

Welcome to the **Summer** edition of the Cover4Caravans newsletter



Here is a photo of my youngest Toby with his signed Sunderland FC shirt. We are lucky enough to know the new owners of Sunderland FC who took us to a match and made us very welcome.



Please do send your holiday photos and caravan site 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.
So, what's in store this time?

Summer is upon us (as I write this the sun is shining and it's a beautiful 19 degrees outside!) and we hope you have some great trips planned both in the UK or abroad.



time to Relax

Get Away to ... the Peak District & Derbyshire

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Win a £100 Amazon Voucher!

This edition you have the chance of winning a £100 Amazon Voucher when you enter our Caption Competition. Good luck – and remember, no rude entries, please!

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Don't forget our YouTube channel

Finally, as a reminder, if you are planning your next caravan jaunt, then for inspiration and for over 30 caravan site reviews, pop over to our YouTube channel. And while you are there, you can watch the latest caravan news updates from our very own Mike Stammers, plus access useful caravanning videos. We hope you enjoy this newsletter. And don't forget, we'd love to hear from you, so please keep in touch!

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DAY ONE

09:00 GO UNDERGROUND

Part of the Peak District's charm is its enviable landscapes and stunning geological make-up. Discover this in more depth by heading into Poole's Cavern, an ancient natural limestone cavern with colossal illuminated rock-sculpted galleries to explore. Book on to a guided tour to understand the history of this magnificent underground scenery.

11:00 TREAT YOURSELF TO A SPA

Head into the historic spa town of Buxton, where healing waters have been attracting visitors for centuries, and book in for an indulgent spa treatment. For contemporary treatments in a historic setting, try out [The Devonshire Spa](#) retreat, part of the resplendent Devonshire Dome (a Grade II-listed building dating back to 1779).

Elsewhere, the town's [Palace Hotel](#) is a fine example of Victorian architecture yet one that houses modern-day spa facilities. And, come summer, there will also be the choice of [The Buxton Spa](#), in Buxton Natural Baths, which is being redeveloped as part of the Crescent Restoration project.

13:00 ENJOY A TASTE OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

Book in for lunch at the [Columbine Restaurant](#), situated close to the Buxton Opera House, for delicious dishes created using produce from small local suppliers in the area; the provenance of ingredients is easily traceable. You'll enjoy creations such as fish crumble tart and a variety of English cheese from its cheese board.

14:00 HIKE THROUGH GORGEOUS COUNTRYSIDE

Drive 30 minutes from Buxton into the Peak District National Park to the village of Hathersage in the Hope Valley, and, from there, hike nine miles north to [Stanage Edge](#).

The gritstone edge stretches out to around four miles and delivers impressive views of the Dark Peak moorlands and across the valley. You may also recognise it from a scene in *Pride & Prejudice*, featuring Keira Knightley as Elizabeth Bennet.

17:00 DINE IN A HISTORIC PUB

Return to Hathersage and enjoy an early evening meal at [The Plough Inn](#), a 16th-century inn located on the banks of the River Derwent. Feast on dishes such as feuillette of wood pigeon and pear or seared scallops, while vegans are well catered for with dishes such as kachoris (spiced lentil parcels) with kachumber salad.

20:00 MARVEL AT THE DARK SKIES

Just above Hathersage is one of the national park's most magnificent viewpoints – the charmingly named [Surprise View](#). While it's a great spot to watch the sun set, it's also one of the official 'Dark Skies' stargazing spots, meaning on a clear night you can witness the Peak District skies lit up by millions of twinkling stars.

DAY TWO

09:00 STEP BACK 500 YEARS

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to fabulous stately homes to visit in the Peak District and Derbyshire. A little outside the national park is [Hardwick Hall](#), a National Trust-owned property that was created in the 1500s by one of the most powerful women of Elizabethan England, the remarkable 'Bess of Hardwick', and added to over the centuries by her descendants. It's a house that was built to impress and is said to have 'more glass than wall.' Its surrounding estate is also open every day for walks through glorious gardens and woodland trails.



11:00 CLIMB DIZZYING HEIGHTS

Journey just 30 minutes from Hardwick Hall and board an alpine-style cable car to take you to the [Heights of Abraham](#). These observation cars give you the opportunity to admire the breath-taking vistas of the Peak District and the Derwent Valley.

13:00 SAMPLE LOCAL DELICACIES

Head back into the Peak District National Park to the pretty town of Bakewell for a spot of lunch at the quirkily decorated [Lavender Tea Rooms](#). Charming period décor is enhanced by cute, mismatched traditional crockery, on which a range of sandwiches and cakes are served. But don't forget to leave room for the sweet treat the town is renowned for – Bakewell pudding. Plenty of places sell it but try [The Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop](#) – it also offers pudding-making experiences.

15:00 EXPLORE THE NATIONAL PARK

There are a myriad of wonderful walks you can do in the Peak District (and it's a great way to walk off those pudding calories!), one of which is a walk around the [Ladybower Reservoir](#). Here you'll experience some of the most perfect countryside views, a mix of moorland and woodland with a stunning body of water. Bamford Edge is a good place to head to for beautiful vistas and the Y-shape of the reservoir means there are plenty of circular walking and cycling routes to choose from.

17:00 DISCOVER THE 'PLAGUE' VILLAGE

Row upon row of pretty stone cottages adorned by beautiful gardens make up the picturesque village of Eyam. But what makes this Peak District village profoundly fascinating is its history as the 'plague village'. When the plague struck the village in the 17th century, the disease spread rapidly

and Eyam was put under quarantine for 14 months. A stroll around this picture-perfect English village will lead you to discover the plaques outside houses that state who died there during this terrible time, as well as the 'Boundary Stone'. This had been set up to transport food and medicine into Eyam safely from the nearby un-infected village of Stoney Middleton.

20:00 FEAST ON FIRST-CLASS FOOD

A short drive from Eyam is Baslow Hall, a gorgeous 100-year-old Grade II listed manor house. Within is the fine-dining restaurant [Fischer's at Baslow Hall](#), where Head Chef Rupert Rowley creates classical dishes using seasonal, British ingredients. Dine on produce such as Devon crab or Derbyshire pork jowl, hand-dived scallops or Creedy Carver duck from Devon.



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Did you know...

your caravan is covered for accidental damage when being towed?



And 5 other things you may not realise about your caravan insurance cover ...

1. Is my touring caravan covered for accidental damage whilst being towed?

One of our customers recently asked whether his tourer is covered for accidental damage whilst towing it. Apparently he had heard that some touring caravan insurance policies do not provide this element of cover while on the road. We are pleased to confirm that with Cover4Caravans tourer insurance policies, all our insurers cover accidental damage whilst the caravan is being towed, as standard.

2. My son and his girlfriend are looking to go away in our caravan - are they covered for this?

Yes, as long as you let us know, then we can add his details on to the policy schedule.

3. I've changed the storage location of my touring caravan - do I need to tell you?

Yes please, it is a condition of your insurance that you advise us of any changes to where your caravan is stored. We will need to ask a few questions, such as: What is the new postcode? What sort of security is there? How many other caravans are there? Has the site ever suffered any damage by flood, theft or vandals? If we are happy with these answers and the postcode is

accepted by our panel of insurers, we can issue your new documents. There may be an additional premium to pay, depending on how high the insurers rate the risk of the postcode.

4. What is the maximum amount I can insure my touring caravan for?

We recently upgraded our touring caravan insurance policy and can offer up to £40,000 cover for your caravan and awning.

5. I intend to take my tourer on holiday and then leave it for 3 or 4 nights while I go off and stay in other places. My friend says I am not covered by my caravan insurance if I do this – is this right?

Yes, your friend is right. This is because your insurance premiums are calculated on the caravan being stored at a storage site / at home or being lived in while pitched up somewhere. Touring caravan sites are less secure and more easily accessed - so are at more risk of being stolen, damaged or broken in to.

If you leave your unattended caravan at a pitch even for a few days, it is important to speak to your insurer and let them know. At least that way they are aware of the circumstances and can advise if there is an additional premium to pay that would give you peace of mind that you are actually covered.





Where's Relle the Rabbit in the picture above

Answer on back page



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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. Following is some genuine feedback via Feefo from some of our customers.

As always, we are thrilled to receive such continued positive feedback!

"Perfect - it makes a change to be offered insurance at a fair prices against the larger providers who raise prices every year regardless of claims record"

"So friendly and helpful. Lovely attitude and could tell she was really interested in the product Thank you so much"

"Fast and efficient service. Helpful and managed to give me a great deal"

What our customers are saying!



"Great service. Very helpful customer services. Got the cover we needed at a great price"

"5 star cover at low, low cost. I think it's a good, fair price for caravan insurance, covers 99% of what I want in insurance and the price is very good"

"Great service. Competitively priced insurance quotes from a range of reputable providers. Very well-informed company representative from cover4caravans contacted me and made the whole process very easy"

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My Secret Hobby...

by Lily Lowe, Account Handler

Ever since I was young, I've always been creative. Be it writing, baking, music ... they're all things I enjoy in my spare time. But art is one of those interests that really does set my heart on fire!

I studied GCSE Art at school on a whim purely because I didn't want to do all academic subjects (yawn) and I love the freedom and expression that comes with painting!

Even though I haven't always taken it seriously or perfected my technical abilities (I will put my hands up and say I TRACED my final piece for GCSE!), it's something I invest a lot of my time in as I find it seriously therapeutic!

Indian inks and making a mess

I've always been drawn to artwork that is full of colour and vibrancy and, after purchasing some Indian inks, I've become obsessed with capturing celebrities in this ethereal, glamorous style.

I'm mainly in to portraiture and faces, but recently I've been exploring other styles such as 'acrylic pouring', which is fun, as well as really quite messy!

I love venturing in to The Range and stocking up on lots of beautiful brushes, paints, and other amazing things like gemstones and pearls (for that added 'je ne sais quois'). I've always found that no matter how awful a painting turns out; a truckload of glitter will ALWAYS fix it!

Pure relaxation and escapism

I paint to relax and escape, but I can only dream of having it as a real career someday. In the meantime, I post pictures on my Instagram (@lilyloweart) - I'm always looking for commissions and my next muse to paint!

One day I hope to have an exhibition in London that collates all my pieces together. Maybe even New York if I really dream big!

Until then, I will keep spending my Sundays in my paint-covered pyjamas and doing it for the love!



Al's ideas ... 4 places to visit in your 'van this Summer

o Hello Summer

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1. The South west

When the sun is out, of course, the natural place to head towards is the beach - where glistening sands and shimmering seas hold out the prospect of cooling breezes.

In Devon, the [Camping and Caravanning Club's Slapton Sands](#) campsite is situated on the impressive South Devon Heritage Coast and makes the perfect base for a family holiday by the beach - although there is a total of 105 pitches, only 8 are reserved for touring caravans, so be sure to book early.

2. Scotland

For many caravanning families, of course, sun, sea and sand might not be all they're cracked up to be, and cooler climes in more majestic settings may be the order of the day.

If that sounds like your family, then you might want to visit [Loch Ness Shores](#) in Scotland - it won Scottish Caravan Park of the Year two years' ago - and offers a total of 99 pitches. It is one of the few places along the shores of the famous loch where you can launch small boats.

3. The Lake District

Also likely to stay cooler than any pitch near the beach, the Lake District remains an all the year-round favourite with caravanners - and for good reason too.

The lakes themselves provide a perfect setting in which to pitch your tourer and, after a drop or two of rain, the rugged majesty of the peaks and fells are softened to a glorious green.

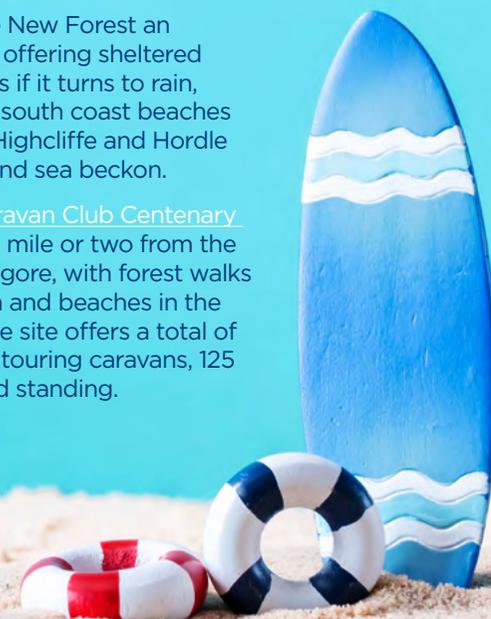
[Park Cliffe Touring Park](#) is a stone's throw from the largest of the lakes, Windermere, and the section for touring caravans is on a slight hill to maximise the lakeside views from hard standing pitches which come with 10-amp electric hook-ups.

4. The New Forest

Of course, you might want to play it completely safe and get the best of both worlds - the beach and the sea if the weather forecasts prove accurate, but somewhere more sheltered when unpredictability brings in the rain.

That makes the New Forest an ideal location - offering sheltered woodland walks if it turns to rain, but the nearby south coast beaches of Boscombe, Highcliffe and Hordle when the sun and sea beckon.

[New Forest Caravan Club Centenary Site](#) is set just a mile or two from the village of Bransgore, with forest walks in one direction and beaches in the other - the large site offers a total of 275 pitches for touring caravans, 125 of them on hard standing.



Caption Competition



Here is this edition's competition ... can you come up with a funny caption for this image?

Last edition's picture...

I bet you're glad you weren't the hen that laid that egg



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



Please send us your caption via email to michaels@cover4.co.uk or post it to us at our usual address. If yours is the winning caption, you will receive a £100 Amazon gift voucher!

Closing date for entries is Friday 23rd August 2019.

Good luck!



Keeping cool in your caravan

Even in the British weather, there may be times when you feel hot in your caravan or static home. Here are our top 9 reminders on how to keep cool when the going gets hot!

1. Heat rises, so if you have a caravan vent or roof light, open it up! Open up any doors and side windows too to let fresh air circulate. (You may also want to invest in fly screen roller blinds to keep any insects out). Do remember that no matter how hot it is, when you leave your 'van or static home, you MUST shut and lock all doors and windows.
2. A free-standing electric fan will move cooler air around the caravan. You can get either pedestal types or desktop types.
3. Buy a portable air conditioning unit. These typically cool the air using water and/or ice. If you are thinking about having an air conditioning unit specifically fitted in your 'van or static home, do take in to account whether it may be very noisy and also, for a tourer, any weight implications. [Which? has a useful guide](#) to choosing the most suitable air conditioning unit.
4. Try using a cooling spray - [Boots have a range](#) suitable for the face and/or body that can really give you a quick, refreshing, icy blast!
5. Aim to keep as many appliances (lights, hairdryers etc.) switched off and cook alfresco - a good excuse to have a barbeque (outside!)
6. When you go outside and away from your static or 'van, restrict the sunlight with blackout blinds.
7. Carry spare bed sheets so that you can sleep on top of the duvet.
8. Install a ceiling fan in your static caravan.
9. Chill everything that you can - water, cans of drink, and beer and wine of course!

While these are all common sense tips, hopefully these reminders will help you keep your cool in your caravan this Summer!

How do you keep cool in your 'van? Send your tips and suggestions via email to michaels@cover4.co.uk or post it to us at our usual address.

Calendar of events 2019



What's on?

The caravanning season is now in full swing – and with that comes lots of shows and exhibitions! 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 June 2019 - Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG

The Midsummer Motorhome Show

Calling all Rock & Roll lovers! Join fellow Club members in your motorhome, caravan or tent for a long weekend of jive, dance and rockabilly. The Warwickshire event is the perfect show for those with a love of the outdoors and a passion for retro.

19-21 July 2019 - Norfolk Showground, Costessey, Norwich, NR5 0TT

The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show

One of the UK's most popular holiday destinations, you can't fail to fall in love with Norfolk. This charming county gives both couples and families the chance to holiday on the edge of a beautiful city whilst being close enough to some of the area's stunning coastlines. Open to both campers and day visitors.

8-11 August 2019 - Bristol Balloon Fiesta, Long Ashton, Bristol BS41 9JN

Bristol Motorhome & Caravan Show

Endorsed by the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, this four-day show will put motorhomes, caravans and camping products, systems and services in front of serious campers and more than 500,000 visitors to the Balloon Fiesta.

6-8 September 2019 - The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN

The South West Motorhome Show 2019

Enjoy a weekend away with four nights of live classic rock themed entertainment or visit for the day. Browse more than 300 new and used models from over 20 national and local dealers. Over 130 exhibitors – peruse thousands of accessories and essentials to complement the hobby. Participate in free manoeuvring and towing courses from the Caravan and Motorhome Club.

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