

# HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

7-14 JUNE 2025

VENUES IN HERTFORD, UK

## From *Shadows* to *Light*

Musical Journeys  
in Conflict and Peace

Join us for an inspiring week of music, reflection, and community as we mark 80 years since the end of World War II. From stirring orchestral works to intimate recitals, historical talks, and inclusive performances, this year's festival explores themes of remembrance, renewal, and hope.



### Festival Highlights

HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL STRING ORCHESTRA

FROM SHADOWS TO LIGHT • JAZZ CELEBRATION

BROMPTON STRING QUARTET • HERTFORD WARTIME DISCOVERIES

SOUNDBITES: SARAH-JANE BRADLEY IN RECITAL

THE LANDSCAPE OF THE WANDERER: PAUL NASH... and more!

Online booking at:

[www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/events2025](http://www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/events2025)

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Artistic Director: James Francis Brown





## EVENT 1

### NEW VIRTUOSII! Brompton String Quartet

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE,**  
**2.00PM – 3.00PM**  
**TICKETS: £5 – £15**

Joseph Haydn, Peter Fribbins,  
Ludwig van Beethoven

**QUAKER MEETING HOUSE,**  
**50 RAILWAY ST., HERTFORD,**  
**SG14 1BA**

## EVENT 2

### FROM SHADOWS HOPE SHALL RISE The Music of Reflection and Renewal

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE,**  
**5.00PM – 7.20PM**  
**TICKETS: £5 – £20**

Marking the 80th anniversary  
of the end of the Second  
World War, this special  
concert brings together  
outstanding local musicians  
to reflect on themes of  
remembrance and hope.

Hertfordshire Festival  
Community Concert Band  
Chris McGinity  
Hertford Chamber Choir  
Manvinder Rattan

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,**  
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## EVENT 3

### PENTECOST FESTIVAL SERVICE Music for Choir, Handbells, and Organ

**SUNDAY 8 JUNE,**  
**10.00AM – 11.20AM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Celebrate Pentecost in a  
special festival service led  
by the Reverend Simon  
Cutmore at All Saints' Church,  
Hertford. The Choir of All Saints',  
directed by Martin Penny, will  
present a selection of specially  
chosen works for the occasion.

Tower bells will ring before  
the service, followed by organ  
solos, hymns, handbells, and  
choral performances.

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## EVENT 4



### GUIDED WARTIME HISTORY TOUR OF HERTFORD

**SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 2.00PM –**  
**3.00PM STARTING POINT:**  
**HERTFORD WAR MEMORIAL,**  
**PARLIAMENT SQUARE**  
**TICKETS: £5. PLACES LIMITED**  
**– DETAILS ONLINE**

Step back in time with a  
guided tour uncovering  
Hertford's wartime history.  
Explore key sites and hear  
stories of resilience and  
adaptation during times of  
conflict. Period costumes are  
optional for those who'd like  
to add a historical touch.



## EVENT 5

### Soundbites: SARAH-JANE BRADLEY & JAMES FRANCIS BROWN in recital

**WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE,**  
**1.00PM TO 1.55PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Sarah-Jane Bradley – viola  
James Francis Brown – piano

Robert Schumann  
James Francis Brown  
Lloyd Moore  
Johannes Brahms

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## EVENT 6

### SONGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE

Making music together across generations

DURING THE FESTIVAL YEAR...

This special educational project designed for local primary school students, aligning with the festival theme, Shadows to Light: Musical Journeys in Conflict and Peace. Commemorating 80 years since the end of World War II, the project connects young participants with older generations through music and storytelling.

## EVENT 7

### Illustrated Talk – HERTFORD DURING THE WAR

The Evacuee Story I

THURSDAY 12 JUNE, 5.00PM TO 6.00PM

TICKETS: £5

An opportunity for grandparents, grandchildren, and everyone in between to explore Hertford's wartime history through the experiences of evacuees. This illustrated talk brings personal stories to life, reflecting on feelings of displacement and disorientation, while highlighting how music has

offered comfort and a sense of belonging in times of upheaval.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
ST ANDREW STREET,  
HERTFORD, SG1

## EVENT 8

### The Evacuee Story II A 1940s JAZZ CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 13 JUNE, 7.00PM – 8.15PM TICKETS: £5 – £15

Audiences will be transported by timeless classics, including: *There'll Be Bluebirds Over*, *The White Cliffs of Dover*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, *Tuxedo Junction*, *Stardust*, and more.

Chris Eldred Trio, Chris Eldred (piano), Jess Radcliffe (vocals) Loz Garratt (bass)

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## EVENT 9

### THE LANDSCAPE OF THE WANDERER

Three Pictures by Paul Nash

SATURDAY 14 JUNE,  
10.30AM – 12.00PM  
TICKETS: £5 – £12.50

Art historian Barry Dodge and composer James Francis Brown examine the life and legacy of wartime artist Paul Nash.

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## EVENT 10

### RELAXED REHEARSAL with Hertfordshire Festival String Orchestra

SATURDAY 14 JUNE,  
2:00PM – 2:45PM  
FREE EVENT

Christopher Braime – conductor

Families with very young children, and people who may not ordinarily be able to observe the traditional 'silence' when attending live music events, are welcomed to watch and hear a professional orchestra at work. Noise may be made!

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## EVENT 11 • FESTIVAL FINALE

### Orchestral Concert FROM SHADOWS TO LIGHT

SATURDAY 14 JUNE, 7.30PM – 9.00PM TICKETS: £5 – £20



The Hertfordshire Festival String Orchestra  
Christopher Braime – Conductor  
Guy Elliott – Tenor • Chloe Harrison – Solo horn

*Music by*

Edward Elgar • Benjamin Britten • Gustav Holst  
Ralph Vaughan Williams • Frank Bridge

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#### THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

### MUSIC IN MIND – LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

During the Festival period, specially trained musicians share the gift of music with selected care homes throughout the county of Hertfordshire via interactive online sessions for people living with dementia, including their carers and families. For those living with the condition, participating in music can bring not only an improvement in symptoms, but a sense of joy and elation for those taking part.

In collaboration with **Sing from the Heart**

#### BOOKING

FOR TICKETED EVENTS, PURCHASES CAN BE MADE ONLINE, WHERE FULL DETAILS ON PRICING, CONCESSIONS, ACCESS AND MAPS ARE AVAILABLE. PRE-BOOKING IS ADVISABLE. TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, EXCEPT FOR EVENT 4, WHICH HAS LIMITED PLACES.

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