



AiVC

January Bulletin

Reminder please submit Club numbers as correct 31st December

Secretary's Update

AiVC Conference, 6-9 April 2025, Leeds

A rather belated Happy New Year to all members! At this time of year we suddenly realise that our annual Conference and AGM is not so far away, and it's time for clubs to start making plans.

Our Conference this year is being held in the city of Leeds, in Yorkshire, and kindly organised by members of Leeds and Harrogate IVC. The social programme includes visits to places in and around Leeds, but also some further afield, including the iconic Ilkley Moor (don't forget your hat!), and a guided tour of York by one of our York IVC members – making it a truly aiVC event, open to members of all clubs. All venues will be accessible either on foot or by public transport.

There is of course the 'small' matter of the AGM, and this will be held on the Monday afternoon for those who register to attend as delegates or observers. We hope to have a good attendance from all our clubs around the country, so that everyone's views are represented. The AGM will include a demonstration of the new aiVC Wordpress website by our Webmaster, Phil Riches, and a chance to consider whether your club would

like to replace your existing website with a Wordpress sub-domain. Apart from this, you are free to enjoy the various visits and social events, and take the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with members of other clubs.

Full information, including the Notice of AGM, preliminary agenda and social programme are included in the attached 'AGM and Conference Information' document. Please read, discuss with your committee, and return your booking form by 1 April.

Members' On-Line IT Forum, Monday 24 March, 7:30 pm

If you can't wait until the AGM to have a look round the new aIVC website - or you just want to get ahead of the game - why not attend our next Members' Forum on Zoom? This will cover all things IT-related, focusing mainly on the new aIVC Wordpress website which has been built by Phil Riches, our national Webmaster. Phil will share pages from the new website on-screen, taking us through the various functions available. Sub-domains of the website will be available to individual clubs, and this will be your opportunity to ask any questions relating to your club's needs.

Details are on the national events calendar, and Phil will circulate the Zoom link to all registered club committee members a few days beforehand. No need to book, but make a note in your diary!

Sylvia Arnold
AIVC Secretary

AIVC Conference 2025, Leeds: Social Programme, Accommodation and Travel

We are in Leeds, West Yorkshire, for this year's Conference. The programme will run from Sunday 6 April (evening) to Wednesday 9 April, with departure on the morning of Thursday 10 April. (You are, of course, welcome to stay on to see more of what Leeds has to offer, but there will be no formal programme of events after this date). The AGM on Monday afternoon forms part of the Conference but is by no means compulsory for non-delegates, and alternative options will be provided. Come for a day, an overnight – or stay for the whole Conference!

We are grateful to Leeds & Harrogate IVC – especially Neil Barrett and Helen Cameron - for organising the full programme (see outline programme attached) with support from other members, and for booking the AGM venue. We are assured that all venues may be reached either on foot or by public transport, including York and Ilkley, which both have a direct train service from Leeds.

Bookings: Bookings for both the AGM and the social programme should be made using the Booking Form available on the aIVC website under the 'Conference' tab. You are advised to make your booking by 1 April, to ensure access to the activities of your choice.

Accommodation: Members are responsible for making their own booking direct with their chosen accommodation provider. Travelodge Leeds Central (Vicar Lane) is the recommended hotel, but you may book alternative accommodation to suit your budget, preferably in Leeds city centre for convenience. Book early to ensure availability and get the cheapest rates.

Travel and Travel Costs: Leeds is located on the main East Coast Line between London and Edinburgh. The AGM venue is accessible on foot for any members travelling to Leeds by train for the AGM. All Conference venues are accessible on foot or (for Ilkley and York) by train.

Travel costs for AGM delegates only will be reimbursed by aIVC, based on an agreed mileage rate. There is no need to put in a mileage claim. This cost will be calculated by our Treasurer and deducted from the amount of levy payable by your club. It is therefore the responsibility of individual clubs to pass on this payment to their delegate(s). If you are travelling by public transport and feel the amount reimbursed does not adequately represent your costs, please discuss with our Treasurer, Joan Parkinson (treasurer@aivc.org.uk)

How to access the aIVC website

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

National events are open to all fully paid up members of IVC regardless of the club hosting the event.



Step 1 www.ivc.org.uk use club officer login

Step 2 Menu bar, events

Step 3 Add national events

Step 4 Complete details as per instructions

Step 5 Add event (at bottom of page)Text

must include the word HOLIDAY

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

Aivc Committee

Chairperson	Position not filled
Secretary	Sylvia Arnold 07847200146
Treasurer	Joan Parkinson 01422 374540
Webmaster	Phil Riches 07918142726
Events officer	Nick Wilkinson 0151 4310690
National Development	Position not filled
Newsperson	Julie Plumley 07896735820

Julie Plumley newsperson@aivc.org.uk

FEATURED AND EXTENDED PERIOD EVENTS

DAY TRIP TO OXFORD ★

Thu 23 Jan 2025

Book By: Text me 07510907111

A WEEK IN TROMSO, NORWAY

Sun 16 Mar 2025 to Sun 23 Mar 2025

AIVC NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Sun 6 Apr 2025 to Thu 10 Apr 2025

HOLIDAY IN AMSTERDAM

Wed 23 Apr 2025 to Mon 28 Apr 2025

SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPING AT SHELL ISLAND

Sun 15 Jun 2025 to Sun 22 Jun 2025

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

Wed 25 Jun 2025 to Tue 1 Jul 2025

IF:MK - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MILTON KEYNES

Fri 18 Jul 2025 to Sun 27 Jul 2025

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL ★

Sat 2 Aug 2025 to Sat 9 Aug 2025

SWANAGE BLUES FESTIVAL ★

Fri 3 Oct 2025 to Sun 5 Oct 2025

JANUARY

THURSDAY 23 10.15 to 20.15

DAY TRIP TO OXFORD

London Paddington Station W2 1HQ (Click for Map)

How to find us: Mapcase sign: '&FRIENDS'

Price: No charge

Book By: (Text me 07510907111)

Update: Let's all meet on Platform 1 Paddington Station, by the statue of Paddington Bear/the bench beforehand 9.45 to 10.00 a.m. Before we catch that train.

Thursday 23 January 2025 10.15 to 20.11.

Join me and friends as we explore on foot, beautiful Oxford, it's magnificent buildings and intriguing history, as we take the 10.15 train from Paddington and arrive Oxford an hour later 11.15. I leave on the 20.11 train back to Paddington arriving 21.26. If you want to benefit from the same train ticket bargains as I, do visit: [Bag a Bargain with GWR's Limited-Time Sale | TrainSplit](#)

Here are some attractions to see in Oxford: <https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/oxford-eng-oxf-mh.html>

I'll carry a sign in a mapcase '&Friends'

Please note that the 10.15 outward is for Cardiff Central and on both journeys, you need to change at Didcot. David Powell, pre-eminence@hotmail.co.uk 07510907111 text on the day.

Contact Details: Coming? Text David Powell 07510907111

Venue Website: www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/oxford-eng-oxf-mh.htm

Shared From: London IVC

THURSDAY 23 20.00 to 22.00

GERMAN LINGUISTS ONLINE

We are continuing our German conversation meetings on Zoom into the new year so please join us if you speak any level of German.

The ID is 3053410295 and the password 0eeU9A.

Bis dann alles Gute.

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

Shared From: London IVC

FRIDAY 24 19.30 to 01.00

ZOOM: QUIZ, LIVE PERFORMERS, MUSIC VIDEOS, CHAT

ZOOM

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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

THURSDAY 30 20.00 to 22.00

FRENCH LINGUISTS ONLINE

ZOOM

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

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FRIDAY 31 19.30 to 01.00

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FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 4 20.00 to 22.00

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Bis dann alles Gute.

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

Shared From: [London IVC](#)

FRIDAY 7 19.30 to 01.00

[ZOOM: QUIZ, LIVE PERFORMERS, MUSIC VIDEOS, CHAT](#)

ZOOM

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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](#)

TUESDAY 11 20.00 to 22.00

FRENCH LINGUISTS ONLINE

ZOOM

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The ID is 3053410295 and the Passcode is 0eeU9A.

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

Shared From: London IVC

FRIDAY 14 19.30 to 01.00

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL: ZOOM MUSIC AND QUIZ NIGHT

ZOOM

A very popular evening of friendly chat, a pub quiz, live entertainment and sharing music videos. Tonight will be a valentine's Special with plenty of romantic music.

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

THURSDAY 20 20.00 to 22.00

GERMAN LINGUISTS ONLINE

ZOOM

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The ID is 3053410295 and the password is 0eeU9A.

Bis dann alles Gute.

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

Shared From: London IVC

FRIDAY 21 19.30 to 01.00

ZOOM SOCIAL: QUIZ, LIVE PERFORMERS, VIDEOS, CHAT

ZOOM

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

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

Expect a pub quiz, live entertainment (singers, musicians, poetry and magic), music videos (requests taken) and friendly chat.

This is a popular event that attracts around 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 <https://zoom.us/j/4689584830> Follow any online instructions. You will enter the waiting room and Dave will invite you into the Virtual pub. Turn on sound and video.

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

THURSDAY 27 20.00 to 22.00

FRENCH LINGUISTS ONLINE

ZOOM

We are continuing our French conversation meetings on Zoom into the new year so please join us if you speak French to any level.

The ID is 3053410295 and the Passcode is 0eeU9A.

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

Venue Website: zoom.us/j/3053410295

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FRIDAY 28 19.30 to 01.00

ZOOM: QUIZ, LIVE PERFORMERS, MUSIC VIDEOS, CHAT

ZOOM

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!

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To join us click on **Friday Night is Music Night** Follow any online instructions. If it's 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

MARCH

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 artic 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

Contact Details: Sara - email sara27300@gmail.com

MONDAY 24 19.30 to 21.00

MEMBERS' ON-LINE IT FORUM

ZOOM

Another opportunity for club committee members to get together with those from other clubs - and this time with our aIVC Webmaster, Phil Riches, for a look at all things IT, in particular the much anticipated new national website. Have a sneak peek at the website, due to go live shortly, with Phil sharing pages on screen from the website to demonstrate its various functions. There will be opportunities for questions as you consider too whether your club would like a sub-domain set up as your own club website.

Discussion is welcome on any other IT matters within IVC. Would you find it useful, for example, to have an on-line bulletin board, where clubs can share ideas and information, possibly via a blog on the website?

No need to book, but if you have specific areas you are interested in, contact Phil on his email address and he will do his best to include in his presentation. Or just let him know you plan to be there. The Zoom link will be circulated to all committee members a few days before the on-line event.

If you can't make it to this year's AGM for Phil's presentation, this is definitely for you. If you ARE coming to the AGM, get ahead of the game now with this handy preview - and discuss with your committee and membership.

Contact Details: Phil Riches, webaster@aivc.org.uk

APRIL

SUNDAY 6 to THURSDAY 10

AIVC NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Leeds

It's our Annual Conference and a chance to meet up with members from around the country! The AGM will be held on the afternoon of Monday 7 April at a city centre location for pre-booked delegates and observers, or come as a visitor for the social programme only - all members welcome. Full programme and booking details to follow.

Contact Details: secretary@aivc.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 23 to MONDAY 28

HOLIDAY IN AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam

Come and join members from Milton Keynes and London IVC for a break in Amsterdam! We hope to visit the main tourist attractions, canals, museums, art galleries and maybe a trip to see the tulip fields.

Luton to Amsterdam, Easyjet flight out on Wed 23rd April Flight EZY2519 at 1455, returning Monday 28th April, Flight EJU7831 at 1920. You can, of course, choose your own flight/dates.

We have decided to book the <https://xohotels.com/hotel/xo-hotels-park-west-amsterdam>. Hotels are expensive in Amsterdam and this is the best we have found. I have found the best price to be to book direct with the hotel. I haven't booked breakfast online as it was quite expensive, we can either breakfast at the hotel or go out, or you can buy something to have in your room.

A big pink elephant, or a hotel? Both! The delightful 4-star hotel XO Hotels Park West is located in a former office building, nicknamed the Pink Elephant, since 2012. Inside, there is nothing left of the old office colossus, with high-quality renovated rooms, a large breakfast room and a reception where you can check-in and out yourself. Of course a receptionist is available 24 hours a day to help you with check-in, with any questions about the hotel or with tips for the city of Amsterdam. XO Hotels Park West is located in Amsterdam-West, next to the A10 motorway, within walking distance of Sloterdijk Station and on the edge of the Westerpark. The tram* stops right outside and takes you to the center within 20 minutes, or hop on your bike and speed through the Westerpark in 15 minutes to the Anne Frank House.

The earlier you book the cheaper the price is likely to be.

Please let valgommon@gmail.com know if you book.

Contact Details: valgommon@gmail.com

JUNE

SUNDAY 15 to SUNDAY 22

SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPING AT SHELL ISLAND



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 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/ 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/

WEDNESDAY 25 to TUESDAY 1

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL Toms Field - the volunteers camping area. Worthy Lane, Pilton, Somerset. BA4 4BY (Click for Map)

How to find us: You will be provided with instructions.

Every year around 15 IVC members and friends get together at the Glastonbury Festival to work as recycling volunteers. This gets a free ticket plus many other perks. We are trusted by the recycling organisers to nominate some new volunteers. We cannot guarantee that we will get you in but we have had plenty of success in the past.

Glastonbury is the world's largest festival of performing arts. Of course it is famous for the music but there is plenty else going on too. It is vast and can be daunting but we have experience of navigating this amazing event and can look after you!

Of course it is camping. You will need a tent - but have a few spare. We will organise lifts as far as possible but there are plenty of other ways of getting to the festival. You will need to be on site before the festival opens to the public on the Wednesday so be prepared to have some days off work.

Contact Details: Paul Danson dansonpj@hotmail.com, 07973 512540, Dave Lawrence dave.lawrence@uclmail.net 07714 628507

Venue Website: www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/

Shared From: London IVC

JULY

FRIDAY 18 to SUNDAY 27

IF:MK - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MILTON KEYNES



International Festival at various venues around Milton Keynes

How to find us: Book with valgommon@gmail.com to arrange details

Price: Free - ££

Tickets / Register: ifmiltonkeynes.org/about

Come to sunny Milton Keynes for our bi-annual multi-arts festival! Stay for the day, a week or 10 days! We aren't just concrete cows and MKDONS, Milton Keynes offers so much more, come and find out!

IF: Milton Keynes International Festival was founded in 2010 and takes place every two years. It is produced by The Stables, one of the UK's leading music organisations and venues, based in Milton Keynes.

Described as Milton Keynes' mini Edinburgh Festival. The festival has been recognized for its artistic program, and in 2024/2025 it was awarded the EFFE Label, which recognizes it as one of Europe's most remarkable festivals.

Creating unique and memorable experiences, the Festival is designed to encourage residents and visitors to see a different side to Milton Keynes. Presenting a world-class, multi-arts programme the Festival includes new commissions, site-specific and community participation projects, large-scale/outdoor and family events, concerts, theatre, dance, music and visual arts installations.

Engaging over a million people in seven previous editions (2010 - 2023), the Festival takes place in locations across Milton Keynes, including parks, public squares, commercial and retail spaces, as well as in the online and digital realm.

The Festival is supported by Arts Council England and Milton Keynes Council, and also raises funds through trusts and foundations and partnerships with individuals and businesses.

Venue Website: ifmiltonkeynes.org/about

AUGUST

SATURDAY 2 to SATURDAY 9

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Edinburgh EH8 9TH (Click for Map)

How to find us: We will travel by train, plane or car and meet up in a pub close to the accommodation - student flats at Napier Bainfield.

Join us at the world's greatest entertainment festival. After a terrific week at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival every year since 2014 we will return in 2025. We will stay in value for money, student accommodation a short (and cheap) bus ride from the city centre. We will help you navigate your way round the festival which is vast and can be overwhelming. We will organise shared visits to events and meals - or you can just do your own thing. Help will be provided with travel arrangements and pre-booking of recommended events - but most events can be booked when you are there.

To join the accommodation list contact Dave.

We plan to book 8 and 9 bedroom flats at Napier University. These cost for 2025 has not yet been announced for a week for your own room in a student flat which is basic but comfortable. You can book for the full week and we will negotiate shorter stays if required. Each flat contains 8 or 9 en suite bedrooms and a shared kitchen/lounge area. There is free wifi and there are plenty of pubs and restaurants nearby to meet up in. The student block even has its own shop.

Contact Dave for more details.

Contact Details: Dave Lawrence 07714 628507, dave.lawrence@uclmail.net Shared From: **London IVC**

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 3 to SUNDAY 5

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.

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.

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