

Club Elite October



2024

“Murder at the Lido” seemed a good name for a recent event in Brightlingsea for those Colchester members who love a good murder mystery. So off we trekked to this 1930s Lido to take our places in the new outside area where a murder was about to take place. Surprisingly chilly for a late August evening, the players



performed the mystery, with plenty of laughs and a couple of very scantily clad male lifeguards retrieving ‘the body’ from the pool. There were some good characters played, and the story was pulled together by the police detective. Eventually we were able to deduce ‘whodunnit’ from clues we were given and a hefty dose of luck. A fun evening,



a bit different, and all in aid of keeping the historic Lido going for the future. A lot of work was obviously put into this evening event, and we hope there will be further events such as this one.

Anne



Sunday 15th September.

Chelmsford members recently enjoyed a well attended walk at Hanningfield Reservoir. We were lucky with the weather (originally planned for a picnic), however decided to lunch at the Old Windmill for a lovely Sunday roast!



We had an interesting walk from the Cricketers to Halstead Road via the new Iron Latch Lane Nature reserve and back despite the forecast of rain. Just over 2 miles and an hours walking. Lunch was at the Cricketers when we made it back.
Alan

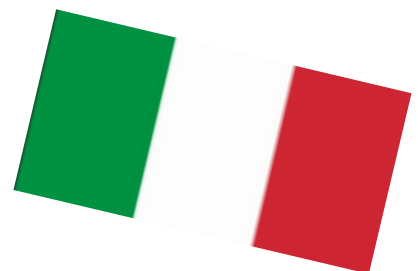


Six Chelmsford members had a lovely theatre trip to London, to see Les Miserables! Wonderful show full of energy and emotion, superb music, albeit quite a depressing story, I suppose the clue is in the title! *Bill*

Lyn Wee was very kind to open up her home to host an Italian evening recently. Everybody brought something along to eat and there were some fantastic culinary delights, (all diets forgotten for the evening).The food, the company and the conversation was all fantastic. The evening was finished off with a few games.

Thank you very much Lyn for hosting this very enjoyable evening. *Janet*

Lyn's Italian evening recently. Food and company were great and a few fun games. Also lovely apples from Phils garden. 9 of us sat around the table nice and cosy. Brenda



CHELMSFORD CLUB MEET UPS: Tuesday evenings at **The Saxon Arms**, Witham CM8 1FQ (previously The Old Pottery Kiln), from 7.30pm until 10pm. All Welcome.

Pitch and Putt every Thursday at Rivenhall Oaks, meet 10.30am for coffee. All welcome.

Chelmsford members: Full details of the Chelmsford organised events will appear on their Events WhatsApp page prior to the dates.

COLCHESTER CLUB MEET UPS: Wednesday 2pm Coffee+chat at various venues

Colchester members will get updates via email or WhatsApp.

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- Sun 29th Sep **TREASURE TRAIL** (Walking/Driving). Sible Hedingham to Finchingfield
Chelmsford Organisers
- Sun 29th Sep **WALK AND LUNCH** at Felixstowe with Janet and Phil. *Colchester organisers.*
- Wed 2nd Oct **COFFEE AND CAKE** at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2.00pm.
Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sat 5th **THE GEORGE HARRISON PROJECT** at the Princes Theatre Clacton.
Tickets on-line.
- Sun 6th **WALK** in Terling – meet for coffee, walk, and then lunch at the Rayleigh Arms.
Chelmsford Organisers.
- Wed 9th **COFFEE AND CAKE** at the Stanway Garden Centre, London Road, Colchester.
2pm.
- Wed 9th **THE GHOST OF THE TOLL POINT** at the Headgate Theatre. *Tickets on-line.*
- Fri 11&25th **WELLNESS WALKS** around Highwoods Country Park, (approx. 1 or 2 miles).
10.45am meet at Highwoods visitor centre.
- Sat 12th **BARN DANCE** at Stanway Rovers. Pay Bar but bring nibbles (no peanuts) 7.30-11pm
Tickets from Linda R. (on WhatsApp) £15.00
- Sun 13th **TREASURE TRAIL** in Saffron Walden (joint event). *Further details from Chelmsford Organisers*
- Mon 14-Fri 18 **MID-WEEK BREAK** at Gunton Hall, *Colchester Organisers*
- Wed 16th **MEET-UP** for coffee/lunch at The Tin Roof Café, Maldon, meet 11am.
Chelmsford Organisers
- Wed 16th **COFFEE AND CAKE** at Fillpots, 52 Straight Rd, Boxted, CO4 5RB, 2.00pm
- Sat 19th **CALL MY BLUFF** by Phil and Janet at Linda V's, 7pm. Bring own drink/nibbles.
Colchester Organisers
- Sun 20th **CINEMA EVENING**, with lunch or dinner – TBA *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 23rd **COFFEE AND CAKE**, Barn Plants. Turkey Cock Lane Stanway. 2pm. Numbers needed. *Colchester Organisers.*
- Wed 23rd **DRACULA** at the Headgate Theatre, 7.30pm, *Tickets on-line.*

- Fri 25 or Sat 26th **OKTOBERFEST** in Central Park, Chelmsford – early booking required – approx. £25 - £30 for seating ticket. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Sat 26th / Sun 27th **IDEAS NEEDED FOR COLCHESTER**
- Sun 27th ***Clocks go back 1 hour at 2am***
- Sun 27th **LONDON TRIP** Camden Lock, canal boat to Little Venice and back. *Chelmsford Organisers*
- Wed 30th **COFFEE AND CAKE** at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ford Street, Aldham. 2pm. Names needed. *Colchester Organisers*
- Sat 2 Nov **QUIZ** at Wivenhoe Congregational Church. Teams of 6, £6 pp, 7pm. bring own drink/nibbles. *Names to Colchester organisers*
- Wed 6th Nov **COFFEE AND CAKE** at the Stanway Garden Centre, London Road, Colchester 2pm.
- Sat 16th Nov **FILM NIGHT** at Linda V's organised by Nigel. Bring own drink/nibbles. *Colchester Organisers* details to follow

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

Future Events planned or suggested for Chelmsford:

Horse Racing at Chelmsford, Tribute Bands, local Theatre Trips, local Exhibitions, Picnics in the Park, Museum trips London. Christmas Events

Future Events ideas planned or suggested for Colchester:

- Nov Train Trip to Norwich to see Castle or Cathedral or Xmas shopping?
- Dec Christmas Meal and/or Dinner and Dance
- Other ideas: Murder Mystery, Local Quizzes, Theatre trips. Film nights. Long and Short Walks, eating out, Ideas welcome.

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SCOTLAND LOCHS AND GLENS TRIP

Tuesday morning at six am eight intrepid explorers set off to Scotland with Lochs and Glens coach tours. We set off for the Trossachs. Our journey took nearly twelve hours but we stopped on the way. It went smoothly and we arrived at Loch Achray hotel to a great welcome and super evening meal and entertainment, this got people up dancing.



The first day here we all went on a cruise on Loch Lomond. It was beautiful and the weather was perfect sunshine, we couldn't have predicted it. After a stopping for a drink at the Green Wellie, we came back to the hotel for dinner and more entertainment. The event of the evening was that Georgie won £103 on the Bingo! Well done to her...she also kindly treated us to a round of drinks. The evening finished with more music and dancing. Six fun filled days yet to explore Scotland as I write. Tomorrow we're off to Culzean castle and the weather looks pretty good.

Sarah



Eight from Colchester went to Scotland with Lochs and Glens, at The Achray Hotel. Everyone had a great time there. On the itinerary was Culzean Castle, Stirling, the Kelpies and the Firth of Forth River cruise. Good food was provided, such as haggis and neeps. The weather was hot and sunny most of the time. Great entertainment and dancing. *Linda*



Please remember that due to technical issues, pictures and reports about Club events you have enjoyed can only be accepted for the Newsletter by email. Thank you, Anne (editor).

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.

On Saturday 21st September 6 Chelmsford members enjoyed a fantastic evening of music at Thank ABBA at Chelmsford Theatre. There was a lot of audience participation, which was great fun! Thanks to Beryl for organising.
Diane



Thanks to all who have sent in contributions to this Newsletter, it all helps! Anne (Editor)

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