



Stevenage Celebrates!

2016 Mini-Festival



Celebrating our music,
arts and culture

Celebrating the best
of our local talent

Celebrating Stevenage
- a great place to live
and work

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Stevenage
Arts Guild



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Celebrating the arts in Stevenage

“Stevenage Festival is delighted to help celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our town by presenting this special programme of arts events taking place over the coming months.

We’ve drawn together and highlighted all the great ‘arty’ things that take place locally - dance, music, art, literature and many more - and topped them with a four day ‘Mini-Festival’ of performances at our very own Gordon Craig Theatre. We’re particularly excited that we’ve been able to resurrect the very popular ‘Rock in the Park’ event, which we hope will now be a regular part of Stevenage Day. Many of our events involve our talented youngsters and give them a chance to shine on stage, others are aimed at our more senior age groups - we hope that there will be something for everyone. These things don’t just happen and lots of people have worked very hard to produce these events, whether performing, organising or financing - my thanks go to you all. And now it’s your turn - we need great audiences too - come along, join in, clap and cheer and encourage these amazing people who add fun, colour and inspiration to life in our town.”



Ron Walker
Chairman, Stevenage Festival

“It’s 70 years since Stevenage was designated the first New Town in 1946. Since then we have grown into a thriving community which is a great place to live and work in. We work hard, and we also play hard - our sport, leisure and cultural activities are some of this town’s great strengths.

In this Anniversary year I am delighted to see our arts community coming together and showcasing all the good things that take place here, involving people from all backgrounds. The Gordon Craig Theatre is a great asset for Stevenage and we must use it and cherish it. The Anniversary celebrations this year have been led by the people of Stevenage and supported by the Borough Council and I would like to thank everyone involved for their amazing contributions. I hope you all enjoy a great Summer of entertainment.”



Simon Speller
Co-leader of the StevenageOak@70 project

Only Connect!



“The heart of a town lies in its people.”

In 2013 a small group of local people involved in the Stevenage 60th Birthday celebrations agreed to get together and plan for the town’s 70th Birthday since its designation on 11th November 1946 as the first of Britain’s post-war new towns. Our aim was to act on E.M. Forster’s dictum in *Howards End*: “Only Connect!”

We saw early on that the celebrations in this year should be community-led, by local people in arts, culture, sports and community groups, with business and council partners supporting us where appropriate.

Our celebrations get going in June, with Stevenage Day, including Rock in the Park and the Arts Mini Festival, and run until two major events in November, the Town Fireworks Display in Fairlands Valley Park and the Finale Show with young people in the Leisure Centre. The main themes of our celebrations reflect the experiences and changes in Stevenage, from its ancient market town origins to the thriving high tech community we live and work in today:

- Arts and Culture in all its diverse forms
- Local heritage and history: local people, places and stories
- Local voluntary and community groups
- Sports, leisure and recreation
- Industry, business and work
- Stevenage’s special place in national and international development history: as London’s satellite, the garden cities and other new towns of Hertfordshire.

What has been created in just 70 years by successive generations more than matches the new town vision of those early planners and pioneers in the immediate post-war austerity era. As the town’s motto has it, and as we shall see over the coming months: “The heart of a town lies in its people.”



Simon Speller
Co-leader of the
StevenageOak@70 project

What's On



Summer 2016

Mini-Festival Programme

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| Wed 1 June - Sun 3 July | Art with a Heart Exhibition | Foyer Gallery, Gordon Craig Theatre | See page 38 |
| Sun 12 June | Rock in the Park returns to Stevenage Day | King George V Playing Fields | See pages 30-33 |
| Wed 15 June | Stevenage Celebrates | Gordon Craig Theatre | See pages 10-13 |
| Thurs 16 June | Schools Night | Gordon Craig Concert Hall | See pages 14-15 |
| Fri 17 June | Dance Extravaganza | Gordon Craig Theatre | See pages 16 - 18 |
| Fri 17 June | Parnassus Poetry | Gordon Craig Ellen Terry Suite | See pages 20 - 21 |
| Sat 18 & Sun 19 June | Flower Festival | St Andrew & St George Church | See page 38 |
| Sat 18 June | Last Night of the Proms | Gordon Craig Theatre | See pages 22 - 37 |
| Sat 18 June | Stevenage Ladies Choir Concert | All Saints Church, The Oval | See page 38 |
| Sat 18 June | A Night of Music, Fashion, Dance and Entertainment | Gordon Craig Theatre Concert Hall | See page 38 |
| Sun 19 June | Songs of Praise | St Andrew & St George Church | See page 38 |
| Sat 25 June | Shakespeare & Chardonnay | Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road | See page 38 |
| Thurs 30 June | Stevenage Locomotive Society | Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg | See page 38 |
| Sat 2 July | Stevenage and Knebworth Arts Group Study Day | Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg | See page 39 |
| Sat 2 July | Stevenage Choral Society Summer Concert | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way | See page 39 |
| Wed 6 July | Stevenage Family History Society | Friends Meeting House, Cuttys Lane | See page 39 |
| Sat 9 July | FREE 3 hour theatre workshop with Stagecoach Theatre Arts, Stevenage | The Barclay School, Walkern Road | See page 39 |
| Sat 9 July | Friends of the Forster Country Walk | | See page 39 |
| Mon 11 July - Mon 4 September | Stevenage Photographic Society Exhibition | Pi Gallery, Stevenage Leisure Centre | See page 39 |

Summer 2016 Mini-Festival Programme

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| Thurs 14 July | "70 years of Stevenage in Flowers" | High Street Methodist Church Hall, Stevenage Old Town | See page 39 |
| Fri 15th July | Concert for Alex | Club 85, 74 Whinbush Road, Hitchin, SG5 1PZ | See page 35 |
| Wed 20 - Sat 23 July | "I Love, You're Perfect, Now Change" | Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road | See page 40 |
| Sunday 31 July (and further into 2017) | Edward Gordon Craig – 50 Years On | Gordon Craig Theatre and Stevenage Museum | See page 40 |
| Sat 30 July - Sat 13 Aug (preview 29 July) | Stevenage Art Society Summer Exhibition of Paintings and Ceramics | Denington Galleries, Springfield House | See page 40 |
| Sat 17 September | Stevenage Art Society Watercolour Workshop | Denington Galleries, Springfield House | See page 40 |
| Sat 24 September | Birthday Quiz Night in support of the Betty Game Opportunities Trust | Symonds Green Community Centre, Filey Close | See page 40 |
| Thurs 29 September | Stevenage Locomotive Society | Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg | See page 40 |
| Sat 1 October | Stevenage Male Voice Choir Concert | Stevenage District Scout HQ, Poplars Neighbourhood Centre, Magpie Crescent | See page 41 |
| Sat 8 October 7.30pm | Stevenage Ladies Choir with guests Loughborough Male Voice Choir | St Peter's Church, Broadwater Crescent | See page 41 |
| Wed 12 October - Sat 15 October | Stevenage Lytton Players present "Reefer Madness" | Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road | See page 41 |
| Sat 22 October | Stevenage Choral Society Autumn Concert Folk songs for our Time | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way | See page 41 |
| Sun 6 November | Brave New World? | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way | See page 41 |
| Sat 12 November | "Stevenage First and Best" | Stevenage Borough Council Chamber | See page 41 |
| Sat 19 November | Stevenage@70 Finale Concert | Gordon Craig Concert Hall | See page 41 |

And there's more:

Check out these other events taking place this year

The Pearl Izumi Tour Series Comes to Stevenage - Mon 6 June

See some of the world's top cyclists in Stevenage Old Town. Events kick off at 4pm with community use of the circuit followed by the Women's race at 6.30 and the first ever twilight race hosted in UK, the Men's Race, at 8.30.

For more information see www.stevenage.gov.uk/the-tour

Bike Week 11-19 June - Cycle Events in Stevenage organised by Stevenage and North Herts CTC

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| Sat 11 June | Free family cycle training | 12 noon - 1pm at Marriotts School | SBC organised - email bookings@cycleinstructor.co.uk |
| Sat 11 June | Easy afternoon ride meet | 2 pm at Fairlands Valley Park Cafe | Probably Teddy Bears Picnic ride (TBC) |
| Sun 12 June | Stevenage Circular Ride - 80km ride around Stevenage | TBC | See website for more details |
| Mon-Thurs 13-16 June | Easy Evening Rides | 7:15pm meet in the Old Town by the war memorial | Will include a short pub stop |
| Fri 17 June | Friday Fling - longer evening ride | 7:15pm meet in the Old Town by the war memorial | Will include a short pub stop |
| Sat 18 June | Easy Afternoon Ride | 2pm At Fairlands Valley Park Cafe | Will include a short tea and cake stop |
| Sun 19 June | Baldock Challenge | | See website for more details |
| Sun 11 Sept | Cycle Skills Challenges: pace judging, hill climb, freewheel | | See website for more details |

For more details see www.stevenagectc.org.uk

Other Anniversary Events

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| Sat 5 Nov | Stevenage 70th Birthday Fireworks | Fairlands Valley Park |
| Thur 17 Nov | Christmas Lights Switch-On | Stevenage Town Centre |

Stevenage Celebrates!





A variety concert for Stevenage

Gordon Craig Theatre,
Wednesday 15 June, 7.30pm

A celebration of our town's performing talent featuring local actors, singers and musicians. Join us for a varied and entertaining evening to say 'Happy Birthday!' to Stevenage.

Featuring:

- Stevenage Male Voice Choir
- Knebworth Players
- The Allstar Choir
- Erin John
- Romilly Proud
- Lytton Youth
- Just Sing! Community Choir

Tickets £9 from the Gordon Craig box office
www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call **01438 363200**

Programme

Stevenage Male Voice Choir

- Another Opening
Another Show
- Make You Feel My Love
- Non Piu Andrai
- I Got Rhythm
- Gwahoddiaid

Conductor: Paul Adrian Rooke
Piano: Graham Pointon



Stevenage Lytton Youth Theatre Thursday Group

Present sketches from their 2015 production 50 Shades Of Plays:

- Physical Theatre,
and
- Secrets & Lies

Directed by Dave Slade



The Allstar Choir

Present an a capella performance including:

- Lay All Your Love on Me
- Let the River Run
- Good Day Sunshine

Musical Director:
Charles Thomson



Romilly Proud and dancers from Premiere School of Dance

Interval

Erin John Dvořák - Song to the Moon from Rusalka

Knebworth Players

Present:

'A Dog's Life'
by Pam Valentine



Just Sing! Community Choir

A community choir performance of:

- Rule the World
- Shenandoah
- Tragedy



Musical Director: Penny Manser

Choir Finale

Guest Performers

Romilly Proud

Romilly is a student at the John Henry Newman School in Stevenage and one of the recipients of a 2015 Stevenage Arts Guild award which she is using to study aerial ballet.



Erin John

Barclay School student Erin John was the winner of the Roy Mugridge prize for the best musical performance in the 2015 Stevenage Festival and we're delighted to bring her back to sing again for this concert.



'A Dog's Life' by Pam Valentine

Guaranteed to bring both laughter and tears to the audience, this is the story of four dogs in an animal shelter and the day a visitor comes to choose a new companion.

Starring:

- Ben (a battered old mongrel)
- Fritz (a tough German Shepherd)
- Fifi (a spoilt poodle)
- Ginger (an excitable young pup)
- The Warder
- The Woman Visitor



Schools Night



Stevenage Schools in Concert

Gordon Craig Theatre Concert
Hall, Thursday 16 June, 7.00pm

This ever popular showcase for our youngest musicians gives hundreds of local school students the chance to join in our 70th birthday celebrations by taking to the stage.

Featuring:

- The Barclay School
- Barnwell School
- The John Henry Newman School
- The Nobel School
- The Thomas Alleyne Academy

- Almond Hill Junior School
- Bedwell Primary School
- Camps Hill Community Primary School
- Fairlands Primary School
- Longmeadow Primary School
- Peartree Spring Primary School
- Roebuck Primary School
- Shephalbury Park Primary School
- St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School
- St Nicholas Church of England Primary School

Tickets £9 from the Gordon Craig box office
www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call **01438 363200**

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Dance Extravaganza





A collection of dance talent of all styles

Gordon Craig Theatre,
Friday 17 June, at 7.00pm.

Local dance schools join together to perform in
a fun filled-show for all ages.

Produced by Gemma Self,
North Central Herts School of Dance.

Featuring dancers from:

- The Britton School of Performing Arts
- Dance for Fun
- Fantazee Dance
- Footworks School of Dance
- Little Performers
- Marriotts School
- Molly Vickers School of Dance
- North Central Herts School of Dance
- NBDA
- Premiere School of Dance

Tickets £9 from the Gordon Craig box office
www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call **01438 363200**

Dance Extravaganza - Running Order'

Act 1

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| 1. It Will Rain | NBDA |
| 2. Move | Molly Vickers School of Dance |
| 3. Legally Blonde | North Central Herts School of Dance |
| 4. This Is What You Came For | Fantazee Dance |
| 5. Grease | Marriotts School |
| 6. African Safari | Molly Vickers School of Dance |
| 7. Mix Run Boy Run/Get Ugly | Fantazee Dance |
| 8. What A Feeling | NBDA |
| 9. Burlesque | North Central Herts School of Dance |
| 10. Sister Act | Molly Vickers School of Dance |
| 11. Til Enda | Fantazee Dance |
| 12. Dead Ballerinas | NBDA |
| 13. Hunger Games | North Central Herts School of Dance |



Interval

Act 2

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| 1. Ring The Alarm | Premiere School of Dance |
| 2. Dolls | Footworks School of Dance |
| 3. Too Many Fish in the Sea | The Britton School of Performing Arts |
| 4. 7 Years | Dance for Fun |
| 5. The Story of Annie | The Little Performers |
| 6. Voice Within | Premiere School of Dance |
| 7. Absolutely Me | Footworks School of Dance |
| 8. Music | The Britton School of Performing Arts |
| 9. Dear Future Husband | Dance for Fun |
| 10. Move Your Body | The Little Performers |
| 11. Too Darn Hot | Premiere School of Dance |
| 12. Sister Act | Footworks School of Dance |
| 13. Welcome to Wonderland | The Britton School of Performing Arts |
| 14. Charlie Girl | Dance for Fun |





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Parnassus Poetry





“Words are not
enough...
oh, wait a minute,
yes they are!”

Ellen Terry Suite, Gordon
Craig Theatre, Friday 17 June,
7:45pm.

Parnassus Performance, Stevenage’s longest
running original poetry and writing group have
taken part in every Stevenage Arts Festival since
its inception and this year will be no exception,
with “Words are not enough...oh, wait a minute,
yes they are!

The Parnassus poets and musicians will attempt to make you laugh,
make you think, may even make you gasp but most of all we aim
to entertain you and demonstrate the wonderful diversity of the
spoken word and those who can and really do, ‘Do it with words’.
Join Parnassus for an informal and irreverent evening of music,
musings and perhaps even some poems on Friday 17 June in the
Ellen Terry Suite at the Gordon Craig Theatre.

Bar available

If you have an interest in writing or listening to poetry and
would like to join Parnassus then contact Grant Meaby on
gmeaby@ntlworld.com

Tickets £5 from the Gordon Craig box office
www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call **01438 363200**

Last Night of the Proms





A Celebration of English Music

Gordon Craig Theatre,
Saturday 18 June, 7.30pm

Join our local young musicians, singers and soloists for an evening of traditional light classical music, complete with flags and audience participation.

Featuring:

- North Herts Youth Orchestra
Conductor: Justin Fung
Leader: Isaac Barkway
Soloist: Madeleine Herbert (Harp)
- Senior Wind Band
Conductor: Sue Pettitt
Soloist: Madeleine McConnell-Smith

Tickets £9 from the Gordon Craig box office
www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call **01438 363200**

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Running Order

North Herts Youth Orchestra

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| Freischütz Overture | Weber |
| Baroque Flamenco (Concerto for harp and orchestra) | Deborah Henson-Conant |
| Soloist: | Madeleine Herbert |
| Selections from Carmen Suite no.1 and 2 | Bizet |
| Prélude: Act I, Prélude: "Fate" motive | |
| Aragonaise: Interlude (Entr'acte) before Act IV | |
| Séguedille: Act I, Seguidilla (Carmen): Près des remparts de Séville | |
| Habanera: Act I, Aria (Carmen): L'amour est un oiseau rebelle | |
| Chanson du Toréador: Act II, Introduction and aria (Escamillo): Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre | |
| Danse Bohème: Act II, Gypsy Dance: Les tringles des sistres tintaient. | |
| Les Toréadors: Theme from Prelude to Act I and Procession of the Toreadors from Act IV: Les voici! voici la quadrille des Toreros! | |



Interval



Senior Wind Band

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| Launch | A Young arr. J Palmer Conducted J Palmer |
| Dies Irae | Verdi arr. Bocock |
| West Side Story | Bernstein arr. Duthoit |
| Spanish Dance | Shostakovich arr. Curnow |
| Last Night of the Proms Medley | arr. Pettitt/Basford |

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Programme Notes & Performers

North Herts Youth Orchestra

The North Herts Youth Orchestra comprises mainly young players from our North Herts Music Centres at Stevenage or Hitchin, or from our Saturday morning music schools at Baldock and Royston. Many members of the orchestra are also members of our County orchestras and bands, as well as other North Hertfordshire ensembles. The orchestra meets every Monday evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Benslow Music Trust in Hitchin under the direction of Justin Fung, assisted by Diane Tisdall. If you are grade 4-5 (strings) or grade 6+ (woodwind) come and give us a try. Full details can be obtained from North Herts Music School, Highbury Road, Hitchin, SG4 9RU. Tel 01462 434052

Justin Fung

British-Chinese conductor Justin Fung is the Music Director of Opéra les Fauves, Principal Conductor of the Swinsian Ensemble and the Musical Director of New College of the Humanities Chamber Choir of London. He is also much in demand as a conductor of youth orchestras - he currently holds the principal conductor position of North Hertfordshire Youth Orchestra, Kingston Youth Orchestra, Kingston Training Orchestra, New Generation Orchestra & Young People Orchestra of London.



Sue Pettitt

Sue came down from Lancashire in 1987 to study clarinet at Trinity College of Music and studied with John Stenhouse and Nick Bucknal. Since graduating in 1991 she has worked as a freelance musician working as a soloist and in orchestras and pit bands. When not entertaining audiences with her comedy bassoon playing, she can be found in her garden trying to tame the out of control plants and chasing frogs out of her kitchen.



Senior Wind Band

The Senior Wind Band has been an active part of the musical life of Stevenage and surrounding areas for over 50 years. The band has a high profile in the area and is in constant demand. The members come from local schools and colleges and are of Grade 5 standard and above. We operate an open door policy and are proud of our welcoming and inclusive attitude. If you are interested in joining the group then come along to our lovely music centre at the Nobel School on a Wednesday between 6pm and 7.30pm and have a blow! We would like to say a big thank you to the Festival Committee for inviting us back again to complete yet another fantastic Stevenage Festival.

Full details can be obtained from Stevenage Music Centre, Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage, SG2 0HS. Tel 01438 844518.

Last Night of the Proms Medley - please join in!

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic Mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land

from "Milton" by William Blake (1757 - 1827).



Rule Britannia

Rule Britannia,
Britannia rules the waves
Britons never, never,
never will be slaves.



I Vow to thee My Country

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,

Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:

The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,

That lays upon the altar the dearest
and the best;

The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,

The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,

Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;

We may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;

Her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;

And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,

And her ways are ways of
gentleness and all her paths are
peace.

National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Queen

God save the Queen

Send her victorious

Happy and glorious

Long to reign over us

God save the Queen



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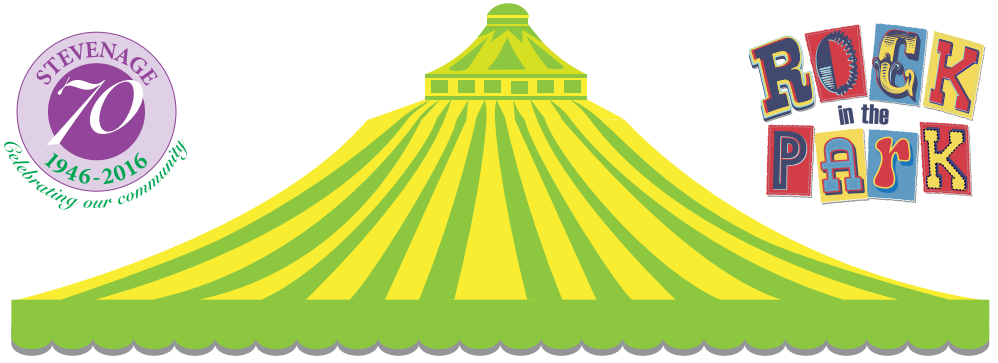
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Sunday 12 June
King George V Playing Fields
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- Rides and attractions
- A wide variety of food and drink including a licensed bar
- Rock in the Park

Free on the day

- Hot air balloon rides (subject to weather)
- Junk drumming
- BMX Bike track
- Indoor Laser Quest
- Children's Beach
- Caricatures
- Your personalised photos to take away and upload to social media
- Caged football
- Brazilian drum and dance
- African fire eating drummers

**PARK
FOR
FREE**

Free car parking will be available on the day at:

The Forum, Southgate, Marshgate and St Georges Way multi storey car park.

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www.stevenage.gov.uk/stevenage-day
email: stevenageday@stevenage.gov.uk



Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Rock in the Park



Room 94

ROOM 94 are a four piece pop punk band from Hertfordshire well known for their catchy melodic chorus and smart witted lyrics. With two charting albums under their belts they have a rapidly growing fan base in the UK and are set for big things in the future. Look out for their energetic performance full of gang vocals and crowd-pleasing banter.

www.facebook.com/ROOM94



It rocks! It's in a park! It's back! and **It's free!**

King George V Playing Fields,
Sun 12 June, 12.00am to 7pm

Between 1996 and 2007 'Rock in the Park' was a much loved Stevenage event. Taking place in Fairlands Valley Park, it grew from a small concert with about 200 attendees to a yearly fun day for thousands of people enjoying a free family day out. Many local bands performed on the bandstand stage and many local people worked hard as volunteers to make the event happen.

Sadly the day became a victim of its own success when it proved impossible for volunteers to continue to deliver such a popular event, within the physical constraints of the Fairlands location, to the public safety standards demanded today - and to keep it free too.

But many people, including the Festival, have never given up on being able to bring back something like Rock in the Park to Stevenage. For the past three years Stevenage Borough Council has worked with local recording studio The Practice Roomz to introduce a music stage to another well-loved local event - Stevenage Day. And this year Stevenage Festival has joined with them to inject a bit more of the old Rock in the Park magic. So, it's in a park (albeit a different one), it's free and it's going to have a great rock line-up. We're bringing together the best of our local music talent on two great sound stages, finishing with a great headliner to close the event with up and coming Hertfordshire band **Room 94**.

So come along and spend a lazy June Sunday afternoon sitting on the grass with your friends and family with a cold drink in your hand, listening to Stevenage bands old and new. Bring a picnic, enjoy the stalls, kids rides and entertainment that Stevenage Day has to offer and have a great day out.

We'd like to get bigger and better in future years - more bands, more facilities, but we can only do this and keep it free if we all work together. If you loved Rock in the Park please come and support us with this first step towards building it back to its past glory. If you think Stevenage needs events like this then tell your friends, tell your local Councillors, tell everyone. Come and join us for a great day!

Stevenage Festival

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SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2016
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS 12.00AM TO 7PM



FREE ADMISSION #StevenageDay



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ROOM 94

MARK SULLIVAN MUSIC

THE DEFEKTERS

THE
CROWN CROWN
CARDINAL KINGS



SARA ASHLEY BAND AND MANY MORE

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TAYLOR NATHAN • G LA ROCHE • STEPH SCOTT
GEORGE POWELL • CARA BEARD
AND MANY MORE**

ACOUSTIC STAGE

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Concert for Alex

Fri 15 July, 7.30pm, Entrance £6
Club 85, 74 Whinbush Road,
Hitchin, SG5 1PZ

Alex Coate was a young musician who lived and played in Stevenage for most of his life. Sadly Alex died in July 2015 aged 23. One year on, his friends and family are putting on a concert in his honour.

Rather excellently popular indie band Childhood, www.facebook.com/childhoodband, will be headlining the night (nice one lads :)). If you haven't heard of them then seriously, where have you been? Also Alex's old band Blue Root Zoots (www.reverbnation.com/bluerootzoots) are reforming with much loved Jordan Cole standing in for Alex on guitar, to play some of their good old funky stuff. Local rock sensations Waste (www.wastetunes.com) will be there to smash the absolute bejeezus out of you. Yes ladies and gents, their singer Jak Melvin is very pretty indeed. Lastly kicking off proceedings will be Liquid Metal Men, (www.reverbnation.com/liquidmetalmen) reforming for such a special occasion to bring you their signature funk chunks. Proceeds on the evening will go to support Club 85 and the Living Room charity, Stevenage. Information correct at time of going to press.

For more details contact Glenn Osborn on 07933572086. Also, check for the latest on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/events/493840730824486/



Alex playing at Stevenage Day 2009

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Other Events





More community arts events

As well as our mini-Festival at the Gordon Craig Theatre, we are delighted to showcase a vibrant programme of local arts events taking place in Stevenage during the 70th Birthday period.

Stevenage has an energetic arts community who create and organise interesting and entertaining events all year round. In the following pages you will find something for everyone - choral performances, art exhibitions, theatre workshops and cultural walks and talks.

Stevenage Arts Guild

Many of our local arts groups are supported by Stevenage Arts Guild which also manages our Community Arts Centre at Roaring Meg - a purpose-built facility to provide rehearsal, performance and event space for local amateur groups.



www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk



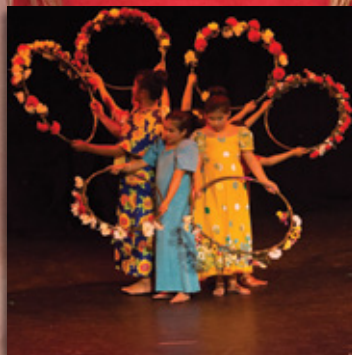
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| Wed 1 June - Sun 3 July | 'Art with a Heart' Exhibition | This exhibition brings together the best work of our local artists. Entry is free during the opening hours of the Leisure Centre but access may be restricted for operational reasons at certain times. So we recommend calling on 01438 363200 before making a specific journey. | Foyer Gallery, Gordon Craig Theatre |
| Sat 18 June 10am- 5pm Sun 19 June 12-6pm | Stevenage Flower Festival | South Stevenage Flower Club and Stevenage Floral Art Society will be filling the church with colourful displays to celebrate not only Stevenage's 70th anniversary but also the 60th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church by Her Majesty the Queen Mother in 1956. Free entry. For more details contact Edna on 01438 227084. Admission free. www.stevenagechurch.org | Church of St Andrew & St George |
| Sat 18 June 7.30pm | Stevenage Ladies Choir Concert | Performing a wide variety of music from show tunes, to pop music and classic choral pieces, raising money for the Stevenage Churches Interdenominational Mission Project. Call Mary Sabine on 07967 402138 or visit www.stevenageladieschoir.co.uk Tickets: £8 Adult, £6 Concession | All Saints Church, The Oval |
| Sat 18 June 7pm | A Night of Music, Fashion, Dance and Entertainment | Presented by Jtaphrique and featuring Priscilla Baffour, X-Factor's Reggie and Bollie, DJ Norman, DJ Chamaco, Grant School of Irish Dance, Warriorz Street Dance, Azonto Dance, Filipino Dance and many more. Tickets available from www.gordon-craig.co.uk or call 07956 849201 or 07715 008512. Standard tickets £17.50, VIP tickets £25, £15pp for groups of 5 or more. | Gordon Craig Theatre Concert Hall |
| Sun 19 June, 6.30pm | Songs of Praise Presented by Churches Together in Stevenage | Come along and sing some favourite hymns and worship songs surrounded by the beautiful floral displays from the Stevenage Flower Festival. We'll be hearing from a number of Stevenage residents about what Stevenage means to them. All welcome - just turn up. www.stevenagechurch.org | Church of St Andrew & St George |
| Sat 25 June 7.30pm | Shakespeare & Chardonnay | Stevenage Lytton Players present an evening in the bar where you bring along your favourite speech, sonnet or scene by the Bard and perform it. As simple as that. Entrance fee - a donation | Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road |
| Thurs 30 June 7.40pm | Stevenage Locomotive Society Virgin Trains East Coast - by Tim Headley Jones | Find out what the future holds for our East Coast Rail Services and for Stevenage travellers with exciting new 140mph 'Azuma' Trains due to enter service soon. Virgin Trains' Tim Headley Jones explains the exciting changes. Please visit www.stevenagelocosociety.co.uk/ for more details. Entry £2. | Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg |

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| Sat 2 July 10am - 4pm | Stevenage and Knebworth Arts Group Study Day - Of Suffragettes, Singers and Symphonists | Come and explore the lives and achievements of some of these remarkable women and their impact on musical culture, including local composers Elizabeth Lutyens and Elizabeth Poston. The day will include live musical performances. For tickets (£20 including lunch, must be pre-booked) contact Hilary Spiers on 01438 350217 or email johnhilary1@virginmedia.com | Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg |
| Sat 2 July 7.30pm | Stevenage Choral Society Summer Concert Will Todd's Mass in Blue | A dynamic, uplifting, and highly popular jazz setting of the Latin mass. The work features driving grooves and blues harmonies, with provision for short piano solos (notated or improvised) and great moments of musical interplay between soprano soloist and choir. For advance ticket booking details see www.stevenagechoral.org.uk | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way |
| Wed 6 July 7.15pm for 7.30pm | Stevenage Family History Society The Breadwinner - a talk by Meryl Catty | This talk explores the working lives of our ancestors and includes a wide range of source material, background reading and case studies. Visitors very welcome. Entry £3 including refreshments. For further information visit: www.stevenagefhs.site88.net | Friends Meeting House, Cuttys Lane |
| Sat 9 July 10am-1pm (for 6 to 16 year olds) or 11.15am to 12.45pm (for 3 ½ to 5 year olds) | FREE 3 hour theatre workshop with Stagecoach Theatre Arts, Stevenage | Coinciding with Stevenage's 70th birthday, this summer term marks our 20th birthday too! Come and celebrate by signing up for our free workshop. Booking essential as spaces are strictly limited. Contact the Principal, Louise Winstone on 07746 331077 or via stevenage@stagecoach.co.uk or www.stagecoach.co.uk/stevenage | The Barclay School, Walkern Road |
| Sat 9 July 2.30pm | Friends of the Forster Country Walk | Join us for this walk around beautiful Forster Country to the north of Stevenage, including Chesfield Manor and church ruins. We'll be walking about 3 miles over 2 hours with some rough ground and little chance to sit down. For more information contact John Spiers on johnhilary1@virginmedia.com | |
| Mon 11 July - Mon 4 September | Stevenage Photographic Society Exhibition | Come along and see a wide range of stunning images captured by local photographers. Maybe you'll be inspired to get out your camera yourself. Free entry For more information see: www.stevenagephotographicsociety.org.uk | Pi Gallery, Stevenage Leisure Centre |
| Thurs 14 July 7.00 for 7.45pm | "70 years of Stevenage in Flowers" | Stevenage Floral Art Society presents a demonstration and entertainment on stage by the Committee. Visitors very welcome. Call Margaret Brett on 01438 880086 for details. | High Street Methodist Church Hall, Stevenage Old Town |

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| <p>Wed 20 - Sat 23 July 7.45pm</p> | <p>"I Love, You're Perfect, Now Change"</p> | <p>Presented by The Stevenage Lytton Players, this musical comedy is a series of sketches and songs around the theme of relationships and love. "Everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws, but were afraid to admit." Box office - 01438 357407</p> | <p>Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road</p> |
| <p>Sunday 31 July (and further into 2017)</p> | <p>Edward Gordon Craig – 50 Years On</p> | <p>Our theatre is named after him... but who was Edward Gordon Craig? 50 years after his death, Stevenage Arts Guild, in partnership with Stevenage Museum, celebrate the life and work of the town's forgotten son who became a radical and visionary theatrical pioneer. Look out for fascinating talks, a newly curated exhibition and website, volunteer opportunities and events throughout 2016 all made possible by support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. See www.edwardgordoncraig.co.uk For more information about volunteer opportunities with Stevenage Museum for those aged 14 to 114, email: takepart@whoisgordoncraig.co.uk</p> | <p>Gordon Craig Theatre and Stevenage Museum</p>   |
| <p>Sat 30 July - Sat 13 Aug (preview 29 July)</p> | <p>Stevenage Art Society Summer Exhibition of Paintings and Ceramics</p> | <p>The exhibition is open on Mondays to Fridays, 12 to 4, and Saturdays 10-5. Admission is free. Most pieces are for sale and include Watercolours, oils, pencil drawings and pots. See www.stevenageartsociety.org.uk</p> | <p>Denington Galleries, Springfield House</p> |
| <p>Sat 17 September</p> | <p>Stevenage Art Society Watercolour Workshop</p> | <p>An all-day event lead by professional artist, Keith Hornblower. Aimed at beginners and people seeking to improve their watercolour skills. For more information see www.stevenageartsociety.org.uk</p> | <p>Denington Galleries, Springfield House</p> |
| <p>Sat 24 September 7.30pm</p> | <p>Birthday Quiz Night in support of the Betty Game Opportunities Trust</p> | <p>Teams of six or come on your own and join a team on the night. Please bring your own food and drink. Tickets £7.50, from BGOT, 1, Drapers Way, SG1 3DT or from trustees - see www.bgot.org.uk. Tickets must be bought in advance.</p> | <p>Symonds Green Community Centre, Filey Close</p> |
| <p>Thurs 29 September 7.40pm</p> | <p>Stevenage Locomotive Society 1996 (where did those 20 years go?) - by David Pearce</p> | <p>The Stevenage Locomotive Society celebrates 20 years of membership of the Stevenage Arts Guild, and use of the Arts centre, with a show featuring the railway scene back in 1996, through the camera lens of David Pearce. Please visit stevenagelocosociety.co.uk/ for more details. Entry £2.</p> | <p>Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg</p> |

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| Sat 1 October 7.30pm | Stevenage Male Voice Choir Concert | We are delighted to be presenting a concert on behalf of the East and North Herts Hospitals Charity. Further details and ticket prices will be posted on the choir's website www.smvc.org | Stevenage District Scout HQ, Poplars Neighbourhood Centre, Magpie Crescent |
| Sat 8 October 7.30pm | Stevenage Ladies Choir with guests Loughborough Male Voice Choir | Performing a wide variety of music from show tunes, to pop music and classic choral pieces, raising money for Breathe Easy North Herts. Call Mary Sabine on 07967 402138 or visit www.stevenageladieschoir.co.uk Tickets: £8 Adult, £6 Concession | St Peter's Church, Broadwater Crescent |
| Wed 12 October - Sat 15 October 7.45pm | Stevenage Lytton Players present "Reefer Madness" | This dark musical comedy is a satire of the 1936 cult classic film Reefer Madness. It is 1938 and a lecturer warns parents of the evils of marijuana by telling them the story of the downfall of young Jimmy and his sweetheart Mary Lane. Contains adult themes and not suitable for children...but a lot of fun for adults... Book by Kevin Murphy & Dan Studney Music by Dan Studney Lyrics by Kevin Murphy Box office - 01438 357407 | Lytton Theatre, Vardon Road |
| Sat 22 October 7.30pm | Stevenage Choral Society Autumn Concert Folk songs for our Time | The choir will be singing arrangements of popular traditional folk songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Bob Chilcott and John Rutter. Tickets are £10 in advance, £12 on the door, £5 under 16s from www.wegotickets.com or info@stevenagechoral.org.uk | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way |
| Sun 6 November 2.30pm onwards | Brave New World? The Birth of Stevenage New Town | Find out more about the history of the town with an informative and entertaining multi-media experience! Starting with an afternoon of presentations and shared experiences, followed by tea and an exhibition on the Stevenage Story and concluding with a light hearted and musical look at the early days of the New Town. Guests will include Stevenage Male Voice Choir and other performers. For further details please contact: johnhilary1@virginmedia.com or www.stevenageoak70.org/ | Nobel Music Centre, Mobbsbury Way |
| Sat 12 November 2.30pm | "Stevenage First and Best" | The John Hepworth Memorial Lecture will be delivered by local historian Margaret Ashby. Tickets £3. Contact John Spiers on johnhilary1@virginmedia.com | Stevenage Borough Council Chamber |
| Sat 19 November | Stevenage@70 Finale Concert | A concert to round off our birthday celebrations. More information to follow - check the latest on our website www.stevenageoak70.org/ | Gordon Craig Concert Hall |

Get involved!





Arts Groups in Stevenage

There are lots of active groups in Stevenage and surrounding areas that enjoy artistic and cultural activities all year around.

Whether you're just looking for an enjoyable pastime, or whether you want to take your first steps towards an artistic career, this is the place to start. You'll find like minded people, learn new skills and above all spend time doing what you love.

The following pages are a list of the most active arts groups in the area - we hope that there's something for everyone. And if not, why not start up your own?

Many of these groups have websites of their own. Others can be found on the website of Stevenage Arts Guild - see www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk

Stevenage Arts Guild Awards for Talented Young People

Do you have a keen interest in the Arts? Are you between the ages of 12 and 24?

If you live in Stevenage or have attended a Stevenage secondary school you could be eligible for an Arts Guild award. A grant can be used to help meet expenses as you train to make a career in the arts or to promote your work through an exhibition or performance. Applications for the 2017 awards will open in October/November 2016.

The 2016 Award presentations will take place at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Sun 31 July as part of the 'Edward Gordon Craig Day'. As well as our usual awards there will be a special Gordon Craig award and a special Mayor's award.

Details will be available on the Arts Guild website www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk

Allstar Choir

With members from Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth and surrounding area, we sing pop, rock, gospel and world music in 4 part a capella harmony. All songs learned by ear - no need to read music or audition. Rehearsals Monday nights in Letchworth.

Contact Charlie Thomson on 07973 376605



Stevenage Ladies Choir

A three-part-harmony choir with 60+ members who organise charity concerts, performing show tunes, pop music and classic choral pieces. We perform in the local area and across the country. If you love singing come along, no auditions necessary! We meet on Thursday evenings 8-10pm, St Nicholas School, Six Hills Way.

Contact Mary Sabine on 07967 402138

www.stevenageladieschoir.co.uk



Stevenage Family History Society

Our varied programme includes presentations from professional speakers and Society members.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at Friends Meeting House, Cuttys Lane, Stevenage SG1 1UP. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Visitors Welcome £3 including refreshments

For further information visit: www.stevenagefhs.site88.net



Stevenage Sword Dancers

Since 1973, Stevenage Sword have been performing the fast-and-furious traditional rapper dances from Tyneside and the graceful traditional longsword dances from North Yorkshire.

We seek new dancers and musicians to continue these traditions. We practise most Tuesday nights at Cuttys Lane, Stevenage.

For more details, contact David on 07952159668

or email info@stevenagesword.org.uk



Stevenage Art Society

We are an amateur arts society with over 100 members, situated in the Denington Galleries, in Springfield House Community Centre in Stevenage Old Town. We organise painting and pottery activities, with workshops and demonstrations using various media held by visiting professional artists.

For more details, contact us on 07565 912656

or email m.green777@hotmail.co.uk



Stevenage and Knebworth Arts Group (SKAG)

From art to zoology, SKAG offers exciting courses led by expert tutors for all ages. We've explored the North and South Poles with the Cambridge Polar Institute and learned to appreciate jazz with a professional musician. There's no membership fee and the first week of all courses is always free! Why not come along, enjoy a complimentary cup of tea and see for yourself.

www.stevenageandknebworthartsgroup.com



Stagecoach Theatre Arts, Stevenage

Celebrating our 20th birthday this year, our theatre arts school offers classes for 4 to 18 year olds taught by experienced performers. We meet at the Barclay School on Saturday mornings. Why not book a two-week trial for our autumn term and experience all we have to offer? Just quote: "FestOffer" when booking.

For more info contact the Principal, Louise Winstone on 07746 331077 or stevenage@stagecoach.co.uk
www.stagecoach.co.uk/stevenage



Stevenage Photographic Society

Whether you just want to take better family pictures, or compete at international level, our aim is to encourage our members' photographic ambitions. Our programme includes guest lectures, studio sessions, workshops and discussions. We welcome photographers of all levels of expertise and love helping new recruits. We meet on Monday nights at the Stevenage Community Arts Centre.

enquiries@stevenagephotographicsociety.org.uk
www.stevenagephotographicsociety.org.uk



Molly Vickers School of Dance

Classes held at Bedwell Community centre, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage. Ballet, Tap and Freestyle for children (starting from 2 and a half years old) and adults. The school aims to give pupils enjoyable classes and enable them to grow in self confidence.

Any queries please phone Claire Brooks 01438 216904



North Central Herts School of Dance

We are a dance school based in Stevenage & Welwyn Garden City offering classes in ISTD Ballet, Modern, Tap, Jazz Contemporary & Commercial for all age groups & abilities. The emphasis is on enjoyment & developing confidence. Dance is a great way for children to exercise in a fun but structured manner.

Contact Principal Gemma Self on gemmaelf.nch@hotmail.co.uk or 07793 405 354 www.nchschooldance.co.uk



Stevenage Choral Society

We are a mixed voice choir with around 60 members. No audition is necessary to join - we sing every Monday evening from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm at the Nobel Music Centre, Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way SG2 0HS and visitors are always very welcome.

Contact www.stevenagechoral.org.uk
or info@stevenagechoral.org.uk for more information.



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Just Sing Community Choir

Come along and 'Just Sing' with us every Thursday evening in term time, 7pm to 9pm at the Community Hall, North Herts College, Monkswood Way, Stevenage.

Contact us on 07785 568463
or visit our web site www.justsingcc.org.uk



Identity Dance

Stevenage based Identity Dance caters for all ages (from 18 months to adults) and for all abilities. We have classes in street/hip-hop, classical ballet, tiny boppers, musical theatre and tap. First visit is free then classes start from £3.50/session. Most of our classes are based around Shephall and Pin Green from Monday to Saturday.

To book a free session call 07905352366
or email info@identitydance.co.uk. www.identitydance.co.uk.



Stevenage Symphony Orchestra

A friendly amateur orchestra comprising musicians from across Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. We typically perform 3 concerts a year with repertoire varying from large scale works and classics to film music and concertos. New players are always welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm.

Contact mail@stevenagesymphony.org
or see www.stevenagesymphony.org for details.



Roundabouts Country Dance Club

Come and enjoy a sociable evening of English country dancing. It's easy to learn, with no complicated footwork, and someone explains what to do. We have been dancing in Stevenage since 1970 and always welcome newcomers. Thursdays, 8-10pm, Friends Meeting House, Cuttys Lane, SG1 1UP.

See www.roundabouts.org.uk or call 01438 727239.



ROUNDABOUTS
Country Dancing in Stevenage

Stevenage Locomotive Society

Formed in 1959, The Stevenage Locomotive Society caters for all local railway enthusiast interests. Our monthly meetings, featuring top speakers on a wide range of railway related subjects are held on the last Thursday of the month at the Community Arts Centre at Roaring Meg. Members receive our excellent magazine 'AURORA' and our friends from the 34081 '92 Squadron' Locomotive Society (soon to return to steam at Nene Valley Railway) attend each meeting.

See www.stevenagelocosociety.co.uk



Stevenage Floral Art Society

Our friendly club was formed in 1960. We aim to entertain all who are interested in flowers. Sit and watch a professional demonstrator arrange flowers on stage, visit a garden or learn hands on.

Contact Margaret 01438 880086

Email margaretjbrett@btinternet.com



Stevenage Male Voice Choir

A charitable four-part-harmony choir with 30+ members with a richly varied programme of music, both accompanied and a cappella.

Singing is not only enjoyable, it is essential for your health! We meet on Fridays 19:30-21:30pm, Stevenage Arts Centre, Roaring Meg (next to Costa Coffee).

Contact Ed Furye on 01462 627502 www.smv.org



Top Hat Stage School

Discover the delights of drama, dance and singing! Our classes, all taught by qualified, experienced professionals, are on Saturdays at the John Henry Newman School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage. Top Hat is also linked with TOP TALENT AGENCY, which represents children for professional work in modelling, TV, West End and films.

For more information, including details of our free taster sessions, call Warren on 01727 812666 or see www.tophatstageschool.co.uk



The Stevenage Lytton Players

We are a local amateur dramatics and musical society who perform at least six shows a year including musicals, plays and a variety show in January called Lights Up! We also have a large active youth section for ages 8 to 18. Founded in 1948 we are still going strong.

If you want further information about us please visit www.lyttonplayers.co.uk



Knebworth Players

We are a small drama group based in Knebworth and the surrounding area. We look to produce two plays in October and March each year, rehearsing in Knebworth with performances in Knebworth Village Hall. We are urgently on the look out for new members to act or help back stage and no experience is necessary!

For details please contact Sue George at sueandclive1@tiscali.co.uk



Stevenage Underwater Photographic Society

SUPS is a club for underwater photographers. Our aim is to encourage and promote interest in underwater photography and for our members to develop the skills required for this art form. We meet monthly at the Community Arts Centre for competitions, workshops and presentations. New members are very welcome

Contact new_members@sups-online.com
for more details. www.sups-online.com



South Stevenage Flower Club

We are a small friendly group affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies. We meet one evening a month at the Community Arts Centre for demonstrations and workshops and we also visit gardens and flower shows. If you would like to learn more about flower arranging why not join us?

Contact Edna Holt on 01438 227084



The Friends of the Forster Country

"The Friends of the Forster Country" was named in honour of renowned 20th Century author E.M. Forster (1879-1970) who lived at "Rooks Nest" house on the old road past St Nicholas Church to Weston. It was established to preserve local countryside which is the last remaining farmland within Stevenage providing vital breathing space for its people.

Contact Mrs M Ohlendorf (01438 361470 / rmohlendorf@googlemail.com).

The Friends of the Forster Country



'To preserve for all time the open green space north of Stevenage known as the Forster Country'

Premiere School of Dance

We strive to promote excellence, involvement and enjoyment in dance training. Classes include RAD Ballet, ISTD Modern and Tap, Street and Gym. We also run regular Aerial courses in disciplines such as Trapeze, Hoop, Flying and Bungee.

For more information please contact Kimberly: 07796 403448 / enquires@premiereschoolofdance.co.uk



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Goodbye and Thank you



We couldn't have done it without you....

Stevenage Festival would like to thank everyone who has made this programme possible:

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- The Gordon Craig Theatre
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- SBC Councillors
- The PracticeRoomz
- The Comet
- Simon Speller and the StevenageOak@70 team
- Stevenage Festival Committee and Patrons
- Gemma Self, North Herts Central School of Dance
- All our local performers, schools and arts groups

Stevenage Festival is an umbrella charity run by a small team of volunteers that aims to provide a regular showcase for the artistic and performing talent in Stevenage and surrounding areas. If you have (or would like to develop) skills in arts administration, theatre production, finance, marketing, communications, social media or anything else and would like to help out, please get in touch via our website. We're always pleased to welcome new people to the team.

We'll be back next year for a full Festival in June 2017.

See www.stevenage-festival.co.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/StevenageFestival

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