



**September**

**Bulletin 2024**



# **Secretaries Update**

## **AGM 2025**

We now have a definite date for next year's AGM, which will be held on the afternoon of **Monday 7 April** in Leeds, at a city centre venue close to the railway station. Other events and visits will be planned around this date so you may want to wait a while before planning your travel – but **keep the date free!**

## **Join Aled on Zoom, Monday 30 September**

If you can't wait until next April to get together with other members, club committee members are invited to join Aled, our National Development Officer, for an online informal chat around all things IVC – challenges, successes, or anything that's bugging you! Further details are on the National Events diary below. Make sure you are signed up!

## **Forgotten Password?**

If you have forgotten your password for the aIVC national website, or if you have just joined your local committee and need enhanced access, please note that the 'Forgotten Password' function on Agoria is not currently working, so you will need to contact our Webmaster, Phil, by email on: [Webmaster@aivc.org.uk](mailto:Webmaster@aivc.org.uk), and he will sort it for you.

## **Next Committee Meeting**

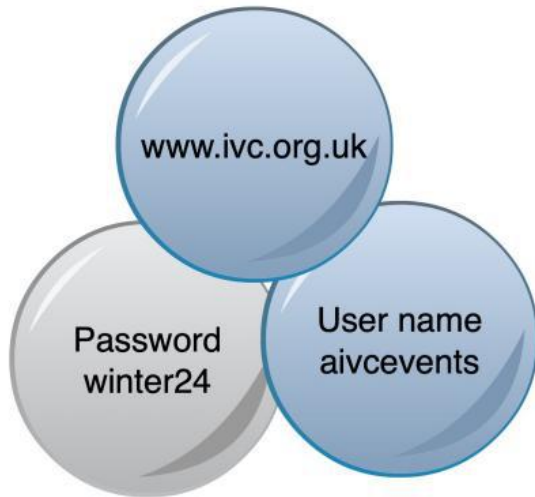
The next aIVC committee meeting will be held on Monday 11 November.

**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Zoom meeting September 30**

**LIVERPOOL mini break October 20-23**

**OXFORD weekend break November 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**HULL pre Christmas break November 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**



[www.ivc.org.uk](http://www.ivc.org.uk)

User name aivcevents

Password winter24

Please check the website on a regular basis as events may have been added or changed.

If you have an event worth sharing please add to the National website



Step 1 [www.ivc.org.uk](http://www.ivc.org.uk) use club officer login

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Step 3 Add national events

Step 4 Complete details as per instructions

Step 5 Add event ( at bottom of page )

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Did you know that once registered on the aIVC website as a local officer, you can request a new sign-in which gives you 'member' access instead of just 'guest' access? This means that amongst other things you can add events directly to the national diary for circulation on behalf of any of your club members. ( Non committee members , can of course view the diary using the details shown at the top of this bulletin.) So make the most of your enhanced access and get sharing !

Sylvia

Julie Plumley [newsperson@aivc.org.uk](mailto:newsperson@aivc.org.uk)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### **SWANAGE BLUES FESTIVAL** ★

**Fri 4 Oct 2024 to Sun 6 Oct 2024**

### **BROWNSEA ISLAND DORSET: RED SQUIRRELS & SPOONBILLS**

**Mon 7 Oct 2024 to Wed 9 Oct 2024**

### **MINI BREAK TO LIVERPOOL** ★

**Sun 20 Oct 2024 to Wed 23 Oct 2024**

### **WEEKEND IN OXFORD**

**Fri 1 Nov 2024 to Sun 3 Nov 2024**

Book By: 16/Oct/2024

### **HULL NEARLY BY THE SEASIDE, A SHORT CITY BREAK**

**Sun 24 Nov 2024 to Thu 28 Nov 2024**

Book By: Let Pete know you are coming

### **A WEEK IN TROMSO, NORWAY**

**Sun 16 Mar 2025 to Sun 23 Mar 2025**

### **SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPING AT SHELL ISLAND**

**Sun 15 Jun 2025 to Sun 22 Jun 2025**

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Thursday19 20:00 to 22:00

### [GERMAN LINGUISTS ONLINE](#)



Whatever level of German you speak you are invited to join members of London and other IVCs on Zoom for a not too serious informal chat in German.

The ID is 3053410295 and the password 0eeU9A.

Bis dann alles Gute.

Contact Details: John Edwards (07833 895920; [wienervalzer@talktalk.net](mailto:wienervalzer@talktalk.net)).

Venue Website: [zoom.us/j/3053410295](https://zoom.us/j/3053410295)

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**Friday 20 19:30 to 01:00**



**ZOOM: QUIZ, LIVE PERFORMERS, MUSIC VIDEOS, CHAT**

A very popular evening of friendly chat, a pub quiz, live entertainment and sharing music videos.

A great way to start the weekend. We get together online every Friday for a great mostly musical evening using Zoom.

Expect a pub style quiz of 30 general knowledge questions, live entertainment (singers, musicians, poetry and magic), music videos (requests taken) and friendly chat. Finishes at 1am!

This is a popular event that consistently attracts 20-25 people over the course of the evening - folks come and go when they like. We are joined by folks from other IVC clubs around the country and Meetups around the world that have included Dublin, Berlin, Moscow, the Middle East and the USA.

To join us click on [Friday Night is Music Night](#) Follow any online instructions. If its your first Zoom event you will be invited to sign up which is free and easy. You will enter the waiting room and Dave will invite you into the zoom room. Turn on sound and video.

**Contact Details: Dave Lawrence 07714 628507 Shared From: London IVC**

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**Saturday 21 -10.30-16.00**

**CAPITAL RING WALK:WIMBLEDON PARK-RICHMOND**

**Wimbledon Park Tube District Line**

**How to find us:** Meet outside the station for a 10.30am.prompt start.

On popular demand we revisit this lovely 7 and a half mile scenic walk.

Sights include Wimblدون Park Lake,Wimbledon Common,Putney Vale,Rickmond Park and Ponds , finishing along Richmond riverside and station.

Return from Richmond Station District Line.

(Frequent trains to all areas of London)Optional lunch will be arranged at local pub en route or bring your own

Joint event with a Meetup group.

**Contact Details: Thomas Eros 07906 222844(on the day only) Shared From: London IVC**

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**Thursday 26 19.00-21.00**



**HOW IS LABOUR DOING, 2 MONTHS AFTER THE ELECTION**

Our weekly current affairs caht on zoom returns after a Summer break. Nina leads an informal Zoom chat on the topic of 'What's in the News. Tonights topic will be 'How do we think Labour is doing, 2 months after their election?'

Bring along a drink and be ready to join a friendly debate. This is a well-supported event with folks from IVC clubs around the country as well as Meetups.

Click on [Current Affairs](#) . You will enter the waiting room and Nina will invite you into the event. Turn on sound and video. If this is your first zoom you will be invited to sign up. Its easy and free. You will then be able to see and hear the rest of the team live.

**Contact Details: Nina Willis Shared From: London IVC**

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**Thursday 26 20.00 to 22.00**



**FRENCH LINGUISTS ONLINE**

The French Linguists Group invites all French speakers of whatever level to an evening of informal and not too serious conversation in French.

We will use Zoom and the ID is 3053410295 and the password is 0eeU9A.

A la prochaine.

**Contact Details: John Edwards (07833 895920; wienerwalzer@talktalk.net).**

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Monday 30 19.30

## **National Development – Meeting**



Join Aled our new AIVC National Development Officer and Chair of Chester IVC for an informal meet and greet chat. Share your challenges and issues on running your local club and what support you'd like to see from AIVC e.g. reduced numbers, event hosting, technology, new memberships etc.

Topic: National Development  
Time: Sep 30, 2024 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81930593822?pwd=fJlftbkyfdpx2qX0vIRCLnAWI0nd6.1>

Meeting ID: 819 3059 3822  
Passcode: 360249

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kbHBEI5jPh>

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## **OCTOBER 2024**

### **Friday 4 to Sunday 6**

#### **[SWANAGE BLUES FESTIVAL](#)**

**Various venues in Swanage, Dorset.**

**Price:** £10

"The Swanage Blues Festival brings together an amazing collection of Blues Musicians, Fans and Friends for a weekend of Jams, Open Mics and Headline Performances that will have you coming back time after time." So we will be joining them again - some of us go every year and its great.

The festival takes place in numerous venues around the town of Swanage. Admission to all venues is free. You will need to contact the festival organisers to buy a wrist band (voluntary but recommended) which is usually only £10.00. Or these can be bought during the festival.

Go to <http://www.swanage-blues.org/> to find out more about the festival. **There is no** longer a printed bulletin but the programme can be downloaded from the web site.

After the festival there is the option of staying for two nights in Poole Poole harbour and Brownsea Island which is accessible by ferry will be our nature destination to see the red squirrels and spoonbills. We will also visit the world famous Poole Pottery shop. We will enjoy food and drink in Poole. This event is listed separately.

We will organise transport to Swanage between us and you will need to book accommodation - we can advise on this. This will include staying in B&B or hotels.

Indicate if you are interested and I will contact you directly.

Contact Details: Dave Lawrence [dave.lawrence@uclmail.net](mailto:dave.lawrence@uclmail.net) 07714 628507 020 8444  
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## **Monday 7 to Wednesday 9**

### **BROWNSEA ISLAND DORSET: RED SQUIRRELS & SPOONBILLS**

**Accommodation to be arranged** Brownsea Island is famous for Red squirrels and Spoonbills. The red squirrels are hoarding acorns at this time of year and are easy to see and photograph. There is an enormous spectacular colony of Spoonbills. We will stay in Poole, arriving on Monday, and on Tuesday will take the ferry over to the island where we will stay all day. This is a wonderful place with a uniquely serene atmosphere. Poole has attractions including the world famous Poole Pottery which has an enormous irresistible shop. Some of us will travel here from the Swanage Blues Festival (see separate copy). Alternatively join us in Poole. Trains from Waterloo station take two hours. Let me know if you are coming asap and I will try to book us all into the same accommodation.

**Contact Details:** Dave Lawrence [dave.lawrence@uclmail.net](mailto:dave.lawrence@uclmail.net) 07714 28507 Shared  
**From:** **London IVC**

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## **Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23**

### **MINI BREAK TO LIVERPOOL**

#### **Staying at the TravelLodge Central, 25 Old Haymarket**

**How to find us:** Contact ; [triciahealy@live.co.uk](mailto:triciahealy@live.co.uk) or text 07815178597 for details and to arrange to meet.

A small group from Leeds is staying at the Travelodge for three nights to sample the sites of Liverpool. We were at the AIVC AGM in May, and had a good time and thought we would come back

## **NOVEMBER 2024**

## **Friday 1 to Sunday 3**

### **WEEKEND IN OXFORD**

The King's Arms Pub [OX1 3SP \(Click for Map\)](#)

How to find us: 40 Holywell Street,



Book By: Wed 16/Oct/2024 (The first event of our weekend.)

Please join Oxfordshire IVC for a social weekend of events in Oxford. This is our take on celebrating World Cities Day (although ours is a weekend!).

You can come and join us for the whole weekend or just a day or two. Just book or make enquiries with me, Frances Hart.

We start with a social pub evening on the Friday evening. Coffee morning on Saturday - followed by dinner in the evening. Sunday morning there will be a historical walk around Oxford with a talk on what makes Oxford the city it is renowned for. (All events chosen for their link to something historical).

For anyone interested, please contact me as I can also provide information about other tours/interests that you could do in your own time. Together with some suggestions on where to book accommodation. All events will be held in Oxford City.

**Contact Details:** [Frances.hart3@me.com](mailto:Frances.hart3@me.com) 07718287890  
**Venue Website:** [Oxfordshireivc.org.com](http://Oxfordshireivc.org.com)

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## **Sunday 24 to Thursday 28**

### **HULL NEARLY BY THE SEASIDE, A SHORT CITY BREAK**

Travelodge Hull Central at Pryme St, Hull HU2 8HR

Book By: (Let Pete know you are coming)

Its a pre-Christmas holiday in Hull at edge of England. This is a well tried formula that we have used at Hereford, Oxford York(Jackie Haywood ran York), Liverpool, Leeds, Chester and Sheffield. The idea is to explore locally what the city as to offer. This trip is during the week, we are all getting older and most of us retired and weekends are really for working people. During the week, it can be cheaper and longer. Come and go when you want.



Hull, or Kingston upon Hull, is a port city in East Yorkshire, England. Where the River Hull meets the Humber Estuary, The Deep aquarium is a futuristic building with an underwater viewing tunnel and hands-on displays. In the old town's Museums Quarter, the Streetlife Museum focuses on modes of transport. Wilberforce House, birthplace of William Wilberforce, documents the abolition of the slave trade.

Hull has a wonderful diverse food and drink scene. that caters to all budgets and occasions. Whether you're into fine-dining or the idea of street food, the city has you covered. So, from artisanal coffee in industrial-chic settings to the kind of burritos that can resurrect you post night out, Hull's got it all. If you are fans of the hearty, indulgent foodie spots that will get you through a day spent exploring the city

To make things simple for the organiser, book your own rooms. Travelodge Hull Central at Pryme St, Hull HU2 8HR cost me £216 for 4 nights.

Hotel is 6 minutes walk from the train station. If coming by car if you most the hotel as limited parking but addition parking available locally. Breakfast is available at the hotel, with loads of other options again locally.

During holiday all participants will be added to a What's Ap group. This works brilliantly and enables us to keep in touch and organise where we go.

Please let me know when you are coming! With your email address and mobile number.

Peter Howe 07944 880722

[towerpete@aol.com](mailto:towerpete@aol.com)

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## **MARCH 2025**

## **Sunday 16 to Sunday 23**

### **A WEEK IN TROMSO, NORWAY**

Smart Hotel Vestregata 6 Tromso [9008 \(Click for Map\)](#)

Price: See booking.com for price details

Join Bristol & Bath Simply Social for a week in Tromso in northern Norway situated 35 km above the arctic circle.

Flights from Bristol on Sunday 16 March 2025 via Easyjet, leaving 15:10 and returning Sunday 23 March 2025 at 20:20. A few of us are coming back on the earlier flight on Thursday 20 March.



We are staying at the Smart Hotel in the centre of Tromso. Breakfast is not included but can be purchased as extra. There are lots of other hotels nearby to choose from.

Tromso has plenty of museums, art galleries, a cable car and lots of places to eat or drink.

There are lots of trips that can be taken from Tromso- boat trips, husky sledding, meeting and feeding reindeer etc. Also hopefully we may see the northern lights.

Any questions please contact Sara via email [sara27300@gmail.com](mailto:sara27300@gmail.com)

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## Sunday 15 to Sunday 22

### SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPING AT SHELL ISLAND



Sun 15 Jun 2025 to Sun 22 Jun

Shell Island Llanbedr Gwynedd North Wales [LL45 2PJ \(Click for Map\)](#)

**How to find us:** It is impossible to predict where on the site we will be setting camp. There are favourite places but other campers may already occupy them.

Shell Island is a remote, stunningly beautiful place, accessed by a tidal causeway. There is just one road, squeezed between Shell and the Rhinog Mountains. There are rolling sand dunes and a harbour, all to be experienced on 2025's longest day. Lying on the Welsh coast between Harlech and Barmouth the facilities are excellent (hot showers, restaurant, pub, shops and laundrette). It is low density and in some areas almost wild. It is possible to camp 15 minutes walk away from the central amenities. As most children are in school, the campsite is quiet and the roads clear. In the evenings we walk, barbecue and discuss what we will be doing the following day. Also, we visit local restaurants. Bring a tent, wine and walking boots. There is not enough space here to list the many attractions, so go to [www.visitwales.com](http://www.visitwales.com) and look at both North Wales and Mid Wales.

Saturday, 21st June 2025, is the longest day and the first day of summer. Join Merseyside IVC for seven nights under canvas at Shell Island, from Sunday, 15th June and leaving on Sunday 22nd June 2025. The 2024 price was £10.75 per person per night. Bookings may be made online at the Shell Island website. Stay for just as long as you wish.

The event will be co-ordinated on the 'IVC Events' page on Facebook. To see some pictures from earlier years go to [https://www.flickr.com/photos/nick\\_wilkinson\\_merseyside/4653178969/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nick_wilkinson_merseyside/4653178969/) and look at the following 26 photographs.

**Contact Details:** The organiser is Nick Wilkinson on 07764 303 755. Ask any questions on the IVC Events page, so that everyone can see.

**Venue Website:** [www.shellisland.co.uk/](http://www.shellisland.co.uk/)