



## The Suffolk IVC Newsletter and Bulletin – February 2019

Hi everybody,

The weekend in Nantwich with Birmingham IVC was brilliant with a visit to Jodrell Bank and the Anderton Boat lift. The hotel was really high quality stuff at a knock-down price and with loads of free entertainment thrown in if you wanted it. Lovely to catch up with old friends and I'm sure Pete will be running it again next year somewhere; look out for it in the aIVC Newslines or at the end of this bulletin.

We've booked to see Ballet Theatre UK again in May for Swan Lake. We go to The Theatre Royal in Bury quite regularly and haven't yet been disappointed. It's a beautiful little Georgian theatre built in 1819 and is the only remaining Regency theatre in the country, which has now been restored. It has a tiny auditorium with pit, balconies and boxes; wonderful.

Hope to see some of you at The Lion in Earls Colne again for the Essex/Suffolk IVC Club Night; **first Monday** is January 4<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to your company if you would like to join us.

Regarding the Sing Out Saturdays event in Hadleigh, 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

## February 2019

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.

### Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds

I am stewarding at the following events but will be happy to coordinate if you would like to buy your own tickets and let me know you are coming so that I can put you in touch with other interested parties. Details are on the website at [www.theatreroyal.org](http://www.theatreroyal.org) and tickets are available either from the website or from the box office on 01284 769505.

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Showstopper
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Check Up - Our NHS at 70
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Seven Ages
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bouncers
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hancock's Half Hour

**Directions** : *The theatre is in Westgate Street (post code IP33 1QR) but parking is best in The Green King car park in Cullum Road (postcode below).*

Postcode : IP33 3PB

Catrin Diverres -- 01284 760643  
or email [catrin.diverres@talktalk.net](mailto:catrin.diverres@talktalk.net).

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### 5m Walk, Bentley nr Ipswich -- 10:15am

I am leading a walk for the Sudbury Ramblers on Sunday February 3rd at Bentley, south east of Ipswich, meeting at the village hall for anyone who wishes to join us on a 5 mile hike, a lot of woodland and maybe a few sheep. We will be leaving at 10:30.

**Directions** : *The village hall is in Station Road, Bentley.*

Postcode : IP9 2DW

Mark Kiddy 01787 370640 or 07974 620127

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### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

### 📖 Walk and potential Lunch, The Bell, Castle Hedingham -- 10:15am

We shall meet at 10.15am at The Bell public house in Castle Hedingham to catch the bus to Great Yeldham and the start of the walk; the bus stop is opposite the pub. This short 3 mile walk is part of the Colne Valley Way, returning to Castle Hedingham via footpaths which may be muddy, so suitable walking clothes and boots are essential. There will be the option to have a lovely lunch in the village tea room afterwards.

**Directions** : *Park with consideration anywhere in the village centre or in the Memorial Hall car park CO9 3DA - all free parking.*

**Postcode : CO9 3EJ**

**Shirley Horne 01787 462759**  
**or e-mail : sjh106@btinternet.com**

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### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

#### 📖 Walk and potential Lunch, The High Street, Halstead -- 10am

We shall meet at 10am outside Lloyds Bank in Halstead High Street to catch the 89 bus to The Bell public house in Castle Hedingham, arriving at about 10.30am. This 5 mile walk is the second part of the Colne Valley Way, returning to Halstead via footpaths which may be muddy, so suitable walking clothes and boots are essential. There will be the option to have a lovely lunch in Halstead afterwards. If you would like lunch, please let me know so that I can reserve places.

**Directions** : *Free parking can be found at the Coop store CO9 2JN. A short walk through Weavers Court to the High Street and Lloyds Bank and the bus stop are across the road.*

**Postcode : CO9 2JG**

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### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (an Essex IVC event)

#### 📖 Play, The Headgate Theatre, Colchester -- 7:45pm

An amateur presentation of Noel Coward's play 'The Vortex'. One of his older plays, nonetheless it is rare to get a Coward play at provincial theatres now. The Headgate theatre is small so book tickets soon in advance (£15) at [www.headgate.theatre.co.uk](http://www.headgate.theatre.co.uk) Meet in the bar from 7.15 onwards; I will have a bulletin with me.

**Directions** : *Approach town centre from Lexden Road end (A1124) straight into Southway (A134). Through the lights then St. Johns car park is on the left marked 'Shoppers'. Evening charge is £2 after 7pm. Exit car park and The Headgate theatre is in next street up, Chapel Street North.*

**Postcode : CO2 7HB (car park)**

**Brian Root 07962 599244**

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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (an Essex IVC event)

#### Classical Concert, Colchester -- 7:30pm

A performance by Colchester Symphony Orchestra. The main feature is Rachmaninov's 2<sup>nd</sup> piano concerto in C minor, one of the best loved concertos of the romantic style, with selections from Romeo & Juliet suites by Prokofiev and a prelude by Wagner. No need to ring or book but try to make it by 7:10pm. I shall be in the church foyer from 7pm with a bulletin. Cost £15.

**Directions** : *St. Botolph's church, Queen Street, town centre. Don't drive through the High Street (bus lanes); approach centre from Lexden Road end into Southway (A134), main (dual carriageway) thoroughfare for through traffic, down to the Mersea Road (B1025) roundabout. Go RIGHT ROUND the roundabout, end up facing a car park entrance*

(Britannia) at lights. Cost 50p. for the night. The church is round to the right when you leave the car park and first right down St. Botolphs Church Walk

Postcode : CO2 7EF (car park)

Brian Root 07962 599244

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**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** (an Essex IVC event)

**The Breakfast Club, Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree -- 9:30AM**

Please join me for breakfast in the coffee shop at Perrywoods. Order and pay for your hot food and drinks at the first counter and your food will be brought to your table when cooked. Alternatively, if you just want coffee and cakes, then go straight to the second counter and pay there. We will all meet at the back of the coffee shop or in the Conservatory where I will be sitting with some IVC posters displayed so that you can find me. Afterwards we can browse, or spend some money, in the large nursery and shop.

**Directions** : Kelvedon Road, Inworth, Tiptree. Free onsite parking for visitors in their large car park.

Postcode : C05 9SX

Wayne Marsh 07989 140254

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 Club Night at The Rushbrooke 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

Postcode : IP30 0BU

Jenny 07765 663303 or Judith 01284 760679

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 Coffee, Lunch and Snowdrop Walk, Ickworth House -- 11am/1pm/2pm**

I suggest we meet at the house for coffee at 11. The other possibilities are a tour of the house to see the 1930s Living History exhibition (no booking necessary and no extra charge), with cooks baking in 1930s mode, lunch at 1pm and the Snowdrop walk at 2pm. There is an entry fee but it is free to NT members; Ring to me to let me know that you are coming (the first caller will get in free on my ticket) so that we can arrange to meet and at what time depending on whether you want to come for coffee, lunch or whatever. If you are planning to do the Snowdrop Walk it would be a good idea to call and book a place.

**Directions** : The address of the National Trust property at Ickworth House is The Rotunda, Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. From A14 take junction 42 towards Westley; on west side of A143; for all other routes head towards Horringer. Please don't use the postcode for your SatNav, the main entrance to the Ickworth Estate is via Horringer Village on the A143 and follow the brown signs. Please avoid routes through Chevington (as this is a no through road).

Postcode : IP29 5QE

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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 Hancock's Half Hour, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds -- 7pm**

Please join us at this lovely old theatre. Not sure what format it will take but there are more details on the website at [www.theatreroyal.org](http://www.theatreroyal.org) and tickets are available either from the website or from the box office on 01284 769505. Ring to let me know you are coming so that we can arrange to meet in the bar for a drink and chat before the start at 7:30.

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

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## Notes for Your Diary

**2019**

**March**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 The Ghost Train, The Quay Theatre, Sudbury -- 7:15pm**

Sudbury Dramatic Society presents their production of Arnold Ridley's (Godfrey in Dad's Army) play. If you would like to join us please book your own tickets and let me know to look out for you. Tickets are available from the Quay on their website where you will also find more information. Start time is 7:45 but we plan to meet in the bar upstairs for a chat beforehand.

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

**Postcode : CO10 2AN**

**Brad Rawlings 01787 221561**

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 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**

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**May**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**📖 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**📖 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.*

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## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **📖 Play, The Headgate Theatre, Colchester -- 7:15pm**

Shakespeare's Daughter and the Vicar. Another Shakespeare conspiracy theatre or the true story of the daughter's attempt to reconstruct parts of his life ? Who knows, come and find out. We are in seats A6/7, so just book your tickets on 01206 366000 (£12 each) and let us know. We'll meet in the bar at 7:15 for a chat and the play starts at 7:45.

**Directions** : *The Theatre is in Chapel Street North and parking probably easiest for most in St Mary's car park on Balcerne Hill - but call me if you need directions.*

Postcode : CO2 7PL

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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.

Mar 1 - 4	Swanage blues festival	London IVC
May 10 - 12	aIVC Conference, Halifax	aIVC
May 24 – 27	Birdwatching in Norfolk	London IVC
Aug 10 - 17	A week at the Edinburgh Festival	London IVC
Oct 18 – Oct 20	Blackpool weekend	aIVC
2020	Japan trip	London IVC

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## 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.