



The Suffolk IVC Newsletter and Bulletin – December 2018

Hi everybody,

We booked for the ballet performance at The Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds at the end of October and we were not disappointed. An absolutely superb performance by Ballet Theatre UK and we have booked to see them again in May for Swan Lake. Just for the record, we go quite regularly and haven't yet been disappointed. It's a beautiful little Georgian theatre built 200 years ago in 1819; it's the only remaining Regency theatre in the country, which has now been restored. It has a tiny auditorium with pit, balconies and boxes; wonderful.

Janet and I are looking forward to the New Year weekend in Nantwich with Manchester IVC. If you haven't booked I'm sure there is still time.

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

Regarding the Sing Out Saturdays event in Hadleigh, Julie isn't sure if she can make it in December but if you would still like to go it's on the 15th. You can contact Julie on 07769-537938 if you would like to find out more.

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.

Brad

Brad Rawlings
Secretary and Membership Secretary
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The Suffolk IVC Events Bulletin

December 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

📖 The Nutcracker, The Quay Theatre, Sudbury -- 6.45pm

A live broadcast from The Royal Opera House by The Royal Ballet Company. I've booked tickets in H9/10, so if you would like to join us please book your own tickets and let me know to look out for you. Ticket price is £16 and are available from the Quay on the following website where you will also find more information; www.quaysudbury.com. Start time is 7:15 but we plan to meet in the bar upstairs for a chat beforehand.

The Nutcracker has long been one of the most delightful ways to discover the enchantment of ballet – and makes for a delicious seasonal treat for all the family. Tchaikovsky's much-loved music is matched to a magical adventure on Christmas Eve for Clara and her Nutcracker doll. Their journey to the Land of Sweets brings with it some of the most familiar of all ballet moments, such as the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Waltz of the Flowers. Peter Wright's production for The Royal Ballet keeps true to the spirit of this Russian ballet classic, with period details and dancing snowflakes. The many solo roles and ensembles put the world-class skills of the Company to the fore in this Christmas classic.

Directions : *The theatre is in Quay Lane Sudbury with parking close by also down Quay Lane, just near the theatre.*

Postcode : CO10 2AN

Julie McMonagle on 07769-537938

or e-mail juliemc2@sky.com

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 is 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; it's an excellent opportunity to discuss new events and reminisce about old ones.

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.*

Postcode : CO6 2PA

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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**

Monday 10th

📖 'Stepping Into Christmas' Meal, The Gardeners, Chelmsford -- 7pm

AKA Graeme's Birthday Bash. For several years Graeme has organised a meal at the Flyer Pub in early December for family, friends and by invitation extended to all Suffolk and Essex IVC members. Due to a refit this venue is now less suitable and it is hoped another Greene King P.H. in Chelmsford will fit the bill; Graeme and friends regularly dine there at lunchtime. The Gardeners is well placed quite close to the Boreham interchange on the A12 very easily reached by car from both counties. Around thirty people can be accommodated and twelve have booked as this invitation goes out.

There are four starters, six mains, and four dessert choices including Vegan and vegetarian options. Two courses £10.49, three courses £13.49; meal choices are required by 30th November. Menu choices are available on <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/media/9489/vl-ff-menu.pdf> or in text only format from Graeme. To secure your places please contact him asap.

Venue/Directions : *The Gardeners, Forsythia Close, N. Springfield, Chelmsford. The venue is effectively on Pump Lane, which is a left turn from the A130/A1016 if approached from the A12 Boreham interchange or straight on from Essex Regiment Way A130 if approached from Dunmow or Braintree.*

Postcode : CM1 6XW

Graeme Mount - 07764 514027
or **gmount@tiscali.co.uk**

Tuesday 11th (an Essex IVC event)

Concert, Town Hall, Colchester -- 12:45pm

Please join me to hear the vocal quintet the Marenzio Singers and Honorary Borough Organist Ian Ray perform a selection of seasonal songs. Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of the Moot Hall Organ. Meet by the main entrance to the Town Hall by 12:45 pm prompt. The performance starts at 1 pm and lasts about an hour. No need to book, but please let me know if you'd like me to look out for you.

Directions : *The Town Hall is on the north side of Colchester High Street - with its tall clock tower, it's unmissable! Best place to park is probably St Mary's multi-storey (CO3 3AA).*

Postcode : CO1 1PJ

Doug Meekison 01206 824588 or 07981 977985

Wednesday, 12th

📖 Quiz, The Quay Theatre, Sudbury -- 7:30pm

Cheryl is hosting a quiz and would like to make up a team of 6. The cost is £1:50 a head. If you are interested do please call her on the number below. Meet in the bar at 7 for a pre-quiz chat.

Directions : *The theatre is in Quay Lane. There is parking outside the theatre and at the end of the lane.*

Postcode : CO10 2AN

Cheryl Shelley 07713 742802

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

**Patti Machell 07584 260820
or Chris Sargeant 07775 910504**

Saturday 15th

📖 Sing out Saturdays, The Ansell Centre, Hadleigh -- 10:30am

These are on the 3rd Saturday of every month and cost £8 per session; there is more info on the website www.SingOutSaturdays.co.uk. These singing workshops are led by Chris Rowbury who is an excellent tutor. They are light hearted and fun and no experience (believe me !) is required. Songs range from African to Welsh ballads and lots more. If you'd like to feel transported through singing to far-flung destinations without the need for expensive flights, chasing round the M25 or a tardis, then Hadleigh in Suffolk on the third Saturday of every month is the place to be ! There's no need to book, just turn up on the day but let me know you are coming so I can look out for you. There are options for coffee etc. in Hadleigh after it finishes at 1pm.

Directions : next to the United Reformed Church, Market place, Hadleigh, Suffolk, Parking is nearby with Magdalen Road long stay car park at IP7 5BB.

Postcode : IP7 5DL

**Julie McMonagle 07769 537938
E-mail : juliemc2@sky.com**

Sunday 16th

📖 Ghost Stories and Afternoon Tea, Jacqueline's Tea Room, Colchester -- 6:15pm

Please book by 15th December 2018. Jacqueline's Tea Room - Two ghost stories performed live in the cosy and atmospheric upstairs parlour room of this vintage tea shop. Jacqueline's will be serving festive food/drink for the evening (not included in ticket price). Tickets are booked through Colchester Arts Centre 01206 500900 or on line, and are £12/£10. Organise your own ticket and let me know you are coming so we can meet up. Please note this event takes place at Jacqueline's Tea Room, 14 Short Wyre St, Colchester CO1 1LN.

Directions : *Car parking in St Marys CO3 3AA can be booked at the same time as booking the ticket for just £1.50 for the whole day. www.colchesterartscentre.com. Please note this event is based in a real tea shop and refreshments cost extra*

Postcode : CO1 1LN

Shirley Horne 01787 462759
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Notes for Your Diary

2019

January

Monday 21st

📖 Club Night at The Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds -- 7:30pm onwards

Wetherspoon's have done a brilliant job of preserving this wonderful old building. It's a massive hall and we usually have no trouble finding space. If you are new you shouldn't really have any trouble finding us but there is always the mobile and there will be an IVC name tent on the table. Please call Jenny or Judith below to confirm you are coming.

Directions : *The Corn Exchange is in Abbeygate Street and should be easy to find. If you're not sure please give me a call. Parking is available in Guildhall Street and in the market area behind the hall.*

Post Code : IP33 1BE

Jenny 07765 663303 or Judith 01284 760679

February

Monday 18th

📖 Club Night at The Rushbrook Arms, Bury St Edmunds -- 7pm 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 will be an IVC name tent on the table.

Directions : *Sicklesmere, Bury Saint Edmunds*

Post Code IP30 0BU

Jenny 07765 663303 or Judith 01284 760679

March

Monday 18th

📖 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

May

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th

📖 aIVC Conference Weekend, Halifax

Being hosted this year by Halifax and Huddersfield IVC. A bit earlier than usual but they offered it at the Brighton conference and sounded as though they were already well prepared. There should be some nice walks offered amongst other things and it may well be worth staying over for longer.

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

Postcode :

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Wednesday 22nd

📖 Swan Lake, The Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds -- 7pm

A beautifully restored little theatre and, as the last surviving Regency theatre in the country, well worth a visit. Swan Lake is being performed by Ballet Theatre UK. Early booking is recommended as tickets will go quickly. We are in box H at the back of the dress circle, as the view is much better for the ballet and the auditorium is fairly small.

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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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.

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| Jan 4 - 6 | New Year Weekend in Nantwich (Birmingham IVC, contact as above) |
| Mar 1 - 4 | Swanage blues festival (London IVC) |
| May 10 - 12 | aIVC Conference, Halifax |
| Aug 10 - 17 | A week at the Edinburgh Festival (London IVC) |
| 2020 | 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 where necessary:

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.