



MAXIMISE YOUR SOCIAL LIFE

BASINGSTOKE AND

NORTH HAMPSHIRE IVC

NEW MEMBERS GUIDE

Basingstoke & North Hampshire IVC (BNHIVC) is a Social Club for singles and couples. There are lots of different things organised each month by club members. Don't like what we do ? Why not join and organise something different yourself !

Ideas for activities you can attend and organise in IVC ...

Below is a list of activities compiled from a selection of past years IVC club bulletins from around the UK.

Ice Skating	Games Evenings	Snow Skiing
Swimming	Weekends Away	Windsurfing
Cinema	Fun Running	Amateur Dramatics
Ten Pin Bowling	Treasure Hunts	Cheese & Wine
Pitch and Putt	Holidays	Ballet
Pubnights	Festivals	Card Games
Sauna / Swim /	Caving	Casino Night
Spa	Afternoon Tea	Opera
Discos	Water Skiing	Cocktail Party
Walks & Picnics	Jet Skis & Bikes	Halloween Party
Open Air	Horse Riding	Christmas Party
Concerts	Squash	New Years Party
Video Evenings	Tennis	Day Trips
Skittles Matches	Running	Badminton
House Parties	Sailing	Rock Concerts
Wine and Dine	Camping	Cycling
Theatre/Concerts	Youth Hostelling	Firework Displays
Jazz Evenings	Ballooning	Archery
Barn Dances	Gliding	Clubnight
Barbecues	Fly a Microlight	Table Tennis
Industrial Visits	Shooting	Five a side Football
Wine Tasting	Dance Classes	Abseiling

Taking a break for Dinner in Paris !



CLUBNIGHT

EVERY TUESDAY

2nd and last Tuesday
of the month

8:30pm to 11:00pm
Bakers Arms, Basingstoke
(London Street, Top of Town)

OTHER TUESDAYS

we have Clubnight at
various pubs around
Basingstoke. See the
Bulletin for details.

SUNDAY BADMINTON

Every Sunday some of our members join in with the Sunday Badminton Club at the Sports Centre between 7:00pm and 9:00 pm, in the Main Sports Hall.

The Sunday Badminton Club includes coaching if required and is for two hours play with plastic shuttle cocks. Pay at the Sports Centre reception.

WORLD WIDE WEB & EMAIL

BNHIVC Web Site:

www.bnhivc.org

Association of IVCs (AIVC):

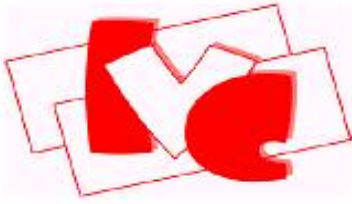
www.ivc.org.uk

Email for membership enquiries :

enquiries@bnhivc.org

BNHIVC Email Distribution List:

bnhivc@yahoo.com



WHAT IS IVC?

The Inter-Varsity Club was formed 1946, when two students formed a Summer vacation social and activities club for students living in London.

The Basingstoke and North Hampshire IVC was founded in May 1985 and is now North Hampshire's leading social club for professionals, career people and those with similar interests.

RUN BY THE MEMBERS

The club is run "by the members, for the members" and all profits are ploughed back into the clubs social programme for the benefit of the members. The committee and those who organise and host events are all volunteers. Nobody is obliged to join in with the clubs activities but we hope you will embrace the spirit of the club and take an active part.

EVENTS IN IVC

We encourage all our members to get involved with organising a programme of events that appeals to as broad a cross-section of our members as possible. We also try to ensure that we offer a balanced programme of events at any one time so that there is plenty of choice of activities for everyone.

The types of event are as varied as our members, and can range from a simple get-together in a local pub, to a night on the town. From ten-pin bowling or ice skating, to something more ambitious such as a canal cruise or a weekend away.

Many members have particular interests such as sailing, flying, scuba-diving, foreign travel or hill-walking and are often willing to share their experience and knowledge with others who may wish to broaden their outlook or horizons.

Having fun in the bar at the Cocktail Party !



ATTENDING EVENTS

The numbers attending events can vary considerably, depending on the type of event. So whether you are happiest among a large group, or prefer the intimacy of smaller gatherings, there will be something for you.

To help the organisers it is very important, as well as being courteous, that:

- 1. You let the organiser know you will be attending the event, either by the requested date, if one is given, or at least a couple of days in advance;**
- 2. You let the organiser know if, having expressed an interest in an event, you are subsequently unable to attend;**
- 3. You let the organiser have any advance payments that may be required by the booking date. Organisers will be unable to reserve your place for an event that requires payment until they have received your money.**

Sometimes, events have to be changed, or very occasionally cancelled, at short notice. It is therefore important that the organiser knows if you intend coming to their event so they can tell you about any changes that may have been made. Hosts can't tell you about event changes if they don't know you are coming.

Members will sometimes specify a limit to the number of people for an event. This may be due to physical space constraints or availability of tickets etc. Please do not pressurise an event organiser into accepting you into an event once their limit of names has been reached.

PHONING EVENT ORGANISERS

Members who organise events publish a contact phone number in the bulletin and it is this number that should be used when making an enquiry regarding their event.

Normal courtesies regarding the telephone should be observed and it is not usually acceptable to contact members about events after 10.00pm.

THE BULLETIN

Our monthly bulletin contains a listing of all the events that have been arranged by our members each month and is distributed at Clubnight on the last Tuesday of the month. Any bulletins that are not collected on the night by members (including prospective members) are delivered by second class post.

As well as the main events, there may be regular events that occur on perhaps a weekly or monthly basis. Details of these can be found towards the front of the bulletin.

Bewitched by IVC ... on Halloween !



ORGANISING EVENTS IN IVC

Prospective members of BNHIVC (in Free and Temporary membership periods) **ARE NOT** required to organise events for the Club. This is to ensure the event is covered under the terms of the Association of IVCs national third party public liability insurance.

Events are often better supported when there are two people organising and hosting them. So we encourage members to get to know each other and find others with whom they are happy to host events and activities.

It is the Activities Officer's job to help ensure that the club has a balanced programme of events throughout the year. To achieve this, he or she maintains a calendar of dates to help members decide when it will be best to hold their event.

The success of our club is dependant on the willingness of our members to get involved with organising events. We therefore encourage all our members to organise activities throughout the year.

We expect that the majority of our members will be willing to organise at least two activities per year for our events programme.

IMPORTANT

If you do organise an event yourself, you must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the event goes ahead as advertised.

If you are having difficulties organising or hosting your event, don't forget that you can get assistance and advice from any of the committee members. For example, if you are unable to attend the event in person, they may be able to suggest somebody that could host the event on your behalf.

If, as a last resort, you do have to cancel your event, it is your responsibility to make sure that everybody who notified you of their intention to attend has been informed that the event will not be taking place.

You are also welcome to attend events hosted by other IVCs. Brief details of some of these can be found at the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in activities in other areas, see the Association Liaison Officer (ALO) and s/he will provide you with suitable contact details. Don't forget though that you will be a guest of that club, and if you do wish to attend anything in their programme, you must contact them before you attend.

CLUB NIGHT

We hold our Club night every Tuesday in pubs and bars in and around Basingstoke. This gives people the opportunity to meet and catch up with other club members in a relaxed environment.

Club nights also provide the ideal setting for our members to discuss and put forward their ideas for events they wish to organise and host in the following month(s). Members will often use this as an opportunity to promote the events they are organising.

JOINING IN - FIRST STEPS

If you wish to attend one of the events listed in the bulletin, simply contact the organiser using the number given or, if you prefer, contact the committee member you spoke to when you made your initial enquiry.

From time to time we run events specially for people who are new to the club. As well as meeting others who have just joined the club, you will also be able to meet current members and committee members who will be on hand to answer your questions.

WHO JOINS IVC?

Membership is open to both **single and married** people, most of whom join in their 20s or 30s. Many members of Basingstoke and North Hampshire IVC have a university or professional background. However, these criteria are applied flexibly and anybody who can show that their interests and outlook are in keeping with the general ethos of the club will be welcome.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Before you can apply for membership, we ask that you attend at least three events and are known by two Committee members. There are two reasons why we do this. Firstly it gives you the opportunity to attend a variety of events before having to decide whether or not you would like to join. And just as importantly it gives us the chance to get to know you a little better.

Once you have been to your first three events, and you have decided you would like to join, you can submit your membership application to the committee via the Membership Secretary. The Committee will consider your application at their next meeting which is mostly a formality. Once your membership is approved, you will be sent a copy of the membership list so that you can contact other members in the club.

We're enjoying a Summer BBQ !



SUBSCRIPTIONS

The 2004/2005 annual subscription rates are:

Temporary Membership - £5.00
(For 2 extra months)

Single membership (p.a.) - £35.00

Joint membership (p.a.) - £50.00
(for a single bulletin at a joint address)

There is a £10 discount offered on the above rates to full members who have organised at least two events in the 12 months prior to renewal.

Your subscription gives you access to club events throughout the year and a monthly mailing of the events bulletin. Joint membership entitles you to one bulletin for your address, not one for each person.

FIRST BULLETIN FREE

All new enquirers to BNHIVC receive a FREE activity bulletin with their New Members Pack plus a second bulletin for the following month.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

To receive a further two bulletins, complete the Temporary Membership form in the Pack and return it with £5 cash or cheque to the Membership Secretary.

ACTIVITY FORUM & EMAIL

BNHIVC uses the **ActivityForum** system for collecting event details over the web, producing the Club bulletin and for membership management. Once you become a full member, you will be issued with your own login name and password so that you can add events to the Club bulletin and manage your own membership details on-line.

We also use the **Yahoo Groups** e-mail system to pass on email messages to those members who have access to email, such as details of ad hoc events or changes to an advertised event. If you have an e-mail account please let the membership secretary know your email address.

THE COMMITTEE

The committee is responsible for co-ordinating all club activities. It consists of ordinary members of the club who are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held in November. All current full members of the club are entitled to stand for committee posts and are also entitled to vote in the election of the committee, providing they attend the AGM.

ASSOC. OF INTER-VARSITY CLUBS

The AIVC is the collective name given to the 45 IVC clubs in England, Scotland and Wales. There are around 5,200 members in IVC. The membership numbers in individual clubs ranges from nearly 500 in London IVC to mid size major city clubs and smaller local town clubs.

The AIVC has a National Conference every year in March / April at which a volunteer committee is elected from the Club representatives to manage the affairs of the Association. The Conference is hosted by one of the larger IVC clubs, who take it in turns to provide the venue and manage the Conference administration.

All IVC Clubs subscribe to a 'Reciprocal Membership Agreement' which provides guidelines for members to be able to transfer their membership between clubs.

Further details about the AIVC and the services it provides can be obtained by going to the AIVC web site at the address below:

www.ivc.org.uk

