



Wishing You a  
**Happy  
Easter**

**Cover4Caravans**



*This is a picture of a cute deer that stopped by for breakfast every day while we were on holiday in Elvedon recently*

## Welcome to the Easter edition of the Cover4Caravans newsletter

**WIN**  
**£100 Amazon Voucher**  
Find out how inside!



**Daffodils are out, the evenings are slowly getting lighter and the weather is getting warmer - that can mean just one thing - Easter is nearly here!**

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Cover4Caravans newsletter which has a truly Spring-like feel to it! Here is a taster of what is inside ...

**Get away to the South West of England**  
With Spring firmly in our sights, we thought we'd do something a little bit different to celebrate the end of the cold weather! So, here is our guide to gardens to visit in the South West of England ... from Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire to Three Centuries of Garden Design at Hestercombe Gardens in Taunton, we have got some great ideas to get you enjoying the great outdoors in some of the country's most amazing gardens.

**Win a £100 Amazon Gift Voucher**  
Enter our Easter-egg themed caption competition to be in with a chance of winning a fantastic Amazon voucher worth £100.

**Things to do over Easter**  
The Easter break doesn't have to be four whole days of devouring chocolate, there are lots of events going on countrywide - check out our selection of things to do courtesy of the Cover4Caravans mascot, Al The Snail.

Finally, please do send your caravan holiday photos and reviews to richardb@alanblunden.co.uk - we would love to hear from you. Or share them on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Cover4Caravans](http://www.facebook.com/Cover4Caravans).

That's all for now - we hope you enjoy this latest edition of our newsletter - and Happy Easter!

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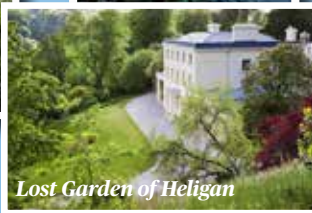
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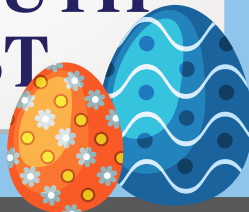
Hestercombe Gardens



Lost Garden of Heligan

**Get away to...**

WELCOME TO  
**THE SOUTH WEST**



### Period Drama – Stourhead, Wiltshire

The centrepiece of this world-famous landscape garden is a magnificent lake reflecting classical temples, mystical grottoes, and rare and exotic trees. Close your eyes and imagine any English period drama and Stourhead could be the setting. (Open all year) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead)

### A Blaze of Colours - Westonbirt Arboretum, Gloucestershire

Marvel at over 15,000 species of tree from all over the world, brought together in one stunning place. The blaze of fiery colours provides a spectacular show, which is truly magical. Be amazed by the weird and wonderful sites such as the paperbark tree. Relax, escape or have an adventure amongst nature's giants. (Open all year) [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

### Sweeping Vistas - Prior Park, Bath

Lose yourself in the sweeping vista of the garden, inspired by Capability Brown, with dreamy views of the Georgian city of Bath. Walk through history to an Iron Age hill fort, Roman settlements, and 18th-century follies then cross the magnificent Palladian bridge, one of only four of this design in the world. (Open all year) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park)

### Vacation on location – Puzzlewood, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire

A new Film and TV trail, Forest on Film, will launch in 2016 following Forest of Dean locations from international productions like Star Wars VII and The Huntsman. Encompassing an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, spectacular castles and acres of ancient woodland, the Forest of Dean has become a huge draw for film makers, hosting multi-million pound international motion-pictures. (Closed in Jan, Open weekends only Nov, Feb – March 22, Open April – Oct) [www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net)

### Magical - The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Cornwall

Immerse yourself in Europe's largest garden restoration where a world of romance,

nostalgia and discovery awaits. Discover the intriguing story of how a thousand acres of beautiful, manicured and productive gardens were lost under a sea of brambles and ivy after the outbreak of WW1. (Open all year) [www.heligan.com](http://www.heligan.com)

### Exploration - Tyntesfield House, Gardens & Parkland, Bristol

This garden and estate balance faded beauty with an abundance of nature. Flower filled terraces, an empty lake, woodland, champion trees and a productive kitchen garden give much opportunity for exploration. (Open all year) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tyntesfield](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tyntesfield)

### Far From the Madding Crowd - The Thomas Hardy Garden, Dorset

Experience a real English country cottage garden little changed from Hardy's time here in the mid-19th century. Escape further afield and walk into wild woodland landscapes where Hardy drew inspiration for his early novels and poems. (Open March 9 – November) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardys-cottage](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardys-cottage)

### An English Estate - Killerton Gardens, Exeter

This 6,000 acre estate, with 20 farms and over 200 cottages is one of the largest ever bequeathed to the National Trust. Wander off the beaten track and find Killerton's smaller properties for a true taste of country life. Explore the Old Post Office, Medieval hall house and working watermill that grinds flour for Killerton's restaurant. (Open all year) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton)

### Three Centuries of Garden Design at Hestercombe Gardens, Taunton

Come and lose yourself in fifty acres of lakes, temples, cascades, tranquil woodland walks, formal terraces, vivid colours and views that take your breath away. One of the most acclaimed garden restorations anywhere in the UK. The combination of three centuries of stunning garden design brought back to life. (Open all year) [www.hestercombe.com](http://www.hestercombe.com)

### 900 acres of 'Capability' Brown – Longleat House and Gardens, Wiltshire

Longleat House is set in 900 acres of 'Capability' Brown designed landscape. The gardens and areas of the parkland were redesigned and modernised by 'Capability' Brown after 1757 where it was replaced with a fine lawn, a serpentine river, wooded hills, and gravel paths meandering round a shrubbery. Admire the elegance, structure and uniformity of the formal gardens then lose yourself in the romance and intrigue of the Secret Garden. [www.longleat.co.uk](http://www.longleat.co.uk)

### A Garden for Gardeners - RHS Rosemoor, Devon

Beauty waits around every corner at Rosemoor, Devon's showpiece Royal Horticultural Society garden. Taste delicious handmade cakes or a Devon cream tea all sourced from local ingredients and the garden itself. Wander at your own pace or take a group tour. (Open all year) [www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor](http://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor)

### Subtropical Island Discovery – Tresco, Isles of Scilly

Tresco Abbey Garden is internationally renowned as one of the finest sub-tropical flora and fauna collections in the Northern Hemisphere. Follow the terraced gardens down to the sparkling clear waters and gaze out over the hundreds of islets and rocks that make up the Isles of Scilly. (Open all year) <http://www.tresco.co.uk/enjoying/abbey-garden/>

### The Queen of Crime - Agatha Christie's Greenway Garden, Devon

Walk in the favourite gardens of England's world-famous Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie. Discover the walled gardens, home to the restored peach house and vinery, then see Greenway Boathouse, scene of the crime in Dead Man's Folly. (Open Feb 13-November) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway)

### Late Victorian Magnificence - Llanhydrock, Cornwall

Take in the orderly beauty of this formal

English garden with its herbaceous borders, a fabulous parterre and colourful higher gardens filled with camellias, magnolias and rhododendrons. The estate is well worth exploring too, with ancient woodlands and tranquil riverside paths. Feeling adventurous? You can even hire a bike to make the most of this opportunity. (Closed Jan-Feb 14) [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lanhydrock](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lanhydrock)

### Rainforests and biomes – Eden Project, Cornwall

Nestled in a huge crater, once a quarry, the Eden Project is home to massive Biomes housing the largest rainforest in captivity anywhere in the world and gardens representing almost every major climate type across the globe. A stunning construction set amongst fabulous contemporary gardens, exhibitions and even live performances! (Open all year) [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com)

### Last but not least, naked gardeners – Gardens of Abbey House, Wiltshire

Ian Pollard says his epitaph will read 'Why not?' because that's the first thing he thinks when an idea comes to his head. So – a garden tended by people who happen to wear no clothes? Why not?! Ian and his wife Barbara have been tending to the gardens of Abbey House in Malmesbury, Wiltshire, since 1994 and they are now the proud owners of beautiful green spaces with pretty waterfalls and a large outdoor chess board. Ian and Barbara are 'dressed for visitors' except on pre-arranged 'clothes optional days'. Why not? (Open all year) <http://www.abbeyhousegardens.co.uk/>



The Eden Project

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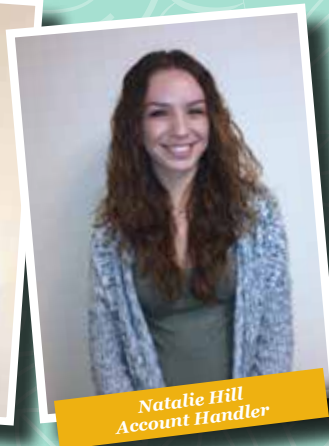
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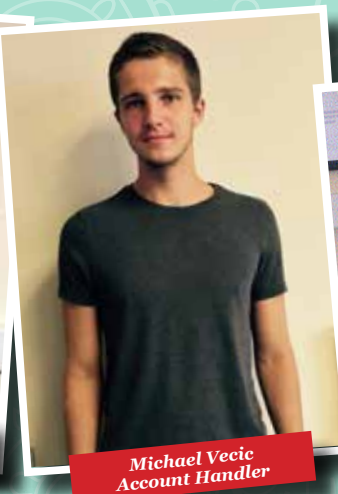
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**Meet The Team**  
Now you can put a face to the name!



# Did you know...

You can save up to 15% on the cost of your caravan insurance by storing it as a CaSSOA-accredited site?

**If you own a caravan, making sure you store it somewhere safe and secure when it is not in use is an obvious priority – and something we need to know about, too, in order to underwrite it.**

There's nowhere in the UK that we generally don't cover, but for example if you're keeping it at home and you suddenly decide to keep it on your mate's farm where there's no locked gates, there might be no CCTV and anyone can go in and borrow your caravan on a permanent basis, then it could be a problem for us.

This is why it is part of the policy conditions that you need to notify us of any change in storage location and we need to preapprove that.

Generally it's not a problem, but the sort of things we're looking for is obviously is it secured? What sort of size are the gates? Are they locked? Is it in a dedicated storage area?

Watch our [Caravan Storage and Insurance Video for more information](#)

## CaSSOA-accredited storage sites

One storage solution that we actively support – and reward our customers with up to 15% off their caravan insurance cover – is using a CaSSOA-accredited site.

CaSSOA stands for the Caravan Storage Site Owners' Association and these sites are recognised for being among the most secure places to store your caravan because they promote the highest security standards.

## The insurance advantage

When it comes to your caravan insurance, if you choose a CaSSOA-approved site to store your caravan, we will give you up from 5% to 15% off your caravan insurance premiums. The discount depends depending on the site and what level of accreditation it has - ie bronze, silver or gold.

The reason we offer this discount is that these sites are very secure, and your caravan is at less risk of being stolen.

## What CaSSOA sites include

There are currently some 400 [CaSSOA-accredited sites](#) to choose from, all of which have been independently assessed.

When you choose one of these sites, you are doing so because they have superior security and access compared to other sites, often including alarms, secure fences and CCTV.

These sites are found all over the country, and you should not have to travel too far to find one. You can find a site at the website here: <http://www.cassoa.co.uk/find-a-cassoa-site/> and by using the search function.

Do note, of course, that as a result of the superior security, they may be slightly more expensive than other sites, so this is something to plan for.



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# AL the Snail

Honey,  
I found a  
great  
easter holiday  
home deal!

## What our customers are saying!

*At Cover4Caravans, our aim is not only to find you the most suitable and cost-effective cover for your ‘van, but to provide a first class service.*

*Here is some genuine feedback via Feefo from some of our customers. To read more reviews, follow the link on our home page.*

*“No problem at all. Had to change the policy into my name and it was done without any fuss.”*

*“Your staff were very good and knew what he was talking about and so helpful. I could not fault the service I got!”*

*“Helpful and pleasant staff and right price.”*

*“Friendly professional service. Responded immediately to any queries.”*

*“First time I've been with this company everything seems great including the quote and service I've already received, not really much more to say the insurance has covered all my needs, very happy.”*

*“Fast and excellent service, very helpful and provided information as I required.”*





# A Day in the Life of Catherine Wright Cover4Caravans Account Handler



- 6.15am** Alarm call, let the dogs out in the garden, make a tea.
- 7.45am** Wake up and snooze my alarm
- 8.00am** I turn off my alarm and get up to make a coffee and sit back in bed to drink it and watch some morning TV
- 8.15am** I make myself some cereal for breakfast, and my lunch for the day, a sandwich, before I start getting ready for work
- 9.15am** I pack my lunch in to my bag and get the rest of my things together ready to leave. The walk to work takes about 20 minutes but I put my music on and listen on the way



- 9.45am** I arrive at work and put my lunch in the kitchen fridge, and say morning when I see everyone in my office at their desks
- 10.00am** I turn on my computer and load the system we use to quote touring and static caravans, and property insurance and open my work emails and start clearing my inbox
- 10.30am** After answering my emails, I start work by going through the online leads on the system and answering incoming calls related to the policies we offer
- 12:00am** Throughout the morning I help several customers insure their caravans and renew existing policies as well as sending documents in the post

- 2:00pm** I have my lunch at two and go to the closest coffee shop to meet my friend for a coffee. I have a white chocolate mocha and we sit outside
- 3:00pm** Get back to the office and start working on the diaries which need to be completed each day
- 6:00pm** Finish work and get picked up and go back to my parents' house for dinner, we eat together and then watch a film
- 9:00pm** Get back home and make a cup of tea and relax with my boyfriend before we start getting ready for bed
- 10:30pm** Get ready for bed and go to sleep early ready for my early shift tomorrow.



# Al's ideas ... for things to do this Easter

With an extra long bank holiday weekend, Easter is a great time to get away in your 'van. Whether you are taking the children or grandchildren away or you fancy taking part in an Easter Egg hunt, then there are a number of things you can do on this four day break.

Al The Snail's ideas listed below are just a snapshot of the different types of activities of what is on offer – and there are lots of similar activities nationwide.

## [Easter egg rolling and bonnet making in Lancashire](#)

Egg rolling takes place every hour at Avenham and Miller Parks in Preston on April 17. Take part in workshops, enjoy street theatre and live music, and even make your own Easter bonnet!



## [Visit a farm and hunt some eggs in Suffolk](#)

The Easton Farm Park in Woodbridge is holding an Easter Egg hunt the weekend of 14 – 17 April. Once you have found your eggs, you can visit the farm animals. You can also pitch up here too, so you can wake up to the sound of goats and the sight of ponies.



## [Festival of Steam and Transport in Kent](#)



It is 'Full Steam Ahead' once again at the annual Festival of Steam and Transport on Easter Sunday and Monday 16 and 17 April 2017. This family event has a carnival atmosphere with all-inclusive festival fun and entertainment, including a free steam funfair, street acts, walkabout performers, together with classic and vintage cars, locomotives, steam traction engines, motorbikes, farm animals, traders and 'Call the Midwife' location taster tours.

## [Easter egg hunts in the capital](#)

The National Trust (with Cadbury) are running egg hunts in many of its beautiful London properties over the Easter weekend. Visit Sutton House for its curious caravan, Fenton House for its pretty walled garden, and Red House for its wombat trail.



## **Don't fancy venturing too far from your caravan site?**

If you'd rather spend Easter pitching up and simply relaxing in your 'van, then there are lots of caravan sites across the country that are running special Easter events ... for example, at the [Beachside Holiday Park in Somerset](#) you can meet their resident Easter bunny and a member of staff will lead the children around the park finding clues and solving Easter trivia questions.

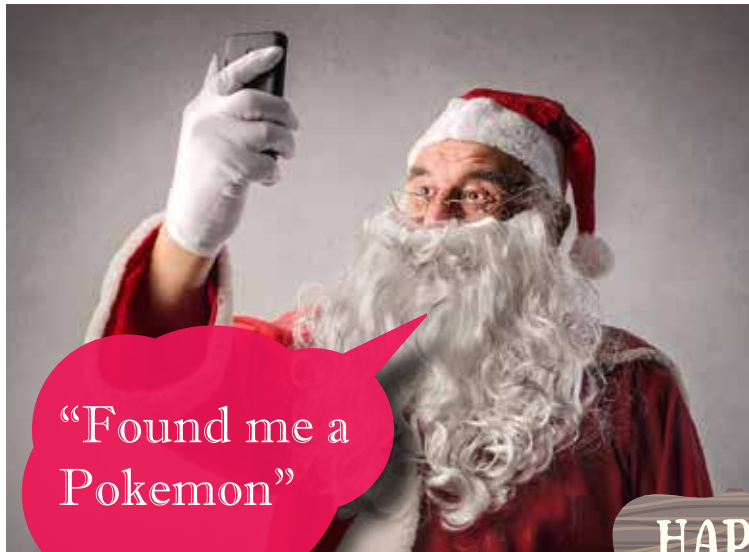
Or, the [Park Foot Caravan & Camping Park in Cumbria](#) has several events running during the Easter break for children and adults alike, from a duck race to a champagne reception!

*Whatever you do, Happy Easter!*



# CAPTION COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our caption competition in the last edition! Congratulations to **Raymond Wilson from North Shields** who won a £100 Amazon voucher



"Found me a Pokemon"

Last edition's picture...



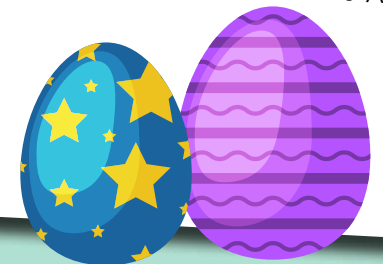
Here is this edition's competition

So for your chance to win this fabulous prize, have a look at the picture above.



Please send us your caption via email to [michaels@alanblunden.co.uk](mailto:michaels@alanblunden.co.uk) or post it to us as our usual address. If yours is the winning caption, you will receive a fantastic £100 Amazon Gift Voucher

Closing date for entries is **Friday 16th June 2017.** Good luck!





# The latest caravan gadgets to whet your appetite!



When you take your caravan out this summer, you might be looking enviously at the latest gadget in use on a neighbouring pitch. Stay one step ahead by making sure you've taken on board some of the useful and newest gadgets on the market.

## Scrubba Wash

At some point during any caravan holiday you are going to need some laundry doing. Usually, that means finding the nearest launderette or stowing a space-hogging portable washing machine on board.

A [Scrubba Wash Bag](#) takes you back to basics by offering a simple collapsible bag into which you put the laundry, add water and soap and just rub – for “a machine quality wash” say the makers.

## Caravan movers

For some time now, motorised caravan movers have been taking the backache and strain out of manoeuvring your caravan into the tightest of corners.

The latest generation of these devices take sophistication, ease of use and sheer handiness several steps forward – and as far as your caravan's concerned, not just forward, but backward, rotating clockwise or anti-clockwise.

The latest models from British makers, [Rhyno Caravan Motor Movers](#), for example, come with full remote control, free factory fitting and a five-year guarantee.

## Sun-powered digital radio

A radio has been a firm favourite as a breakfast companion for many a caravanner.

When you are enjoying a spot of outdoor listening, though, a major inconvenience has been the need for trailing cables to your caravan's battery or the risk of the radio's own batteries giving out at some critical moment in the broadcast.

So the welcome news is a cunning design by the established masters of radio design, Roberts, in the shape of the [sun-powered, digital SolarDAB 2](#) – which “uses the sun as a power socket” boast the makers.

## Solar power

But why stop with your radio? [According to the online magazine Caravan Talk](#), portable solar panels are one of the most popular caravan gadgets available.

As you might imagine, though, these do not come at all cheap and you might want to give solar panels more than a second thought or two before investing in what is likely to prove an expensive – if attention-grabbing – gadget.

## Coffee as you like it

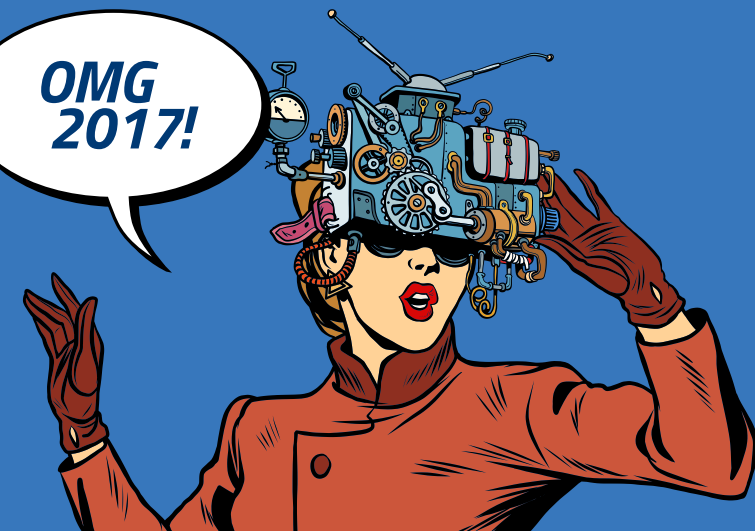
We all have our favourite way of making coffee – and without it, the day never seems to get off on the right note.

For sure, you might think about taking your coffee machine with you on that next caravan outing, but it is likely to take up a lot of valuable space.

A pocket-sized, hand-held espresso machine is now on the market from the aptly named Handpresso company.

## Have you got a caravan gadget you cannot live without?

Then let us know at [richardb@alanblunden.co.uk](mailto:richardb@alanblunden.co.uk) – or tell us on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Cover4Caravans](http://www.facebook.com/Cover4Caravans).



# Calendar of events 2017

## What's on?

Here are some events coming up in the next few months that you may be interested in. All details are correct at time of going to press, but do check that an event is still running before you leave!

**21 - 23 April 2017**

### The National Motorhome Show

East of England Showground, Peterborough PE2 6XE

**5 -7 May 2017**

### Bristol and Bath Caravan and Motorhome Show

Lansdown, Bath, BA1 9BU

**19 - 21 May 2017**

### Newbury Southern Motorcaravan Show

Newbury Showground, Chieveley, RG18 9QZ

**9 - 11 June 2017**

### UK Summer Motorhome & Caravan Show 2017

Kent Event Centre, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF

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