



2011 SUFFOLK RURAL ARTS DIRECTORY



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Welcome to our 2011 Directory, providing a wealth of arts and heritage contacts from across Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal Districts.

The Directory is now also available on our wonderful new website at www.ruralartssuffolk.org.uk. You'll find loads of other good stuff here too (what's on guide, online booking, event and project profiles, artist opportunities) – please do take a look. If you are not already in the Directory and are organising arts activity in rural Suffolk, fill out the online application form to register as an artist, organisation, venue or service.

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Crafts

Alder Carr Craft Centre and Farm Shop

Pottery, painting, jewellery, gifts, celebration cakes, plants, garden accessories.

Contact: Joan Hardingham
Email: jfh@hardingham.net
Web: www.aldercarrfarm.co.uk

Craft Centre and Barn Café open Tues-Sun 10am to 4pm. Farm Shop open Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm and Sun 10am to 4pm.

Brushstrokes Evening art Group

Evening art group for beginners and experienced artists.

Contact: Sue Sharman
Tel: 07803 898323 / 01473 610474
Email: jonathan.sharman@btinternet.com

Fortnightly meetings (term-time only) and workshops / open to new members, no joining criteria / £10.00 per term, casual attendance £2.00 per session / meetings held at St Michael's Church Annex, The Green, Martlesham Heath.

Deborah Baynes Pottery Studio

Residential and non-residential pottery courses are available which range from throwing Raku to salt glaze firing.

Tel: 01473 788300
Email: deborah@deborah.baynes.co.uk
Web: www.potterycourses.net

Open all year for sales (by appointment) and March to October for courses.

Halfpenny Home Haberdashery

This Art and Craft Studio is an inspiring and creative space where people can learn something new, have fun and get those hard to find craft supplies and notions.

Contact: Nicola Gouldsmith
Tel: 01449 720468 / 07887 511081
Email: enquiries@halfpennyhome.co.uk
Web: www.halfpennyhome.blogspot.com

Opening times are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm / Visits outside these times are by appointment only.

Ken Higgs (Knot Tyer)

Member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers. Teaches and makes items for sale – practical or decorative knot-work and braiding.

Tel: 01394 213148
Email: ip112uf.kwh@amsolve.com

Quilter's Haven

Top quilting and patchwork shop in the UK and publisher of eight books. Sells fabrics, books, threads, notions. kits etc.

Contact: Karin Hellaby
Tel: 01728 746314
Email: quilters.haven@btinternet.com
Web: www.quilters-haven.co.uk
www.quiltershavenpublications.com
Address: 68 High Street, Wickham Market, IP13 0QU

Fabric related workshops, all levels / Sewing machines can be hired on the premises £5.00 per day / Training on Bernina Sewing Machines.

Rag Time

Exchange ideas and information on ragging techniques.

Contact: Ruth Mackay
Tel: 01284 388085
Email: ruthmackay36@hotmail.com

Quarterly newsletters / informal tuition by members / workshops run by professional rug-makers / open to new members, both beginners and experienced welcome / workshops and exhibitions / first visit free then £2.50 per meeting / meetings at Dennington Village Hall, nr Framlingham (last Thursday of each month – not August and December) / Also Saturday workshops all day 10.00am – 4.00pm.

S.L.A.P.P.E.R.S (Stitchers, Lacemakers and Patchworkers Practice Embroidery Regularly In Suffolk)

Textile and media art and crafts in 2D and 3D.

Contact: Glen Gerrard
Tel: 01473 780589
Email: Glen.gerrard@btinternet.com
Web: www.tags.org

Regular meetings, practice sessions, training, newsletter, social events / annual exhibition / members criteria – City and Guilds and Art degrees or developed experience / meetings held at Bentley Village Hall and home addresses fortnightly.



Snape Maltings Courses

Painting and craft courses – two-day and one-day workshops. Watercolour classes, jewellery making, stained glass, mosaic making. Art gallery on site.

Contact: Alesha Gooderham
Tel: 01728 688303
Fax: 01728 687199
Email: alesha@snapemaltings.co.uk
Web: www.snapemaltings.co.uk

Suffolk Craft Society

The Society was formed to promote the value and importance of contemporary crafts. The aim is to raise the public awareness of fine craft while exploring exhibition and selling opportunities for members.

Contact: Sarah Young
Tel: 01473 432865
Email: development@suffolcraftsociety.com
Web: www.suffolcraftsociety.org
Address: Gallery 2, Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich, IP1 1DH

Newsletter, AGM, annual Aldeburgh exhibition, permanent Gallery 2 / open to new members / Membership of the Society is open to any practicing maker in Suffolk whose work meets the qualitative standards / Associate fee £50.00 per annum, Membership fee £75.00 per annum.



Suffolk Mid-Coastal Woodturners

Woodturning, including demonstrations, workshops and events.

Contact: Andrew Mapplebeck
Tel: 01473 686326
Email: Andrew@theIP.net

Meetings at Dallinghoo Village Hall (first Thursday every other month) / regular newsletter and occasional social activities / open to new members (no special criteria other than an interest in woodturning / occasional teaching workshops / eight exhibitions per year / fees £26.00 per year.

Textile Art Group Suffolk (TAGS)

Textile and mixed media art and crafts in 2D and 3D.

Contact: Glen Gerrard
Tel: 01473 780589
Email: Glen.gerrard@btinternet.com
Web: www.tags.org

Regular meetings, practice sessions, training, newsletter, social events / annual exhibition / New members considered annually by interview in September / member's criteria – City and Guilds and Art degrees or developed experience / meetings held at Llama Farm, Otley – first Wednesday of the month 10.00am – 2.00pm.

The Cotton Club

Speakers and demonstrations on patchwork and quilting. Monthly lectures and workshops.

Contact: Mrs Jean Minns
Tel: 01502 476409
Email: jean.minns@btinternet.com

Open to new members – no special criteria, any age / Fees £10.00 per annum + £2.50 per month when attending. Day time workshops £3.00. / Meetings held at Bredfield Village Hall.

The Teapot Pottery

Design and make unusual teapots in Debenham which are sold to shops throughout the UK and the World. Also have a 'paint your own' studio where customers can paint their own pottery.

Contact: Anita Carter
Tel: 01728 860475
Email: info@cartersteapots.com
Web: www.cartersteapots.com

*Open all year Mon-Fri 9am to 5.30pm; Sat/BH
Mon 10.30am to 4.30pm. Closed Sunday*

Viking Stained Glass

Bespoke leaded light door and window panels. Repairs, restoration. Dichroic glass jewellery. Suncatchers, fused glass. Lessons one to one. Times to suit. Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm.

Contact: Zelda Benneworth
Tel: 01449 720044 / 07900 914329
Email: penben50@aol.com
Web: www.vikingstainedglass.co.uk

Welcome China Painters

Relaxing afternoons, painting china.

Contact: Hilton Jefferies
Tel: 01394 271905 / 07752 553080
Email: jefferiptr@aol.com

*Regular meetings, practice sessions, training, newsletter,
social events / open to new members – no special criteria /
fees £4.00 per session /meetings on second, third and fourth
Wednesday of the month – 1.00pm – 5.00pm (or less).*

Willowmead Alpacas

An alpaca and craft centre making and selling textiles made from alpaca fibre. A programme of courses and workshops for art and craft tuition. Gallery space featuring work from other craftspeople.

Contact: Julia Denny
Tel: 01473 738212
Email: juliadenny@breathe.com
Web: www.willowmead-alpacas.co.uk
Address: Willowmead, Otley Bottom, Ipswich, IP6 9NG.

Woodsilk

Textile artist working in silk and wool. Hand craft felt and paint onto silk to create one-off pieces of wearable art.

Contact: Pat Wood
Tel: 01986 835859
Email: thewoodhouse@supanet.com
Web: www.patwoodsilk.com



Dance

Caroline Mummery

Freelance dance artist working in educational and community settings. Residencies and extended sessions for choreographic commissions.

Contact: Caroline Mummery
Tel: 07967 839491
Email: carolinemummery@suffolkonline.net
Web: www.carolinemummery.net

Classes weekly / open to new members / fees £3.00 – £4.00 per class / meetings at Gt Glemham village hall Thursday eves (Sep – May)

Coral Stebbings School of Theatre Dance

Classes to exam level (I.S.T.D and R.A.D) plus summer and winter workshops, show and cabaret rehearsals. Also social dance classes for children and adults in ballet, tap, modern, jazz, singing and Zumba® Fitness. All welcome.

Contact: Coral Stebbings
Tel: 07967 808561
Fax: 01728 830468
Email: coral@stebbingdance.freeserve.co.uk
Web: www.coralstebbingsschooloftheatredance.co.uk

DanceEast

From classes for people with learning and physical disabilities through to youth groups, DanceEast brings opportunities to dance to everyone across East Anglia. DanceEast also brings world class dance to the East of England.

Tel: 01473 295230
Fax: 01473 639236
Email: info@danceeast.co.uk
Web: www.danceeast.co.uk
Address: Jerwood Dance House, Foundry Lane, Ipswich, IP4 1DW

Dance workshops for children and adults / professional development for students, graduates and dance artists / Eclectic programme of performances / The Academy is looking for enthusiastic, motivated young people aged from 10-16 / Various free Open Days but places must be booked in advance / Inspirational venue with excellent facilities / studio space and other rooms available for hire, also lighting and rigging equipment.

Eye Do Dance

Dance classes for children aged 5 to 11 years in Disco, Freestyle, Rock and Roll and Street Dance.

Contact: Graham West
Tel: 01379 870813

New Members welcome / meet every Thursday after school in term time



Framlingham Scottish Country Dance Class

Scottish dancing lessons

Contact: Ron Smith
Tel: 01728 663767
Email: roncsmith@btopenworld.com

Classes weekly / open to new members – beginners welcome / fees £3.00 - £4.00 per class / meetings at Gt Glemham Village Hall, nr Saxmundham on Thursday evenings 8.00pm – 10.00pm from September to May.

Hageneth Morris Men

Traditional Cotswold Morris dancing side, which was started in Haughley in 1977.

Contact: David Evans
Tel: 01449 673518
Email: dial.farmhouse@btinternet.com

New members welcome / No joining fee or subscriptions / Practice is on Wednesday evenings from Oct to 23rd April each year.

Hot Flashes

Dances providing light hearted entertainment for your event! Versatile – Slick Routines – Comedy – Fun! Over 10 years experience and have performed in charity shows, private functions, local shows and further a field.

Contact: Mari
Tel: 07903 100887
Email: bookings@hotflashes.org.uk
Web: www.hotflashes.org.uk

Martlesham Sequence Dance Club

Dancing lessons, tea, biscuits and draw.

Contact: John Brace
Tel: 01473 622658
Email: j.c.brace@btinternet.com

Open to new members / please bring a partner / annual membership £2.50 and weekly dance sessions £1.75 / meetings held at Martlesham Community Hall on Thursdays at 7.45pm.

Phoenix Folk Dance Club

Dances from the restoration of Charles II onward to William and Mary. Easy to learn and lots of fun. No partner needed, all dances taught and called.

Contact: Richard Maslen
Tel: 01502 478551

Open to new members – no experience needed / fees £3.00 per session / meetings at Bealings Village Hall, nr Woodbridge.

Point Devis Morris

Learn northwest clog and garland dancing and accompanying music. Male and female – over 15 years old. Available for performance at fetes, festivals, pubs and weddings.

Contact: Monica Meadway
Tel: 01728 403057 / 07734 175073 / 01728 830085
Email: frenchdancer2004@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.reeldance.org.uk

Practice every Thursday from September to May / Perform May to August / open to new members over 15 years old / fees £1.50 per session / meetings in Blythburgh Village Hall on Thursdays 8.00pm – 10.00pm.

Saxtead School of Dance

R.A.D Ballet from Pre-School to Advanced. I.S.T.D Tap and Modern. Fully qualified teachers, CRB checked.

Contact: Sandra Hartley
Tel: 01728 723887
Email: saxteadschoolofdance@saxteaddance.plus.com
Web: www.saxteadschoolofdance.co.uk

Shirts and Skirts Square Dance Club

Music and dance group which aims to promote American Square Dancing with easy short lessons and tuition. For singles or couples who enjoy dancing within a friendly social club.

Contact: Anna Lawson or Tone Howard
Tel: 01473 785483 / 01473 748320
Email: pete.lawson1@btinternet.com

Open to new members – minimum age 16 years / fees £4.00 per annum / meetings on Wednesday evenings at All Saints Church Hall, Kesgrave, 7.30pm – 10.00pm.

Suffolk Tango

Suffolk Tango promotes Argentine Tango in Suffolk by providing an online forum for dances, running dances (milongas), practice sessions (practices) and holds classes and workshops with guest teachers.

Contact: Cliff Hoppitt
Tel: 01394 383908
Email: info@suffolktango.org.uk
Web: www.suffolktango.org.uk

Online forum, practice sessions, social dances, workshops / open to new members. No membership fee.

Drama & Musical Theatre

Alde Valley Players

Amateur Dramatic Group

Contact: Carolyn Nichols
Tel: 01728 663722
Email: carolynnichols@suffolkonline.net

Performances, practice sessions, occasional training, newsletter and social events / open to new members – no special criteria / meetings at Gt Glemham Village Hall on Sundays at 7.00pm (phone first).

Company of Four

We stage theatre productions such as musicals, song and dance shows and pantomimes at the Riverside Theatre and Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge. We also do concerts for charitable organisations and have a membership of approximately 100.

Contact: Don Spall
Tel: 07769 903707 / 01394 386965
Email: lynspall@btinternet.com
Address: 5 Hamblin Road, Woodbridge, IP12 1BG

Regular rehearsals / open to new members / productions cast by audition / non-acting and stage crew also recruited / fees from £10.50

Debenham Players

Contact: Gerry Baxter
Tel: 01728 861111
Email: gerryrbaxter1@hotmail.com
Web: www.debenham-players.org.uk

New members welcome / No membership fee.

Eastern Angles Theatre Company

Formed in 1982, Eastern Angles has blazed a trail across the East of England, becoming a national model of excellence for rural touring. It is based in The Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich.

Tel: Box Office 01473 211498 / Main Office 01473 218202
Email: administrator@easternangles.co.uk
Web: www.easternangles.co.uk
Address: Sir John Mills Theatre, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, IP1 2LQ

Please see website for details of how to become involved.

F.A.D.S (Framlingham Amateur Dramatic Society)

Two plays performed per year each over five nights (Easter holidays and October half term).

Contact: Carolyn Baird
Tel: 01728 724292
Email: carolynbaird@googlemail.com
Web: www.framads.org.uk

Rehearsals in the weeks leading up to performances / regular meetings for play readings and social gatherings when not in rehearsals / open to new members / no annual joining fee / meetings at Framlingham Unitarian Church, Bridge Street on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

Felixstowe Amateur Dramatic & Operatic Society

Produces and performs plays, play readings and youth productions within the Felixstowe area.

Contact: Jayne Lindill
Tel: 01473 324744
Email: jayne.lindill@btinternet.com
Web: www.fados.co.uk

Felixstowe Musical Theatre

A musical theatre group based in Felixstowe. FMT are proud of the productions they have performed over the last 41 years. They usually perform two musicals per annum at the Felixstowe Spa Pavilion and have won many awards for the quality of their performances.

Contact: Zena Bamberger
Tel: 01394 285893
Email: colinandzena@talktalk.net
Web: www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk

Weekly or twice weekly rehearsals / workshops, newsletters, social events / open to new members / adult fee £30.00 (2011)- discounts for students and children / meetings held on Monday and Thursday evenings at The Welcome Hall, Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe / extensive costume and prop selection for hire / trained directors, qualified choreographer and trained musical directors.

Friends of East Suffolk Performing Arts (FESPA)

A registered charity supporting theatrical life in East Suffolk. General aim is to promote and facilitate a healthy and vigorous performing arts scene for the benefit of the community. More specific goal is to encourage and support education in the performing arts for people in this area. Committed to encouraging young people embarking on full-time training by awarding annual bursaries. We provide student bursaries and award grants to selected performance initiatives.

Contact: Sidi Scott
Tel: 01502 578711
Email: sidi.scott@virgin.net
Web: www.fespa.co.uk

Newsletter for members three times a year / annual fete at Walberswick / Social events for members and fund raising events / open to new members / fees £10.00 per year / more info contact Peter Gibbs (Treasurer) 01502 723390 or p.gibbs@btinternet.com

Fromus Players

Saxmundham based am-dram society performing two plays a year – late Spring and October, in the Market Hall. Always needs new members, particularly actors.

Contact: Elizabeth Masterson-Smith
Tel: 01728 604402 / 07766 755881
Email: secretary@fromusplayers.co.uk
Web: www.fromusplayers.co.uk

Weekly rehearsals, extra rehearsals as required near to production dates / participation in Saxmundham events (e.g. St George's Day celebrations) / open to new members / annual membership £15.00 for adults / meet Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at The Studio, Trust Farm, Middleton.

Gallery Players

Performing plays and musicals at either the Sir John Mills Theatre or the New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich. Three to four productions a year. We always welcome new talent: actors, singers and dancers.

Contact: Steve Taplin
Tel: 01473 215237 / 07941 360786 / 01394 386603
Email: sales@wahoo-clothing.co.uk
Web: www.galleryplayers.co.uk

Practice sessions, rehearsals up to three per week, newsletters, social events / open to new members (auditions for singing, acting and dancing) / acting fee for each production, if participating (e.g. £20.00) / meetings held at Museum Street Methodist Church, Black Horse Lane, Ipswich / vacancies occur when casting each production.

Greenfingers Productions

Produces multi-sensory interactive shows for people with profound and complex disabilities. Shows include music, dance, scent and touch and are delivered to small audiences of participants and carers by professional performers.

Contact: Liz Waugh McManus
Tel: 01379 668464
Email: lizwaugh@btinternet.com

Justine de Mierre – Theatre Maker, Storyteller and Arts Consultant

A freelance theatre maker and storyteller specialising in creating inter-active performances in non-theatre spaces – including museums, hospitals, parks, docklands, schools and shopping centres. Experienced in founding and running a charitable theatre company. Traditional and tailor-made stories for schools and events.

Contact: Justine de Mierre
Tel: 07921 334293
Email: Justine@sowhatsthestory.co.uk
Web: www.sowhatsthestory.co.uk

Training for directors and actors available / creation of drama projects and workshops for young people / Storyplaytime sessions for under 5s involving games and activities – see www.storyplaytime.co.uk for more details.



Kath Burlinson

Award-winning Director, Performer, Writer and Workshop Leader. Associate Artist at Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds. Specialises in devised and ensemble work. Founder of Authentic Artist Collective and Workshops.

Contact: Kath Burlinson
Tel: 01449 771007
Email: info@authenticartist.co.uk
Web: www.authenticartist.co.uk

New members welcome to join mailing list / No membership fee / Contact by e-mail.

Mad Dogs and Englishmen Theatre Company

National and Rural Professional Touring Theatre Company based in Norfolk. We undertake major tours as well as smaller rural tours of classical theatre, new writing, adaptations and workshops. Can provide costume hire.

Contact: Ann Courtney
Tel: 01953 888499
Email: Info@mad-dogs.org.uk
Web: www.mad-dogs.org.uk

mtp (Matthew Townshend Productions Ltd)

An award-winning professional Theatre Company. mtp's work is project-based, ranging from major UK tours to smaller scale productions, Theatre-in-Education, Community Plays and Drama Clubs for young people aged 9+.

Contact: Matthew Townshend
Tel: 01394 385022 / 07811 359869
E-mail: mtproductions@btinternet.com
Web: www.mtproductions.co.uk

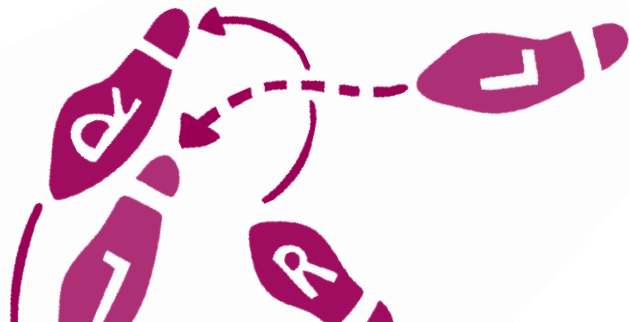
Contact mtp direct for information about performances in Mid Suffolk, holiday activities and after school clubs in Woodbridge and Wingfield Barns.

Mustard Theatre Company

Touring amateur theatre company. Taking quality drama to rural venues in Suffolk.

Contact: Rob Backhouse
Tel: 0379 668811
Email: info@mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk
Web: www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk

Rehearsal sessions, training and social events / Membership usually by invitation – depending on the performance, however enquiries regarding opportunities to get involved either on or off stage, are welcome via e-mail / audition and selection by Committee / meetings held at Monewden Village Hall.



Needham Market Entertainment Company

Annual pantomime. Other entertainments during the year.

Contact: Pat Cross
Tel: 01449 721991
Email: tuftycross@googlemail.com

New members welcome / No membership fee / Children must be aged 6+ / Meetings held at Needham Market Community Centre / AGM, rehearsals and social events.

Nutmeg Puppet Company Ltd

Original and entertaining puppet shows and workshops for all ages using commissioned composers, artists, writers and directors. Performed in a variety of venues. Commissioned annually to tour The Broads.

Contact: Meg Amsden
Tel: 01502 478999
Email: info@nutmegpuppet.co.uk
Web: www.nutmegpuppet.co.uk

Open Space Theatre Company

Touring theatre company bringing quality drama to Suffolk towns and villages.

Contact: David Green
Tel: 01379 855101
Email: david.green@eadt.co.uk
Web: www.openspacetheatre.org.uk

Led by professionally trained directors, Open Space Theatre is open to approaches from actors of all skill levels and is always glad of volunteers to help back stage and front of house.

Oskar Foxtrot Productions

Youth theatre company which writes and performs musical plays and which tours in Suffolk each summer.

Contact: Sarah Corbett
Tel: 01728 687963 / 07900 657780
Email: oskarfoxtrotproductions@hotmail.com
Web: www.oskarfoxtrot.org.uk

Open to young people aged 12 to 24 / Rehearsals held weekly on Tuesdays and subs are paid to cover costs / Musicians, actors, singers and stage crew all welcome to apply.

Red Rose Chain Theatre & Film Company

A dynamic theatre and film company. Entirely independent and self-sustaining, creating original productions that confront social concerns, often working with hard-to-reach groups.

Contact: David Newborn
Tel: 01473 603388
Fax: 01473 601102
Email: info@redrosechain.com
Web: www.redrosechain.com

Drama & film workshops for young people / performances throughout the year / Become a Friend of Red Rose Chain and gain access to exclusive discounts, events and newsletters.

Roughcast Theatre Company

An amateur touring group based in North Suffolk who perform diverse challenging plays in a variety of venues.

Contact: Pat Parris
Tel: 01379 586745
Email: pat@parris117.fsnet.co.uk
Web: www.roughcast.co.uk

New members welcome / No membership fees.

Sanderlings

Theatre group specialising in the production of new plays, based and rehearsing in Walberswick and planning to expand throughout the county. Open audition for each production. Welcomes amateurs as well as professionals, depending on the requirements of the play.

Contact: Julia Sowerbutts
Tel: 07867 507286 / 01502 723179

Stagecoach

Part-time theatre school in Ipswich offering tuition in singing, dance and drama, at weekends, for children aged 4 to 18, plus performance opportunities on stage and occasionally on screen.

Contact: Sarah Corbett
Tel: 01728 688627
Email: ipswich@stagecoach.co.uk
Web: www.stagecoach.co.uk/ipswich

Stonham Theatre Guild

Current membership aged 7 to 76. Produce a Christmas pantomime; Summer production in a local outdoor theatre; Support education in theatre skills for all members.

Contact: Penny Bassett
Tel: 01449 711534
Email: pennybassett@btinternet.com
Web: www.earlstonham.org.uk

New members welcome / Annual membership fees; Adult £10, Junior (12 to 18yrs) £8 and Children (under 12yrs) £5.

Stowmarket Operatic and Dramatic Society

Known fondly to members and friends as SODS. Based in Stowmarket, SODS performs musicals, plays and pantomimes at The Regal Theatre and has been around for over 85years.

Contact: Jo Chadwick
Tel: 01449 711709
Email: info@stowmarketoperatic.org.uk
Web: www.stowmarketoperatic.org.uk

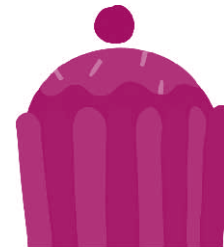
New members welcome, young and old, off-stage and on / Whilst all are welcome, help is needed particularly in some of the back stage roles.

The Circle 67 Players

We are an amateur dramatics group in the Halesworth area, performing 3 main productions a year including a summer Shakespeare tour. Wide range of drama including all age groups. Music and dance is often included.

Contact: Mia Hacker
Tel: 01728 633051 / 07935 310336
Email: mia.hacker@btinternet.com
or info@circle67.co.uk
Web: www.circle67.co.uk

Newsletters, AGM / open to new members / fee £5.00 annually / rehearsals Monday and Wednesday evenings at Bramfield Village Hall at 7.30pm.



The Deben Players

Amateur dramatic society

Contact: Steve Parks
Tel: 01394 676691 / 01394 271298
Email: steveparks@debenplayers.org.uk
Web: www.debenplayers.org.uk

Twice weekly rehearsals throughout the year, social events and newsletters / open to new members – all are welcome / two plays, one pantomime and one junior production per year / fees – Junior £10.00, Adult £20.00, Family £30.00 / meetings held Monday and Thursday evenings at Melton Parish Rooms, Melton, Woodbridge / costume hire available – charge variable but inexpensive.

The Dove Players

Amateur dramatics including pantomime. Youth group production in Summer and adults production at Easter.

Contact: Charlotte Sizer
Email: charlotte.sizer@btinternet.com
Web: www.doveplayers.org.uk

New members welcome / Annual membership fee £15 / Regular meetings, rehearsals, newsletters / Meetings once a month at founder members' homes.

The Insect Circus

Once one has encountered the bizarre and magical world of the Insect Circus, how could one come away and forget Dungo, son of Dungo, Tallulah the Worm Charmer and the Acrobatic Ants?

Contact: Sarah Munro
Tel: 01359 268209 / 07504 714826
Email: ronnie@insectcircusmuseum.co.uk
Web: www.insectcircus.co.uk

The Masque Players

The Masque Players have put on two plays per year for the last 62 years! They have 35-40 members and meet at the Kesgrave Community Centre where they put on four nightly shows twice a year.

Contact: Mr Theobald
Tel: 01473 785443
Email: peter@newtonhall.demon.co.uk
Address: Fynnfields, Swiland, Ipswich, Suffolk.

The Otley Players

We are an amateur dramatic group in Otley who produce and perform two plays per year. We also have a thriving junior section who perform one musical per year.

Contact: Vanessa Ling (Secretary)
Tel: 01473 890787

Regular meetings / taking part in performances / social events including theatre trips / open to new members / current membership fee £5 adults, £2 children / adults meet on Fridays 8pm – 10pm at Otley Village Hall / children rehearse Saturday afternoons at the Village Hall.

The Pantaloons

Critically-acclaimed national touring theatre company specializing in giving classical texts an interactive contemporary twist. Produce open-air, site specific and school performances. 'Witty, energetic and accessible' The Guardian 2010.

Contact: Mark Hayward
Tel: 07738 269911
Email: mark@pantaloons.co.uk
Web: www.thepantaloons.co.uk

Woolpit Drama Club

Started by David Cordon MBE, 10 years ago, who was also responsible for obtaining Lottery Grant Funding to build a fully equipped stage and dressing room at Woolpit Village Hall.

Contact: David Messer
Tel: 01359 250239
Email: david.dmesser@freeserve.co.uk
Web: www.woolpitdramaclub.co.uk

*Annual membership fee £25, £15 juniors and friends
£10 per year / Have two productions per year and a
specially written pantomime every second year.*

WARTS (Wortham and Redgrave Theatre Group)

Amateur theatrical productions.

Contact: Laurie Dickson
Tel: 01379 898548
Email: laurie.dickson@tiscali.co.uk

*New members welcome / Annual membership fee of £10 / Meetings
Wednesday evening at Botesdale village hall / Regular rehearsals
for forthcoming performances plus ad-hoc social events.*

Woven Theatre Company

A small production company set up to promote new writing for the theatre, in particular writing by women in East Anglia. Run workshops on playwriting and performance art.

Contact: Peppy Barlow
Tel: 01394 388097
Email: peppytrack@uwclub.net
Web: www.woventheatre.co.uk

Education

The Suffolk School of Arts

University Campus Suffolk: degrees and other qualifications in the arts, jointly validated by UEA and Essex University. Whether it's a career or a passion (or both!) you want to pursue, you can study full-time or part-time on a course that reflects your interests and plans.

Contact: Associate Dean of Arts
Tel: 01473 296451
Email: brianholder@ucs.ac.uk
Web: www.ucs.ac.uk

DanceEast Academy (also see entry in Dance section)

The Academy offers young people with an exceptional potential in dance the opportunity to access high quality dance training. This is part of the Department for Children, Schools and Families Music and Dance Scheme. Open days for entry each September are held between February and April across the region.

Tel: 01473 639230
Email: academy@danceeast.co.uk
Web: www.danceeast.co.uk/academy

Wuffing Education

Wuffing Education Study Days give in-depth explorations for specialists, newcomers and enthusiasts in the art, literature, archaeology, history, landscape and music of medieval England. Whole day workshops held at Tranmer House, Sutton Hoo on various topics relating to the early medieval period.

Contact: Cliff Hoppitt
Tel: 01394 386498
Email: cliff@wuffingeducation.co.uk
Web: www.wuffingeducation.co.uk

£38.00 for each day school which includes a full day of lectures from nationally recognized speakers, tea and coffee throughout the day, free parking, access to the National Trust site and access to the National Trust exhibition. Numbers are limited so prior booking is essential.



Film

Aldeburgh Cinema

Independent cinema built before 1920 with exhibition gallery and walled garden. Screens popular blockbusters and lesser-known art films. Opportunity to join Aldeburgh Cinema Club.

Contact: Susan Harrison
Tel: 01728 452996
Email: web@aldeburghcinema.co.uk
Web: www.aldeburghcinema.co.uk

Create

Film makers working with young people on all aspects of production. Animation and Live Action workshops. Young people can learn all aspects of film making.

Contact: Shirley Day
Tel: 01379 668353
Email: shirleyday1@btinternet.com or createfilms@mac.com

New members welcome.

Diss Film Society & Screen In The Barn

Film screenings in Diss on the last Friday of each month. Diss Film Society meets fortnightly.

Contact: Brian Guthrie
Tel: 01379 783678
Email: guthrie@pwtag.org
Web: www.dissfilmsociety.com or www.screeninthebarn.co.uk

Open to new members / fees £5.00 per annum.

Film at Fram

Screening of films of artistic merit and participant in the Framlingham Arts Festival.

Contact: Mr D Clifton
Tel: 01728 723680
Email: desmond.clifton@tesco.net

Regular information, screenings, special events and receptions with guest speakers / open to new members / screenings at Framlingham British Legion Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm (subject to change).

Film Flurry

A Family Friendly Film Festival across Rural Suffolk during October half term. Activities include screenings for under fives, films for all the family in unusual locations, workshops and walks.

Contact: Rachel Nightingale/Zoey Furzer
Tel: 01394 444294/01449 724638
Email: Rachel.nightingale@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/zoey.furzer@midsuffolk.gov.uk
Web: www.ruralartssuffolk.org.uk/filmflurry

Screenings during October half term /special events / workshops /new venues and participating groups welcome / babies welcome to attend for free.

Leiston Film Theatre

Up to date screenings of the latest films (sometimes on release dates). Also live shows, both professional and amateur.

Contact: Wayne Burns
Tel: 01728 830549
Email: leistonfilm@aol.com
Web: www.leistonfilm.com

Mid Suffolk Video Camera Club

Club for anyone interested in making DVDs using a Camcorder. Instruction evenings on film making and editing.

Contact: Gerry Brown
Email: gwb.1@virgin.net

New members welcome / Annual membership fee £15 plus £1 per meeting / Monthly meetings held on the 1st Tuesday in the month in the Lecture Room, Abbot's Hall Primary School.

Offshoot Films

Provides students with insight into the world of media through engaging workshops. Creates a supportive atmosphere where students encourage one another to undertake a variety of roles, in front of and behind the camera.

Contact: Paul Press
Tel: 01787 370378 / 07740 308048
Email: offshootfilms@me.com
Web: www.offshoot-films.co.uk

New members welcome / No experience required / Under 18's / No joining or annual fee / Meet on Sundays 11am-4pm / Details of facilities and equipment hire on request.

Palace Cinema, Felixstowe

Two screen cinema showing all latest releases.

Tel: 01394 671330
Address: Crescent Road, Felixstowe

Suffolk Digital Cinema Network

A non-profit association that encourages community film screenings across Suffolk. Network members can borrow digital projection equipment and get advice and training on how to run properly-licensed screenings in their own venues.

Contact: Lizzi Cocker, Secretary
Tel: 01638 719257
Email: lizzi.cocker@forest-heath.gov.uk
Web: www.suffolkinema.org

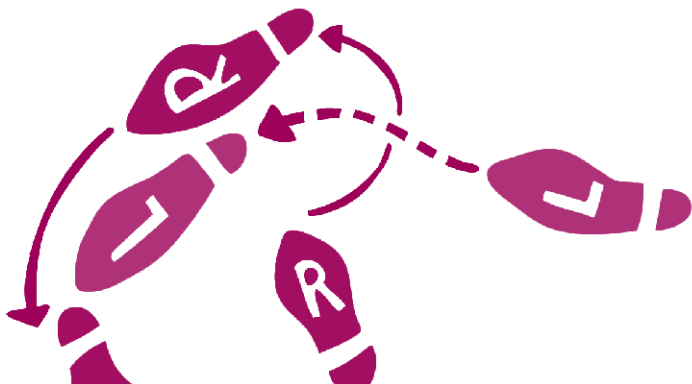
Any group based in Suffolk can apply to join the network. Please contact the Secretary for further details.

Woodbridge Film Society

Screens off-beat films, both English and world cinema not on general release.

Contact: Deborah Pynn
Tel: 01473 735713
Web: www.theriverside.co.uk

A film once a month / no joining criteria – but film ratings apply / fees £25.00 per year, £18.00 for concessions and students (11 screenings) / meetings at the Riverside Theatre.



Galleries & Art Studios

Asylum Studios, Woodbridge

Tel: 01394 461557
Email: phil@rowrowrow.co.uk
Web: www.asylumstudios.co.uk
Address: Building 118, Bentwaters Park, Rendlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 2TW

Bawdsey Manor Arts Centre

Tel/Fax: 01206 544447
Email: trenow@talk21.com
Web: www.davidtrenow.co.uk
Address: Bawdsey Manor, Bawdsey, Woodbridge

Venue hire charges negotiable.

Beyond The Image

Exhibition space and photographer's gallery offering photographic courses and photoshoot days as well as an artist's meeting place.

Contact: Josie Allen or Angie Broadberry
Tel: 01379 678230 / 01508 480477
Email: info@beyondtheimage.co.uk
Web: www.beyondtheimage.co.uk
Address: Unit 13, Red House Yard, Thornham Magna, Eye, IP23 7LD.

Hire charge – exhibition space £25.00 per week for guest wall / Picture hanging – plinths, hanging rails, perlon and hooks / Lighting – spotlight and natural / Workshop space within the gallery and surrounding area.

Crooked House Gallery

An art gallery in a famous, medieval building showing contemporary paintings, ceramics, jewellery, textiles, sculptures, stained glass and prints.

Tel: 01787 247865
Email: enquiries@crookedhousegallery.co.uk
Web: www.crookedhousegallery.co.uk

Open Feb to Dec daily except Weds 10am to 5pm.

Felix Studios

Provides studio space for six local artists. Hold regular ceramic classes for adults and general art, craft and textile classes for adults and children both during the school holidays and term-time.

Tel: 01394 273092
Email: louiseartgreenwood@hotmail.com
Web: www.felixstowestudios.co.uk
Address: 22a/22b Felix Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7JD

Gainsborough's House Print Workshop

The print workshop adjoins the thriving Gainsborough's House museum and offers members and course participants a wide range of printmaking opportunities. There are day, evening and summer courses for all abilities.

Tel: 01787 372958
Email: mail@gainsborough.org
Web: www.gainsborough.org

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Gallery and rehearsal space.

Contact: David Burrows
Email: support@jubileehallaldeburgh.org.uk

Audience capacity 250 / paintings hung from the Fly system

Key Arts

An artist led space based in Key Street, Ipswich, in the heart of the dockside development. Aiming to assist local artists. Membership provides the opportunity to exhibit at the annual Member's Show, the ipArt Festival, host your own solo show and have a profile on the Key Arts website.

Contact: Robert Walker
Tel: 01394 670331
Email: keyarts@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.keyarts.org

Lavenham Contemporary

A friendly gallery in the heart of Lavenham, showing a selection of original works, mostly featuring the paintings of owner/artist Paul Evans.

Tel: 01787 249451
Web: www.paulevans-artist.com

Open Wed to Sun and BH Mon 10.30am to 5pm. Closed 25/26 Dec and 1 Jan.

One o One, Felixstowe

Promotion of local artists and gallery space for artists to exhibit work on a sale or return basis.

Tel: 01394 278099
Email: teresadgregg@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.oneoone.biz
Address: 101 High Road West, Felixstowe

Pin Mill Gallery

Paint your own ceramics café/studio, homemade cakes, art gallery, gifts and photography courses in a beautiful riverside location.

Tel: 01473 780130
Web: www.wildraspberryonline.co.uk

Open all year, Tues to Sat 10am to 4pm, Sun 11am to 3pm, closed Mon.

Reunion Gallery, Felixstowe

Contemporary art gallery staging permanent and occasional exhibitions in 2D and 3D. The gallery incorporates exhibition space on two floors and a coffee area within the courtyard. The adjacent studio is home to the gallery's two resident artists.

Contact: Pat Todd
Tel: 01394 273366 / 07702 490932
Email: info@reuniongallery.co.uk
Web: www.reuniongallery.co.uk
Address: 36 Gainsborough Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7HR

Specialist workshops in glass and ceramics / exhibitions, demonstrations and lectures / permanent and themed exhibitions / graphic design, art work sourcing and consultancy / hire/hanging charge – price on application / space for approximately fifty hung pictures, twelve plinths and four glass cabinets / adjustable lighting throughout.

Spiral Gallery

Run by Michael Carpenter, a working jeweller with over 30 years experience, offering a full bespoke service for that special occasion. A fine selection of gifts. Exhibitions throughout the year.

Contact: Michael Carpenter
Tel: 01728 861699
Email: info@spiralgallery.co.uk
Web: www.spiralgallery.co.uk

Stables Gallery & Frame Workshop

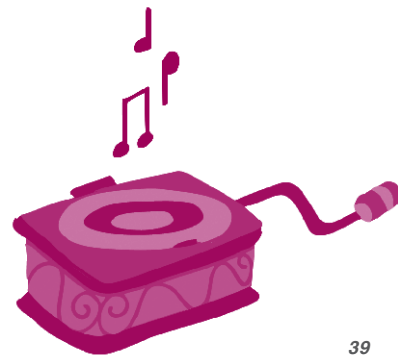
Tel: 01394 283979
Email: spall@kirtonmill.fsnet.co.uk
Address: Black Mill House, 196 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe, IP11 0QL

The Lion House Gallery

A new gallery in the heart of Lavenham, showcasing the work of owner-artist Lizzi Stevens and other selected artists and craftsmen.

Tel: 01787 249616

Open daily except Wed and Thurs.



The Upstairs Gallery

Multi award winning arts gallery for East Anglian artists, private or shared artspace. 15 rooms of rentable wall and cabinet space for students, emerging, professional or established artists. Low rates.

Contact: Michelle Payne
Tel: 01502 717191
Email: bigartgallery@aol.com
Web: www.theupstairsgallery.co.uk
Address: Bank House, Exchange Square,
Beccles, NR34 9HH

New exhibitors welcome throughout the year / currently 2500 artists on our books and 4000 clients / all hanging facilities provided and plinths are available / both mirrored and reflective lit units in the cabinet room / open shelving available throughout / cabinets start from £5.00 per week, wallspace from £10.00 per week / media and publicity facilities available.

Wildlife Art Gallery

The gallery specialises in 20th century and contemporary wildlife art. It exhibits work by many of the leading European wildlife artists, both painters and sculptors.

Tel: 01787 248562
Email: wildlifeartgallery@btinternet.com
Web: www.wildlifeartgallery.com

Open Tues to Sat 10am to 4.30pm and Sun 2pm to 4.30pm. Jan/Feb open weekends only.



Museums & Heritage

Aldeburgh Museum

Fine Tudor building next to the beautiful Aldeburgh shoreline. Exhibitions include finds from the Anglo-Saxon Snape Cemetery. Paintings and displays on local history. Open Easter until October. See website for further details.

Contact: Diana Hughes
Tel: 01728 454666
Email: enquiries@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk
Web: www.aldeburghmuseum.org.uk

Britten-Pears Foundation (The Red House, Aldeburgh)

Tours and workshop sessions for schools and adult groups, together with web-based learning resources, based on the archive and art collections at The Red House, home to the composer Benjamin Britten. Please note that from September 2011 we will be closed for a major capital development and will not re-open until June 2013. During that time we will offer outreach sessions off-site.

Contact: Kevin Gosling
Tel: 01728 451700
Email: reveal@brittenpears.org
Web: www.brittenpears.org

Buttrum's Mill, Woodbridge

Well known Suffolk millers, the Buttrums, took over the mill in the 1860's. George Buttrum introduced an auxiliary steam drive in 1886 allowing work to continue whatever the weather. Buttrum's Mill worked until 1928 when the stones turned for the last time. The tallest surviving windmill in Suffolk, the tower is built of red brick laid in Flemish bond.

Adults £1.50, Children 25p / free car park by the Mill – signposted from the A12 / six floors packed with milling machinery / over 60ft high / sails turn on windy days.

Dunwich Museum

Model of the town that disappeared under the sea. Discover the power of coastal erosion. Free admission. Art exhibitions in the Reading Room.

Contact: John Saunders
Tel: 01728 648796
Email: saundii@btinternet.com
Web: www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk
Address: St James Street, Dunwich,
Saxmundham, IP17 3DT

Easton Farm Park

Working farm with hands-on learning opportunities. Exhibits include a Victorian Dairy, shop, tearoom and picnic site. Maverick Music Festival, Suffolk Punch Horse Spectacular and other events are held in the stunning Victorian surroundings.

Contact: Fiona Siddall
Tel: 01728 746475
Email: info@eastonfarmpark.co.uk
Web: www.eastonfarmpark.co.uk

Licensed barns and heated buildings available for hire for private and public functions / hire charges on application

Felixstowe Museum and Landguard Fort

Fourteen display rooms of local social and military history. Reference library and archive, shop and tearoom. Landguard Fort is on site.

Contact: Ann Trewick
Tel: 01394 674355
Email: felmuseum@btopenworld.com
Web: www.felixstowe-museum.co.uk

Regular meetings, practice sessions, training, social events / twice yearly newsletter / monthly winter talks – October – April – at Town Hall / regular training courses on all aspects of museum management / open to new members with an interest in local or military history / annual membership £3.00 individual, £4.00 family

Framlingham Castle (English Heritage)

Magnificent example of a late 12th century castle. Built by Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, the castle, together with Framlingham Mere, was designed both as a stronghold and as a symbol of power at the court of Henry II. Architecturally, the castle is notable for its curtain wall and mural towers, an early example of this design.

Tel: 01728 724189
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk

Adults £6.00 (£6.30 from April 1st), Children £3.00 (£3.80 from April 1st), Concessions £5.10 (£5.70 from April 1st), Family ticket £15.00 (£16.40 from April 1st).

Granary Crafts

The Museum houses a private collection of bygone ranging from household effects to cars, tractors and farm machinery, old photographs and much more. Gift shop and Tearoom, serving delicious homemade cakes.

Contact: Berice Jordan
Tel: 01449 736363

Open Easter onwards Fri, Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays 10.30am to 5pm / Group visits by prior arrangement please / These can be organised outside the normal opening times.

Lanman Museum

Museum attached to Framlingham Castle. Explores all aspects of the life of local people, contains some extraordinary artifacts.

Contact: Mr T Gilder
Tel: 01728 723176
Email: gilderfram@aol.com

Laxfield and District Museum

16th century guildhall. Geology, natural history, farm and domestic tools. Victorian kitchen, village shop displays and costume room.

Contact: Elaine Nason
Tel: 01986 798531

Leiston Abbey

One of Suffolk's most impressive monastic ruins, a 14th century abbey of Premonstratensian 'white canons', with a 16th century brick gatehouse. Managed by the Pro Corda Trust. Open all year. Admission free.

Tel: 01728 832500 / 01728 831354
Web: www.leistonabbey.co.uk

Long Shop Museum, Leiston

200 years of significant local, social and industrial history on the original site of the Garrett engineering works (the James Dyson of his time!). One of the first production lines and unusually set in the heart of the heritage coast. Exhibitions and displays including steam engines and the Garrett story, which includes the country's first female doctor, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.

Contact: Stephen & Julia Mael.
Tel: 01728 832189
Web: www.longshopmuseum.co.uk

Open April 1st – October 31st / Adults £5.00, Children £2.50, Senior Citizens £4.50, Family ticket £12.00 / advance booking advisable for coach and tour parties – group rate on application.

Martlesham Heath Control Tower

Full of interesting items, photos and stories, displaying the history of Martlesham Heath airbase. Admission and car parking free.

Tel: 01473 624510 / 01473 435104
Web: www.mhas.org.uk
Address: Off Parker's Place, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich

Mechanical Music Museum

Unique collection of music boxes, polyphons, street pianos, barrel organs, fair organs, Wurlitzer theatre organ and many unusual items. All played.

Contact: Jonathan Ling
Tel: 01379 783350 / 07708 890728
Email: musicmuseum54@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.mechanicalmuseum.co.uk

Open Sundays in June, July, August and September from 2.30pm to 5.30pm with conducted tours.

Mid Suffolk Light Railway Museum

Museum dedicated to preserving the memory of the unique railway that served the Mid Suffolk area for nearly 50 years. Railway footpath and picnic area.

Contact: Paul Davey
Tel: 01449 611683
Email: paul@daveybros.co.uk
Web: www.mslr.org.uk

The Museum is open from 11am to 5pm every Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter until the end of September / Santa Specials (pre booked only) run in December / Annual membership £12, £16 for 2 adults and £20 for a family / Application forms available online or at the Museum.

Museum of East Anglian Life

80 acre site including fascinating displays of steam traction engines, reconstructed historic buildings and lots of friendly animals. 3km of riverside and woodland walks.

Contact: Patsy Cane
Tel: 01449 612229
Email: enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk
Web: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

Open Mar to Oct: Mon to Sat 10am to 5pm; Sun 11am to 5pm.

Orford Castle (English Heritage)

12th century castle, one of England's most complete and unusual keeps. Climb to the roof to enjoy spectacular views over Orford Ness. Contains Orford Museum display. Free audio tour.

Contact: Louise Meek
Tel: 01394 450472
Email: louise.meek@english-heritage.org.uk
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk

Discovery visits for education groups / visit the web site or call for details of events, admission prices and further information / English Heritage membership gives free entry to over 400 historic sites – accompanied children free admission / Further details contact 0870 3331182 or www.english-heritage.org.uk/membership

Orford Museum

Displays in castle and church. Books published on the history of the district.

Contact: Michael Flint
Tel: 07730 425333 / 01394 450159
Email: flintmf@aol.com
Web: www.orfordmuseum.org.uk

Parham Airfield Museum

Featuring the 390th Bombardment Group Memorial Air Museum in the original WWII Control Tower. Also the museum of the British Resistance Organisation. Recovered items and memorabilia. Souvenir shop, refreshments and picnic area (in season). Free admission.

Tel: 01728 621373
Email: parhamairfield@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.parhamairfieldmuseum.co.uk

Open April to October / group visits welcome.

Saxmundham Museum

Includes a replica cinema, a courtyard area of local shops and replica station booking office. Free admission

Contact: Richard Crisp
Tel: 01728 663583

Open April – September 10am – 1pm, excluding Sundays and Autumn half-term week. / newsletters and social events / open to new members / Annual fee £15.00

Saxtead Post Mill (English Heritage)

A corn mill, which revolves on its base. One of many built in Suffolk from the late 13th century. Though milling ceased in 1947 it is still in working order.

Tel: 01728 685789
Web: www.englishheritage.co.uk

Adults £3.50, Children £1.80 (£2.10 from April 1st), Concessions £3.00 (£3.20 from April 1st). English Heritage members free admission.

St Michael's Church, Rendham

Historic village church. Used for any performance/activity which will raise funds to help preserve the fabric of the building: concerts, films, lectures, musical suppers.

Contact: Helen Greenburgh
Tel: 07775 894146
Email: hpaygre@aol.com

Fund raising events approximately one per month / village hall and church can be hired / access free to all

Suffolk Punch Heavy Horse Museum

Displays relating to the Suffolk Punch, the oldest breed of working horse in Britain.

Tel: 01394 380643
Web: www.suffolkhorsesociety.org.uk
Address: Market Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 4LU

Admission charge: £2.00, Concessions £1.50

Sutton Hoo (National Trust)

One of Britain's most important archaeological sites, the burial ground of the Anglo-Saxon kings of East Anglia. Restaurant and guided tours.

Tel: 01394 389700
Fax: 01394 389702
Email: suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk
Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Adult £6.20, Children £3.10, Family £15.70

The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum

Hospital being restored to its former condition as a museum and a memorial, dating from 1943-1945

Contact: Tony Albrow
Tel: 01379 870514
Email: tony@albrow.org
Web: www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk

Wattisham Heritage Collections

History of Wattisham Airfield with photographs and memorabilia in the Old Station Chapel. Viewing by appointment only.

Contact: Maggie Aggiss
Tel: 01449 678189
Email: maggieaggiss@hotmail.com

Working airbase so please bring passport or driving licence as ID.

Woodbridge Museum

Colourful and varied displays showing the history of Woodbridge. Shop. Admission charge.

Tel: 01394 380502
Web: www.woodbridgesuffolk/info/attractions/museum
Address: 5a Market Hill, Woodbridge

Woodbridge Tide Mill

Fully renovated and now open to the public, a trip around the mill is a fascinating experience. Note: the mill wheels only work for two hours either side of low tide.

Tel: 01394 385745
Web: www.woodbridgetidemill.org.uk

Open April – October / Adults £2.50, Children £1.50, Concessions £1.50 / group visits by arrangement.

Woolpit and District Museum

A 17th century timber-framed building showing a permanent display of brick-making and other changing displays depicting the life of a Suffolk Village.

Contact: John Wiley
Tel: 01359 240822

Open Easter to late Sep. Sat/Sun/Bank Holiday Mon, 2.30pm-5pm

Music

Aldeburgh Music

World-renowned venue and arts organization. Flagship event is the Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts each June, founded by Benjamin Britten. Year round programme of other concerts, events and exhibitions. Snape Maltings Concert Hall is available for hire, price on application.

Contact: Harry Young
Tel: 01728 687100
Email: enquiries@aldeburgh.co.uk
Web: www.aldeburgh.co.uk

Aldeburgh Music Club

Local choir, singing in Snape Maltings, Orford and Aldeburgh churches.

Contact: Liz Page
Tel: 01728 454922
Email: liz@fivet.co.uk

Regular weekly singing meetings (term-time) / open to new members / ability to read music is useful / good singing voice / meetings held at Aldeburgh Primary School on Tuesday evenings.



Amplifier Project

Music workshops for 11-25 year olds, specializing in contemporary music, songwriting and performance techniques. Local workshops and termly performances for musicians to Level 3 standard (musical educator status). Community musicians and tutors available for private and community work.

Contact: Candida Wingate
Tel: 01728 798220
Email: info@amplifiersuffolk.co.uk
Web: www.amplifiersuffolk.co.uk

Amplitude Music Club CIC

Regular Rock and Pop workshops for young people in Suffolk.

Contact: Jon Hart
Email: jon@amplitude.org.uk
Web: www.amplitude.org.uk

New members welcome / For young people aged 11 to 19 yrs / £5 per 2 hour workshop / Every week term time: Eye Young Peoples Centre Mon 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Debenham High Suffolk Centre Tues 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Stowmarket Childer Road Weds 6pm to 8.30pm and Thurs 6pm to 8pm, Thurston Community College Thurs 4pm to 6pm.

Britten-Pears Chamber Choir

Made up of local amateur singers and appears regularly at Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

Contact: Mrs Mary Forty
Tel: 01473 726361 / 07792 198406
Email: fortyfamily@btopenworld.com
Web: www.aldeburgh.co.uk

Entry to the choir is by audition and prospective members are welcome to apply at any point throughout the year / rehearsals before concerts, social and fundraising events, training workshops / all applicants must be able to read a music score and attend and audition with the choirmaster / a minimum attendance to rehearsals is required.

Britten-Pears Foundation (The Red House, Aldeburgh)

Tours and workshop sessions for schools and adult groups based on the archive and art collections at The Red House, which was home to Benjamin Britten in his later life, as well as one-off events and exhibitions in connection with the life and works of Benjamin Britten. Outreach sessions also offered.

Contact: Kevin Gosling
Tel: 01728 451700
Email: reveal@brittenpears.org
Web: www.brittenpears.org

Bromeswell Singers

Meet for participation, training and friendship. Concerts in local venues. Semi-professional instrumentalists and soloists.

Contact: B Mabbutt
Tel: 01394 460435

Weekly rehearsals / vocal training / four concerts per year, two social events / open to new members / audition may be necessary / meetings at Shottisham Village Hall.

Bungay International Concert Series

Annual international piano concerts. Held at Holy Trinity Church, Bungay.

Contact: Terry Reeve
Tel: 01986 896416
Web: www.bungay-international-music.co.uk

Castleton Brass

Castleton Brass is a brass band that performs at events and gives concerts in Suffolk and Norfolk.

Contact: Christine Wade
Tel: 01449 672600 or 07757 678265
Email: info@castletonbrass.org.uk
Web: www.castletonbrass.org.uk

New members welcome / No joining or annual membership fee / Will need experience of playing a brass instrument / Players are invited to attend a rehearsal before joining / Rehearsals held on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9.30pm on the Mid Suffolk Business Park at Eye.

Chris Rowbury

Singing workshop and choir leader teaching unaccompanied harmony songs from around the world. No experience needed, all songs taught by ear. Teaching style is informal with large doses of humour.

Contact: Chris Rowbury
Tel: 01394 610486
Email: chris@chrisrowbury.com
Web: www.chrisrowbury.com

Frequent one-day and weekend singing workshops across the region, UK and beyond / Monthly two-hour workshops in Stutton and Thurston / Regular weekly singing group based in Woodbridge: the ok chorale with meetings every Thursday evening / scratch choir created in or near Ipswich over six weeks each summer / six-week 'set your voice free' course in Ipswich / open to new members aged 16+ / fees £50.00 per ten-week term (£45.00 if paid in advance) / Woodbridge meetings held at Hutchinson Room, Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road.

Christopher Wright

Composer of contemporary classical music for both professional and amateur musicians: orchestral, chamber, choral and solo instrumental commissions welcome.

Contact: Christopher Wright
Tel: 01394 387808
Web: www.christopher-wrightcomposer.co.uk

Clementines String Quartet

The Clementine Quartet is a well established group of professional Suffolk based musicians and offers a wide variety of light classical and popular music for all occasions, e.g. weddings, parties and business functions.

Contact: Louise Davis
Tel: 01449 774892
Email: davislouise1212@aol.com
Web: www.clementinesquartet.co.uk

Community Light Orchestra

Perform mainly charity concerts featuring both classical and popular music from the shows. Typically three concerts per year – venues vary. Provide opportunities for school pupils to attend rehearsals (Tuesday mornings) to learn about orchestral instruments and music.

Contact: Mr B Salmon
Tel: 01473 681391
Web: www.communitylightorchestra.co.uk

Community Music Project

Music-making workshops for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, helping to develop communication skills and self-confidence. Workshops are also provided in composition and lyric writing as well as performance.

Contact: Adrian Cooper
Tel: 01394 285599
Email: DrAdrianCooper@aol.com

Fully booked at present but stand-alone workshops for other groups are available on request / no fee / meet fortnightly in various community halls.

Community String Orchestra

Opportunity to enjoy performing string orchestral music either/or joining our regular fortnightly sessions and/or attending our summer course during the last full week of July each year.

Contact: Andrew Fairley
Tel: 01394 382863

Tutors for all instruments are in attendance at summer workshop in July / regular orchestra gives two concerts per year / regular practice sessions, training and social events / open to new members / no age restrictions, level of Grade IV minimum desirable / fees £2.00 for fortnightly meetings, £35.00 for weeks course in July / meet in Henley and Bredfield Village Halls

Delightful Companions and Suffolk Baroque Players

Weddings, coffee concerts, church concerts. Specialist Baroque group. Local concerts – self-promotion or playing for other events. Accompanying choirs singing Baroque music. 17th and 18th century and Baroque chamber music concerts.

Contact: Liz Page
Tel: 01728 454992
Email: liz@fivet.co.uk

Djansa (African Drum Ensemble)

Seven-piece band playing African drums and percussion. Traditional West African rhythms and own material. Full on dance to laid back trance. Available for indoor and open-air events.

Contact: Nick Cooper
Tel: 01473 832516
Address: Highlands, Nettlestead, Ipswich, IP8 4QS

Dorian Singers

Choral singing group who perform three concerts a year. Music ranges from classical to musical songs and ABBA. Rehearsals held on Wednesday evenings during term time.

Contact: Gillian Hughes
Tel: 01394 276128
Email: gillian@rieman.demon.co.uk

Rehearsals held on Wednesday evenings at Trimley St Martin school / Occasional social events / open to new members – musical director may require an audition / must be able to read a music score / annual fee currently £36.00, reviewed annually.

East Anglian Academy of Organ Music

Concerts and workshops featuring pipe organ, harpsichord and clavichord. Early music specialists. Lessons and bursaries arranged. Help raising funds for instruments in the region.

Contact: Malcolm Russell
Tel: 01182 724456
Email: mandjrussell@btinternet.com

East Anglian Traditional Music Trust

Traditional music and dance workshops and classes for adults, schools and interest groups.

Contact: Katie Howson
Tel: 01449 771090
Email: info@eatmt.fsnet.co.uk
Web: www.eatmt.org.uk

A non membership group but run a 'Friends of EATMT' membership scheme / Fee of £10 for Friends of EATMT, but basically free to receive newsletters etc.

Eastern Recorder Orchestra

Monthly rehearsals with a performance in June

Contact: Christine Blanch
Tel: 01449 612156
Email: chrisblanch@tiscali.co.uk

Monthly rehearsals / annual concert in June / open to new members / must be Grade 6+ ability (though no necessity to have taken the exams) / must play both F and C instruments / fees £30.00 annually / meetings held at Bentley Village Hall, third Saturday of the month, 9.45 – 12.45

Everyman Folk Club

Folk Club with residents, floor singers and booked guests on every occasion. We meet on the last Friday, Jan to May and Sept to Nov.

Contact: Mary & Steve Dickinson
Tel: 01449 615523
Email: everyman@wheatstone.co.uk
Web: www.wheatstone.co.uk/everyman

Operates as a private members club / membership is free and only requires that your name and address details are held on a membership list (which is not made available to any other parties) / open to new members / no fees / meet at Benhall & Sternfield Ex Servicemen's Club, School Lane, Benhall.

Eye Bach Choir

Founded in 1974, the Eye Bach Choir is now a choir of about 55 singers which performs a varied repertoire at its regular concerts in Eye Church. Conductor is Leslie Olive.

Contact: Elizabeth Medvei, Publicity Manager
Tel: 01379 388961
Email: lzbthmdv@googlemail.com
Web: www.eyebachchoir.co.uk

Singers welcome who can sing and hold a part with a musical and pleasant-sounding voice and are enthusiastic and committed / If interested contact Jane Bramhall on 01449 711595.

Felixstowe Electronic Organ Club

Members enjoy listening to visiting performers.

Contact: Alan Walland
Tel: 01473 710888
Email: alan.walland@btinternet.com

Regular meetings to listen to organ music / open to new members / fees £5.00 single, £8.00 couple / meetings second Monday of each month at Marlborough Hotel at 7.30pm.

Friends of the Arts in Wingfield

Offers financial support to the arts in Wingfield, particularly music, and works closely with Wingfield Barns.

Contact: David Young, Chairman
Email: young.uplands@tiscali.co.uk

New members welcome / Annual subscription £15 single, £25 couple.

Gislingham Silver Band

Gislingham Silver Band is Suffolk's longest established brass band. Performs music in support of community events in Suffolk and south Norfolk.

Contact: Peter Lucas, Band Secretary
Tel: 01379 788411
Email: Peter@hollyhocks.org.uk
Web: www.gislinghamsilverband.org.uk

New members welcome / Players of all ages and abilities / Practice night is Tuesday in the Band Room, Mill Street, Gislingham, IP23 8JT.

Halesworth Community Choir

Community choir singing world music and music with local connections composed by the choir leader. Two to three performances per year.

Contact: Bridget Cousins
Tel: 01502 478178 / 07717 738243
Email: bridget.cousins@btinternet.com
Web: www.sng-thing.weebly.com

Two-three performances per year / Sunday morning workshops 10.30 – 12.30 / open to new members, no audition necessary / commitment to attend rehearsal is essential / fees £60.00 per year, payable in two instalments / meetings held at The Cut, Halesworth.

Hoofbeat Street Band

A five-strong band of saxophones, accordion, trombone and percussion. Plays a lively mix of jazz, folk, 'world' and classical music. Particularly suited to outdoor 'street' and 'green' events.

Contact: Jane Wells
Tel: 01328 838811
Email: mail@janewellsoccasionalmusic.co.uk
Web: www.janewellsoccasionalmusic.co.uk

Ipswich Choral Society

Friendly choir which encourages members to study and experience different types of choral music with a varied and ambitious programme. Entertains the public with performances across a wide musical repertoire.

Contact: Maureen Fell
Tel: 01473 429723
Email: enquiries@ipswichchoralsociety.org
Web: www.ipswichchoralsociety.org

Usually three main concerts a year / perform at local events / regular rehearsals, concerts, workshops, social events, overseas trips / open to new members – always welcome / Informal audition process / fees £85.00 per annum – concessions available / rehearsals held at St Helen's School, Woodbridge Road Tuesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm / contact Liz Alexander, Recruitment Officer on 01473 259862

Ipswich Hospital Band

Raises money for health related charities with appearances at fetes and events throughout the area. Also provides training in wind instruments through its structure of bands.

Contact: Maggie Porter
Tel: 01394 386633
Email: maggie.porter@btinternet.com
Web: www.ipswichhospitalband.org.uk



Ipswich Over 50s Brass Band

Playing music for pleasure, both for ourselves and performances at fetes, private events and charity concerts.

Contact: David Petchey
Tel: 01394 278778
Email: petcheyfxt@hotmail.com
Web: www.ipswichover50s.org.uk

Practice sessions and some training / open to new members subject to audition and instrument requirements / members to be over 50 with the ability to play a brass band instrument to a reasonable standard / quarterly subscription currently £20.00 / Meetings Thursday afternoons at St Augustine's Church Hall 2.00pm 4.15pm.

Jubilee Opera

Performance of a children's opera every two years in the Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, working with professionals.

Contact: Jenni Wake-Walker
Tel: 01728 602216

Rehearsals, training and performance / open to new participants / meetings held at the Music Room and Jubilee Hall both in Aldeburgh.

Musica

Music workshops for all. Giving the opportunity to learn something new and different through the medium of the Arts and Music.

Contact: Rosie Venn
Tel: 07523 433350
Email: rosie@musica-workshops.com
Web: www.musica-workshops.com

Music at Rushmere

Originally a short series of Sunday afternoon concerts at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, organized by the newly appointed organist and choirmaster, Music at Rushmere now includes devotional performances by the St Andrew's Singers, at least twice a year, including Good Friday. New members – especially tenors and basses – are always welcome. Sunday afternoon concerts are now a regular feature of Ipswich musical life, with a two-weekly series of five concerts every spring and autumn.

Contact: Alan Loader
Tel: 01473 727274
Email: alan@rushstan.plus.com

Musicians UK

Founded by Xenia Horne, Harpist, to provide musicians for events, concerts and special occasions. Can organise any type of music working with organisations to ensure you a perfect performance.

Email: info@musicmakersuk.com
Web: www.musicmakersuk.com

Musicology

An 8 voice vocal group, plus pianist, providing musical entertainment around the region of light and varied popular music. Music for all occasions – full concert or after dinner entertainment.

Contact: Mrs Lisa Cheadle
Tel: 01473 717712 / 07989 586480
Email: lisa.cheadle@btinternet.com
Web: www.musicology.org.uk

On The Edge Ensemble

Brings together some of the best of the Eastern Region's professional musicians to tour concerts of chamber music featuring early and contemporary classical music.

Contact: Jane Wells
Tel: 01328 838811
Email: mail@janewellsoccasionalmusic.co.uk
Web: www.janewellsoccasionalmusic.co.uk

Opera East Productions

Renowned touring opera company performing in the East of England

Contact: Oliver Gooch
Tel: 01628 623670
Email: enquiries@operaeastproductions.org
Web: www.operaeastproductions.org

Orwell Connection

Community choir performing all types of music from madrigals to movies, raising money for local charities

Contact: Moira Usher
Tel: 01473 310322
Email: musher@care4free.net

Concerts in December and June in and around Felixstowe / weekly rehearsals plus participation in concerts / all music provided as part of fee / fee £16.00 per term plus £1.00 per week for pianist / open to new members – audition is to sing 'Happy Birthday' to the conductor / meetings Tuesday evenings at Convent Hall, Orwell Road, Felixstowe, 7.30pm – 9.15pm.

Orwell Park Concerts & Events

Year-round series of concerts, events and exhibitions open to the public, involving pupils, the local community and visiting professional artists. Available during school holidays for weddings and functions. Portable staging available for hire.

Contact: Andrew Auster
Tel: 01473 659225
Email: headmaster@orwellpark.co.uk
Web: www.orwellpark.co.uk

Otley St Mary Handbell Ringers

The handbell team visits over 60 clubs, residential, retirement and nursing homes on weekday afternoons. We play traditional songs, classical excerpts, songs from the shows, carols and hymns.

Contact: Helen Jay
Tel: 01473 990477
Email: helen.jay@which.net

Weekly practice / open to new members / £1.00 annual subscription / meetings in private homes

Phoenix Singers

Choral society performing three main concerts per year.

Contact: Anthony Chapman
Tel: 01728 621665
Email: ahchapman@talk21.com
Web: www.phoenixsingers.org.uk

Rehearsals, newsletter, social events, fund raising, concerts, free music hire / open to new members / subscription £100.00 for 2010/11 / rehearsals held at Sir Robert Hitcham School, Framlingham on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm during school terms.

Pro Corda, Leiston

National school for young chamber music players. Developing the talents of young string players and pianists through intensive study and performance of chamber music repertoire. Cream tea concerts throughout the summer holidays. Venue hire available for courses, events, weddings. Catering and bar facilities available. Accommodation for sixty. See website for details.

Contact: Dr Ioan Davies
Tel: 01728 831354
Email: ioan@procorda.com
Web: www.procorda.co.uk

Prometheus Orchestra

A small classical orchestra of about 35 players. Conductor Edmond Fivet and Leader Pam Munks. We specialise in concerts of well-known classical favourites, symphonies, concertos and some modern works by local Suffolk composers. The orchestra is available for hire to local choral societies.

Contact: Liz Page
Tel: 01728 454992
Email: liz@fivet.co.uk

Samboomba Samba Band

Group encouraging the development and participation in Samba percussion. Performances throughout the year at local events.

Contact: Jim and Debbie Burgess
Email: Norman.atkins@homecall.co.uk

New members welcome – over 18's only / One off membership fee of £25. £1 per week admission. / Weekly rehearsals held on Thursday at Gosbeck Village Hall 7pm to 9.30pm / Instruments provided.

Society of Recorder Players, Suffolk Branch

Monthly meetings – playing for pleasure.

Contact: Christine Westren
Tel: 01473 438730
Email: christine_westren@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.srp.org.uk

Meeting monthly under the direction of a conductor to play 3-4 pieces / All music provided, scoring from soprano to contra bass. Bring own stand and instruments / open to new members – must be able to read music and play at a basic level / annual fee £27.00, visitors £5.00 per session / meet at Bentley Village Hall normally the 3rd Saturday of the month (except August) 2pm-5pm.

Soundwaves

A music network on the East Coast, set up so that there's some cool music events and happenings going on for young people. There are workshops. A website, forum, a 'my space' page and a magazine. Since May 2007 there has been a series of gigs around the area and young bands have had the opportunity to record an East Coast CD. Currently there are DJing and music technology sessions for young bands and beginner musicians. Check website for update information.

Email: suffolksoundwaves@hotmail.com
Web: www.suffolksoundwaves.co.uk



Stowmarket Choral

Choir of mixed voices, under the leadership of Director of Music, Leslie Olive. The repertoire consists of all major choral works as well as shorter pieces of popular classical music.

Contact: Wietske Bohncke-Hendriksen
Tel: 01502 578580
Email: wietske@btinternet.com
Web: www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk

New members welcome by audition / Annual membership fee £80, under 20's free / Purchase of choir dress compulsory / Rehearsals every Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Combs Middle School / Please contact Mrs Prior (Membership Secretary) on 01449 676425 or janice.prior@btinternet.com.

Stowmarket Concert Band

Brass band available for hire for public or private events.

Contact: Mel Stammers
Tel: 01449 774651
Email: melvynstammers@sky.com
Web: www.stowmarketconcertband.org.uk

New members welcome / Four month's free trial for £2 per month / Rehearsals held at Stowmarket Middle School every Monday 7.30pm to 9.20pm / Social events (sometimes subsidised) / loans for purchase of instruments.

Stowmarket Concert Society

Organises a series of five concerts by professional musicians, from October to March, at The Regal Theatre in Stowmarket.

Contact: Arthur Winchester
Tel: 01449 612105

New members welcome / No membership fee / Meetings held at The Regal / For information on joining the group please contact Rich Durrant on 01449 672608.

Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

The orchestra plays a range of classical and light music. Performs three or four concerts a year and spend a weekend in July practicing together under the supervision of qualified music tutors.

Email: enquiries@sudburysymphonyorchestra.com
Web: www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com

The orchestra believes a minimum standard of Grade 5 is needed to keep up / There are no auditions but there is normally a trial period to see if everyone is happy.

Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir

The choir performs on average, one concert a month, for charities and good causes in Suffolk.

Contact: Stephen Wade
Tel: 01449 672600
Email: scmvc@scwade.eclipse.co.uk
Web: www.suffolkconstabularymalevoicechoir.co.uk

New members welcome / The choir is open to both serving and retired police personnel and also to members of the public / Practice is every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at Ipswich Police Station.



Suffolk Folk

Aims to promote traditional and modern folk music. Song and dance countywide and beyond. Performances at folk concerts and ceilidhs.

Contact: Stan Bloor
Tel: 01473 832565
Email: stan@suffolkfolk.co.uk
Web: www.suffolkfolk.co.uk

Workshops, instrument playing, vocal, country dance / quarterly magazine / reduced entry to associated events and free entry to occasional events / open to new members / fees £10.00 per person, £20.00 per family / AGM in June.

Suffolk Folk Festival

Woodbridge based Folk Festival, morris dancing, free concert in Elmhurst Park, pub and music sessions.

Contact: Mike Everett
Tel: 01473 742334
Email: mike.r.everett@btinternet.com
Web: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/suffolkfolkfestivals

Suffolk Singers

Organise and perform choral music concerts. Available for weddings and charity events.

Contact: Mick Morley
Tel: 01728 860365
Email: mickm@btinternet.com
Web: www.suffolksingers.org.uk

Ractice sessions, public performances, social events, vocal training, regular newsletters / open to new members / informal audition following two practice evenings / fees £78.00 per year or £6.50 per month (£30.00 per year for students and those on benefits) / meetings held on Thursdays at Otley Village Hall at 8pm.

Trianon Music Group

Ipswich based symphony orchestra and choir performing wide ranging, exciting concert programmes. From Madrigals to the Movies, Bach to the Beatles, specially commissioned works, symphonies, opera and more.

Contact: Pauline Smith
Tel: 01359 221934
Email: pauline@lavenderbarn.co.uk
Web: www.tmg.org.uk

Occasional music related workshops / perform 3 major concerts per year - January, April and September – in venues such as Ipswich Corn Exchange and Snape Maltings Concert Hall / 4 community concerts in aid of charities often in small country venues / occasional social events / newsletter three times a year / open to new members – no age limits and no auditions – instrumentalists are expected to be at minimum Grade V standard / fees £20.00 single, £34.00 family, £14.00 students and those on benefits / contact Recruitment Officer on 01473 785138.

Village Voices

A mixed voice community choir, open to all. Based in Hoxne village, but with members from surrounding areas. Rehearsals 7.30pm Monday evening, at Village Hall (winter) or in the Church.

Contact: Mary O'Herlihy Nixon
Tel: 01379 668785
Email: mary.ohn@virgin.net

New members welcome / Annual subscription £5 / Contribution at each rehearsal £1 / No auditions / Need to be able to read music.

Waveney Sinfonia

Community music group rehearsing and performing concerts locally in Waveney District. Three concerts per year.

Contact: Michael Marriott
Tel: 01502 567943
Email: michael@marriott.fruct.co.uk

Wenhaston Girl's Choir

The choir's prime objective is to encourage the appreciation and enjoyment of singing among teenage girls. A number of public performances in various locations throughout the year.

Contact: Julie Liddiard
Tel: 01728 635145
Email: julie@openaccess.co.uk
Web: www.wenhastongirlschoir.org.uk

Weekly rehearsals / open to new members – girls aged 12-18 / monthly fee £18.00 / rehearsals held in Halesworth on Tuesday evenings

Woodbridge Choral Society

Public performances of choral singing with professional soloists and musicians. Two or three performances per year.

Contact: Colin Palmer
Tel: 01394 382175
Email: colinandphyllis@tesco.net
Web: www.woodbridgechoralsociety.org

Regular weekly rehearsals, social events, newsletter / open to new members / no audition but good voice essential / fees £50.00 annual membership / rehearsals held in New Street School, Woodbridge

Woodbridge Concerts

Solo and chamber music concerts organised and held in Woodbridge, mainly at The Seckford Theatre, throughout the year, featuring nationally renowned professional performers.

Contact: John Stafford
Tel: 01394 615000 / 07752 192811
Email: jstafford@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk
Web: www.seckfordtheatre.org

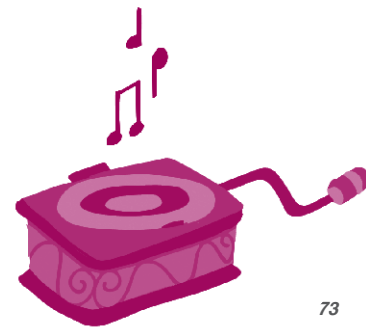
For mailing list – 01394 615015 rwoodmansee@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk

Woodbridge Excelsior Band

The aim of the group is to maintain the British brass band tradition, teaching young people and offering free concerts for the community.

Contact: Sara Norris
Tel: 01394 385749 / 07840 975269
Email: secretary@woodbridgeexcelsiorband.org
Web: www.woodbridgeexcelsiorband.org

Free use of instrument, uniform and no subscription – returnable damage deposit payable for use of instrument / open to new members / meetings on Tuesdays (seniors), Fridays (training band) held at United Reform Church, Quay Street, Woodbridge / four free concerts per year / training band teaches people aged 7-77.



Woodbridge Orchestral Society

Instrumentalists of all ages and varied abilities meet to play together for pleasure.

Contact: Neville Reeder
Tel: 01473 240737
Email: nevillereeder@aol.com
Web: www.woodbridgeorchestra.org

Weekly rehearsals September to March / open to new members / fees £15.00 per term (two terms per year) / meetings held at St Mary's Primary School, Woodbridge.

Woodbridge Society of Ringers

Training in the art of English Church Bell Ringing. Also handbell ringing at certain times of the year.

Contact: Dr Bruce Wakefield
Tel: 01394 385203 / 07740 101282
Email: bruce.wakefield@tiscali.co.uk

Practice training on Tuesday evenings / regular Sunday morning service ringing and for other special church occasions and weddings / open to new members / no previous experience necessary and no audition / musical skill not necessary / adults welcome – children only if accompanied by an adult / meet at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm / Sunday mornings at 9.30am

Yoxford Singing Group (YoxVox)

Acapella harmony singing for fun. You don't need to be able to read music or sing solo – all welcome.

Contact: Bridget Cousins / Helen Rolfe
Tel: 01502 478178 / 01502 578654 / 07717 738243
Email: bridget.cousins@btinternet.com
Web: www.sing-thing.weebly.com

Meetings fortnightly at Yoxford Village Hall on Monday evenings 7.30pm-9.30pm. / open to new members / fees £5.00 per session.

Professional Arts Agencies & Services

ADeC, Ely

Varied and eclectic mix of all kinds of art forms. Cinema, gallery, musical events, theatre and dance. Arts development through projects, arts awards, rural touring.

Contact: Karen Perry
Tel: 01353 669022
Email: info@adec.org.uk
Web: www.adec.org.uk

Newsletter, discounted tickets / open to new members / no fees / workshops through extended schools / varied programme including Midsummer Music. RSC, Party in the Park / six to eight exhibitions in the Babylon Gallery through the year / stage and exhibition equipment for hire also recording equipment / Arts Award training centre.

Ally Entertainments

A developing agency for entertainment professionals. Comedians, balloon-modellers, cabaret artists, bands, musicians, caterers and more.

Contact: Ally Riley
Tel: 01473 626333 / 07778 403440
Email: allymagic48@hotmail.com
Web: www.allyentertainment.co.uk

AndAction Projects

Founded in 2004 to provide access to a range of Arts activities in Suffolk and Norfolk, the company works in all settings, community and educational, creating positive projects with music, drama, new writing and visual arts.

Contact: Xenia Horne
Email: projects@andaction.co.uk
Web: www.andaction.co.uk

Arts Industry

Monthly publication aimed at professionals working in the Arts. The light, witty format including news, events and political thought concerning all areas of the Arts, has made it essential reading.

Contact: Jo Leverett
Tel: 01986 834253
Email: jo@artsindustry.co.uk
Web: www.artsindustry.co.uk

New members welcome / Annual fee £36 / Monthly publication / Access behind paywall on website / Please contact Stacy Williamson on 01986 834258 or at stacy@micropress.co.uk.

ArtsOptions

Music at ArtsOptions is a booking agency for selected professional musicians. 2 day course available for voluntary committees 'Behind the Scenes'. Assistance with grant and sponsorship applications. Organises visual art exhibitions.

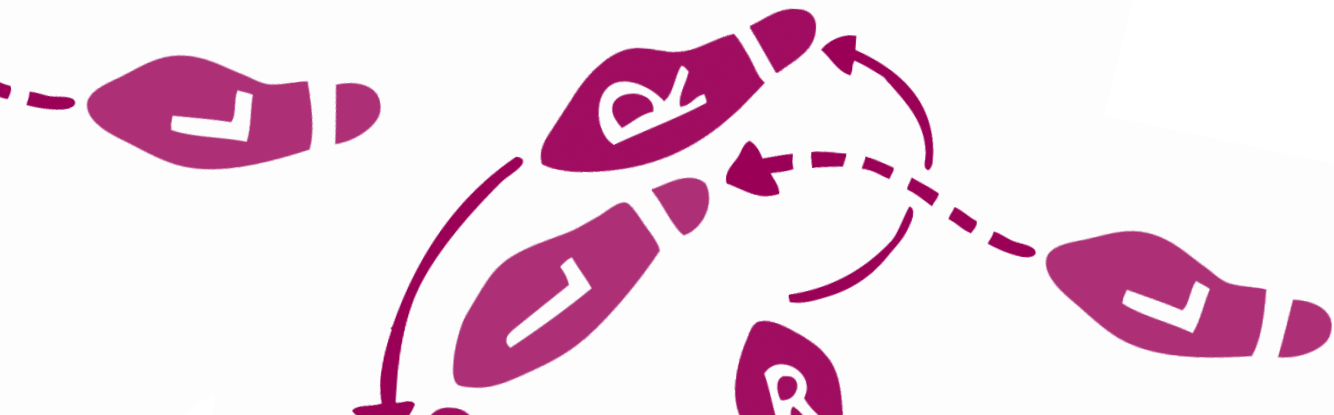
Contact: Margo Ladell Pigott
Tel: 01449 766108
Email: Margo.Pigott@artsoptions.com

New members welcome / No joining or annual fee / High level professional experience required; qualifications, CD, profile, live performance considered / Promotional e-mails sent to established promoters nationwide.

Arts Professional

He leading trade magazine targeted at professionals working in the arts sector

Contact: Joanna Cherrie
Tel: 01223 200200
Email: subs@artsprofessional.co.uk
Web: www.artsprofessional.co.uk
Address: PO Box 1010, Histon, Cambridge, CB4 9WH



Blue Monkey Arts

Provides exciting visual performing arts and film workshops. Produces unique celebrations and special events. Delivers training and consultation for the voluntary sector. Clients include local authorities, schools, youth groups, museums, art organizations, charities and voluntary organizations.

Contact: Lucy Hubbard
Tel: 01473 394964 / 07974 439419
Email: lucy@bluemonkeyarts.co.uk
Web: www.bluemonkeyarts.co.uk

Commissions East

One of the UK's leading public art agencies. We work in partnership with the public and private sectors to develop and deliver outstanding visual arts projects that contribute to making better places, bring together communities and develop innovative approaches to public art.

Contact: David Wright
Tel: 01353 669094
Fax: 01353 610135
Email: info@commissionseast.org.uk
Web: www.commissionseast.org.uk

We offer a range of professional. Expert and accessible consultancy and project management services, delivering projects from an initial idea through to completion / our involvement is tailored to the needs of each commissioner and each project.

Creative Arts East

Arts development charity, working with public, private and voluntary sector partners and stakeholders to deliver quality arts services in the Eastern Region.

Tel: 01953 713390
Email: enquiries@creativeartseast.co.uk
Web: www.creativeartseast.co.uk

Drama Resource

Training is offered in techniques for running drama workshops for young people and theatre directing for amateurs and professionals. Storytelling and drama workshops available for 5-7 year olds. Free teaching resources available on website.

Contact: David Farmer
Tel: 01603 465973 / 07973 217876
Email: david@dramaresource.com
Web: www.dramaresource.com

ERTF (Eastern Region Textile Forum)

Through newsletters and website, conferences and exhibitions, ERTF aims to bring together textile artists of all disciplines to engage in discussion, facilitate contact and raise the profile of Textile Art.

Contact: Glen Gerrard
Tel: 01473 780589
Email: glengerrard@btinternet.com
Web: www.ertf.org.uk

Open to new members / experiences textile artists / £25.00 joining fee / exhibitions and conferences.

Grapevine Magazine

A monthly entertainment and listing guide distributed throughout Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Web: www.grapevineweb.co.uk
Address: 20 Wharfedale Road, Ipswich, IP1 1JP

Ipswich Art Society

This long established society was formed to promote and encourage interest in the visual arts by providing opportunities to exhibit, discuss, appreciate and participate. So whether you paint, draw, sculpt or just look and respond, the society provides you with a varied programme of events and an opportunity to meet like-minded people.

Contact: Robert Walker
Tel: 01394 670331
Email: robert.m.walker@btinternet.com
Web: www.ipswich-art-society.org.uk

Justine de Mierre – Theatre Maker, Arts Consultant and Storyteller

A freelance theatre maker and storyteller specialising in creating inter-active performances in non-theatre spaces – including museums, hospitals, parks, docklands, schools and shopping centres. Experienced in founding and running a charitable theatre company. Traditional and tailor-made stories for schools and events. Available for consultancy on fundraising and developing your organisation.

Contact: Justine de Mierre
Tel: 07921 334293
Email: Justine@sowhatsthestory.co.uk
Web: www.sowhatsthestory.co.uk

Orchestras Live

National agency set-up to enable the widest range of people to have inspirational experiences of high quality live orchestral music. Delivering projects, activities, concerts and provide expert advice and support.

Contact: Nancy Buchanan
Tel: 020 7520 1494
Email: nancy@orchestraslive.org.uk
Web: www.orchestraslive.org.uk

Sound Sense

National development agency for community music, promoting the value of community music and assisting in the professional development of community musicians.

Contact: Kathryn Deane
Tel: 01449 737342
Email: kathryn.deane@soundsense.org
Web: www.soundsense.org

Quarterly magazine / monthly newsletter / free insurance / CRB checks / online advertising / open to new members / fees dependent on status or whether individual or organization / workshops / professional development sessions / information and advice.

Stow Hundreds

A not-for-profit community group which provides opportunities for people to take part in a wide variety of community activities including music, drama, cabaret and theatre.

Contact: Tarby Davenport
Tel: 01359 240724
Email: tarby@tarbydavenport.com
Website: www.tarbydavenport.com

Suffolk Artlink

Works in partnership with community organizations to enable people of all abilities to access, enjoy and participate in the arts. . Manages a number of projects working with community groups across Suffolk.

Contact: Chris Warner
Tel: 01986 873955
Email: enquiries@suffolkartlink.org.uk
Web: www.suffolkartlink.org.uk

Voluntary Arts Network

Works with policy makers, funders and politicians to improve the environment for everyone participating in the arts. Provides information and training to those who participate in the voluntary arts sector.

Tel: 02920 395395
Email: info@voluntaryarts.org.uk
Web: www.voluntaryarts.org.uk



Professional Artists & Makers

49 & Rising

Seven mature professional artists who have exhibited across East Anglia, in non-commercial galleries. Established eight years ago with an aim to bringing thought-provoking art to the wider public.

Contact: Mike and Helen Ashley
Email: mhashley@supanet.co
Web: www.49andrising.co.uk

Open to new members / professional artists over 49 years old / discretionary fee at need / meetings at exhibiting venue or mutually convenient place / Can offer workshops for both adults and children relating to exhibitions.

A D Paul, Violin Maker

Violin maker and restorer. Strings. Bows and accessories stocked.

Tel: 01728 723760 / 01780 593902
Email: sue_paul@hotmail.com
Address: Crabbe Studio, Parham, Framlingham, IP13 9AB

Annie Rice

Professional artist working in watercolour, inks and mixed media. Also a freelance tutor, tutoring at private workshops and art clubs and societies. Also tutors for a holiday company at locations in the UK and abroad.

Contact: Annie Rice
Tel: 01502 711150
Email: annieartist.tutor@tiscali.co.uk
Web: www.anniericeartist.co.uk

Bob Ellis Art

Sculptor specialising in woodcarving. Regular exhibitions.

Contact: Bob Ellis
Tel: 01394 384722 / 01394 272464
Address: 14 Old Kirton Road, Trimley St
Martin, Felixstowe, IP11 0QH

Bryony Graham

Sculptor and installation artists. Also offers artist and Art in Education consultancy. Workshops, exhibitions, professional services.

Contact: Bryony Graham
Tel: 01394 274797 / 07818 060944
Email: info@bryonygraham.com
Web: www.bryonygraham.com

Christian Figg

Contemporary artist painting large graphically striking images in response to the stark raw isolation and sharp intensity of light and colour of the Suffolk Coast. Private commissions undertaken.

Contact: Christian Figg
Tel: 07984 542339
Email: christianfigg@aol.com

Christopher McElhatton: Landscape Artist

Work centres on light and motion in the landscape and sea using a variety of processes, often involving print and sculpture, evolving the work into an abstraction of the original image. His studio is located between Aldringham and Thorpeness and he has exhibited his work at Snape Maltings and London Galleries. He also accepts commissions.

Tel: 01728 830563
Email: mcelhatton@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.chrismacart.co.uk

Clare Curtis

Printmaker. Illustrator, tutor (life drawing, relief print making), talks and demonstrations.

Contact: Clare Curtis
Tel: 01394 283667
Email: info@clarecurtis.co.uk
Web: www.clarecurtis.co.uk



Glynn Hugo Studio Pottery, Darsham

One man studio pottery, permanent gallery. Producing a complete range of domestic ware and sculptural individual pieces: predominantly hand thrown stoneware, porcelain and basalt, fired at 1300°C in a reducing atmosphere.

Contact: Glynn Hugo
Tel: 01728 668274
Address: The Old Stores, Darsham,
Saxmundham, IP17 3QA

Hearts of Oak Organisation (HOO)

Organisation offering community arts projects.
Public art commissions and chainsaw carving.

Contact: Ray Brooks
Tel: 01379 678356
Email: raybrooks@talktalk.net
Web: www.treesculpture.co.uk

*New members welcome through interview process
/ No membership fee / Meetings held on site when
required / Shared facilities and opportunities.*

Jenny Nutbeem

Inclusive arts and crafts workshops for all ages and abilities (e.g. indigo-dyeing, tie-dyeing, papermaking, book making). Works with schools and community groups.

Contact: Jenny Nutbeem
Tel: 01728 668072
Email: jenny.nutbeem@talk21.com
Address: Boxer's, North Green, Kelsale,
Saxmundham, IP17 2RL

Jonathan Keep

Renowned artist who shows regularly around the UK exhibiting pots, sculptures and drawings. Private commissions, public art commissions and residencies undertaken. Small pottery with showroom selling handmade, useful table and kitchenware pots situated near the Suffolk Coast. Please telephone before visiting.

Tel: 01728 832901
Email: j@keep-art.co.uk
Web: www.keep-art.co.uk

Les Bicknell

Visual artist focusing on 'all aspects of the book and bookness', from large scale stone artworks created with community groups to paper based, edition books. Workshops associated with all aspects of bookmaking are available. Exhibitions of contemporary art works.

Tel: 017218 668639
Email: les.bicknell@talktalk.net
Web: www.lesbicknell.blogspot.com

Lesley Bennett

Sculptor – small to large scale, mainly in wood. Commissions welcomed. Studio based in Felix Studios, Felixstowe. Also runs drama classes for community education projects.

Contact: Lesley Bennett
Tel: 01394 272776 / 07958 629082
Email: bennettlesley@hotmail.com

Mark Titchiner Ceramics

Work explores the potential of wood-fired earthenware, with the aesthetic and technical challenges of the medium, creating a constant evolution of style and making practice. Studio in Chediston, near Halesworth.

Tel: 01986 785242
Email: mark@marktitchinerceramics.com
Web: www.marktitchinerceramics.com

Mendlesham Finewood Chairs

First made in Suffolk 200 years ago. Albert Lain (designer, cabinet maker, wood turner) has brought the classic Mendlesham Chair back to its roots.

Contact: Albert Lain
Tel: 01728 663567
Fax: 01728 663246
Email: mail@mendleshamchairs.co.uk
Web: www.mendleshamchairs.co.uk
Address: Finewood, Grove House, Rendham, Saxmundham, IP17 2AS

Miraiker's World of Puppets

Puppet workshops which give an opportunity to work with many types of professional puppets, including multi-cultural puppetry. Many themes but all hands-on. Puppet shows also performed.

Contact: Miraiker Wallace
Tel: 01473 831365
Email: miraiker@aol.com
Web: www.batteypunch.com

Obelon Arts

Performs shows in theatres and schools locally and nationally which incorporate puppetry and masks. Organises arts projects in educational and community settings. Offers INSET training for teachers.

Contact: Mike McManus
Tel: 01379 668464
Web: www.obelon.co.uk

Paula Nightingale

Graduate of the Royal College of Art who has held exhibitions at venues including the V & A Museum, New Grafton Gallery, Mercury Gallery and Thompson's Galleries. Offers residential courses at various locations.

Tel: 01502 519103 / 07879 055953
Email: info@paulnightingale.com
Web: www.paula-nightingale.com

Peter Battey's Punch & Judy

Traditional Punch & Judy shows performed. Family entertainment at its best. Talks given to adult groups – find out about Mr Punch's strange and exciting past, see how it all works.

Contact: Peter Battey
Tel: 01473 831365
Email: batteypunch@aol.com
Web: www.batteypunch.com

Ruth McCabe

Painter in oils and acrylics, wire sculptor (mostly in outdoor locations). Commissions undertaken. Website gives details of exhibitions and work is also for sale online. The Suffolk landscape and shoreline objects provide the main inspiration. 'My work is an abstracted response to what I see and feel'.

Contact: Ruth McCabe
Tel: 01502 478295 / 07710 275738
Email: ruth@ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk
Web: www.ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk

Signwork

Professional signwriter and artist. Traditional painted signs and contemporary signs. Illustration and lettering and mapwork.

Contact: Sally Louth
Tel: 01394 386171
Email: info@signwork.co.uk
Web: www.signworkwoodbridge.co.uk
Address: 37 Portland Crescent, Woodbridge, IP12 4DZ



Stephie Griffiths Artist, Encaustician, Pyrographer

A versatile artist (acrylic, watercolour, graphite, mosaic, stained glass). Encaustician and Pyrographer (burn hand sketched paintings into wood). I live and love to experiment with different media! Commissions and demonstrations undertaken.

Contact: Stephie Griffiths
Tel: 01728 603460
Email: stephiegriffiths@btinternet.com
Web: liquidarts.co.uk

Susie Mendelsson

Figurative artist inspired by German expressionism working with and on paper. Painting, sculpture, printmaking.

Contact: Susie Mendelsson
Tel: 01394 610486 / 07866 470444
Email: susie.mendelsson@googlemail.com
Web: http://susiemendelsson.co.uk

Sylvie and James Fawcett

Sylvie and James make, repair and restore instruments in the violin family. Advice freely given, ring or email for an appointment.

Contact: Sylvie and James Fawcett
Email: mail@fawcettviolins.co.uk
Web: www.fawcettviolins.co.uk

Tim Knight Fine Art Practice

Arts Educator – consultant and teacher in fine art painting (oils, watercolour, acrylics). Mural residency work (hospitals, schools, colleges, community spaces). Full CV and images available on request.

Contact: Tim Knight
Tel: 01728 604439
Email: timknightfineart@btinternet.com

Usch Spettigue

Poter with a solo exhibition every two years (Aldeburgh). Member of the Suffolk Craft Society.

Contact: Usch Spettigue
Tel: 01473 787587
Email: usch@spettigue.ndo.co.uk
Address: Rectory Cottage, Harkstead, Ipswich, IP9 1DE

Waveney & Blyth Arts

New arts organisation launched in November 2010. Over 80 creative individuals and members of arts organizations. For more information please contact the Secretary.

Contact: Jan Dungey
Tel: 01986 895227
Email: jan@ollandstreet.co.uk

Spoken & Written Word

Cedric the Seahorse

Husband and wife team, writer and illustrator of Cedric the Seahorse children's books, read and discuss their work in schools (Reception and years 1 & 2). Workshops can be arranged.

Contact: Jim Wyllie
Tel: 01394 411792 / 07979 579190
Email: jimwyllie@onetel.com
Web: www.cedrictheseahorse.co.uk

Eyeswrite

Encourages the writing and facilitates the staging of new plays by local writers. Organises local actors to read plays for the benefit of the writer and, where possible, brings plays to the stage.

Contact: Alan Huckle
Tel: 01379 873536
Email: Joal@aagh.fsnet.co.uk
Web: www.eyeswrite.org.uk

Has a register of directors and actors who work with Eyeswrite to produce plays.

Felixstowe Scribblers

Homework assignments for creative writing, shared at the following meetings, encouraging feedback from the group.

Contact: Dave Feakes
Email: scribblers@btinternet.com
Web: <http://scribblers2010.blogspot.com>

Regular meetings, homework assignments, social functions / open to new members, age range currently 12-80 (published and hobby writers welcome) / voluntary 50p donation at each meeting / meetings held at Felixstowe Library, 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm-10pm

Leiston Reading Group

A time of sociable discussion and analysis of a variety of books, mainly fiction, from around the world and across the centuries.

Contact: Susan Liddell
Tel: 01728 832322
Email: codurham@btinternet.com

Regular meetings / open to new members / no fees / meetings held at member's homes usually third Friday evening of each month.

Society of Women Writers

Contact: Mrs Wendy Hughes
Tel: 01394 382658 / 01473 624141
Email: wendy@stickler.org.uk
Web: www.swwj.co.uk

Regional meetings in Suffolk Coastal District / workshops in creative writing, plays, poetry, non-fiction / open to new members, must be proposed and seconded by two writers who have knowledge of the applicant's work / fees; Full £35.00, Associate £25.00, Student £20.00 / meetings held in Woodbridge – varying times / county members day, residential weekend conference / contact Natalie Wheatley 01394 382658 or Ferial Evans 01473 624141.

Suffolk Book League

Author talks, seminars, literary events, competitions and magazine.

Contact: Kay McElhinney
Email: sblbooktalk@btinternet.com
Web: www.sbl.org.uk

Discounted entrance fees, quarterly magazine / open to new members / fees £12.50 / ten meetings per year at Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich / contact Keith Foulds, 49 Cheltenham Avenue, Ipswich, IP1 4LN.

The Poetry Trust

The Poetry Trust is an arts organisation which runs the UK's leading annual festival of international contemporary poetry at Aldeburgh (established in 1989 and held each November) and promotes the reading, writing and enjoyment of poetry to a wide variety of children and adults.

Contact: Katie Burroughs
Tel: 01986 835950
Email: info@thepoetrytrust.org
Web: www.thepoetrytrust.org

Technical Services / Equipment for Hire

Masquerade

High quality costume hire suitable for promotion, events, display, theatrical productions and fun.

Contact: Sally Couch
Tel: 01449 710381 / 07976 742933
Email: Sally@couchs.fsnet.co.uk
Web: www.masqueradeshop.co.uk

Phosphene

Stage lighting and sound and special effects hire and sales. Free technical advice on-line from website. Stockists of spare theatre lighting lamps and colour. Design, rigging and operation services.

Contact: Cliff Dix
Tel: 01449 770011
Email: phosphene@btconnect.com
Web: www.phosphene.co.uk

Re-Production

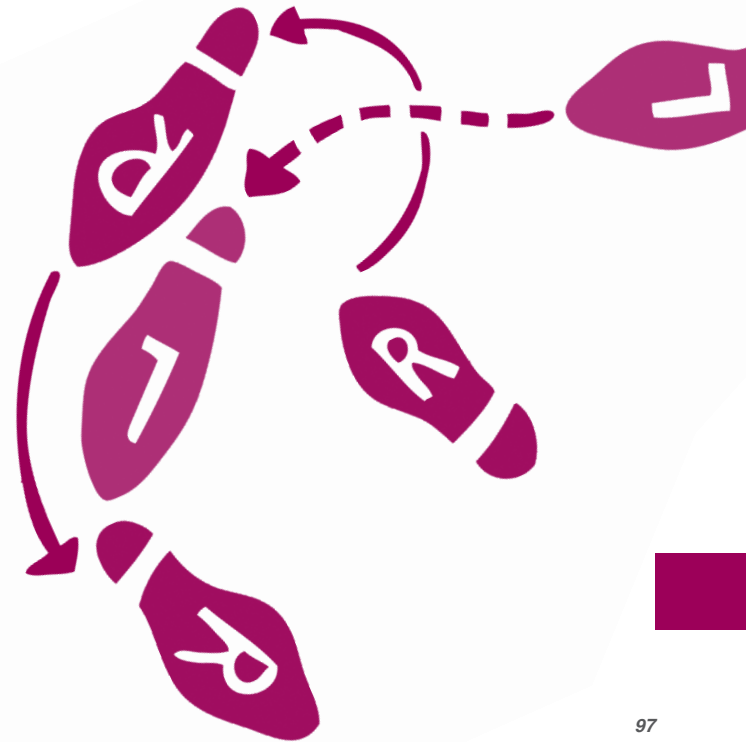
Sound, lighting, backline and staging hire company as well as crew and production and event management

Contact: Andy Corrigan
Tel: 01473 890544 / 07774 748476
Email: andy@re-production.co.uk
Web: www.re-production.co.uk

Showlite Sound & Light

Lighting design and operation for small scale shows. Specialist outdoor event PA system hire and operation. Easy to use battery powered systems which will work almost anywhere!

Contact: Dave Whiting
Tel: 01394 274935 / 07802 475063
Email: info@showlitesoundandlight.co.uk
Web: www.showlitesoundandlight.co.uk



Venues

Aldeburgh Cinema

Independent cinema built before 1920 with exhibition gallery and walled garden.

Contact: Susan Harrison
Tel: 01728 452996
Email: web@aldeburghcinema.co.uk
Web: www.aldeburghcinema.co.uk

Auditorium seats 286 / Digital surround sound and loop induction / Auditorium and gallery space available to hire – cost on application / Garden space available for exhibitions.

Aldeburgh Music Room

Purpose built facility in the grounds of Aldeburgh Primary School.

Tel: 01728 452150
Email: ad.aldeburgh.p@talk21.com
Address: Aldeburgh Primary School, Park Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EU

Hire charge £20.00 for three hours, £40.00 a day – other rates on request / Audience capacity 85 seated / Picture hanging – display boards and plinths / Kitchen available.



Diss Corn Hall

Diss Corn Hall is an arts and entertainment venue with a 325 seat auditorium, studio space and gallery programming music, film, comedy, theatre, spoken word, art exhibitions and dance events.

Contact: Angela Sykes
Tel: 01379 652239 / 07984 155135
Email: angelamsykes@gmail.com
Web: www.disscornhall.co.uk

Spaces available for hire; the Main Auditorium, The Waveney Room with integral bar and fully-equipped kitchen and the Council Chamber.

Easton Farm Park

Art exhibitions, art training workshops, music evenings, craft workshops for children, art & craft demonstrations in residence (artist, photographer, blacksmith, woodturner, picture framer). Venue and equipment available for hire.

Contact: Fiona Siddall
Tel: 01728 746475
Email: info@eastonfarmpark.co.uk
Web: www.eastonfarmpark.co.uk

Licensed barns and heated buildings available for hire for private and public functions. / hire charges on application

Eye Castle and Needham Lake

Outdoor locations for local theatre, music and dance.

Contact: Dave Hughes
Tel: 01449 724639
Email: david.hughes@midsuffolk.gov.uk
Web: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Both venues are licensed for drama, music, dance and film / Hire charges depends on activity / Fees negotiable / Audience capacity; Eye Castle up to 200, Needham Lake up to 500.

Flatford Mill Field Centre

This beautiful venue in the heart of Constable Country has a range of courses including painting and photography. The field centre is in Flatford Mill, home of John Constable, so there is no shortage of inspiration!

Tel: 0845 330 7368
Email: enquiries@field-studies-council.org
Web: www.field-studies-council.org/flatfordmill

John Peel Centre for Creative Arts

An up and coming high quality arts venue in the Old Corn Exchange in the heart of Stowmarket. Ongoing programme of activities throughout the year including concerts, exhibitions, workshops and community events.

Contact: John Spitzer
Tel: 01449 724646
Email: john.spitzer@midsuffolk.gov.uk
Web: www.johnpeelcentreforcreativearts.co.uk

Leiston Abbey

Medieval abbey and barn (English Heritage).

Tel: 01728 831354
Email: ioan@procorda.com
Web: www.procorda.com
Address: Theberton Road, Leiston, IP16 4TB

Hire charges: see www.leistonabbey.co.uk / 5 soundproof studios / Capacity 160 (barn) 120 (hall) / Stage in barn will take 50 piece orchestra / Overnight accommodation for 60.

Leiston Film Theatre

Small scale, locally run cinema/theatre.

Tel: 01728 830549
Email: leistonfilm@aol.com
Web: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk
Address: 74 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4BZ

Part day charge £150.00, Full day £250.00 / Audience capacity 300 / stage large enough for medium-scale performances / two dressing rooms / facilities for disabled people.

Myglassroom

Stained glass courses are tailored to suit the individual; from beginners to more experienced students wishing to develop particular skills.

Contact: Surinder Warboys
Tel: 01379 783412 / 07973 616097
Email: info@myglassroom.com
Web: www.myglassroom

Studio facilities and technical expertise/assistance is also available to artists with glass related projects / Details available on request.

Orwell Park School

Two recital rooms and large sports hall.

Tel: 01473 659225
Email: headmaster@orwellpark.co.uk
Web: www.orwellpark.co.uk
Address: Nacton, Ipswich, IP10 0ER

Hire charges negotiable / Capacity 150 (Recital room), 600 (Sports Hall) / flexible stage.

Peasehall Assembly Hall

Community hall for the villages of Peasehall & Sibton. Large timber building of unique design dating back 150 years. Provides venue space for regular music and film events as well as small-scale drama performances. Classes (e.g.yoga) and other events (e.g.choir practice, carpet bowls, W.I. meetings) take place throughout the year.

Contact: Tricia Maguire
Email: tricia.maguire6@gmail.com
Web: <http://peasehallassemblyhall.wordpress.com>

Regular film screenings during winter months / Annual Pea Festival / Annual Photographic Exhibition, arts and crafts sales / Electrically operated drop-down cinema screen, DVD player, hearing loop, sound equipment available for hire / wi-fi broadband connection / Kitchen and toilet facilities / car parking and disabled access / Audience capacity 80 maximum, 60 seated for films / overhead ceiling lights and dimmable wall lights / speakers, amplifier etc.

Quay Theatre, Sudbury

Tel: 01787 374745
Email: director@quaytheatre.org.uk
Web: www.quaytheatre.org.uk
Address: Quay Lane, Sudbury, CO10 2AN

Hire charge: auditorium £380.00 per day – other spaces on application / audience capacity 125 / stage 6 x 7 metres / gallery has integral hanging system for pictures / two dressing rooms / Jetty Studio – rehearsal space.

Redgrave Church

Magnificent medieval church and stunning arts venue. Flexible stage arranged according to the needs of the production and power supplies to match. Seats 280.

Email: bob.hayward@talk21.com
Web: www.redgravechurch.co.uk

Riverside Theatre, Woodbridge

Cinema/theatre.

Tel: 01394 380571
Email: riverside-theatre@aol.com
Web: www.theriverside.co.uk
Address: Quayside, Woodbridge, IP12 1BH

Audience capacity 264 / digital sound system / dressing rooms

Screen in the Barn, Thrandeston

Tel: 01379 783678
Address: Field House, Thrandeston, Diss, IP21 4BU

Audience capacity 45 / sprung floor for dancing / sound system.

Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge

Tel: 01394 615015
Web: www.seckfordtheatre.org
Address: Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, IP12 4JH

Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich

Intimate theatre.

Tel: 01473 218202
Email: admin@easternangles.co.uk
Web: www.easternangles.co.uk
Address: Gatacre Road, Ipswich, IP1 2LQ

Hire charges £165.00 per day, £610.00 per week / audience capacity 80-120.

Snape Maltings (Riverside complex)

Workshop space overlooking the River Alde.

Tel: 01728 688303
Email: kate@snapemaltings.co.uk
Web: www.snapemaltings.co.uk
Address: Snape, Saxmundham, IP17 1SR

Hire charges £75.00 for one day

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

World renowned concert hall.

Tel: 01728 687100
Email: enquiries@aldeburgh.co.uk
Web: www.aldeburgh.co.uk
Address: Snape, Saxmundham, IP17 1SP

Hire charges on application / audience capacity 830 / stage 12.2 x 17.8 metres (plus forestage) / Pit can extend under stage / sprung floor for dancing / ten small and three large dressing rooms (up to 30 people) / rehearsal space and workshop space.

Spa Pavilion Theatre, Felixstowe

Receiving theatre offering shows of all kinds. Youth project in summer, drama festival in May, children's workshops.

Tel: 01394 282126
Email: info@thespavilion.com
Web: www.thespavilion.org
Address: Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe, IP11 2DX

Audience capacity 904 / stage 32 x 24ft / dressing rooms.

Sutton Hoo (National Trust)

Gallery suitable for hire for exhibitions, conferences, lectures and seminars. Lunches held in the restaurant.

Tel: 01394 389701
Email: simon.peachey@nationaltrust.org.uk
Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/suttonhoo
Address: Tranmer House, Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, IP12 3DJ

Hire charges - please contact Lynette Titford on 01394 389700 / audience capacity - interior seats 70 (plus vast open air site).

The Barrandov Opera Co Ltd.

Operas and opera gala evenings (favourite arias and popular songs). Recitals.

Contact: John Dearlove
Tel: 01449 720796 / 07850 828778
Email: johndearlove@barrandov.co.uk
Web: www.barrandov.co.uk

Venue hire for weddings and seminars / Medieval barn rebuilt in 2001 / Two galleries / Excellent acoustics / Audience capacity 120 / Hire charges on application.

The Crockery Barn

Retail handmade tableware from Italy and Portugal and stock Emma Bridgewater, Portmeirion and textiles from France, Yorkshire and Bali. Design Sarongs and ship in direct from Indonesia.

Contact: Trish Sargent
Tel: 01473 890123
Email: trish@yoursarong.com
Web: www.thecrockerybarn@live.co.uk

Venue includes Barn Café, Long Barn Gallery, Goodnatured Plants and YourSarong.com.

The Cut, Halesworth

Arts Centre. Full range of arts activities, performances and workshops – theatre, music, dance, art, creative writing and poetry, involving national and local practitioners.

Tel: 01986 873285
Email: info@newcut.org
Web: www.newcut.org
Address: New Cut, Halesworth, IP19 8BY

Hire Charges: auditorium Fri/Sat £250.00. dance studio £12.00 per hour / audience capacity 250 / stage – blocks / sprung floor for dancing / picture hanging – plinths / full lighting rig – galleries fully lit / full house PA system / two dressing rooms / rehearsal space – auditorium and dance studio / workshop space – four rooms.

The Quay Theatre

A charming riverside theatre that offers a mix of amateur and professional productions. Cinema (and cinema club), drama, musicals and live music. For more details please see the Quay website.

Tel: 01787 374745
Email: boxoffice@quaytheatre.org.uk
Web: www.quaytheatre.org.uk

The Regal Theatre

200 seater Art Deco Cinema and Theatre. Coffee shop/Licensed Bar. Wheelchair facilities.

Contact: David Marsh
Tel: 01449 676931
Email: regaldavidm@gmail.com
Web: www.regalstowmarket.co.uk

Available for hire- stage 19' 9" x 41' 5" / Lighting very basic / Simple PA, Dolby Digital only for film /35mm projector, digital DVD projector / Two dressing rooms.

Wingfield Barns

East Anglia's premier event venue with art galleries, coffee shop, gift shop, beautiful gardens and a full programme of art exhibitions and cultural events throughout the year including comedy, literature, drama and music. Check website for details of events and opening times. The main barns are available for hire for weddings, conferences and private parties.

Contact: Lesley Jackson
Tel: 01379 384505
Email: enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com
Web: www.wingfieldbarns.com

Fully licenced bar, coffee shop, picnic gardens, car parking and free entry / become a member of Wingfield Barns for £100.00 a year and enjoy 2 for 1 tickets, electronic newsletters, invitations to private views, discount on venue hire and lots more.

Visual Arts & Groups

Aldeburgh Art

A visual art festival in and around Aldeburgh with exhibitions, performances, music and plays all relating to the visual arts. Community based.

Contact: Caroline Wiseman
Tel: 0207 6222500 / 07808 723309
Email: caroline@carolinewiseman.com
Web: www.aldeburghart.com

Regular updates / invitations to exclusive events / meet the artists and actors involved / learn about modern and contemporary art / open to new members / no fees.

Art Age, Trimley

Our aim is to encourage and develop painting in all forms using a variety of materials and methods. Regular competitions between group members. Occasional demonstrations.

Contact: Ron Josselyn
Tel: 01394 211049 / 07922 235882
Email: r.josselyn@ntlworld.com

Open to new members / adults only / fees £8.00 per month – includes tea and coffee / meetings on Mondays 1pm – 4.30pm (not bank holidays) / meetings held at the Memorial Hall. Trimley St Martin.

Art on the Prom, Felixstowe

Selling art show, on the prom, each September

Contact: Mary & Stephen Wyatt
Tel: 01394 671033
Email: artontheprom@hotmail.com
Web: www.artontheprom.org

Arts Framlingham

Annual Arts Festival (exhibitions, workshops, music, theatre. Literary events). Lightweight display boards available for hire/

Contact: Judy Masters
Tel: 01728 723028
Email: judymasters@suffolkonline.net
Web: www.artsframlingham.org

ARTWORKS

Established in 2000, Artworks is a group of thirty East Anglian based professional artists comprising of painters, sculptors, printmakers and an installation artist working in a range of styles and media.

Contact: Janet French
Tel: 01206 213991
Email: janet.french@live.com
Web: www.artworksinfo.org.uk

An annual showcase exhibition at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham every September including daily artist demonstrations / Commitment to community involvement / Vacancies announced in November.

AWartwork

Commissions for portraits and house portraits. Community art projects combining portraiture, landscape and oral history recording and editing. Original paintings & prints for sale via exhibitions and website. Art & craft workshops with children. Check website for updated exhibition information.

Contact: Allan Williams
Tel: 07791 308673
Email: mail@allanwilliams.net
Web: www.allanwilliams.net

Bawdsey Manor Arts, near Woodbridge

Courses for adults in painting and sculpture with particular reference to stone carving. Also art gallery and sculpture garden. Workshops, painting weekends, sculpture courses, stone carving courses. Exhibitions: one man and group shows.

Contact: David Trenow
Tel: 01206 54447
Email: trenow@talk21.com
Web: www.davidtrenow.co.uk

Chair Art Projects

Art events and exhibitions organised in unusual places in East Anglia. Exhibition in the window of Douglas Adams Hairdressing, Bungay, changing artists monthly.

Contact: Paul Cope
Tel: 01986 872791
Email: copeart@gmail.com
Web: www.copeprojects.co.uk

DrawEast

One, two and three day drawing courses for the beginner, student or experienced artist. For more information please visit the website.

Contact: Maryanne Nicholls
Email: info@draweast.com
Web: www.draweast.com

Eye Arts Club

Arts Club for children and young people over the age of 7, of all abilities. Sessions include puppet and mask making, dance, use of film and photography, all to a themed project.

Contact: Pat Brightwell or Liz Waugh-McManus
Tel: 01379 870100 / 01379 668464

New members welcome / Membership fee £26.25 per child/ young person per term (7 sessions) or £35 for more than one child from the same family / Meet on Saturday mornings.

Eye Arts Guild

Aims to extend members' skills and knowledge through regular practice sessions, evening lectures, workshops and trips to Art Galleries. There is an annual exhibition of works, many of which are for sale.

Contact: Diana Simmons, Membership Secretary
Tel: 01379 871566
Email: m-and-d@simmons90.wanadoo.co.uk
Web: www.eyesuffolk.org/Eye_Arts_Guild_Noticeboard

The membership is drawn from all social groups in local area and ranges through all abilities / Meetings held Thurs mornings in the Eye Bowls Club in winter, Oct to Apr, at various outdoor locations in summer.

Felixstowe Art Group

Presentations, workshops and occasional visits to foster and promote appreciation and participation in the visual arts. Annual exhibition and a small permanent gallery.

Contact: Geoff Christian
Tel: 01394 448816
Address: 47 Rectory Lane, Kirton, Ipswich, IP10 0PY

Presentations and workshops / open to new members / fees £17.50 / fortnightly meetings held at the Senior Citizen Centre, Orwell Road, Felixstowe and weekly at the Conservative Club, Felixstowe / contact Mrs Jackie Scragg 01394 284354.

Harleston and Waveney Art Trail

Collective of 35 professional artists living and working in the Waveney Valley, who open their studios and workshops to the public over three weekends each June/July.

Contact: Christina Greathead, Hon. Sec.
Tel: 01379 852352
Email: chris.greathead@tiscali.co.uk

Selection of new members each October / Membership application forms available from Harleston Gallery / Members meet quarterly.

Martlesham Art Group

Watercolour, pastels and oils from landscapes to still life. Exhibition in July at St Michael's Church Hall, Martlesham

Contact: Ann Faiers
Tel: 01394 277699
Email: annfaiers@virgin.net

Open to new members (waiting list) / fees approx £44.00 per year / meetings held at St Michael's Chjurch Hall, Martlesham / workshops and exhibition.

Orwell Art Group

Watercolour, acrylics, pastels etc. Tuition within the group. Still life, landscapes, seascapes, portrait. Occasional professional tuition and demonstrations.

Contact: Mrs M Paterson / Mrs D Lamond
Tel: 01394 285929 / 01394 279569
Email: anthony.lamond@sky.com

Weekly sessions / annual dinner for members and guests / outdoor painting in the summer / framing advice / open to new members (waiting list, some ability required) / weekly charge for attending class / meetings held every Monday at St Mary's Church Hall, Walton 1pm – 3.30pm.

Reunion Gallery Exhibitions, Felixstowe

Creation of original artworks by resident artists in the studio. Regular exhibitions of contemporary art in the gallery.

Contact: Pat Todd
Tel: 01394 273366
Email: info@reuniongallery.co.uk
Web: www.reuniongallery.co.uk

Workshops – one or two per year as part of exhibition / special events related to the exhibitions / eight exhibitions per year, solo and shared.

Saxmundham Arts & Recreational Trust

Various events and a week long annual Arts & Entertainment Festival every October.

Contact: Glynn Moye
Tel: 01728 605061 / 01728 605637
Email: glynn@gemoye.co.uk
Web: www.saxart.co.uk

Regular newsletter / discount on ticket prices / open to new members / fees £10.00 individual, £30.00 family / exhibitions (Art and Photography).

Stowmarket Art Club

Provide the opportunity for Artists of all abilities to meet up with others who share their enjoyment of painting and drawing. Membership ranges from novices to professional Artists.

Contact: Dennis Copping
Tel: 01449 612970
Email: marycopping@talktalk.net
Web: www.stowmarketartclub.com

New members welcome / Annual membership fee is £12 / Club runs from September to May / Meetings on Tuesday evenings 7pm to 9pm at St Peters Church Hall and Thursday mornings 10am to 1pm at Hillside Community Centre both in Stowmarket / Paint outdoors on Tuesdays from June to August.

Sudbourne Printmakers Group

A co-operative of 22 member artists with a dedicated workshop/studio. Facilities for etching, woodcuts, mono-prints, lithography etc. Twice yearly exhibitions and workshops for schools and community groups.

Contact: Mr Winter Rose
Tel: 01728 621659 / 07960 009950
Email: winter@gmail.com

Access to one of three supervised print sessions per 10 week 'term' and use of facilities / twice yearly exhibitions / open to new members – restricted / one year's commitment / fees £350.00 per term to cover basic materials / exhibition costs shared pro rata / workshop located at 4 Bothy Yard, Sudbourne Park, Woodbridge, IP12 2 AJ.

Suffolk Group

Organises exhibitions for group members.

Contact: Marisa Sharp
Tel: 01473 737266 / 07818 664863
Email: dj.m.sharp@btinternet.com

Regular meetings / annual party / AGM / open to new members (proven professional background as visual artist) / annual fee £40.00 / meetings held at member's homes.

Suffolk Open Studios

Over 120 of Suffolk's finest Artists open their studios to visitors during four weekends in June (other times by appointment). Visitors can appreciate the artwork on show.

Contact: Tom Lund-Lack, Chairman
Tel: 01449 771123 / 07886 849855
Email: chair@suffolkopenstudios.co.uk
Web: www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk

Newsletter four times a year / brochures and publicity materials / AGM / exhibition opportunities / workshops / open to new members (with own studio space) / fees £70.00 (member and directory entry) / meetings arranged by area coordinator.

Visual Arts Ipswich

A programme of contemporary art exhibitions at the Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich, featuring a whole range of art forms. Also providing related archives and permanent arts resource area. Workshops to complement the exhibitions programme.

Contact: Julia Devonshire
Tel: 01473 432862
Email: Julia.devonshire@ipswich.gov.uk
Web: www.visualarts-ipswich.org.uk

A range of digital equipment is available to hire to help present work – film projection equipment and screen, recording equipment, Digital SLR camera, Digital Video camera.

Waveney and Blyth Arts

An umbrella, membership organisation that brings together arts organisations and individual practitioners in and around Diss, Harleston, Bungay, Beccles, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Southwold and Halesworth.

Contact: Jan Dungey, Secretary
Tel: 01986 895227
Email: jan@ollandstreet.co.uk

Open to any individual member of an arts organisation, or any individual arts practitioner, living or working in the above Waveney and/or Blyth valley towns.

Wickham Market Photographic Club

Contact: John James
Tel: 01394 382327 / 07900201505
Web: www.wmpc.org.uk

Monthly meeting, newsletter, social events / open to new members / fees £17.00 per annum / meetings on first Friday of every month at Wickham Market Village Hall / exhibitions Easter and August.

Woodbridge Art Club

Annual exhibitions from Easter to September, every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday from 10.00am – 6.00pm. November weekends 10.00am – 4.00pm. Admission is free.

Contact: Bryan King
Tel: 01473 635525
Email: bryan10king@btinternet.com
Web: www.woodbridgeartclub.co.uk

Weekly meetings every Wednesday evening / opportunity to attend art classes / exhibition space for own work / use of studio facilities, pottery wheel and kiln / waiting list for new members / £35.00 annual subscription.

Young Art East Anglia

Three day exhibition for primary school age children in aid of Cancer Research UK at the Peter Pears Gallery, Aldeburgh.

Contact: Tracy Rogers
Email: info@youngarteastanglia.co.uk
Web: www.youngarteastanglia.co.uk

