprano Dame Felicity Lott and pianist Sebastian Whybrew for a talk and short recital at Green Cottage. Dame Felicity introduced the programme with a short unaccompanied song that she had sung at school and then talked about her interesting life and career. She studied for a year in France and afterwards became a principal at Glyndebourne where she sang for many seasons as well as teaching and giving masterclasses both here and abroad.

Her great sense of humour and her natural way of addressing the audience were very refreshing and amusing as were the songs she chose to illustrate her talk. It was a most entertaining afternoon, very much enjoyed by everyone.



Laura & Richard Appleby

We are sorry to say goodbye to Richard and Laura Appleby who have left Crowborough to move to Cornwall. Richard was a regular member of the Life Sessions and was also a great help to organiser Richard Nottingham, putting up the screens, setting out chairs etc. Laura was an active member of the poetry group as well as on the Crowborough Arts Steering Group. We miss them both and their input and wish them well in their new home.



In August, **Dr Mark Infield**, Landscape Recovery Manager for The Ashdown Forest, came to Green Lane to talk about his time as a conservationist in Uganda, and to introduce his book, *Beautiful Beasts, Beautiful Lands*. It was a fascinating insight into the story behind a national park and the animals and people who live there. Mark's book is available on Amazon and is highly recommended.

TowRag On 6th November, The Kings Arms in Rotherfield will play host to the fabulous 'TowRag', who promise an evening of 'grog-fuelled shanty-punk', complete with pirate costumes! Kicking off around 7.30, entrance is free and is just what you need to take your mind off the dark November nights! Don't miss it!



Artytime Youth & Arts Centre Exhibition



Members of Crowborough Arts and local students donated paintings for fundraising towards the extended new building in Jarvis Brook.

These were exhibited for sale at the Crowborough Community Centre and Royal Victoria Place in Tunbridge Wells and raised £770 for the charity. This will enable the present small building housing the Scrapstore and Artytime to extend into new premises that can be used as a youth and Arts Centre for the local community.



Works on display at the Artytime Exhibition

Events Round-Up

Over what we laughingly called the summer months, we held three events that somehow managed to be timed for good weather! The first, **Murder at St Vernon's** was a murder mystery evening held in Rotherfield. Around 50 'detectives' got together to solve the dastardly crime, which was presented by The Company Upfront. Set in a girls' school in the 1940s, there was plenty of 'Carry On' style humour, as well as a mystery to solve.

A few weeks later we held our **Annual Garden Party** at the home of our Patrons, David & Jenny Tate. It was a perfect day - sunny without being too hot, and everyone enjoyed **The Martlets Band**, who, it was felt, lent exactly the right 'tone' to the day! We thank David and Jenny once again for their kind hospitality.

Dates for your Diary

Life Drawing: October 17th, 28th, November 14th, 25th.

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

Details from Richard at richardnottingham49@gmail.com

Portrait Drawing: October 7th, November 4th

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

Regular rehearsals: October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

All sessions 7.00 pm at The Scout Hut, North Street, Rotherfield

£6 (members) £8 (non-members) per session.

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

Booklovers: October 15th

Call Christine Roberts on 01435 873672 or 07967 593520

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 6th: TowRag - Entertaining 'Shanty Punk' band

7.30, The Kings Head, Rotherfield, Free

November 10th: The Ludlay Quartet

3 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

£22 members, £25 others

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December 1st: The Martlets Community Folk Chorus & Band

Christmas material at Blossom & Bean's seasonal event.

More information tba

December 7th: CA's Christmas Production

7.30 pm, The Green Lane Music Room

More details tba

January 26th: Faronel in Concert

More details tba

February 28th: Ferdinand Trio

More details tba

Full details of all events at www.crowborough-arts.org.uk