



We had a very successful joint event recently which was a Treasure Trail around Ipswich. Lovely weather helped, the walk along the riverfront was great, and although we did not stay for the lunch, we found a nice teashop. Many thanks to the Chelmsford organisers Diane, Bill and Steve for organising this, and apologies to my team for bossing them about while reading out the clues on the way round! (We did get all the answers though!) Anne



On Sunday 6th April, Chelmsford and Colchester members took part in a Treasure Trail around the town and waterfront in Ipswich. Much head scratching took place whilst trying to locate and decipher the clues!! Well done to the teams who got the correct answer! This was followed by a lovely lunch at The Bistro on the Quay. Diane

On a sunny but blustery Sunday morning two teams from Chelmsford and one team from Colchester set off on a Treasure Trail around Ipswich. Fortified by teas and coffees at McDonald's in Cardinal Leisure Park the teams departed at 10 minute intervals to interpret the clues that would take us around Ipswich's historic waterfront and city centre. It was good fun and a great sense of achievement when we completed all the clues. Lunch was at the Bistro on the Quay and rounded off a very enjoyable day. Many thanks to those who organised this. Jane





Left: Another picture from the Ipswich Treasure Trial...

We had a very good turnout out (12 in number) for a lovely bluebell walk. Surprisingly a good number of bluebells were on display, so good in fact that a rebel breakaway group decided to extend their walk, arriving late for a lovely meal at the Rettenden Bell pub! *Bill*



On Tuesday 18th March Chelmsford decided to swap their evening meetings up for a midday one at Poplars Nurseries in Marks Tey. This was very successful and a lovely time was had by all those who attended. We also had time to look at the plants etc.

Diane



Chelmsford Club Nights: Tuesdays at **The Duke of Wellington**, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EA from **7.30pm until 10.00pm**. All Welcome

Colchester Club Night. Please note there are no evening meetings at present, but meetings on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in various locations such as garden centre cafes in the Colchester area are popular. All welcome, but please let Alan know on WhatsApp if you intend to come, as some venues have space constraints.

Pitch and Putt every Thursday at Rivenhall Oaks, Witham, CM8 2FX meet 10.30am for coffee.

All welcome

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.

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- Wed 30th **Coffee and Cake** at Stanway Garden Centre, 2.00pm. *Colchester Organisers*
- Wed 30th **Quiz Night** at the Duke of Wellington, £2.00, starts 7.30pm
- Sat 3rd **Clacton West Cliff Theatre.** Guitar Heroes, 7.30pm. *Tickets available on-line.*
- Sat 3-Sun 11th **Janes Walks** local walks lead by local people. At least one walk for every day of the week. See their website for details: www.walkcolchester.org.uk/janes-walk
- Sun 4th **Maldon Mud Race.** further details TBA
- Mon 5th **Early Bank Holiday Monday.** Look out for VE-day celebration during the week. Today possible RAF/Red Arrows fly-past on its way to London.
- Wed 7th **Coffee & Cake** at Millrace Garden Centre, New Road, Aldham, 2.00pm. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Thurs 8th **VE-Day 80** Proclamation reading and flag raising. Colchester Town Hall. Join the Mayor of Colchester at 10:00am to 10:30am.
- Fri 9th **Highwoods Free Wellness Walk** meet at visitor centre at 11am about 1-2miles.
- Fri 9th **Witham Public Hall.** Money for Nothing. The Music of Dire Straits. *Tickets on line*



Sat 10th/Sun 11th **Colchester** – Ideas needed

- Sun 11th **Walk and lunch.** Two Tree Island Nature Reserve and lunch at either The Peter Boat or The Boatyard *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Tues 13th **Chelmsford Club Night**
- Wed 14th **Mid-week Meet up** at Meadowcroft Garden Centre, Woodham Road, SS11 7QU. Meet 11.30am
- Wed 14th **Coffee and Cake** at Fillpots, 52 Straight Rd, Boxted, CO4 5RB, 2.00pm.
- Sat 17/Sun 18 **Wivenhoe Open Gardens** 11am-5pm. Tickets £5.00 covers both days, purchase from Church.
- Sun 18th **Abberton Reserve Walk** and Lunch probably at the Hare and Hounds. Meet at 11.00am. at the Visitor centre, CO2 0EU. *Colchester Organisers*
-  Mon 19-Wed 21 The **PINT OF SCIENCE FESTIVAL** Interesting science-based lectures for all: Go to <https://pintofscience.co.uk/events/colchester>. Scientific subjects include: climate, identity, archaeology, astronomy, and many more. Various city centre locations (mainly pubs!) Essex University lecturers and students. See website for full programme.
- Wed 21st **Coffee and Cake** at The Minorities, East Hill, Colchester 2pm. *Colchester Organisers*
- Fri 23rd **Highwoods Free Wellness Walk** meet at visitor centre at 11am about 1-2miles.
- Sat 24th **Dr Strangelove with Steve Coogan.** A National Theatre Live screening: Mercury Theatre Studio. 11am. £13.50.
- Sun 25th **Picnic/games at Hylands Park.** further details later from Chelmsford Organisers
- Mon 26th **Spring Bank Holiday**
- Wed 28th **Quiz Night** at the Duke of Wellington, £2pp. Starts 7.30pm *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 28th **Coffee and Cake** at Barn Plants, Turkey Cock Lane, Stanway 2.00pm. *Contact Colchester Organisers*
- Sat 31/Sun 1st **Colchester** - ideas needed
- Sun 1st June **Day Trip** to Southwold, car share to be arranged – further details later
- Wed 4th **Coffee & Cake** at the at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2.00pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- JUNE TBA** Possible **Orwell river cruse** from Ipswich on The Allen Gardiner, Lunch or Supper (2 courses) from £28 for 12 people or afternoon tea on The Orwell lady from £38.0. *see their website for details. If interested contact Colchester Organi*

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

Future Events planned or suggested for Chelmsford:

Treasure Trail, Escape Rooms, Chelmsford Museum, Walks

Future Events ideas planned or suggested for Colchester:

July/August Frinton Summer Theatre. Details on-line, National Garden Scheme open days, see their website for details. Spring Walks, Murder Mystery, Local Quizzes, Theatre trips. Film nights, eating out, Highwoods Wellness Walks, Ideas welcome.

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

Membership Cards will now only be issued upon request.

Sunday 23rd saw a few of us visit The East Anglian Railway Museum at Wakes Colne. I particularly liked pulling the levers in the signal box, (luckily they were not attached to anything and I did not crash any trains). We had a guided tour by one of the volunteers there who was keen to tell us about future projects, so I can see a revisit in the autumn to see these projects completed. We then had a brief look round the classic cars that were also on show that day, followed by a very pleasant lunch at the Cricketers. *Thank you to Alan and Sheila for arranging this. Janet*



Due to a postponement we were without an event on Saturday 29th March, so I suggested that people come to mine in Ipswich for a games afternoon. Phil brought his 3D printed game of Hextraction, and we introduced Quirkle to some new players. Plenty of nice food and the usual chat to put the world to rights concluded the afternoon, and everyone could drive home in the daylight. Thank you to those who came. *Janet*



On Wednesday 19th March we took part in the quiz at The Duke of Wellington, and although we were depleted in numbers that evening, 5 of us managed to come 4th!! I think we all felt quite proud of ourselves as it is quite a hard quiz. Thoroughly enjoyable though!

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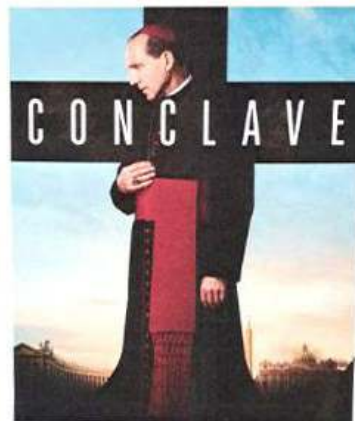
Wivenhoe



Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH

Conclave 12A

Friday 16th May 7.45pm



Tickets £5

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