

## THE CARAVAN CLUB NEWS



### WHY NOT STAY WITH THE CLUB AT THE NEC IN OCTOBER?

If you are planning to visit the NEC for **The Motorhome & Caravan Show (11-16 October)** why not stay on The Caravan Club's temporary site which is within easy reach of the halls, either by walking or on the Shuttle Bus. You can book from Friday 22 July for stays between Monday 10 October and Sunday 16 October.

The Club site is perfect if you have a long drive to Birmingham or if you would like more than one day to browse all the latest vehicles and accessories in the exhibition halls. The site features 400 paved and shingle pitches, all offering 6Amp hook-up, and a shuttle bus is available to and from the show. An on-site marquee plays host to a mobile food unit and bar as well as free evening entertainment from Tuesday through to Saturday night.

Temporary fresh water, black, grey and dry waste disposal facilities are available and there is a toilet block on site (no showers).

The price is £35 (paved pitch)/£30 (shingle pitch) per night but we have a Sunday Special deal of £25/£20! Call 01342 336666 (from Friday 22 July) to book or see . Price does not include show entry.

### CELEBRATE BEATRIX'S BIRTHDAY

If you are planning a visit to the Lake District this summer, why not join in the celebrations marking 150 years since the birth of Beatrix Potter.



## 10 EXOTIC HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS IN THE UK

Summer holidays abroad can be just that little bit too expensive, but for those of us who can't afford to jet off to foreign lands, holidaying in the UK is a great alternative.

### 1. St Ives, Cornwall

There's a reason so many people flock to Cornwall during summer. The coastal county is simply beautiful. St Ives is a fishing village and the artistic centre of Cornwall, with some artists even claiming the quality of the natural light is better and brighter than in any other part of England.

### 2. Staithes, North Yorkshire

Another artists' favourite is Staithes in North Yorkshire. The quaint coastal hamlet has previously played host to accomplished painters including Dame Laura Wright.

### 3. Keswick, Cumbria

The market town of Keswick has become a major tourism hub in the North Lakes. There's something for everyone here from enjoying the natural beauty of the rural area to exploring local shops and restaurants.

There are plenty of outdoor activities too for those seeking a more exhilarating adventure.

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On 28 July, Hill Top, Beatrix's 17th-century farmhouse, is hosting a birthday party during which families can enjoy fun activities and music. The event is free but normal admission charges apply to this National Trust venue.

Nearby Coniston Park Coppice Club Site is the ideal base for a visit, offering its own mini adventure playground that is perfect for the kids.

Further south, visitors to The Club's Meathop Fell site are about half an hour's drive from Hawkshead, where the Beatrix Potter Gallery hosts a new exhibition entitled 'Realism and Romance' until October.

This fascinating display features many of the great storyteller's original watercolours and illustrations. Meanwhile, guests will be able to listen to favourite tales read by a friendly volunteer on 'Storytelling Saturday' (10 September).

To book your Club site, call the Advance Booking Service on 01342 327490

### 4. Isles of Scilly, Cornwall

There's nothing silly about this archipelago off the coast of Cornwall. There are five inhabited islands where you can stay and 140 uninhabited islands for you to explore. The sub-tropical climate means you may even see palm trees – in England.

### 5. Gower Peninsula, West Glamorgan

Just a short drive from Swansea, Gower Peninsula boasts some of South Wales' most picturesque beaches and was the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Follow the Gower Coast Path to Three Cliffs Bay and see the sand dunes, salt marsh and limestone cliffs.

### 6. Portmeirion, Gwynedd

Possibly Wales' most colourful offering, Portmeirion is North Wales' own slice of Italy. You may recognise the dreamy architecture from cult 1960s TV series *The Prisoner*. The village was designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis in the 1920s who wanted to create an atmosphere that forced people to display good manners. Stroll through the Central Piazza to admire his handiwork.

### 7. Llandudno, Conwy

Seaside town Llandudno has a very quaint, old-fashioned feel to it. Head to the Great Orme's summit on the tramway or take a stroll on the Victorian pier.

### 8. Brecon Beacons, South Wales

To see nature in all its majesty, look no further than the Brecon Beacons.

Straddling Carmarthenshire, Powys and Monmouthshire, this national park is vast. The spectacular Henrhyd Falls was used in the final scene of *The Dark Knight Rises*. If it's good enough for Batman, it's good enough for us.

### 9. Isle of Arran, North Ayrshire

Scotland's seventh largest island is steeped in history. Explore the Bronze Age remnants of the Machrie Moor Stone Circles, or visit the Giants' Graves above Glenashdale falls. Brodick Castle boasts an internationally acclaimed collection of rhododendrons and Arran's highest mountain, Goatfell is home to an array of wildlife. Red squirrels, golden eagles, deer, otters and basking sharks can all be spotted around the island and on the coastline.

### 10. Glencoe, Argyll

You might recognise the rugged landscape of Glencoe. It has featured in blockbusters like *Skyfall* and several of the Harry Potter films. Located in the Outdoor Capital of the UK, the road through this village will take you to the heart of an ancient volcano.

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