

## Summer edition

# Cover4Caravans



"My family: wife Jayne, our two boys Toby and George – and Honey the Dog!"

## Welcome to the Summer edition of the Cover4Caravans newsletter

Summer is upon us (although as I write this it is raining outside!) and we hope you have some great trips planned both in the UK or abroad. Please do send your 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).

**Places to go**  
Ah! The beautiful sea, rugged coastline, and the Cornish ice cream and pasties! No wonder Cornwall was cited the favourite childhood holiday destination when we polled some of our customers earlier this year. Check out our "Get Away To Cornwall" feature on the next page.

**Win!**  
This edition you have the chance of winning a fantastic Amazon voucher. Simply come up with a witty caption for our competition on page 8 and you could win! I have one of these myself and find it excellent when travelling as I have a fully stocked library that weighs less than one book!

**Al's Apps!**  
Further on in the newsletter we have featured 5 games apps that you can download for free and don't even need wi-fi to play them – great to keep everyone entertained. Do you have a favourite, family friendly games app? Then please let me know.

On the subject of apps, if you have an android phone, don't forget to download your free Cover4Caravans mobile app. This allows you to access and manage your policy details, get in touch with us, as well as providing access to useful guides and information. You can download it on our home page.

**All for a good cause**  
Just a reminder - if you haven't bought our quick-read e-guide **Beginners Guide to Caravans**, you can get a copy for just 99p from Amazon here: <http://www.cover4caravans.co.uk/go/amazonbook>. It contains some useful tips from insurance to security to loading. The full price goes to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity – a charity that is very close to our

hearts at Cover4 - so that is worth it all on it's own.

Finally, don't forget to keep checking out our website for useful articles and ideas. Our latest addition is our Caravanners' and campers' guide to theme parks giving information of where to go and where to pitch up nearby. You can view the free guide here: <http://www.cover4caravans.co.uk/caravanners-guide-to-theme-parks-in-and-around-the-uk>.

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

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# WIN

## £100 Amazon Voucher

Find out how inside!





Why just pick one area of Cornwall when you can discover the whole county? Journey around Cornwall and explore beautiful beaches, lush countryside, vibrant communities and no end of unique towns and villages.

### North Coast

One of the most stunning coastlines in Europe. A compelling cocktail of vast beaches pounded by crashing waves and the county's best produce served in breathtaking surroundings. Marvel at the rock formations and spectacular scenery at Boscastle and Tintagel, reputed to be the home of the legendary King Arthur. Catch the surf at Polzeath or Newquay or for something more adventurous, experience extreme sports at Watergate Bay and Lusty Glaze.

### West Cornwall

This is an area full of character and you don't have to look hard to find it. It's in the old stones on the moors of West Penwith, in the fishing communities of Newlyn, Cadgwith and Porthleven, and in Summer regattas and gig racing, Stargazey pie, hot punch and Christmas lights in Winter. Wonder at England's most Westerly point, Land's End, or enjoy a performance at the Minack Theatre at Porthcurno. Venture across the causeway to St Michael's Mount to enjoy panoramic views across Mount's Bay towards the lively town of Penzance. St Ives is brimming with sandy beaches, quality restaurants, artistic heritage and stunning coastal walks.

### South Coast

A world away from the pumping Atlantic surf of the North Coast, come and discover the chilled panorama of the South. Where the rivers meet the sea, explore the beautiful river estuaries of the Helford, the Fowey and the Fal; the unspoilt fishing villages and harbours of Looe, Polperro and Mevagissey; the sandy bays of Whitsand, Gerrans and St Austell and the vibrant waterfront communities of Falmouth and Fowey with stylish yachts and brightly coloured fishing boats.

### Bodmin Moor and the Tamar Valley

A dramatic unspoilt wilderness waiting to be explored. Meander through the winding moorland lanes to discover hidden hamlets, wooded waterfalls and craggy tors – a walkers' paradise. The Tamar Valley, now part of the World Heritage Site, winds its way from a wide open estuary through lush woodlands, rolling pastures and steeped gorged valleys.

For more information, ideas and caravan sites, visit

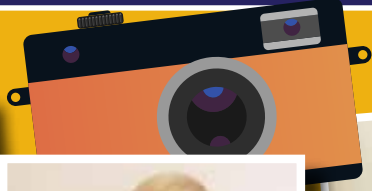
[www.visitcornwall.com](http://www.visitcornwall.com)

# Get away to...

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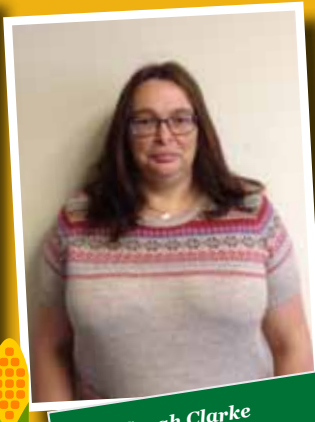
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Meet The Team  
Now you can put a face to the name!



# 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, one of the things that you may be concerned about is making sure you store it somewhere safe and secure when it is not in use.

If so, you may want to consider 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.

Not only that, but if you store your 'van at one of these sites, we will reward you with up to 15% off the cost of your cover!

Here is a guide to things you should know about storing your caravan at one of these sites.

### What CaSSOA sites include

There are currently over 500 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.

### Get peace of mind

The main reason for using a CaSSOA site is typically that they are the most secure places to store caravans. This can give you peace of mind in knowing that your caravan is as safe as it can be.

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

### 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.

### Double check that your site is CaSSOA accredited

There is one thing that you may want to be careful of when you choose your site. As we reported last year in the press (you can visit the link here: <http://news.cision.com/cover4caravans/r/caravanners-urged-to-check-the-status-of-cassoa-accredited-sites,c9563210>)

there have been cases where sites that used to be accredited are claiming to still have CaSSOA accreditation, even though they no longer have it.

So do make sure you check the status of a site by visiting the CaSSOA website and not just taking the site owner's word for it.

### Choosing the most suitable site

When choosing the site, it's a good idea to use a site near to your home if possible. But wherever you choose, make sure you visit it before deciding to store your caravan there.

Look around, ask questions, check the fence and gate, see if it has good fire protection, lighting and CCTV and so on.

Finally, find out what the opening hours are – you don't want to get back from a long trip at 8pm only to find the site is closed, or closed on a Sunday for example.



## AL the Snail

"She's fit...!"



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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 independent service Feefo from some of our customers. To read more reviews, follow the link on our home page.

**"Not only was I very pleased with Cover4Caravans' recent quote for my Caravan insurance, but also for the pleasant and efficient way they dealt with my enquiry and then arranged what I consider to be a very good policy which meets my requirements"**

**"Very easy to complete on line and good follow up from staff"**

**"Extremely straight forward & good value"**

**"Very efficient service, got the plan I wanted with no hassle, perfect company to deal with. If you tell them what you would like in your plan, you get it at the right price."**





# A Day in the Life of Megan Ann Herbert

Cover4Caravans Account Handler

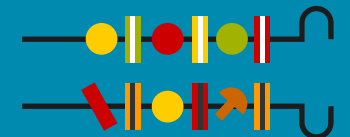


## 9 June 2015

- 6:00 am** I wake up to the sound of my alarm and get up and make myself a lovely cup of tea to wake me up for the day. Oh, I do love a nice cuppa!
- 7:00 am** It's time to leave for work. I always get very excited as I get to drive to work in my new car with my new CD. I enjoy a bit of a sing along.
- 7:50 am** I arrive at work and prepare myself for the busy day I have ahead of me. It is the second cup of tea of the day – this time with biccies! I also make teas for the rest of the Cover4 team - what would they do without my teas?!
- 12:00 pm** The phones are ringing non-stop and lots of business is coming in. We all love a busy day in the office!
- 1:30 pm** It's lunchtime already, but the morning has gone so quickly that it feels like I only got here an hour ago. I walk into town to get some olives and some

bread - very tasty! It wasn't so nice going to town today as it is raining! Oh well, got to love a bit of nature.

- 6:00 pm** We all get ready to leave the office and are looking forward to a team meal at East Coast Social in Southend.
- 7:00 pm** We sit down for our Cover 4 team meal, I do love it when the team gets together outside of work. I have a hot dog with pulled pork and home made coleslaw, I have the same meal every time I go as it is my favourite!
- 8:30 pm** It's Friday night and I'm heading home already! A bundle of fun me, now time to go home and get a nice early night!



# Al's 5 Top Apps

There will always be times when you are in your 'van and you want to keep the kids – or yourself – amused. Maybe it is raining (not unusual in the UK, even in the Summer!) or may be after a long day out and about, when you are all relaxing in your 'van.

Whatever the reason, here are some suggestions from Al The Snail as to some free games apps that you can download to your mobile device – then use anytime you like (no wi-fi needed!)

## For kids and teenagers ...



### Hollywood U: Rising Stars

Aimed at those aged 12+, this is a free role playing game where you can live a Hollywood lifestyle. You can choose your career path, dress for the red carpet, and even date celebrities.

Please note that Hollywood U is completely free to play, but you can purchase some in-game items with real money. If you don't want to use this feature, you can disable in-app purchases in your device's settings.



### Chicktionary - A Game of Scrambled Words

Aimed at children aimed 4+, this is a free educational game. Play this award-winning classic any way you like, whether solving spelling puzzles, racing the clock or indulging in some brain-teasing challenges.

## For all ages ...



### The Logomania Ultimate Logo Challenge

The Logomania Ultimate Logo Challenge is easy to play. You are given a well-known logo with something that's missing. You must then guess what is missing from the logo based on four different options. If the guess is right, you move on to the next level. This is a free app, with pay-for add-ons available.



### Make Up Genius

Created by L'Oreal, this is the first virtual makeup app that instantly applies makeup to your image! You can try on custom looks or pick and choose products to create your own look. It is free to use and can create hours of hilarity 'putting make up on' Dad!

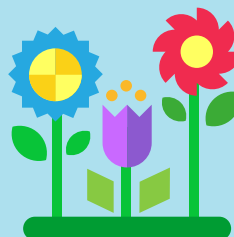


### Pool 3D

Play pool on your tablet or other mobile device! This free game can be played without wi-fi connection or you can connect to the internet via Bluetooth and have a multiplayer option.

**Have you got a favourite app you use for those rainy days in your 'van? Please email [richardb@alanblunden.co.uk](mailto:richardb@alanblunden.co.uk) and we will feature the best in a forthcoming edition.**

All these games can be accessed via iTunes or Google Play. All information correct at time of going to print. This article is for informational purposes only and we cannot be held responsible for the content of any of the above listed Apps.



# CAPTION COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our caption competition in the last edition! Congratulations to **Carol Woods** who won an Amazon Kindle Paperwhite with her caption!

Hey darling, have you seen my nuts?"



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 Voucher



Closing date for entries is **1st September 2015**





# Brush up on your tourer driving skills!

If you have a tourer caravan, one of the things that you may want to do is brush up on your skills. Driving with a caravan attached to the car is a very different experience to driving a car on its own, and if you do not have any experience, it could prove to be a challenge.

Fortunately, there are ways to improve your skills – even for more seasoned caravanners – and you may be interested in taking a course to give you more confidence.

## Caravan Club courses

Towing a caravan can be a stressful experience even if you have been doing it for a while. For new caravan owners, it can be even worse. Learning to manoeuvre and drive on motorways takes time to master, but the Caravan Club provides some useful courses to teach you what you need to know. You can find out more here: [www.caravanclub.co.uk/advice-and-training/training-courses](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk/advice-and-training/training-courses).

The courses are designed to help caravan owners improve their skills on the road no matter what their experience level. Some are aimed at new caravan owners, and some at more confident owners.

## Practical Caravanning Course

One of the courses available is the Practical Caravanning Course. This lasts for one-and-a-half-days, and at the time of writing it costs £155. It has been running for over three decades, which shows just how popular it is.

On the 10-hour course you will get both instruction and the opportunity to practice your skills. You will learn about issues such as how loading can affect the towing, how to hitch up safely and how to drive safely whilst

towing. It also includes:

- details on manoeuvring forwards and backwards with confidence;
- an inspection routine you can use before you set off each time;
- details about the law;
- Health & Safety information;
- how to load safely;
- how to deal with instability and snaking while driving.

## Caravan Manoeuvring Course

This one-day course is designed more for owners of tourer caravans who already have some experience of towing.

It provides you with a good opportunity to brush up on your skills and become an expert tower so that you can drive with greater confidence and feel safer on the road. The course is held in commercial training schools with professional instructors.

## Take a course elsewhere

You may want to take a different course to improve your towing abilities, perhaps at somewhere like the One2One driving school [www.one2onedriving.com/caravan\\_trailer\\_towing.html](http://www.one2onedriving.com/caravan_trailer_towing.html).

This particular course covers the rules about towing, an initial assessment, vehicle and trailer checks you can make, loading the caravan, reversing the caravan, speed limits, braking, motorway driving and more.

## Give your confidence a boost

Towing a tourer caravan can be a challenge, and it takes a bit of getting used to. Whether you are new to towing, you are out of practice, or you simply want some professional guidance to improve your confidence, a course may help to improve your skills. After all, if you feel confident when driving, you will enjoy your caravan trips even more.



## Calendar of events ..... 2015

### 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!

#### 24 - 26 July

The Norfolk Motorhome Show  
Norfolk Showground, Norwich, NR5 0TT

#### 14 - 16 August

The Western Motorhome Show  
Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

#### 11 - 13 September

The Motorhome Show.  
Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN

#### 25 - 27 September

The Motorhome Show Season Finale  
The Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

#### 13 -18 October

Motorhome & Caravan Show  
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham B40 1NT

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