

Events Diary

Get out and about with the Club and make the most of your caravan! Here is a selection of forthcoming events

Be looked after at a Club site

AUGUST

3, 10 & 17 August

Creative Workshops

Families can take inspiration from The Caravan Club's collection, housed at The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, to get creative at these fun workshops.

Location: New Forest Caravan Club Centenary Site, Bransgore

Call: 01590 614762

Web: nationalmotormuseum.org.uk

Club site: New Forest Centenary

4-31 August

Queen Rock Magic

On 9 August 1986 at Knebworth, legendary rock band Queen performed live for the last time with Freddie Mercury. Twenty-four years on, the venue is hosting an exhibition of Queen memorabilia for fans to enjoy.

Location: Knebworth House, Hertfordshire

Call: 01438 812661

Web: knebworthhouse.com

Club site: Commons Wood



Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Extravaganza

6-8 August

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At this event visitors can see a huge array of vintage transport including historic caravans (above).

There will also be interactive demonstrations, a funfair and animal section.

Location: Cotswold Airport (previously known as Kemble Airfield)

Call: 01453 890891

Web: steamextravaganza.com

Club site: Cirencester Park

24-30 August

Land Rover Show

A weekend of off-road action for Land Rover enthusiasts, plus activities for children and adults.

Location: Manby Motorplex, Lincolnshire

Call: 01427 616200

Web: lrshow.co.uk

Club site: Hawthorn Farm

28-30 August

IWA National Festival & Boat Show

A great three-day celebration of the waterways, with hundreds of boats and exhibitors as well as a full programme of entertainment.

Location: Beale Park, Lower Basildon

Call: 0844 800 6583

Web: waterways.org.uk

Club site: Four Oaks

SEPTEMBER

4-5 September

Boston Steam & Vintage Festival

Come to this event and see traction engines, miniature steam trains, classic cars, motorcycles, vintage machinery and much more, as well as plenty of stalls to browse.

Location: Pimlico Farm, Boston

Web: bostonsteamandvintagefestival.co.uk

Club site: Skegness Sands

10-12 September

National Carriage Driving Championships

Three days of events including dressage, marathon and obstacles, along with dog agility on Saturday and a classic vehicle show on Sunday.

Location: Queen Victoria's Review Ground, Windsor

Call: 01526 388643

Web: horsedrivingtrials.co.uk

Club site: Wyatts Covert

17-19 September

Rural Crafts & Skills Show

Learn about and try a wide range of crafts and skills at this event, from cider making and thatching to horn carving and basketry.

Location: Penpont Estate, Brecon

Call: 01544 340212

Web: workingruralwales.org/

Club site: Aberbran

24-26 September

Miniature Rail & Road Rally

A busy steam rally (above right) featuring many types of vehicle and set in glorious Pembrey Country Park



in Llanelli, Wales. Includes a visit to the Club site with miniature road engines.

Location: Pembrey Country Park, Pembrey

Call: 01554 835286

Web: ldme.co.uk

Club site: Pembrey Country Park

25 September-3 October

South Devon Walking Festival

This festival's excellent programme

includes routes through stunning coastal, estuarine and country landscapes.

Location: South Devon

Call: 01803 861384

Web: southdevonwalkingfestival.co.uk

Club site: See the *Sites Directory & Handbook* for sites near walks

26 September-3 October

Silver Screen Weekend 1939-1945

Travel back to the golden age of cinema as you enjoy screenings of some of the greatest romantic, comedy and dramatic classics from 1939 to 1945.

Location: Fairfax House, York

Call: 01904 655543

Web: fairfaxhouse.co.uk

Club site: Rowntree Park

Be looked after at a centre event

These events are open to all members who want to make the most of their caravan or motor caravan. The sites provided are well located but may be basic, so be prepared to use all your on-board facilities. Check you have sufficient gas with you, and remember that electric hook-ups may not always be available. When attending any centre event, you can be assured of a very warm welcome and friendly assistance.

AUGUST

13-15 August

Sunbury Regatta

Relax by the river Thames in Sunbury as you watch this exciting amateur boat race and dazzling evening fireworks display. Caravan pitching is at nearby Walton-on-Thames.

Contact: Walter Blowes on 01252 668055 or email walter.blowes1@ntlworld.com

20-22 August

RAFA Shoreham Air Show

This show offers a thrilling programme of jaw-dropping aerobatic displays. Caravan pitching is within the grounds of beautiful Lancing College nearby.

Contact: Bob Hutchings on 01273 589261 or email events@eastsussexcc.org.uk

20-22 August

Rhynie Gala

Come to Rhynie in Aberdeenshire and be guaranteed a fun-filled

weekend for all the family, with sporting events, stalls, live music and an evening disco.

Contact: Doris Baird on 01779 475835

20-23 August

Lincolnshire Steam & Vintage Rally

See steam traction engines from all over the country plus many vintage vehicles. On Saturday night, visitors can also enjoy a funfair powered by Showmans Engines.

Contact: Mick Williamson on 01526 320377 or email thewilliamson2@btinternet.com

27-30 August

Love In Shakespeare at Nottingham Castle

Taking place on 28-29 August within the grounds of Nottingham Castle, this event takes you on a romantic journey through the Bard's most popular plays. Stay with the Nottinghamshire Centre at Clumber Park, Worksop, and join in with its 2500th rally celebrations. Tickets for *Love In Shakespeare*

should be booked separately by calling the Royal Centre Box Office on 0115 989 5555.

Contact: Jackie Carlile on 0115 975 5080 or email pressofficer@nottscentre.com

27-30 August

Tudor Fair and Market

Visit Mary Arden's (William Shakespeare's mother) home in Wilmcote, Stratford-upon-Avon, and join in the hustle and bustle of a typical Tudor hiring fair where people used to gather to find work or to hire workers. You can also have a go at some traditional country crafts and activities.

Synonymous with Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon has more than 800 years of history and many buildings surviving today that would have been familiar to the greater writer himself. Enjoy all that this beautiful town has to offer while staying at a site within walking distance (or accessible by water taxi).

Contact: June Taylor on 07949 489408 or email honsecretary@middxcc.co.uk

SEPTEMBER

3-5 September

Braemar Gathering

Attended each year by the Queen, this world-renowned event sees a mass of pipe bands on parade in the beautiful setting of Braemar in Aberdeenshire.

Contact: Mike Parkinson on 01224 741244

3-5 September

Faversham Hop Festival

Now in its 20th year, the Faversham Hop Festival is a celebration of Kent's hop-picking tradition.

A fun-packed entertainment programme includes live music, street theatre, colourful processions and an array of Kent's local produce for sale. Caravan pitching is within easy walking distance of Faversham town centre.

Contact: Gary Fisher on 01227 720106 or email gary.fisho8@btinternet.com



3-5 September

Newport Nocturne

The UK's only entirely floodlit cycling event, the Newport Nocturne (above), is set to return after a three-



Mary Arden's Farm,
Stratford-upon-Avon

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year break. This exciting race, which previously attracted over 14,000 spectators, is fought out over a tight circuit. There will be a 'Past Masters' event for ex-pro cyclists, plus a special one-lap time trial featuring former British Olympic and World Championship gold medallists.

Contact: Jim and Jean Hesbrook on 01952 276891

10-12 September Tulleys Farm

There's fantastic fun for all the family to be had at this award-winning attraction in West Sussex. Little ones will love the animal patch, mini diggers and Farmers Golf course. Adults and children alike can enjoy fruit picking and, of course, Tulleys's famous Giant Maize Maze.

Contact: Jill Holness on 01227 364799 or email jillholness@aol.com



Sidney Sussex College

11 September Dinner at Sidney Sussex College

The Mid Anglia Centre is offering a wonderful opportunity to dine in style at one of Cambridge's oldest colleges. The evening includes a tour of this magnificent venue and pre-dinner drinks, followed by a three-course meal prepared by the college's award-winning chefs. Guests in black-tie dress please.

Contact: Clive Bilcock on 07932 667815 or email Clive.bilcock@live.co.uk

17-19 September Grand Henham Steam Rally

Come to Henham Park near Southwold, Suffolk, and see steam power in all its glory along with hundreds of vintage vehicles. Exciting arena attractions include a live demonstration of fire-fighting techniques through the ages. There will also be craft marquees, a vintage fairground and lots of stalls to browse. Caravan pitching within walking distance of the town.

Contact: Colin Goddard on 01986 873719

23-28 September Brogdale Farm Cider Festival

Brogdale Farm in Faversham, Kent, is home to the National Fruit



Collection, and this festival offers a chance to taste and buy a huge variety of ciders made from its delicious produce. But it's not just for cider fans, as visitors can also enjoy orchard tours, cookery demonstrations, animal shows, children's activities and live music.

Contact: June Taylor on 07949 489408 or email honsecreary@middxcc.co.uk

24-26 September Burnham Carnival

Burnham-on-Crouch comes alive as hundreds of people join in the fun of this fantastic annual event. The programme for carnival day includes games, music, fancy dress competitions and more, culminating in a grand illuminated procession in the evening.

Contact: Malcolm Wiltshire on 01268 781922

OCTOBER

29-31 October Beamish Open Air Museum

This world-famous museum transports visitors back in time to the era of the Industrial Revolution in north-east England. But unlike traditional indoor museums, Beamish is arranged like a small town, set in 300 acres of beautiful Co Durham countryside. Inside the buildings – some of which have stood in the same spot since the late 19th century – are original artefacts and furniture from this period.

Join the Durham Centre for its 50th anniversary celebrations at Beamish and benefit from concessionary passes to the museum. The centre has also organised live entertainment and a buffet supper on Saturday night.

Contact: John Pybourne on 01388 762943 or see durhamcentre.co.uk



All aboard at Beamish