

South West Region 2011

Meet the Members - 1

Hurn Lane Caravan Club Site
Weekend 7 - 10 April

Meet the Members - 2

Looe Caravan Club Site
Weekend 15 - 18 September

An invitation at both Club Sites to meet a team of Officers and Committee Members of the South West Region, Club Officials and Nominated Members who will be available to listen to your comments and talk about your Club. Questions can be asked and your ideas and suggestions will be received with interest. You can discuss any problems or issues causing concern and receive a willing ear to listen to your views.

We will be on site on Friday evening, part of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning (times will be displayed in the Reception area).

Club brochures and leaflets will be available and light refreshments will be served.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12 November at 2pm

The AGM of the South West Region will take place at Hoburne Cotswold Holiday Park, Broadway Lane, South Cerney, Cirencester GL7 5UQ

The Gloucestershire Centre is running a rally on behalf of the South West Region to coincide with the AGM from 10 - 14 November.

The Holiday Park has excellent facilities for all ages, including an indoor leisure pool, crazy golf and a large clubhouse. It is hoped to arrange a social get-together on Saturday evening.

Please note: As the event is out of season, dogs are allowed but they must be kept on a lead.

Organisers: Mike & Anne Davis on 01684 296647 or mobile 07842 409 167

Assisted by: Graham & Ann Bevan on 01594 823853 or mobile 07790 699 582

Regional Website and Contact

For the latest Regional news and Centre links, please log into our website:

www.southwestregioncc.org.uk

Alternatively, contact Mrs Susan Southwell, PO Box 1566, Bitterne SO18 9EQ

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.



For more information or to join call **0800 328 6635**
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What's On?



Your Guide to Local Events

South West Region

Avon, Devon & Cornwall, East Dorset,
West Dorset, Gloucestershire,
East Hampshire, West Hampshire,
Isle of Wight, Somerset and Wiltshire

THE
CARAVAN
CLUB

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 appears with each entry and to find out more, or book, just call the contact number shown.

All the events and attractions listed are organised by outside bodies.

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.



Weekend Events selected by Centres in our Region

South Coast Caravan & Motorhome Show

Broadlands, Romsey
8 - 10 April
East Hampshire Centre

An opportunity to see the latest designs and types of caravans and motor caravans and talk to local dealers. There are also lots of accessories, together with all that is new in gadgets and gizmos. If 'new' is not for you, come and see all the pre-loved caravans and motor caravans. The nightly charge includes entry to the Show for two people for the whole weekend. We will be parked very close to showground.

Contact: Chris & Sue Smith on 01252 660805

Spring Ball at the Centurion Hotel

Midsomer Norton, Radstock
8 - 10 April
Somerset Centre

Why not come and join us for our Spring Ball at the Centurion Hotel? On the Saturday evening, there will be a three-course meal with dancing to live entertainment. Dress code is Dinner Jacket or Lounge Suit. Our caravans and motor caravans will be sited in the school just across the road, so we are within easy walking distance.

Contact: Chris & Christine Palmer on 01934 614258

Steam & Vintage Rally

Castle Combe, Chippenham
20 - 22 May
Avon Centre

This Steam Rally has been held since 1985 at the Castle Combe Racing Circuit in Wiltshire. Originally, the Rally site was a small area of the pits at the circuit but it has grown to occupy not only the pits but a large part of the circuit itself.

The Steam & Vintage event is run by a small group of enthusiasts with several founder members still involved. The aim is to provide entertainment for all the family. Over the years many charities have benefited from donations, perhaps the most notable being CLIC Sargent and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal.

Contact: Dave & Janet Trott on 01454 414241

Arlington Court

near Barnstable, Devon
10 - 12 June
Devon & Cornwall Centre

The estate at Arlington is vast, stretching to over 2700 acres and within its boundaries are a Victorian garden, a walled kitchen garden, a heronry, a horseshoe bat colony and woodland and field walks. Horse-drawn carriage rides (for an extra charge) allow visitors a different way to explore the grounds nearer the house. In a whimsical touch, the horses that pull the Arlington carriages are all named after characters from the novels of Charles Dickens. Visitors can also take special carriage driving lessons throughout the season.

Contact: Jason & Stacy Avery on 01237 472138

Castle Combe Circuit - Motor Racing

Chippenham
17 - 19 June
Avon Centre

The Circuit opened just 18 months after Silverstone in the summer of 1950, making it one of the longest established circuits in the UK. In that first year, a young Stirling Moss won a race and over the next few years, drivers like Mike Hawthorn, Colin Chapman, Les Leston, Roy Salvadori and John Surtees thrilled huge crowds. Until 1999, the circuit followed its original layout, around the perimeter of the old air base. Today, it boasts modern facilities for competitors and spectators and is generally recognised as providing the closest circuit racing in British motorsport.

Contact: Dave & Janet Trott on 01454 414241



Holsworthy Vintage Vehicle Rally

Headon Farm, Hollacombe, Holsworthy
23 - 26 June
Devon & Cornwall Centre

This is a very popular event that has been running for several years. It gives us all a chance to see the machines of yesteryear, many of which are restored to a very high standard. The Vintage Rally is held on Saturday & Sunday. This is a free and easy weekend, possibly with entertainment on Saturday night.

Contact: Tony & Betty James on 01752 339777

Stowford Summer Fayre

Berry Down, North Devon
1 - 3 July
Devon & Cornwall Centre

There is the Beer Festival with local ales to try this weekend and you can enjoy a hog roast and explore the Farmers' Market, agricultural displays & trade stands. Family entertainment is planned and there's much more to do in the area.

Contact: Keith & Mary Kingston-Ford on 01237 475364

The Royal International Air Tattoo

Fairford, Gloucestershire
13 - 17 July
Wiltshire Centre

We are returning to Coln House School, which is an ideal location for this popular event. This weekend you can see the largest collection of military aircraft on display anywhere in the world. The airshow takes place over two days and from past experience, much of the flying display can be seen from the rally field. Saturday and Sunday are full flying days. Tickets must be purchased in advance, so if you are new to the event please check arrangements with the rally organisers.

Contact: Phil & Ange Sambrook on 01793 337397

Milton Abbas Street Fayre

28 July - 2 August
East Dorset Centre

This venue is in a lovely unspoilt part of Dorset with plenty of country walks, fabulous scenery and peace and quiet. The biennial Street Fayre takes place in the village on Saturday and is a short walk from where we will be sited at the Milton Abbas Sports Club, a level site where it is not so quiet but which has a great atmosphere. The walk into the village is downhill but if you require help, especially on the way back, there will be a bus available.

We are hoping, weather permitting, to have some activities and get-togethers on site over the weekend. There will be a walking Treasure Hunt, so there's bound to be a clue in the local!

We are able to re-charge disabled scooter batteries overnight in the pavilion, which will be locked.

Contact: Steve & Jane Worsell on 01202 691836

Drove Lea Farm

Titchfield
29 - 31 July
West Hampshire Centre

There's a whiff of steam at the Fareham & District Model Engineers Open Weekend, so you will be close at hand if you want to attend. Drove Lea Farm is a quiet, family run, caravan and camping facility, which nestles in the beautiful Meon Valley within the newly appointed conservation area of Titchfield Abbey. It is just to the north of the picturesque village of Titchfield and is ideal for visiting Southampton and Portsmouth and you could even catch a ferry to the Isle of Wight.

Contact: Clem & Bridget Fallows on 023 9261 3078

Morton Agricultural Show

Morton-in-Marsh
2 - 6 September
Gloucestershire Centre

This is a chance to visit the Cotswold town of Morton-in-Marsh and its annual Show, which is the largest one-day agricultural show in the West. Morton is an extremely popular and beautiful place with several shops and pubs and places to eat along the water's edge and around the green. The site is within easy walking distance of the showground.

Contact: Keith & Jeanette Seabright
on 01453 531251

Crealy Adventure Park

Tredinnick, Wadebridge
16 - 18 September
Devon & Cornwall Centre

Enjoy all the fun at the Park and then come back for a Pasty Supper arranged for Saturday evening. There is something for everyone, so you will be kept busy. Visit the Park's website as there is too much to list here and do it justice.

Contact: Andy & Helen Freeman
on 01752 338366

Three Counties Caravan Show

Malvern
29 September - 2 October
Gloucestershire Centre

Look around and see (and maybe buy) what's new for 2012. There will be a large display of new and used caravans and motor caravans for you to view. It's also an opportunity to buy your accessories and awnings and the displays are mostly undercover. There is a café and bar on site.

Contact: Steve & Di Kalus on 01453 542446



Victorian Christmas

Stokes Bay, Gosport
25 - 27 November
East Hampshire Centre

A Victorian Festival of Christmas awaits you just across on the ferry in Portsmouth. There will be snow in the air as you stroll down the Victorian Street, where you can find merriment (and maybe a real ale!) at Fagin's Tavern. A Victorian Father Christmas, complete in green dress, will be giving gifts from his grotto aboard HMS Warrior 1860 and roasted chestnuts, mulled wine, carol singers, costumed characters and performances will bring the Victorian age to life.

Contact: Nigel & Pauline Hughes on 01489 785706

Bank Holiday Events selected by Centres in our Region

Bath Racecourse

21 - 24 April (Easter)
Somerset Centre

Come and celebrate Easter and St George's Day at this hill-top location, with spectacular views over the City and the Severn estuary. We hope to arrange an open top bus tour of Bath and a race evening. There will be Easter activities and evening entertainment. Be patriotic and wear Red and White.

Contact: Sally & Alan Sperring on 01793 612916

Port Lympe Wild Animal Sanctuary

near Ashford, Kent
21 - 28 April (Easter)
East Hampshire Centre

On Good Friday there will be Hot Cross buns & tea or coffee. Saturday is St George's Day so bring along your bunting and we will have a party if the weather is kind to us. On Sunday there's an Easter egg hunt in the park.

The Channel Tunnel terminal is fairly near if you fancy a trip to France (but don't forget your passport). There are also many other places of interest within easy reach, including Canterbury and Leeds Castle.

Contact: Mick & Moira Whitfield on 01252 655915

Weston-super-Mare

Ebdon Bow
21 - 24 April (Easter)
Wiltshire Centre

Join us at Easter at Ebdon Bow, where Weston is not far away and hopefully the sun will shine to make it that much better. See the new pier and enjoy candyfloss, ice creams, donkeys and plenty of Weston mud! Back on site, various activities will be arranged over the weekend, so you can join in if you wish.

Contact: John & Tracey Mason on 01793 432531

Urchfont Scarecrow Festival

near Devizes, Wiltshire
29 April - 2 May (May Day)
Wiltshire Centre

The Urchfont Scarecrow Festival started in 1997 to raise money to refurbish the village hall. Following the success of the first year, the festival has become an annual event with over 50 scarecrows now being made by families, groups and individuals in the village. Past themes have included the 'Young at Heart', Book Titles, Pairs, People who changed the World, Song Titles, Professions, Films and The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

Contact: Nigel & Chris Riley on 01793 850177



Farmer Palmer's Farm Park

Organford, Poole
26 - 29 August
Somerset Centre

Come and join us on a fun-packed weekend for you and your children. There are milking demonstrations, an animal barn, bouncy castles, children's play area, indoor soft play barn and lots more. For those of you who enjoy walking, there are woodland walks and we will have a social in the barn on Saturday night.

If you want to get out and about then Poole, Swanage and Bournemouth are within easy reach. There is a bus route outside Farmer Palmer's.

Contact: Sue & Malcolm Bown on 01722 331966

Holidays selected by Centres in our Region

Wareham Forest Tourist Park

Dorset
18 - 27 February
West Hampshire Centre

The Park is surrounded by the quiet and tranquillity of 14 square miles of Wareham Forest. The 55-acre site offers plenty of space and top quality facilities ensure a comfortable stay. This is an ideal base to explore the delights of Dorset's castles, coves, quaint villages, spectacular countryside and miles of sandy beaches. Poole, Bournemouth, Weymouth, Swanage and the Purbeck Hills are just a short drive away.
Contact: Helen Kennedy on 01489 795188

Holiday Resort Unity

Brean Sands, Burnham-on-Sea
20 - 26 February
Gloucestershire Centre

Join us at this resort for the half-term school holidays. This is a large holiday park with both static holiday units and touring caravans. There is a nightclub 'RJ's', children's entertainment, bingo, cabarets for adults and shows every night, plus arcades, shops, a gym, fishing and much more. The price includes a hardstanding pitch, electric hook-up, excellent shower & toilet facilities and free entertainment.

Contact: Michelle Bassett on 01242 255754 or John Medus on 01242 519471

Ravenoville-Plage

Normandy, France
27 May - 10 June
Somerset Centre

Come and join us at this beautiful 4-Star site at Ravenoville-Plage, just 20 metres from the beach near Sainte Mère Eglise and Utah Beach. The site facilities include three heated swimming pools, games areas and indoor games room. Tennis, billiards, bikes, football, volleyball and many other activities are also available.

Contact: Chris & Christine Palmer on 01934 614258

National Rally Follow-on

Abbot's House Farm,
Goathland, North Yorkshire Moors
31 May - 5 June
East Dorset Centre

This is a small village in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the heart of the North Yorkshire Moors, made famous by the TV series 'Heartbeat'. There is a village Post Office, general store, craft and souvenir shops and several hostelrys offering bar food and evening meals. The steam railway is within walking distance, where you can step back in time and travel on the steam train to Pickering and Whitby. There are numerous other places of interest nearby.

Contact: Joyce and Terry Hughes on 01305 771843

Flemings White Bridge

Killarney, Ireland
16 - 30 June
East Hampshire Centre

The site is situated 1.5km east of Killarney and central to all the local tourist attractions. If you want a day off from driving, coach tours can be booked from reception including The Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, The Gap of Dunloe, a Variety Trip & Killarney Highlights. Closer to Killarney is Muckross House and gardens and much more within the National Park.

Contact: Roger & Iris Mitten on 023 9237 3702

The Royal International Air Tattoo

Fairford, Gloucestershire
11 - 19 July
Gloucestershire Centre

Visit the airshow with all its attractions or watch the flying displays over your head from where you are sited. The showground is within easy walking distance. The dates are planned so that you can watch the aircraft arrive and practice and the Show days are Saturday and Sunday. This is a very popular and busy event - booking early is essential.

Contact: Paul King on 01453 751704

Pembrey Country Park

Carmarthenshire
30 July - 13 August
West Hampshire Centre

The eight miles of golden sands are edged by a belt of sand dunes and extensive grassland and forest within the Country Park. There are clear panoramic views across Carmarthen Bay to the Gower and Carmarthenshire coast. The Park also has a variety of leisure facilities including an Activity Centre and 'Go Ape', a high-wire forest adventure course.

Contact: Colin & Sue Davis on 023 8036 6501

Gartell Light Railway

Templecombe, Somerset
12 - 21 August
West Hampshire Centre

Go back in time to a more leisurely age and ride through the beautiful Blackmore Vale countryside, along the route of the old Somerset & Dorset Railway on the narrow gauge Gartell Light Railway. The half-size trains are operated in exactly the same way as their full-size counterparts, with every train movement governed by an array of semaphore and colour-light signals, controlled by the signalmen in two signal boxes. It is no exaggeration to say that the Gartell Light Railway is a working museum of traditional railway practice.

Contact: Martin & Kim Colbourne on 023 9265 4864



Heumens Bos

Nijmegen, Holland
13 - 27 August
East Hampshire Centre

This site is close to Nijmegen & Arnhem, the location of the famous Second World War battle on which the film 'A Bridge To Far' was based. There is plenty to see in the area if history is your interest or you can visit Amsterdam with its galleries and museums, including the Anne Frank House Museum. We are also close to the German border, which is 15-20 minutes away, where there are many other places of interest.

Contact: Paul & Michele Andrews on 01252 655915

Great Comberton

near Cambridge
22 - 29 October
East Hampshire Centre

Cambridge is a delight to visit in any season. Take a walking tour to see its history or relax in one of its many pubs, restaurants and cafés and explore the independent shops around the historic market place.

There are also many places to enjoy just a short drive away. Visit the market town of Ely for its magnificent Cathedral; Newmarket races are odds-on for an exciting day out; or head for one of the region's majestic stately homes such as Audley End or Wimpole Hall.

Contact: John & Mary Clemons on 01489 785010

Somerset Carnivals

Rose Farm, Burnham-on-Sea
3 - 8 November
East Hampshire Centre

The Somerset Carnivals are believed to be the largest illuminated processions in the world, dating back more than 400 years. Some of the larger events (such as Bridgwater) attract crowds of up to 150,000. The carnival carts are designed and built by dedicated carnival clubs around the West Country and take part in the parades along with many other entries. These range from clowns dancing in the streets to 100ft long illuminated carts, (some with up to 30,000 light bulbs), pulled by tractors.

Contact: Martin & Maureen Straker on 01252 546585