

# Club Elite February



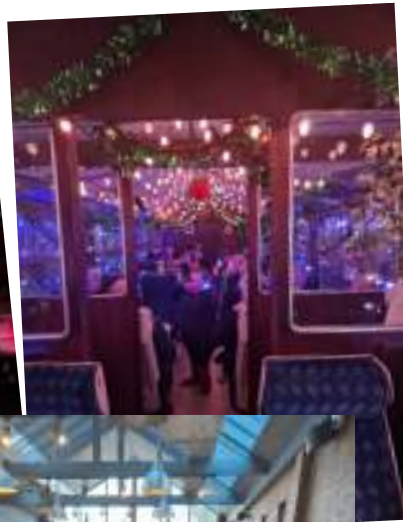
2024

On Friday 15th December, Chelmsford members gathered at Braxted Hall again for our Christmas party. Great night was had by all as usual. Thanks to Christine for organising *Diane*



Colourful scenes such as these carried on into the New Year when Chelmsford members visited the Ongar light train in January.

On Sunday 7th January, 16 Chelmsford members departed Ongar Station for this light train journey. It was amazing. Voice-over man telling jokes and getting us to sing along. Such fun and we will definitely do this again at Christmas 2024! *Diane*



We also visited the German Christmas market at Meadow Croft Garden centre *Diane*



Chelmsford Club Nights: Tuesdays at The Saxon Arms, Witham CM8 1FQ (previously The Old Pottery Kiln), from 7.30pm until 10.00pm. All Welcome

Colchester Club Night. Please note there are no evening meetings at the moment, but weekly Wednesday afternoon meetings at various garden centres.

Chelmsford members: Full information re times of the Chelmsford organised events will appear on their Events WhatsApp page prior to the dates. Colchester members will get updates via email or WhatsApp.

## February 2024

- Wed 31 Jan **Coffee and Cake** at The Books, Brew and Boutique café near the Hospice donations Centre, Unit 2, Angora Business Park, Peartree Road, Colchester, CO3 0AB. 2.00pm.
- Sat 3rd Feb **Cinema Evening** at Dave B's in Colchester. Details to follow, vote for your favourite Michael Caine film from the choice on Whats App. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Sun 4th **Treasure Trail**, Southend Sea Front and Cliffs. Coffee and lunch to be arranged. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 7th **Coffee and Cake** at Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey. All Welcome. 2.00pm
- Sat 10th **Romford Stadium Greyhound Racing**, full details including packages with meals included to follow. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sun 11th **Walk and Lunch in Walton-on-Naze** (poss The Queen's Head) Names needed for meal. *Details to follow. Colchester Organisers*
- Wed 14th **Coffee & Lunch** at Poplar Garden Centre, Marks Tey, CO6 1HR, meet at 11.30am. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Coffee & Cake** at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2.00pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sat 17th **Quiz** at St Mary's Church, Wivenhoe. 7pm, doors opening at 6.30pm. We now have 2 teams of 6. Tea & Coffee in the break but bring nibbles/drink. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sun 18th **Walk with Lunch**, location to be confirmed. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 21st **Coffee and Cake** at Fillpots, 52 Straight Rd, Boxted, CO4 5RB, 2.00pm.
- Sat 24th **Soul Supreme at the Royal Tiger**, Chelmsford, Live Performance by Ire J, £29.95 +10% Service Charge. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sat 24th **Games Evening** at Brenda's in Colchester. 7.30pm. bring own drink and nibbles.
- Wed 28th **Coffee and Cake** at Barn Plants, Stanway. 2pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Sat 3rd Mar **Trip to Woodbridge**, full details to follow. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sun 3rd Mar **Sunday Lunch**. Details to follow, *Colchester Organisers*

Wed Mar 6th **Coffee and Cake at the Stanway Garden Centre, London Road. 2.00pm**

**Rescheduled AGM date:**

Fri 5th April **Club AGM** at Witham British Legion Hall. 7 for 7.30pm start. Members welcome.

If you are interested in any of the following event ideas, please let the Club Organisers know.

Chelmsford Future Events :

Horse Racing at Chelmsford, Tribute Bands, local Theatre Trips, local Exhibitions, Picnics in the Park, Fever Monet Exhibition at Marble Arch, London, Museum trips London

Colchester Future Events :

1st - 23rd March Little Shop of Horrors, Wolsey Theatre Ipswich, Tickets on-line.

21st - 23rd March Return to the Forbidden Planet, Headgate Theatre Colchester. £19.00, Tickets on-line.

Spring/Summer Invitation to view: Historic House tours, go to [www.historichouses.org](http://www.historichouses.org) to see what's on offer in our local area.

Train Trip to Norwich to see Castle or Cathedral or the Shops

Autumn 2024 Coach Trip to Scotland with Lochs and Glens. Contact Brenda M.

Other ideas: Murder Mystery, Local Quizzes, Theatre trips. Film nights. Long and Short Walks, Eating out Ideas welcome.

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The Club tries to put on a variety of events for all tastes so if you have any ideas these would be welcome , please feel free to talk with Club Organisers.

Membership Cards will now only be issued upon request.

Email confirmation of payment of fees will be sent instead.

13 antique enthusiasts spent a lovely day at Battlesbridge Antique Centre and Motorcycle Museum, followed by a very tasty Sunday roast at The Barge Inn. Many a bargain was bagged! A future summer visit including a river walk is planned for warmer weather!



*Bill*

We also celebrated Eddie's birthday and Steve's 70th birthday on our last club night before Xmas.

On Friday 8th December Chelmsford members held a darts evening at the Saxon Arms. It was a great competitive evening with eventual winners being Keith and Tony. However Beryl was the only person who finished on the required double!! Well done all, and thanks to Bill for organising. *Diane*



Sarah kindly opened up her home on New Years Eve so that Colchester Club Elite could get together to see the new year in, and we did so in style. Plenty of silly games, food, drink, watching the fireworks, singing auld lang syne, and generally having a good time, before heading off to our beds in the early hours of the new year. Thank you Sarah for this event. *Janet*



The first Saturday of the New Year brought the annual 'unwanted present swap', I was very grateful that despite the dark cold evenings people were prepared to travel to Ipswich for this event. We played a game to choose the order in which the gifts were selected from under the tree, then we ate leftover Christmas food in abundance'. So with Christmas and the new year finally put to bed we had a jolly good evening. *Janet*

20 Chelmsford members dressed up for a "back to school" New year's eve party. Janet and Eddie kindly hosted this fantastic night at Janet's House in Maldon. Costumes were great, as was the food and music courtesy of Eddie's playlist. Such a fun night with great friends. Many thanks to Janet and Eddie *Diane*



Winners of the quiz at the Congregational Church, Wivenhoe. Starting 2024 as we intend to carry on!



## CLUB ELITE COMMITTEE

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