

2009

What's On?



Your Guide to Local Events

Mid Anglia, Norfolk, North Essex,
South Essex and Suffolk



As Europe's premier caravanning organisation, The Caravan Club is well known for its network of quality holiday sites. In addition, a varied range of events takes place nationwide throughout the year, organised by local groups of members (called Centres) for the benefit of other members.

Held in a variety of attractive locations, these value-for-money activities cater for all sorts of interests and are an excellent way of visiting new places and making new friends. You will need to be self-sufficient, rely on your on-board toilet and shower facilities and use gas for the fridge and heating.

Do take a look at the choice of specially selected events. The organising Centre and the person to contact appear with each entry and to find out more, or book, just call the number shown (only between 6pm and 9pm please).

All the events and attractions listed are organised by outside bodies and The Caravan Club has no control over dates, times or facilities. What is being offered to you as a Caravan Club member is caravan parking to enable you and your family to enjoy these events and attractions.



Featured Events selected by Centres in the Region

The National Motorhome Show

East of England Showground, Peterborough
24 - 26 April
South Essex and Norfolk Centres

Come and spend the weekend with us at Peterborough – pre book your pitch now. The trade area is now open to ralliers on Thursday from 1pm until 5pm and throughout the weekend. Your chance to see the UK's leading motorhome dealers showing new and pre-owned vehicles with over 300 companies exhibiting their products. An opportunity to talk to the experts and meet old friends and make some new ones, whilst enjoying a fabulous weekend of entertainment.

For more information contact:
South Essex Centre Secretary,
Alan Leslie on 01268 752008
Norfolk Centre Secretary,
Keith Beard on 01603 403376

Anglia Region Fishing Competition

Little Walden
5 - 7 June
North Essex Centre

Both adult and junior fishing competitions will be held on the Saturday. The adult competition will take place on Saturday morning and the junior competition will be run on an individual basis in the afternoon. Although the competition is fierce, the atmosphere is one of goodwill and friendship. The site is very good but may need blocks on some parts. If you are not into fishing then take the opportunity to visit the local town of Saffron Walden or nearby Audley End House.

Further details from Greg Potter on 01206 562659



Hemingfords' Regatta

10 - 12 July
Mid Anglia Centre

Shared by Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots, the Hemingfords' Regatta is the oldest village rowing regatta in the country.

The Regatta is held on the River Great Ouse and comprises a day of racing in double and single coxed pleasure rowing boats, canoes and punts. The entry is largely restricted to the villagers, and there are races for children, adults and veterans. For five weeks prior to the Regatta, the rowing boats, which are owned by the Regatta are available each evening for practice and training. Children are given the opportunity to learn how to row and cox.

For further details contact
Steve & Anne Rayment on 01954 267107
Mobile 07941 252605

Bressingham Steam Museum

Bressingham, near Diss, Norfolk
10 - 12 July
Suffolk Centre

Visit the unique Bressingham Gardens and enjoy over 8000 species and varieties on display, in over six acres of gardens. Take a trip on one of the railways, the collection of working locomotives will take you round the magnificent gardens and woodlands. Visit the locomotive sheds and see the power of steam engineering close up, or take a ride on the Victorian steam carousel. Bressingham is also the home of the Royal Scot, which will be steaming many weekends during the summer.

The National Dad's Army collection lets you wander through Warmington-on-Sea and see the original props and vehicles from the series. So join us for the weekend, Bressingham has something for everyone.

For further details contact Terry Youngs
on 01206 824663

Nuclear Bunker Visit

Kelvedon Hatch
31 July - 2 August
South Essex Centre

Step inside the door of this rural bungalow nestling in the Essex countryside and discover the twilight world of the Government Cold War. Behind the blast screens that protect this bungalow is the entrance to an amazing labyrinth of rooms built into a hillside, encased in 10 feet of thick reinforced concrete and 100 feet underground. This is where central government and military commanders would have run the country had the UK been attacked and nuclear war broken out.

For more information contact Alan Leslie
on 01268 752008



London Experience Weekends

Organised by Anglia Region Committee

Experience one of our great weekends based at Abbey Wood Caravan Club Site, which is a 25 minutes train ride into central London. Do some shopping, visit London's many attractions or even take in a show at the theatre.

8 - 10 May

Start the weekend off in great style on Friday evening with a Dinner at the House of Commons hosted by David Amess MP. On Saturday you will have time to visit the sites in London before departing on Sunday.

Details from Anglia Region Secretary, Sue Wade on 01359 231041 or visit the Anglia Region website.

25 - 27 September

On Saturday night join us for a Thames Cruise Dinner Dance, departing from Abbey Wood Site by vintage Route Master Bus to our Thames paddle steamer for a dinner dance of a lifetime, past the tourist sites along the river.

Details from Mike Threadgold on 01708 558462 or email michael.threadgold1@btinternet.com

13 - 15 November

On Friday join us for a get-together in the marquee on site and on Saturday come to see the Lord Mayor's Parade in the City of London, which is the world's largest unrehearsed parade. This will be followed by fireworks on the Thames and then transport back to Abbey Wood for an evening together on site. On Sunday, visit Greenwich before leaving to make your way home or extend your stay at Abbey Wood.

Details from Derrick Stammers on 01473 830787

Newmarket Race Course

14 - 16 August
Suffolk Centre

A weekend at the home of racing at Newmarket. Racing takes place both on Friday evening and Saturday on the July Course, the Friday meeting is followed by a concert by a famous band or solo artist (as yet to be confirmed). The July Course is also the home of the National Stud where you can take a coach tour of the stud farm and trace the bloodline of many famous racehorses. Newmarket is a small busy town and well worth a visit. In the centre of town is the Horse Racing museum which traces horse racing back to its early days. You can take an early morning walk across the heath and watch the horses training on the gallops, you may be able to spot a future winner! Why not spend an interesting weekend with us at Newmarket? Parking has been arranged on the Rowley Mile Course.

For further details contact Derek Pannell on 01440 785881

Anglia Region Bank Holiday Weekend Spectacular

ILPH Snetterton, Norfolk
28 - 31 August
Norfolk Centre

Join the Anglia Region for a fun-packed weekend at the world's largest rescue and rehabilitation centre with a capacity for over 150 horses. Situated conveniently just off the A11 in Norfolk, the site boasts over 4 miles of tranquil country walkways and a fully equipped visitors' centre. There's a full entertainment programme for the weekend with fun and games for the entire family or take the opportunity to visit local Thetford Forest or Snetterton Race track and market.

Further details from Keith Beard on 01603 403376

Bonfire Spectacular - Hemingford

By kind permission of Hemingford Fireworks Committee
6 - 8 November
Mid Anglia Centre

Join Mid Anglia at one of Cambridgeshire's major firework events and make a weekend of it. Friday evening greet and meet with hot dogs and soup. On Saturday, guy making competition - please bring own materials. Saturday evening bonfire, firework display and sideshows. Sunday morning bacon roll breakfast. Mid Anglia Centre will be acting as agents on behalf of the Hemingford Fireworks Committee. Rally opens 2pm on Friday and closes at 3pm on Sunday.

For further details contact Steve & Anne Rayment on 01954 267107 Mobile 07941 252605



Anglia Region 'Meet the Members' Events

'Meet The Club' Weekend at Stowmarket Caravans, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1JF on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April from 11am to 4pm each day.

Anglia Region AGM

Chelmer Valley High School, Court Road, Chelmsford CM1 7ER on Sunday 22nd November at 11am Buffet Lunch after the meeting

Dickens Christmas Festival

Chatham, Kent
4 - 6 December
South Essex Centre

Charles Dickens lived most of his childhood in Chatham, where his father worked as a clerk in the Naval Dockyard. This period of his life was his happiest and he drew upon his experiences and memories of Chatham and Rochester to feature in many of his books.

The in-house attraction reproduces the architecture of the period with picturesque archways, cobbled stoned streets and decorative features, together with specialised lighting as well as a host of costumed characters, shop keepers and street entertainers.

Dickens World features a Dickensian Shopping Mall, together with a multitude of attractions and rides. The attraction converts into a Dickensian winter wonderland, replete with snow and other characteristics of a bygone era, complemented by a magnificent water feature which over the festive season changes into a spectacular 'ice fantasia' dominated by 'The Spirit of Christmas', 'Jack Frost', 'Scrooge' and a host of other delightful characters who magically come to life.

For more information contact Alan Leslie on 01268 752008



New Year Celebrations

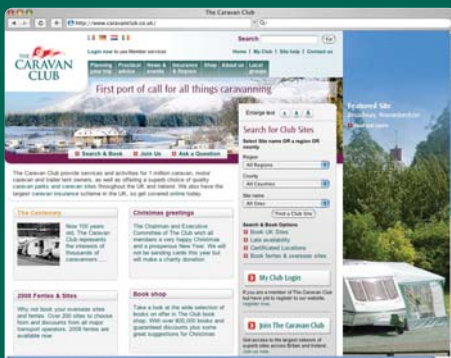
Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Copdock, Ipswich
29 December - 1 January 2010

The Elizabeth Hotel offers the ideal opportunity to see in the New Year in style with fun-packed entertainment, first class food and great surroundings. The package includes three nights of food and entertainment with a Black Tie dinner event on New Year's Eve and finally dinner on New Year's day before you depart. This excellent venue has the added advantage of being parked on hardstanding at the rear of the hotel and also the opportunity to bring family and friends who can stay in the hotel at special rates.

For more information and special booking form contact John Simpson on 01206 271746

Caravan Club Membership

Club members enjoy an outstanding network of sites across Britain and Ireland, free membership of one of 70 local groups, advantageous insurance and overseas travel services, our free monthly Club Magazine plus legal and technical advice.



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