

Club Elite March



The weather on the 11th February was not predicted to be good, but despite this a few of us decided to risk a walk at Walton-on-the-Naze, and we are glad we did as the sun shone and it was a beautiful day. It was not a long walk but the first one of the year needed to break us in gently.

We stopped at the Visitors Centre for a coffee and to admire the tower, which is 86 ft tall and was built in 1720 as a navigational mark for ships, (a light house without a light). It is also very close to the eroding coastline and may not be there for much longer.



The day was finished off with a very pleasant meal at the Queens Head. Thank you Alan and Sheila for organizing this.

Janet

Chelmsford group members were not so lucky on their walk...Eleven of us had a lovely roast at the Six Bells, Boreham. Our smaller group of just four braved the inclement weather, walking to Paper Mill lock (for coffee). We returned slightly wet, where we joined the wimps! *Bill*





On Sunday 11th February, 11 Chelmsford members enjoyed a fantastic evening at Romford Dogs. A super 3 course meal and tote was provided at the table. Some of us were lucky and some not so much, but much hilarity and shouting for our chosen dogs ensued. A great evening, so thanks to Steve for organising.

Diane



You Tube: Creature Comforts, Working Animals pt 1



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.

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.

MARCH 2024

- Fri 1st **Nayland Cinema** in the Village Hall 'A Haunting in Venice' with Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot, Doors open 6.30 pm, film starts 7.30pm.
See naylandandwiston.net for tickets
- Sun 3rd **Harwich Treasure Trail.** A joint event. Parking on the quay or Wellington Road, car park - CO12 3DT. Meet at 11.30am for coffee/instructions at Claire's Coffee Lounge, West Street, CO12 3DA. 2 mile trail from the quay, along the seafront, the sailing club and maritime museum. Lunch at The Crown Post, 57 Church Street, Harwich, CO12 3DS at 2pm. (*book Chelmsford or Colchester organisers*)
- Wed 6th **Afternoon Coffee and Cake** at the Stanway Garden Centre, London Road. 2.00pm. *Colchester organisers*
- Thurs 7th **Pitch and Putt every Thursday** at Rivenhall Oaks, Witham. CM8 2FX. Meet 10.30 for coffee. *All welcome, Chelmsford organisers.*
- Fri 8th **McGrigor Hall** Frinton: **Comedy Club** 8pm £18.50
- Sat 9th **Shanty Workshop** 10am-12noon £10, **The Beatles Unplugged Instrumentals** 7.30pm *See mcgrigorhallfrinton.co.uk for tickets and details.*
- Sat 9th **Little Shop of Horrors**, Wolsey Theatre Ipswich.1 - 23 March, *Tickets on-line.*
- Sun 10th **Walk at Clacton/Holland-on-sea** and lunch at the Oakwood. Meet at Clacton Pier, 10.30am for coffee. *Colchester Organisers*
- Wed13th **Midweek Meet** for coffee/lunch at the Fox & Goose, Wyse's Road, Chelmsford, CM1 3SN, meet 11.00am.
- Wed 13th **Coffee & Cake** at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2.00pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Fri 15th **Nayland Cinema** in the Village Hall '**ONE LIFE**' The true story of Sir Nicholas Winton, with Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Jonathan Pryce. Film starts 7.30pm. *See naylandandwiston.net for tickets*
- Sat 16th **Cinema Evening** at Dave B's in Colchester, choose from: 'Marvellous' with Toby Jones, 'Invictus' ,Morgan Freeman/Matt Damon, or 'Leon' with Gary Oldman. *Choices will be on Colchester WhattsApp. 7.30pm, Nigel/Anne organising.*
- Sun 17th **Daffodil Festival & Country Fair** in Thriplow, near Duxford, details on the Chelmsford Whatsapp group. £10+£1 parking , *or from Chelmsford organisers*
- Wed 20th **Afternoon Coffee and Cake** at Fillpots, 52 Straight Rd, Boxted, CO4 5RB, 2.00pm. *Colchester Organisers*
- Thur 21st **Return to the Forbidden Planet**, Headgate Theatre Colchester. £19.00, Tickets on-line. (Also, on 22nd & 23rd)

Sun 24th **Walk and Lunch, TBA Chelmsford Organisers**

Sun 24th **Walk and Lunch**, Meet Wrabness Community Cafe (CO11 2TL)10.30am. Coffee then walk to Grayson Perry's house and along the river with lunch between 1.30 and 2.00pm at the Crown Manningtree. Walk 2-5 miles. Lunch numbers needed . *Colchester Organisers.*



Wed 27th **Afternoon Coffee and Cake** at Barn Plants, Stanway. 2pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers.*

Sat 30th **Easter Market** 10-12 noon McGrigor Hall, Frinton. *Free entry.*

Sat 30th or Sun 31st, **Crouch Valley Rail Ale Trail** (train from Wickford to Southminster, stopping at all stations on route to find breweries/pubs with real ale) *further details from Chelmsford organisers.*



Clocks go forward 1 hour this weekend.

Easter Monday 1st April Possible Walk at Alton Waters

Wed 3rd **Coffee & Cake**, Barn plants.

Fri 5th **Club AGM** at Witham British Legion Hall. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. All members welcome. a chance to have your say!

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

Future Events planned for Chelmsford:

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

Future Events ideas planned by Colchester:

Fri 12 Apr **Nayland Cinema 'NAPOLEON'** A spectacle-filled action epic film. Film 7.30pm

Summer **Invitation to view:** Historic House tours, 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 so, 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.



Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Club Elite

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 5th April 2024** at The British Legion Memorial Hall, Newland St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Nominations for Committee posts and any motions for the meeting must be received by the Chairman, Alan Chaplin (socialclubelite@outlook.com or to 15 Belle Vue Road, Colchester, CO1 1XA) by the 15th March 2024 to allow the agenda to be sent to members by email.

If you wish anything to be discussed, please contact the Chairman.

A buffet and drinks will be available after the meeting.

All paid-up members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Temporary members may attend but cannot vote.

A copy of the Club Constitution & Rules and Data policy can be obtained via a Committee Member or the Membership Secretary.

CLUB ELITE COMMITTEE

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