



The Suffolk IVC Newsletter and Bulletin – September 2018

Hi everybody,

Gill Reeve's evening at The Carriers Arms in East Bergholt went very well in August and she will be looking forward to meeting people there again on Thursday, September 13 and the second Thursday in future months. It seems to work well for people from Ipswich and Harwich and is also easy to get to from Halstead as well, so if you didn't come before, you have another chance.

We had a wonderful morning's row at Dedham again in August, as the weather held; it will be on Wednesday 19th this month, so if you are still working you may have to have a day off, as it gets rather crowded at the weekends. Do check with me if you are planning to come, as I am hoping to have a new hip very soon (I hope).

Hope to see some of you at The Lion in Earls Colne again for the Essex/Suffolk IVC Club Night; **first Monday** is September 3rd and we look forward to your company if you would like to join us.

If you have any ideas for events do bring them along to the pub nights, e-mail me or give me a call if you need help. If you want to do something and decide to go, put it on as a club activity and you may have friends join you. Walks are great events for socialising and it's certainly the time of year for them.

Don't forget that Cambridge has a website that you can access; we will endeavour to add details of their events that may be of interest but you can of course contact them direct.

PLEASE KEEP SENDING EVENTS

It's what we are all here for !!

Just tell us what you are going to and we'll put it in the bulletin and you might find that it's of interest to someone besides yourself. It's as simple as that.

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Brad Rawlings
Secretary and Membership Secretary
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The Suffolk IVC Events Bulletin

September 2018

Members from Essex and Cambridge IVCs are invited to join us at all Suffolk IVC events

Please note that the 📖 sign means 'bookable' and it does mean that you have to contact the organiser to let them know you are coming (so they can look out for you or arrange suitable tables etc.) and maybe also book your tickets with the venue.

Monday 3rd

Suffolk and NE Essex Club Night, The Lion, Earls Colne -- 7:30 onwards

Please join us at this lovely old pub which has been largely refurbished in fairly modern style. Not super cheap but we think the pizzas are splendid. This now a regular venue on the 1st Monday unless otherwise notified (so keep your eyes peeled !). Do come and join us for an evening of socialising and chat with an excellent opportunity to discuss new events.

Directions : *The Lion is in the High Street at the other end (and on the other side of the road) from the church. If you're not sure please give me a call. The pub has its own car park and there is parking in the main road and also in the car park behind the Co-op.*

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Thursday 6th

Beer Festival, East Anglia Railway Museum, Colchester -- 7:30pm

The festival runs over several days. I shall be attending as above. Entry cost is £4 on that date, payable on entry unless you are a CAMRA member. In addition to real ales, there will be a variety of refreshments including hot and cold food. This is a lovely venue but please be aware that most of the museum will be closed. Please let me know if you are coming and we can arrange to meet up.

Directions : *Chappel and Wakes Colne railway station, Station Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester (Just off the A1124 near the Chappel viaduct) on the left if coming from Halstead or the right from Colchester. Alternatively you can arrive by train from Sudbury or Marks Tey on the Gainsborough line. There are additional trains laid on as well as a bus service.*

Postcode : CO6 2DS

Kathy Lee 01206 211010 or 07931198668
e-mail : kathy.leecomp@btinternet.com

Thursday 13th

📖 Suffolk Club Night, The Carriers Arms, East Bergholt -- 7:30 onwards

We've tried this pub and the food seems to be excellent and reasonably priced, and should be convenient for north Essex and Suffolk people alike, so do join us at this lovely old pub for an evening of socialising and banter. As we are new here we felt that it would be a good idea to book if you wish to eat, so please call me on the number below.

Directions : *The Carriers Arms is in Heath Road and has its own car park.*

Postcode : CO7 6RA

Gill Reeves 07504 563235

Saturday 15th (an Essex IVC event)

Breakfast Meal, Perrywood's Garden Centre, Tiptree -- 9:15am

Meeting in the cafe at Perrywood's for an excellent breakfast; a variety of food and drink available at a reasonable cost. We shall endeavour to get tables in the conservatory section. Please order your food on your way in then look out for us.

Directions : Address: Kelvedon Road, Tiptree, Inworth

Postcode : CO5 9SX

Chris Sargeant 07775 910504
or Patti Machell 07584 260820

Wednesday 19th

📖 Rowing/walk, The Boathouse, Dedham -- 11am

Meet at The Boathouse in Dedham. The plan is to row to Flatford but some people like to walk; it's beautiful either way but the rowing is more fun but probably about £10/person with 4 in a boat. A wander at Flatford plus tea and cakes or ice cream / tea and cakes or ice cream back in Dedham ! Or both !! If it looks like being a nice day I'll bring a picnic for the end of the row in the field by the river at Dedham. It's only necessary to book so that I can e-mail or call if there are weather problems and so that we don't go without you.

Directions : The Boathouse is in Mill Lane; parking in their car park is free if you are rowing, otherwise there are public car parks opposite or just along the road.

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Thursday 20th

📖 Theatre/comedy, The Quay Theatre, Sudbury -- 7pm

Nicholas Parsons: Just a Laugh a Minute. The witty, humorous man is back after a sell out at the Edinburgh Festival and on tour ! Please join me at the Quay Theatre to see him. I have ticket E1. Please book your own ticket on 01787 374745, price £24. If you let me know that you are coming we can meet in the upstairs bar half an hour before the show starts at 7.30pm.

Directions : Free parking outside the theatre in Quay Lane. www.quaytheatre.org.uk

Postcode : CO10 2AN

Shirley Horne 01787 462759
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Monday 24th

📖 Club Night at The Ember Inn, Morton Hall, Bury St Edmunds -- 7:30pm onwards

Come and join us for a meal and a chat. If you are new you shouldn't really have any trouble finding us but there is always the mobile and there should be an IVC name tent on the table. Please call Jenny or Judith below to confirm you are coming.

Directions : The Ember Inn is in Lawson Place and should be easy to find. If you're not sure please call.

Postcode : IP32 7EW

Jenny 07765 663303 or Judith 01284 760679

Thursday 27th

📖 Oscar Wilde, The Headgate, Colchester -- 7:45pm

An Ideal Husband. If you haven't seen it you should, and if you have it's worth seeing again. Tickets at £10 (£8 concessions) are available from the box office on 01206 366000. Give me a call if you are coming and we can meet in the little bar at 7:15 for a chat and later in the interval.

Directions : *The Headgate is in Chapel Street N. Best to park in St Mary's car park (CO3 3AA). Walk down the hill and cross the road into Crouch Street. Cross Headgate Street into St Johns Street and Chapel Street is on the right after the pub. The theatre is accessible via double doors that may be closed !!*

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Saturday 29th

📖 Concert, Roman Circus House (RCH), Colchester -- 7:30pm

Quattro Amici are a group of classical vocalists who will be presenting a concert of musical entertainment from opera to musical and The Beatles. Tickets including a drink and nibbles are £12 (£10 for concessions) and can be obtained from Howard Brooks on 07415-952891 to book. Come early to grab your favourite seat and give me a call to look out for you; I should be there by 7 so that we can have a chat before the evening starts.

Directions : *RCH is in Roman Circus Walk and parking is either at Butt Road (CO3 3DG) or Napier Road (CO2 7GA).*

Postcode : CO2 7GZ

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Notes for Your Diary

October

Thursday 4th

📖 Sherlock Holmes at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds -- 7:30pm

The Sign of Four by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's. "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth". When Mary Morstan arrives at 221B, Baker Street to request help with the mystery of her missing father, Holmes takes the case and together with his companion Dr Watson enters a murky world of deception and trickery, unravelling a complex plot involving murder, corruption and stolen jewels. Book your own tickets and let me know that you will be joining us.

Directions : *The theatre is in Westgate Street (post code IP33 1QR) but parking is best in The Greene King car park in Cullum Road, a very short walk through to the back of the theatre.*

Postcode : IP33 3PB

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Friday 12th (an Essex IVC event)

📖 Moll Flanders, Mercury Theatre, Colchester -- 7pm

Based on the novel by Daniel Defoe, the world premiere of Nick Perry's unfaithful adaptation features a cast of terrific actor-musicians in a mashup of 18th century bawdiness and 21st century humour. I have booked seat O23. The performance starts at 7.30. If you let me know you are coming we can arrange to meet up from 7pm in the bar.

Directions : *It is best to park in St Mary's Car Park on Balkerne Hill and walk over the footbridge. You can't miss the theatre from there. You can purchase advance parking at a discount when you book your theatre tickets.*

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Saturday 13th

📖 Eban Brown qig, Glemsford, Suffolk -- 7:30pm

The former lead singer of Stylistics is coming to the local Social Club. A rare opportunity to see Eban playing for charity for Great Ormond Street. He will be on tour with Motown and Glemsford is where he will be exercising the vocals before the tour. People from all over the UK are booking because the price is so cheap; tickets are £12.50. Call me for tickets and I will see if there are any left.

Directions : *Glemsford Social Club is in Hunts Hill, Sudbury.*

Postcode : CO10 7RP

Tessa 07970 920232

Sunday 28th

📖 Rêverie, the life of Debussy, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds -- 7:30pm

The life and loves of Claude Debussy with Lucy Parham on the piano was created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Claude Debussy. A crucial element of Debussy's complex intellectual and emotional world was an entangled love life that brought illicit trysts in Jersey, a brush with a revolver and even a suicide attempt. Rêverie evokes Claude

Debussy's complex emotional life through a personal and revealing journal, illuminated by a sequence of his most famous and atmospheric solo piano works. Book your own tickets and let me know that you will be joining us.

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November

Friday 2nd

📖 Quiz Night, The Delphi Centre, Sudbury -- 7pm

Join us at 7pm for a 7.30 start for a fun packed evening to raise funds for the Delphi Centre including music, prizes (incl. Wooden spoon) and spot prizes; also food with a choice of fish & chips or sausage & chips. The quiz is for teams of up to 6 people at £10 per person to include food and entry to the quiz. Julie and I require 4 more for the first team of 6, first to respond can join us in team "Drain Stormers". Please call me (Mark) before September 30th, and confirm your place with a £10 cheque and your choice of food. After the first team is complete you can put your own team of 6 together, or smaller if you prefer or bring non-members; contact Ray Reid direct on 07974 615438 or thedelphicentremanager@gmail.com (team cheques to "The Delphi Centre Sudbury"; address below). Please let me know if you are coming as a separate team, so we can look out for you. There is a licenced bar, so please do not bring any drinks with you, including bottled water.

Address – *The Delphi Centre, Alexandra Road, off Newton Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. Ample parking is available.*

Postcode : CO10 2RR

**Mark Kiddy 07974 620127
or m.kiddy007@btinternet.com**

Wednesday 21st

📖 Ballet, The Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds -- 7pm

Beauty and the Beast with Ballet Theatre UK; an enchanting love story. Inspired by the original tale, this production tells the story of Belle, a beautiful and intelligent young woman who feels out of place in her provincial French village. When her father is imprisoned in a mysterious castle, Belle's attempt to rescue him leads to her capture by the Beast, a fearsome monster cursed by a magical Enchantress. The only way the Beast may become human again is if he learns to love and be loved in return. The curse set by the Enchantress is bound by a magical rose. If the final petal falls, all hope will be lost and he will remain a Beast forever. Their feelings grow ever deeper as the clock ticks and petals continue to fall – will they confess their love for one another before it is too late? Set to a stunning classical score this production showcases new choreography by Artistic Director Christopher Moore. Book your own tickets and let me know that you will be joining us.

Directions : *The theatre is in Westgate Street (post code IP33 1QR) but parking is best in The Greene King car park in Cullum Road, a very short walk through to the back of the theatre.*

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December

Saturday 8th

📖 Christmas Dinner and Dance, The Best Western Hotel, Copdock -- 7:30pm

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual Christmas D&D. This year we have a change of venue and will be at The Best Western Hotel in Copdock, a very smart venue; our dress code is black tie or suits. Currently I have filled and paid for all the spaces provisionally booked and I have already e-mailed everyone, so this is just another reminder. However if anyone else would still like to join us there is a good chance that we can fit you in. Tickets are £33.95 (menu details are on their website or I can let you have a copy); send me a cheque for the £10 deposit or the whole amount and I will ascertain if places are still available.

Directions : *Old London Road, Copdock, Ipswich.*

Postcode : IP8 3JD

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or e-mail **brawling_uk@yahoo.co.uk**

Friday 14th (an Essex IVC event)

📖 Christmas Dinner Dance, St Botolph's Masonic Lodge, Colchester -- 7pm

Booking required. by October 15th. The Colchester Royal British Legion Christmas dinner dance is always a great evening, with live dance music and an excellent 3 course meal; dress code - smart. This is a bookable event and choice of seasonal menu will be given on request. Booking and payment - £25 - to Patti by 15th October 2018; please contact Patti for more details.

Directions : *St Botolph's Masonic Lodge, 5 St John's Green. There are car parks and street parking nearby.*

Postcode : CO2 7EZ

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May

Friday 10th-Sunday 12th

📖 aIVC Conference Weekend, Halifax

Directions : *None yet, it's in Halifax !*

Postcode :

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AIVC Inter-Club Events

Please note that the events below are open to all members. Full details will be posted on the aIVC website. If you need further details please contact the club concerned, or call me and I will try and find out more.

Sep 6 - 9	Portmeirion weekend (London IVC)
Oct 10 - 17	Tenerife trip (Merseyside IVC)
Nov 22–Dec 2	(Provisional dates) Walking holiday in Madeira (AIVC)
Nov 30-Dec 3	York weekend with Birmingham IVC. Contact Pete Howe on 07944 880722 or towerpete@aol.com
Jan 4 2019	New Year Weekend in Nantwich (Birmingham IVC, contact as above)
Mar 20, 2019	Japan trip (London IVC)

Instructions for accessing the 'Members Only' section of the website

You no longer need a new monthly password, but on the first occasion that you log onto the new system, you will have the opportunity to choose your own personal password, which you will then use each time that you log on. Only you will know this, and it need not change.

If you have not already logged on then follow this route:

- 1) Go to the Suffolk IVC website
- 2) Click on the Club Members area
- 3) Click on the grey area at the very top of the page - LOG IN
- 4) In the first boxes that appears enter your user name, which is your e-mail address.
- 5) In the second box tick 'FORGOT PASSWORD' and you will receive an e mail with a password that you can use to get you in and you will then be able to change the password to something that you can remember.

If you have any queries whatsoever regarding the new system, please refer these to Phil Riches at phil.riches@btinternet.com as he is the computer whiz ! Hope that's OK Phil !!

How to Add an Event

Just send an e-mail to Brad on **brawling_uk@yahoo.co.uk**. Something on the lines of the above events in the bulletin, and remember to include the following :

Day

Date

Event Title

Venue

Time (or meetup time for..)

Write-up -- ideally informal, chatty and inviting. It should promote the good bits and advise any problems, and not be overly long.

Directions if possible (sometimes difficult as people will be coming from different directions)

Parking

Post Code

Host Name(s)

Contact Details (any that you wish to provide but there must be something)

Other things to consider

Is it bookable, and who with + contact details.

The Suffolk IVC Committee 2017-2018

Details are now on the website.

As you can see two people have two positions and we have already mentioned the need for a bulletin editor. None of the roles are onerous but it makes life easier the more people we have to help. Generally speaking being on the committee means that you are a bit more involved and have more of a say in running the club; and it really does make things more interesting and more fun. So if you think you can help call or e-mail Brad for more information.