



NEWSLETTER
Issue XX (Jan-Apr 2019)

IAA Meeting

The February General Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 February 2019 at St Andrew's Church Hall, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew, IP5 1DH. It will be preceded at 7.15pm by an Extraordinary General Meeting to propose and consider changes to the Constitution. Please put the date in your diary as this is your opportunity to find out what the IAA is doing on behalf of its members, and to influence those activities. There is plenty of parking, and everyone is welcome.

Ipswich Music Day 2019

Please keep 7 July free as that is Music Day. Applications will be sent out to all IAA member groups. We are also inviting primary schools to take part as last year. We will run the four venues, dependent on the number of groups applying. Chris Pearce will be the contact on Ipswich 738324 or cmp0601@hotmail.com.

We hope to see you all on 7 July.

Ivan Gilson

Trianon Buy-A -Bar

For a fiver you can buy a bar of music for one of the five commissions that Trianon Music Group has made for 2019 – its Diamond Jubilee year. Starting in January with *Diamonds are Forever*, each of the three major concerts will include a work being given its world premiere. Composers include Andrew Burke, Ronald Corp, Matthew Curtis, Stephen Hogger and world-famous composer Carl Davies. If you wish to contribute, send a cheque (for as many bars as you wish) to the Trianon Treasurer, 4 Penny Meadow, Chapel St Mary, Ipswich IP9 2UU. Make sure your name is included, as it will be entered into the Roll of Thanks.



Town Lectures & Concerts 2019

The new brochure for the Ipswich Town Lectures and Concerts is now published and gives details of all 12 events in 2019. This very popular IAA initiative, coordinated by Vera Rogers and Joy Bounds, is now in its twentieth year. Events begin at 1pm at Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich. Tea and coffee is served from 12.30pm. Admission is free, but a donation at the end helps to meet costs. A minimum of £2 is suggested. For further details contact Vera Rogers on 01473 836972.

10 Jan: Lecture by Simon Bridge. Shakespeare In Ipswich. A look at what life was like for William Shakespeare and his actors at The Globe Theatre in London. (*see picture above*)

4 Feb: Concert by Gusford Primary School Choir, led by Sarah Ingram. The Key Stage 2 children will explore a range of songs, singing in unison, parts and rounds.

14 Mar: Lecture by Brian Dyes looking at the evolving history of the Ipswich Transport Museum. Founded in 1965, the Museum now houses over 100 exhibits all with local connections.

12 Apl: Concert. Jane Burn, Stephen Harding, Chris Pearce and Mike Tyndale-Biscoe form the Shingle Street Folk Band. They will provide a mix of traditional and contemporary folk music.

New Treasurer

At the 2018 AGM in October Ivan Gilson stepped down as Treasurer, but will continue as a trustee. The trustees are very grateful for the many years of service which he has given in this role. The new Treasurer is Wendy Missons, a trustee of the IAA for nearly three years, organising Open House for the past two years. Thank you to Wendy for volunteering to look after our finances.





IAA New Trustee

Alison Stewart has lived and worked in Suffolk for almost 40 years, arriving to start work as a newly qualified librarian in Felixstowe in August 1979 after three years at Aberystwyth University. She worked in the county's library service in a variety of roles, especially enjoying her 16 years as a children's librarian. In 2012 she set up and became the CEO of Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd, the UK's first public library service mutual organisation.

Alison was awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Years Honours for her work and enjoyed a short chat with the Queen in May about how important libraries are! Since her retirement in February this year, she has continued to be an active national library supporter as a trustee of CILIP (aka the Library Association), she is a trustee of Eastern Angles and Ipswich Institute and she has also set up a new local charity called Read Easy Ipswich which provides free help for adults who cannot read.

Publicity

Ipswich Arts Association will be publicising the work of local member societies at Ipswich Music Day in July and also at Ipswich Maritime Weekend on 17/18 August 2019. Further details will appear in the summer Newsletter but if you want your society to be publicised be prepared to provide suitable publicity material and a few volunteers to staff the events. The two things go hand-in-hand.

Be Bird

Be Bird's memorial concert will be held on Sunday 3 March at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew, IP5 1DH. It will feature soloists and singers from Birkbeck singers, St Andrew's Choir and Trianon. Free admission with a retiring collection.

Chris Hangs Up His Pen

Chris Green, Chair of IAA has been writing a weekly column (or two) for the Ipswich Evening Star (now the Ipswich Star) and East Anglian Daily Times since 1974. With the significant cuts in pages devoted to "the arts", Chris took the decision to stop writing his column in October 2018. He still writes for magazines and other journals, but this does mean that Arts Scene no longer exists and, with it, a significant means of publicising member society events.

Film Society Half Season Offer

If you love cinema then why not treat yourself to a half season membership of the Ipswich Film Society? Starting in January you can watch nine films for just £19. Everything from Clint Eastwood's Oscar winning Western masterpiece "Unforgiven" to a revival of "Far From The Madding Crowd" with Julie Christie, Alan Bates and Terence Stamp. There's comedy too with the feelgood French film "Untouchable" based on a true story and "The Death of Stalin" with an all-star cast including Michael Palin and Simon Russell Beale. Pick up a leaflet at Ipswich Film Theatre, Ipswich Institute or the Tourist Information Centre. Full details of all nine films are on the website www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk

All About Alison

IAA Trustee Alison Smyth tells you about herself.

The Here and Now: I am married with two sons aged 21 and 25 years and moved to Ipswich from Mellis, north Suffolk in July of 2017. I am a director of Oyster Community Press CIC an arts organisation I run with my husband. Together we run the Tower St Print Project, a printmaking studio. The Back Story: Born in Newmarket, I lived in Cambridge before graduating in 1982 from Goldsmiths College with a degree in English. I worked as an Account Director in London in the creative industries. When my children were born I started my own PR and Marketing company which I continued to run from Bury St Edmunds, where we moved to in 1992. In 2001 we relocated to my husband's home town in Northern Ireland and opened a restaurant. After four years we sold the business and had a rethink. In 2005 I took a marketing and fundraising post with Concern, an overseas charity based in Dublin. I then became Manager of the Northern Irish office of the Meningitis Trust, and later took on the role of Head of Fundraising and PR for Aware Defeat Depression, a mental health charity in Northern Ireland. In 2014, I was offered the role of Executive Director of the Prison Arts Foundation, responsible for all informal arts education in the prisons of Northern Ireland. We returned to live in England in January 2015.

Alison Smyth

what's on

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	CONTACT
Sun 6 Jan	Gippeswyk Singers. Concert	St Michael & All Angels IP5 3PL	7.30pm	www.gippeswyksingers.co.uk
Mon 7 Jan	Ipswich Film Society "The Handmaiden"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk
Thur 10 Jan	IAA Lunchtime Lecture	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sat 12 Jan	Trianon. Concert. Diamonds are Forever	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.tmg.org.uk
Sat 19 Jan	Suffolk Singers. Concert	Woodbridge Community Hall IP12 4AU	7.30pm	www.suffolksingers.co.uk
Mon 21 Jan	Ipswich Film Society "Unforgiven"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk
Sat 26 Jan	Ipswich Chamber Music Soc. Concert	Ipswich School, Ivry St IP1 3SG	7.30pm	www.ipswichchambermusic.org.uk
Mon 4 Feb	Ipswich Film Society "The Blue Angel"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk
Sat 9 Feb	Wolsey Orchestra. Concert	The Apex, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD	7.30pm	www.wolseyorchestra.org.uk
Thur 14 Feb	IAA Lunchtime Concert	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sat 16 Feb	Ipswich Chamber Music Soc. Concert	Ipswich School, Ivry St IP1 3SG	7.30pm	www.ipswichchambermusic.org.uk
Sat 23 Feb	Trianon. Concert	All Saint's, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3QW	7.30pm	www.tmg.org.uk
Mon 25 Feb	Ipswich Film Society "War of Everyone"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk
Thur 28 Feb	IAA General Meeting + EGM	St Andrew's Church Hall, Rushmere IP5 1DH	7.15pm	www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sun 3 Mar	Ipswich Symphony Orchestra. Concert	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	2.30pm	www.iosoc.org
Mon 11 Mar	Ipswich Film Society "Wings of Desire"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk
Thur 14 Mar	IAA Lunchtime Lecture	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sat 16 Mar	Suffolk Sinfonia. Concert	The Apex, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD	7.30pm	www.suffolksinfonia.co.uk

Sat 16 Mar	Suffolk Singers. Free Concert	Lady Chapel, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	1.10pm	www.suffolksingers.co.uk
Sun 17 Mar	Sunday Afternoon Concerts	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH	3.00pm	www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com
Sun 24 Mar	Sunday Afternoon Concerts	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH	3.00pm	www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com
Mon 25 Mar	Ipswich Film Society "Madding Crowd"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety
Sat 30 Mar	Ipswich Chamber Choir. Concert	St Mary-le-Tower, IP1 3BE	7.00pm	www.ipswichchamberchoir.org.uk
Sat 30 Mar	Community Light Orchestra. Concert	St John's Church, Cauldwell Hall Rd IP4 4QE	7.30pm	www.communitylightorchestra.co.uk
Sun 31 Mar	Sunday Afternoon Concerts	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH	3.00pm	www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com
Sat 6 Apl	Ipswich Choral Society. Concert	Snape Maltings, IP17 1SP	7.30pm	www.ipswichchoralsociety.org
Sat 6 Apl	The Dorian Singers. Concert	St John's Church, Felixstowe IP11 7PW	7.30pm	www.thedoriansingers.org.uk
Sun 7 Apl	Sunday Afternoon Concerts	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH	3.00pm	www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com
Mon 8 Apl	Ipswich Film Society "Untouchables"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety
Thur 11 Apl	IAA Lunchtime. Concert	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sun 14 Apl	Sunday Afternoon Concerts	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere IP5 1DH	3.00pm	www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com
Sat 27 Apl	Trianon Music Group. Concert	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.tmg.org.uk
Mon 29 Apl	Ipswich Film Society "Cold In July"	Ipswich Corn Exchange IP1 1DH	7.30pm	www.ipswichfilmsociety.org.uk

NEW PRINTMAKING COURSES available from Jan at the Tower St Printmaking Studio, Ipswich. Tel Alison 07990 553662. www.towerprintproject.org.uk

GOOD CAUSES: Suffolk Singers 19 Jan are supporting Live Life Give Life and FIND (Families in Need Ipswich). The CLO 30 Mar concert is in aid of Guide Dogs.

SPRING FORWARD. Looking ahead, The Gippeswyk Singers join two other choirs at Snape Maltings on Sat 11 May to perform Verdi's Requiem.

IPSWICH ARTS ASSOCIATION + + + MAY to AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

COPY DEADLINE + + +FRIDAY 5 APRIL, 2019 + + + Email: rp.puzzlehouse@btinternet.com