

Autumn / Winter 2024 Newsletter



Wow that time of year again, doesn't time fly when you're having dub fun? But the year is not over yet, Suffolk Buggs still have meets & events going on every month right up till Christmas. So be sure to check the events list and get involved in something.

Ye olde v dub cruiser – Isn't it great to have a vehicle on the road that is exempt from having to go through the process of MOT checks and those garage bills. Also to have your dub classed as 'historic tax class' so no yearly vehicle ££££ tax. That must put a smile on your face as you're driving down the road with your window down, waving to other V-Dubbers.

But let's just have a basic refresh on what the understanding is of being MOT exempt and road tax exempt.

MOT - You do not need to get an MOT if:

- the vehicle was built or first registered more than 40 years ago
- no 'substantial changes' have been made to the vehicle in the last 30 years, for example replacing the chassis, body, axles or engine to change the way the vehicle works

Tax - If your vehicle was built before 1 January 1984, you can stop paying vehicle tax from 1 April 2024.

There is loads more information on the government website which is worth a read, just to understand where you are at.

Now this is all great, but you are responsible to keep the vehicle road worthy, so unless you're a great mechanic / body & chassis repairer, it might be wise to get a 'MOT' done to be sure that you are safe on the road.

Most of us will have people / garages that we would recommend, but if you need a recommendation, please use the Suffolk Buggs facebook page and ask. We also have a list of Members recommendations that we can send if requested. Lets keep these classics on the road.

Feb Breakfast meet

Full English anyone? The Bungalow diner in Colchester (yes that's in Essex but Suffolk Buggs as a club are all inclusive, you know...) makes for a great place to meet up, giving you the opportunity to meet other club members and non-members that perhaps might not otherwise meet. Besides what else can you do on a cold Sunday morning in February.



March Autojumble

Thanks to you we had yet another great turnout for our March Autojumble. It's that start to the year that some of you look forward to, is it perhaps the first camp out? Or the treasures that you might find? Or simply to be amongst other VW enthusiasts? Who knows?

As you can see from the pictures below, we do have a few that brave the cold night, but with camp fires on the go to keep those little toes warm, before bedtime, life is all good.

If you pre-book your camping you can get electric hook up, if not we do have plenty of space for non-hook up, if you fancy it. Our October Autojumble is coming up soon.

Don't know how it happens but this March we were lucky with the weather again, this always helps, because then we have such a great turn out for our show 'n' shine. Remember its only a £1 charity donation for entry and this money goes to Marie Curie Cancer Care through Burts Boyz who run that part of the event.



Below are our top 3 winners for March 2024



Easter Camp

Easter Camp was brilliant. We went to Sheringham on the steam train, had a great lunch in the beer garden where it was so warm & sunny. We wrote in the sand & returned to base on the steam train stopping off at Kelling Heath to rehydrate! Sunday it rained but we still managed to walk back to Kelling Heath to take shelter in the pub. A really great weekend & a good time was had by all. Who knows where we will go next year.



April Meet

This month's meet was at our festival home, Haughley park, we had a beautiful sunny day, and it was so lovely to see you all turn up. No meet is the same, different dubbers turn up to different meets and events, you get to speak to a variety of interesting people about their VW and if you happen to be in the middle of a project you could end up coming away with useful hints and tips.



May Meet



Here comes the sun..... and heat at last, so we checked out this little café "Harvey & Co on the Bentwaters Park after they contacted us about having a meet there. Great little place that is basically a bakery with a café on the side. So the pastries were proper and I mean proper, I don't know if you'd get a better croissant anywhere between here and London.

Ladies Camp

Fish & chips & cans of cocktails in the bus shelter at Wickham Market, another lovely weekend with a great group of ladies. We're thinking of a different venue for next year just to shake it up a bit.



Alive & Kickin



I mean, if you were not here, then where were you? This event, as small and young as it is, is getting better and better each year. But that is only because you come along and make it so.

Friday night, new for this year was DJ night, we had some of the best top mixers giving us the party night to remember.

For the Saturday, what an awesome turn out we had for the All Types display there where some really nice machines on show. Thank you for a great turnout to the afternoon Quiz time. After that we had another great night in the music tent with live bands.

Sunday, we saw blue skies and awesome Dubs, it gave the judges a hard time to pick out the winners.

Remember to go online and purchase your tickets for Alive & Kickin for next year..... it will be awesome.

Kick Start your year

Pre register online to display
DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR FRIDAY

ALIVE & KICKIN

Fri 25th - Sun 27th April 2025
@ HAUGHLEY PARK, SUFFOLK

ALL TYPES (SAT) - VW SHOW & SHINE (SUN)

LIVE MUSIC - BAR - TRADERS - FOOD - AUTOJUMBLE
KIDS ACTIVITIES - QUIZ - COOKERY DEMO
BASIC VW SERVICE DEMO - BUILT NOT BOUGHT SHOWCASE
CAMPING - DAY ENTRY

WWW.ALIVEANDVDUBBIN.CO.UK

Kick start your year

If you're interested in volunteering please contact us
info@aliveandvdubbin.co.uk

AVK CREW 25

SET UP CREW
Help set up the show.
(Tue, Wed 4 - 6pm
Thur 24th April 9am - 5pm)

SHOW CREW
Rota'd duties with time off
(Fri 25th - Sun 27th April)

PACK DOWN CREW
Help pack down
Sunday after the event.

REWARDS

SET UP Discounted tickets & lots of fun.
SHOW Wkend tickets, Camping & lots of fun.
SUN PACK UP Even more fun.



Volunteer - Positive - Pride - Teamwork - Passionate - New Friends

Alive & V-Dubbin



To be honest, and I must admit that I probably say this every time, but what an awesome festival we had this year, simply awesome, and that's down to you guys coming along, taken part in the different activities we put on. Many of you reading this right now would have probably been there, I'm not going to rumble on about the different great elements of the festival instead here are a few comments from you guys that makes us feel so happy, thank you.

"My first alive n v dubbin.. lovely festival and great vibe ❤️❤️"

"A absolutely brilliant weekend , never in doubt guys for all of your hard work pulling it together and sticking with it in difficult times after lockdown ❤️ I think in all the years I have been going , this was one of my favourites to date happy adults and happy minions . . . A blissful and fun safe vibe 🤔 we all came back suitably shattered with a smile on our faces and grass stained festival feet 😂 Well done crew , looking forward to next year 🙌🙌 enjoy a well deserved rest x x x"

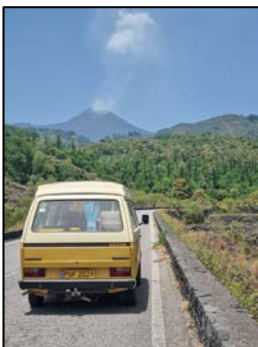
"My first time and my partners and family 9th absolute joy everything @ the festival was more than i expected brilliant well done to all you guys and will be back next year for sure"

"A big thank you to all the crew members who made sure that I was ok on Thursday as the rest of my clubbers were not arriving until Friday.... not something you would get at other festivals. New layout really good. Thanks to all see you next year 💕"

MEMBERS STORIES

Jon & Sarah Cook

3 days after Alive & V-Dubbin this year we (me [Sarah Cook](#) and [Ian Danaford](#)) set off on our European road trip. 2713 miles, 5 ferries (7 for Ian - he lives on the IoW), France, Sardinia, Sicily and back. Vans performed amazingly well, up Etna, under Mt Blanc, countless hairpins and Sicilian 'roads'.



Fri 16th – 18th August – MEMBERS ONLY

AUGUST CAMP @ George & Dragon, Snailwell, Newmarket

No electric, toilets only available during pub opening hours, firepits allowed off the ground, dogs allowed as long as they are cleaned up.

As camping is free please support the pub as much as possible.

Please pre-book any meals before hand to allow for availability.

Drinking water is available.

Please confirm by the end of July if you wish to camp.

CLUB REPS – Robin & Ann Godefroy

Sun 8th Sept – NON-MEMBERS WELCOME DAYTIME CRUISE MEET –

Meet @ 10.45am, Anglia Retail Park.

Cruise 11am to Old Felixstowe.

Bring a picnic & meet fellow members.

CLUB REPS – Naomi, Andrew

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd Sept - MEMBERS ONLY club plot

RETRO DUB SUFFOLK Trinity Park, Ipswich

Select Suffolk Buggs Club when booking.

<https://www.retrodub-suffolk.co.uk>

CLUB REPS – Nean, Sam, Lou, Paul, Mark

Sun 5th - 6th Oct – NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

VW AUTOJUMBLE – 9am – 2pm @Trinity Park, Ipswich.

BUY – SELL – SHOW & SHINE – CAMP

FOOD & DRINK - KIDS ACTIVITIES – CHARITY RAFFLE

ENTRY Adult £2, Kids Free,

SHOW & SHINE £1 Charity donation

UNDERCOVER & OUTDOOR TRADING SPACE

Autojumble plot £20, Craft plot £12, Trade plot £25

25% discount for trading if SB Members

CAMP - Electric £25 per plot + Entry fee (Pre book only by 27th Sept)

No Electric £17.50 per plot + Entry fee

Arrive from 3pm – 8pm Saturday

<https://www.suffolkbuggs.co.uk/vw-autojumbles/>

CLUB REPS – Andrew, Na, Nean, Mark, Sam, Lou, Paul

Fri 25th – 27th Oct – MEMBERS ONLY

AUTUMN CAMPOUT @ Cliff House Holiday Park, Minsmere Road, Dunwich, Suffolk,

IP17 3DQ. 01728 648282.

£24 per night (includes 2 Adults & electric hook up)

Prices for extras are detailed on website.

Payment required in full by 25th August.

Book & Pay Suffolk Buggs - confirm number of Adults, Children, Dogs, and if you are camping in a tent, campervan or caravan.

www.cliffhouseholidays.co.uk **CLUB REPS – Nean, Sam, Lou, Paul,**

Sun 17th Nov – NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

DAYTIME MEET @Walton on The Naze – Naze Car Park, Old Hall Lane, CO14 8LJ. Located next to the Naze tower, heritage centre and wildlife walk. Car parking charges apply.

<https://www.tendingdc.gov.uk/car-parks/naze-car-park-walton-on-the-naze>

CLUB REPS – Sam, Lou

Fri 6th Dec – NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

VW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

Raising funds for EACH

MEET: 6.45pm for 7pm Cruise

FROM: Anglia Retail Park, Bury Road, Ipswich, IP1 5QP

CRUISE TO: Felixstowe Sea Front

DONATE: £10 per vehicle to take part

Make a donation to support.

CLUB REPS – Naomi, Andrew, Sam, Lou

Sun 8th Dec – MEMBERS ONLY

CHRISTMAS MEAL @The Marlborough, Dedham,

12 midday. Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by email to

suffolkbuggs@hotmail.co.uk no later than 24th November.

<https://www.themarlboroughdedham.co.uk/our-menus/>

Welcome to some of our new members

Brian Holder

with his dirty VW T-ROC.

Even though I live in Southend-on-sea,
I am and always will be a Bury boy! lol



Sarah, Alex & Evie

Here we all are with our Buna.



Fancy getting involved in running and representing at some Suffolk Buggs meets & Events through the year? You could volunteer to be a part of the Suffolk Buggs Committee team from April 2025 ? –

More details in AGM email

Don't feel able to commit to being on the Committee but are willing to be on a list of **Suffolk Buggs Volunteer** that could be contacted to ask if available to help at any individual club run meets or events throughout the year, please let us know.

SUFFOLK BUGRS

Cruise to
Old Felixstowe, Cliff Tops Car Park
Sun 8th Sept

Meet @ 10.45am, Anglia Retail Park, Ipswich
Cruise 11am to Old Felixstowe.



Everyone is welcome
www.suffolkbugrs.co.uk



AUTUMN CAMP

25TH - 27TH OCTOBER 2024

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Road, Dunwich, Suffolk, IP17 3DQ
01728 648282
www.cliffhouseholidays.co.uk



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VW AUTOJUMBLE

Bought to you by Suffolk Bugrs VW Club

Sun 6th October 2024

9am - 2pm

Trinity Park, Ipswich, IP3 8UH

Buy - Sell - Show & Shine - Camp
Mechanics Q & A - Food & Drink
Kids Activities - Charity Raffle

ENTRY | Adult £2
Kids Free
Show & Shine (£1 Charity donation)
All Types of Cars welcome

Burts Boyz raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care

CAMP | £17.50 per plot } + Entry fee
SAT NIGHT | Electric £25 per plot }
Arrive Sat 3pm - 8pm Electric must be Prebooked no later than 27th Sept

 Undercover & Outdoor Trade Space

TRADE | Autojumble £20
Craft plot £12
Trade plot £25

25% Discount for SB Members (Show card)



Book online

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VW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

Raising funds for **EACH**

Friday 6th December 2024



MEET: 6.45PM FOR 7PM CRUISE

FROM: ANGLIA RETAIL PARK, IPSWICH, IP1 5QP

TO: FELIXSTOWE SEA FRONT

DONATE: £10 PER VEHICLE TO TAKE PART

WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/VWCHRISTMASLIGHTSCRUISE2024

SUPPORT - DONATE - TAKE PART - WATCH



Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by email to suffolkbugrs@hotmail.co.uk no later than 24th November.

<https://www.themarlboroughdedham.co.uk/our-menus/>

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS MEAL

Sunday December 08 | The Marlborough, Dedham, CO7 6DH | 12:00 pm

www.themarlboroughdedham.co.uk

Alive & Dubbin™

5 - 8 June 2025

Haughley Park, Suffolk, IP14 3JY



BUILT NOT BOUGHT / LOUDEST CAR / SHINIEST ENGINE FRIDAY
ANYTHING GOES SATURDAY
VW SHOW & SHINE SUNDAY



3 MUSIC STAGES

BUILT NOT BOUGHT SHOWCASE - BASIC SERVICE DEMO
COMEDY - BIKE SHOW & SHINE - HUMAN POWERED RACE
BAR - FOOD - TRADE - AUTOJUMBLE
TEAM GAMES - WORKSHOPS - KIDS ZONE
MINIATURE SHOW & SHINE - FANCY DRESS SAT NIGHT "Safari"
CAMPING - BELL TENT HIRE - DAY ENTRY

ADVANCE TICKETS
AVAILABLE ONLINE
UNTIL 30TH MAY



TICKETS AVAILABLE
ON THE GATE



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5 - 8 June 2025

If you're
interested in
volunteering
please contact us

info@aliveandvdubbin.co.uk

FESTIVAL CREW 25

SET UP CREW

Help during the week
leading up to the event.
(Sat 31st May – Wed 4th June)

FESTIVAL CREW

Work on rota for at least 4 - 5
x 3hr shifts (Thur – Sun)
+ Sun eve pack up

PACK UP CREW

Help between
10.30am – 4pm
Monday after the event.

REWARDS

SET UP Free Crew T-Shirt or Discounted tickets & lots of fun

WEEKEND Free Crew T-Shirt, ½ price hoodie, Wkend tickets, Camping & lots of fun. Or 1 x 3hr shift on Festival rota (Thur – Sun) = Bar Voucher

MON PACK UP Bacon Roll & fun

ALL ABOVE + Free Crew Hoodie

We also show our heartfelt Thanks by hosting -
Crew Cuppa & Cake & Crew Thankyou Party.



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Suffolk Bugr's Cook

GET INVOLVED!!

Share your camping favourite recipes with us.
Send us a picture or 2 along with ingredients list
and method.
You never know it could end up in our cook book



Blackberry Jam / Compote

It's that time of year, where you might notice whilst you're camping or going on your local walks that the blackberries are coming through. Take the opportunity to pick some for a foodie delight. You only need a few and if you have children it's a great activity to get them involved.

INGREDIANTS

1 Mug of Blackberries
2nd Mug of Blackberries
2/3 of a mug of Sugar

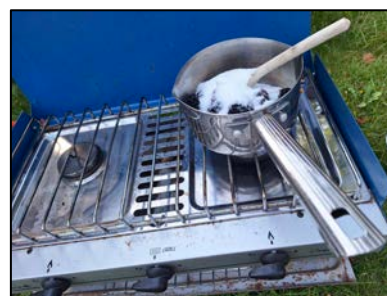
METHOD

Place your pan on the heat and slowly melt down the sugar & 1 mug of blackberries, stir from time to time, it helps break up the blackberries.

Once the sugar is all melted, turn up the heat and boil the mix for about 10 min or until you see the jam mix thicken, add in the other mug of the blackberries and cook through for another 2 min. Turn off the heat and its ready to use however you like.

My example here is making thick pancakes, layered up with the compote jam and topped with Greek yogurt and homemade granola.

Enjoy your jam making.



MERCHANDISE



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Theo Godefroy

AUGUST
Willow Spraggons
Oscar Baker



Aircooled & Watercooled Welcome

MEMBERS AGREED VALUATIONS

We offer members of Suffolk Bugrs VW Club an agreed valuation service.

To arrange yours please email Naomi suffolkbugrs@hotmail.co.uk for further information on how to pay. The paperwork will then be released for your valuation to take place.

£30

Benefits of Club Membership - ABVWC
As well as being a great place to meet fellow Dubbers and enjoy all things VW, there are a number of other benefits to club membership – This includes associate membership of the ABVWC (See opposite), exclusive member only camps/events, club camping at VW events and locally negotiated discounts. Full details are included in your annual membership pack or ask for more details.

SOCIAL MEDIA Don't forget to use our social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram @SuffolkBugrs. Just Like/follow.