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As we head towards the summer, you'll find the exhibition area bursting with products designed to improve your list of kit! Our accessory retailers are best placed to advise you on what will work for your travels, please support them when you can. If you've got a bigger purchase in mind, you will also find an extraordinary display of new and used vehicles for sale, thanks to the 45 dealers on site this weekend. Happy browsing!

We're renowned for the quality of our evening entertainment, and if you're staying with us this weekend, the line-up this year is no exception. You can find showtimes on pages 4-5. As I write this, we still have a few tickets left for the headline show on Saturday

evening, please head to the information office (see site plan on p30) for the latest availability.

Take time to read through everything in this showguide and make sure you check out our other 2026 motorhome & campervan events, all kindly sponsored by Autoguard, at the same time (p24-25). We also return here to Newbury for our 'Retrofestival' in August (p26-27). If you've got any questions or issues, please do visit us in info or call us on the numbers detailed on this page. The team and I very much look forward to bumping into regular visitors and meeting new ones throughout the coming days.

Enjoy the show!

Sally Dodds

**Head of Events, Warners Shows
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Welcome to the 'Newbury show' and, as Sally mentions above, with so much in store for you, we're sure you're going to love this weekend.

And, if you're after a bit more fun this summer, the team behind these show has been busy creating something very special in July for our Out & About Live members.

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THURSDAY

THE BARN | DOORS OPEN 19:30

20:00 – 21:00

PLATINUM DIAMOND

The UK's top tribute to Neil Diamond, fronted by Martin John Cox. This show takes you on a journey through classics like Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Love on the Rocks, Forever in Blue Jeans and many more.

21:15 – 22:30

60'S EXPLOSION BAND

Performing hits from The Beatles, The Monkees, The Searchers and more, this talented band look and sound the part with vintage style, rich harmonies and boundless energy.

FRIDAY

THE BARN | DOORS OPEN 19:00

19:30 – 21:00

VANITY FARE

Formed in 1968, Vanity Fare are best known for their global hits Early in the Morning and Hitchin' a Ride. Still performing with original members Eddie Wheeler and Bernie Hagley, Vanity Fare deliver a classic feel-good show packed with hits from the golden era of pop.

21:30 – 23:00

THE FOURMOST

Legends of the Merseybeat era, once managed by Brian Epstein alongside The Beatles. With hits including Hello Little Girl and A Little Loving, they capture the true sound and style of the swinging sixties. Expect sharp suits and feel-good nostalgia.

FOOD COURT MARQUEE (DOG FRIENDLY)

20:30 – 21:15 & 21:45 – 22:30

LITTLE MISS 60S

One of the liveliest tributes to the sixties divas around. Featuring the songs of Lulu, The Supremes, Lesley Gore, Little Eva, The Crystals, Sandie Shaw, Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield, Carole King, Connie Francis, Susan Maughan, The Shirelles, Martha reeves & The Vandellas, plus many more.

SATURDAY

FOOD COURT MARQUEE (DOG FRIENDLY)

20:30 – 21:15 & 21:45-22:30

GET IN 2 DUO

Made up of drummer Daz and multi-instrumentalist Richie, Get In2 have an extensive musical pedigree to their name. Having been members of top party band Rang-A-Tang for many years they have used their extensive performing experience to put together their own duo.

SUNDAY

THE BARN | DOORS OPEN 19:30

20:00 – 21:00

EDISON LIGHTHOUSE

Fronted by Brian Huggins since the early seventies, the band continues to play top UK venues and cruise lines worldwide. Their hit Love Grows found new fame on TikTok, amassing over 4.5 billion views and re-entering the charts. Their latest release, Love Grows in Rosemary's Disco (Club Remix), has already achieved over 500,000 Spotify downloads and is making waves on dance floors across the UK and beyond.

21:30 – 22:30

THE DECADES

A power-pop-rock trio like no other! With 20 years of experience, this high-energy Dorset band delivers huge sound, big harmonies and non-stop hits from the last 70 years. From theatre tours to Butlins and SAGA Cruises, their shows are packed with crowd favourites and surprises — expect the unexpected and get ready for a night to remember!

DAYTIME MUSIC

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FRIDAY

Johnny Parish
A dynamic musical tribute to the Rock'n'roll legends of the 60's

SATURDAY

Tom Harding
Solo show from long standing member of the band 'Union Gap'

SUNDAY

Joanna James
Lead vocalist in the acclaimed rock 'n' roll show 'That'll Be The Day'



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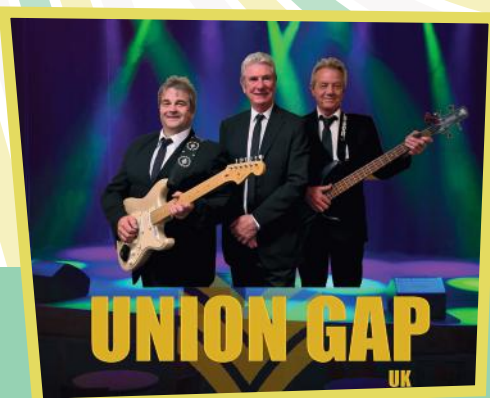
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SATURDAY (THE BARN) | DOORS OPEN 18:45
COMPERED BY TONY DIBBIN



19:30 – 20:30

UNION GAP

Gary Puckett & The Union Gap were a hugely popular American pop-rock group of the late 1960s, known for hits like Young Girl, Lady Willpower and Woman, Woman. Famous for their Civil War-style outfits and powerful vocals, they became one of the era's standout chart acts before frontman Gary Puckett went on to a successful solo career.



20:45 – 21:45

THE FOUNDATIONS

The Foundations were a groundbreaking British soul band, best known for the hits Build Me Up Buttercup and Baby Now That I've Found You. Blending Motown-inspired sounds with a multi-racial lineup, they became one of the UK's most successful and influential groups of the late 1960s.



22:00 – 23:00

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- Please note if free entertainment venues reach capacity, a one in one out policy will be enforced.
- Saturday night main entertainment is a ticketed event and requires a silver wristband. Parental guidance is advisable.
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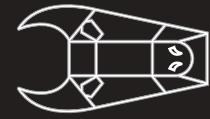
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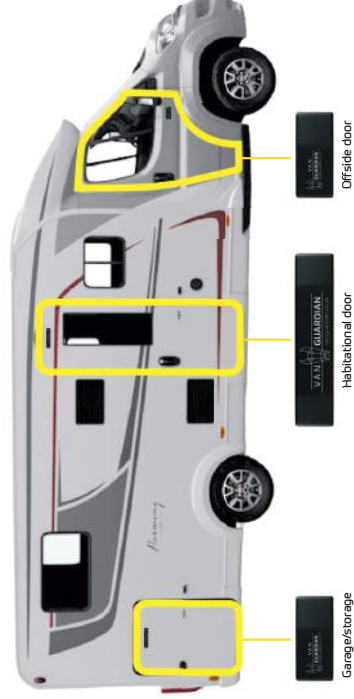
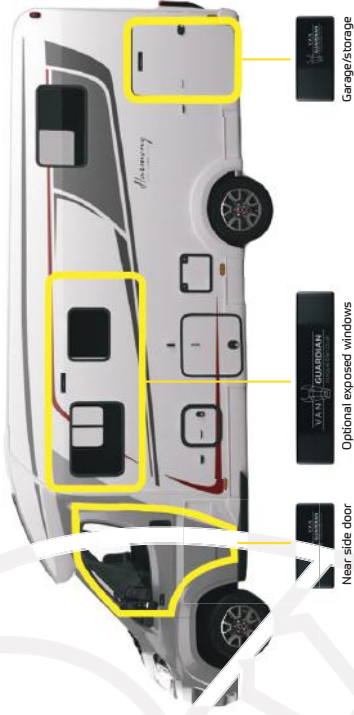
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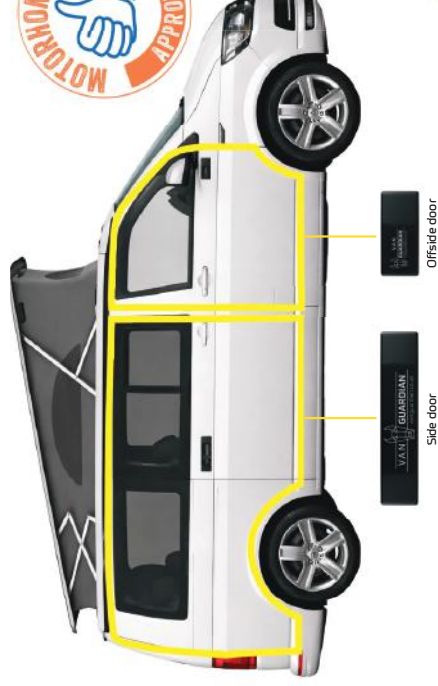
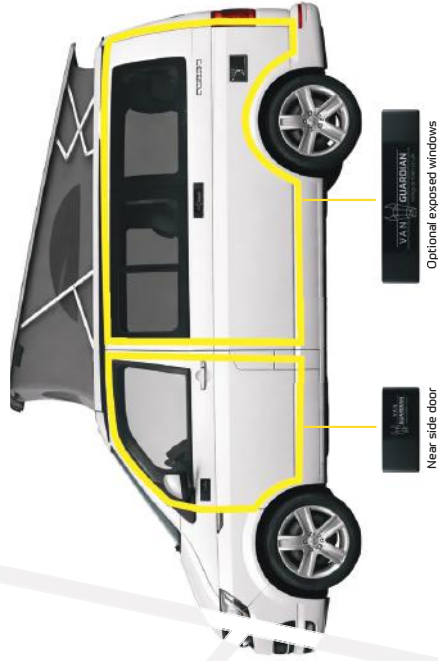
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11am: Garlicky Parmesan BBQ Chicken

1pm: Smoked Apple Crumble

3pm: Pizza Masterclass

Saturday

11am: Smoked Prawn & Mango Chilli Salsa Tacos

2pm: Smash Burger Masterclass

4pm: Kitchen Gadget Q&A

Sunday

11am: RidgeMonkey Breakfast Pie

2pm: Tuscan Dumplings

See exhibition plan (p6-7) for location.

SHUTTLE BUS & TRIPS

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

COACH TRIP TO OXFORD

If you booked a seat at the same time as your pitch, please head to the bus stop (see site plan on p30) ready to depart at 10am, where we will scan your QR code. The coaches will leave from Oxford at 3pm. Any remaining seats will be sold at £30 per seat, please head to the information office to check availability. Dogs welcome.



SATURDAY 16TH MAY

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Caravan Radio will be broadcasting live from the show all day, bringing you a fantastic mix of music from classic hits to modern favourites, along with show updates and exciting interviews. Don't miss the chance to stop by their stand (in the food court), chat with the DJs, and even get your voice heard on the station! www.caravanradio.co.uk



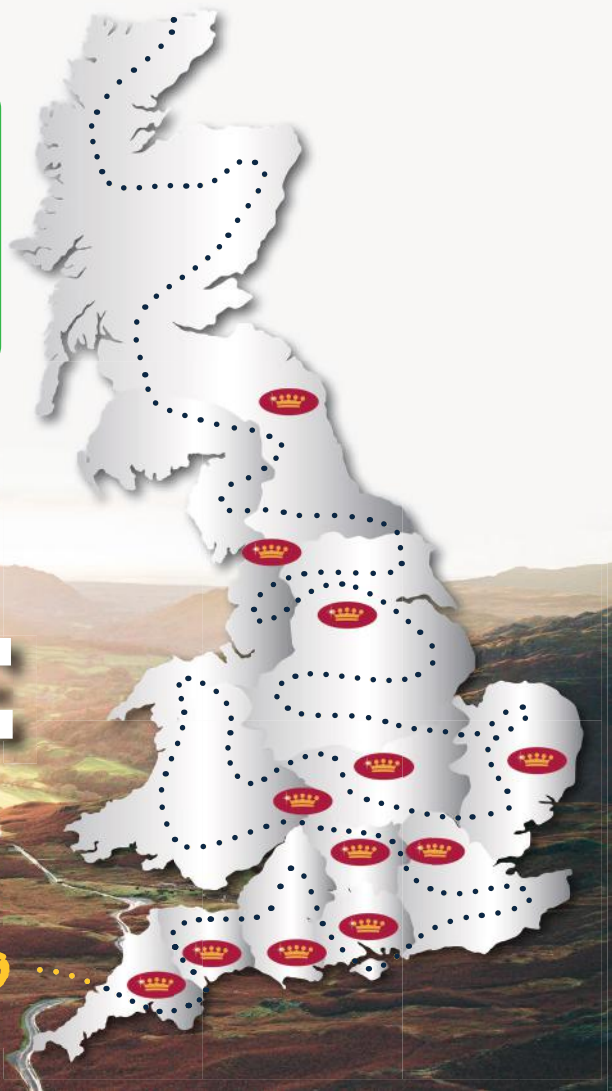
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WHY BUY AT A SHOW?

See it, touch it, compare it. You're already in the best place to start your motorhome journey. Nothing compares to stepping inside a vehicle to see if it feels right. While you're here at the show:

- ✓ Walk through hundreds of vehicles
- ✓ Compare layouts side-by-side
- ✓ Test bed access, check storage, and get a real feel for the space

Talk to the experts, take advantage of having manufacturers, dealers and magazine editors all in one place. From base vehicles to bed layouts, these experts are here to answer your questions in person.

Take advantage of show deals, many exhibitors are offering exclusive show-only discounts, finance incentives or bonus extras this weekend. If you're ready to buy, you could make a serious saving.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

How will you use it? Consider where you'll go, who you'll travel with, and how long you'll stay. Will you:

- ✓ Wild camp off-grid?
 - ✓ Take extended tours across Europe?
 - ✓ Need space for children or pets?
- Your answers shape what type of motorhome you need — a compact campervan, a family-sized coachbuilt, or a luxury A-class.



Key Considerations:

- ✓ Berths & seatbelts: enough sleeping space and safe travel seats?
- ✓ Layout: fixed bed or lounge conversion? Rear washroom or garage?
- ✓ Base vehicle: try different options for driving comfort and reliability
- ✓ Storage: will it fit everything you want to bring?
- ✓ Kitchen & washroom: are they practical for your style of travel?

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- ✓ Wider choice of older layouts

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TALK, TEST AND TAKE NOTES

A motorhome is a big investment — possibly second only to your home. So, take your time:

- ✓ Take photos and use them to confirm your shortlist while you're here at the show
- ✓ Sit in the driver's seat — how does it feel?
- ✓ Lie on the bed, test the shower, check the storage
- ✓ Attend a talk, ask questions, chat to owners on the campsite

FINAL THOUGHTS

Buying a motorhome is exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. The best way to make a confident decision is to experience everything a show has to offer — in one weekend, at one venue. Take your time, do your research, and use our checklist to help guide your journey.

BUYING CHECKLIST
20 THINGS TO ASK OR CHECK AT THE SHOW

- 1. Is the layout right for your lifestyle?
- 2. Can you comfortably drive it?
- 3. Are the beds long enough and easy to access?
- 4. Is there enough storage for your needs?
- 5. How many belted seats does it have?
- 6. What payload does it offer?
- 7. Can you use it off-grid?
- 8. Does the kitchen meet your cooking habits?
- 9. Is there a separate shower and toilet?
- 10. How easy is it to make up the bed?
- 11. Can you stand and move around easily?
- 12. Are there any special show offers?
- 13. What warranty is included?
- 14. What servicing and dealer support is available?
- 15. What fuel economy can you expect?
- 16. What are the insurance implications?
- 17. Is it within your driving licence limit?
- 18. Is the water/waste system practical?
- 19. Can you add accessories later (solar, awning etc)?
- 20. Have you compared similar models?



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WHAT MAKES A LUXURY CAMPSITE?

The Premier Parks group features the best campsites in the UK, including some truly premium locations – but what do our editors look for when assessing them?

Some of our favourites

With over 6,500 campsites in the UK, there's bound to be some pretty stark differences between the very best and the very worst, but most campsites and touring parks are run by conscientious owners and wardens who take pride in their site. That means the difference between a good campsite and a *really* good one can sometimes come down to the small details.

Sometimes, though, a campsite's quality can truly blow you away.

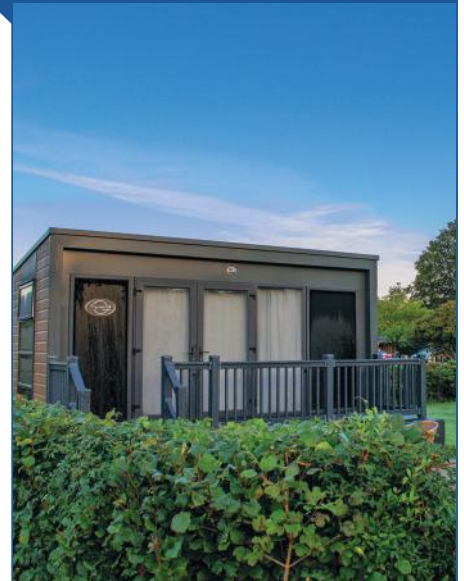
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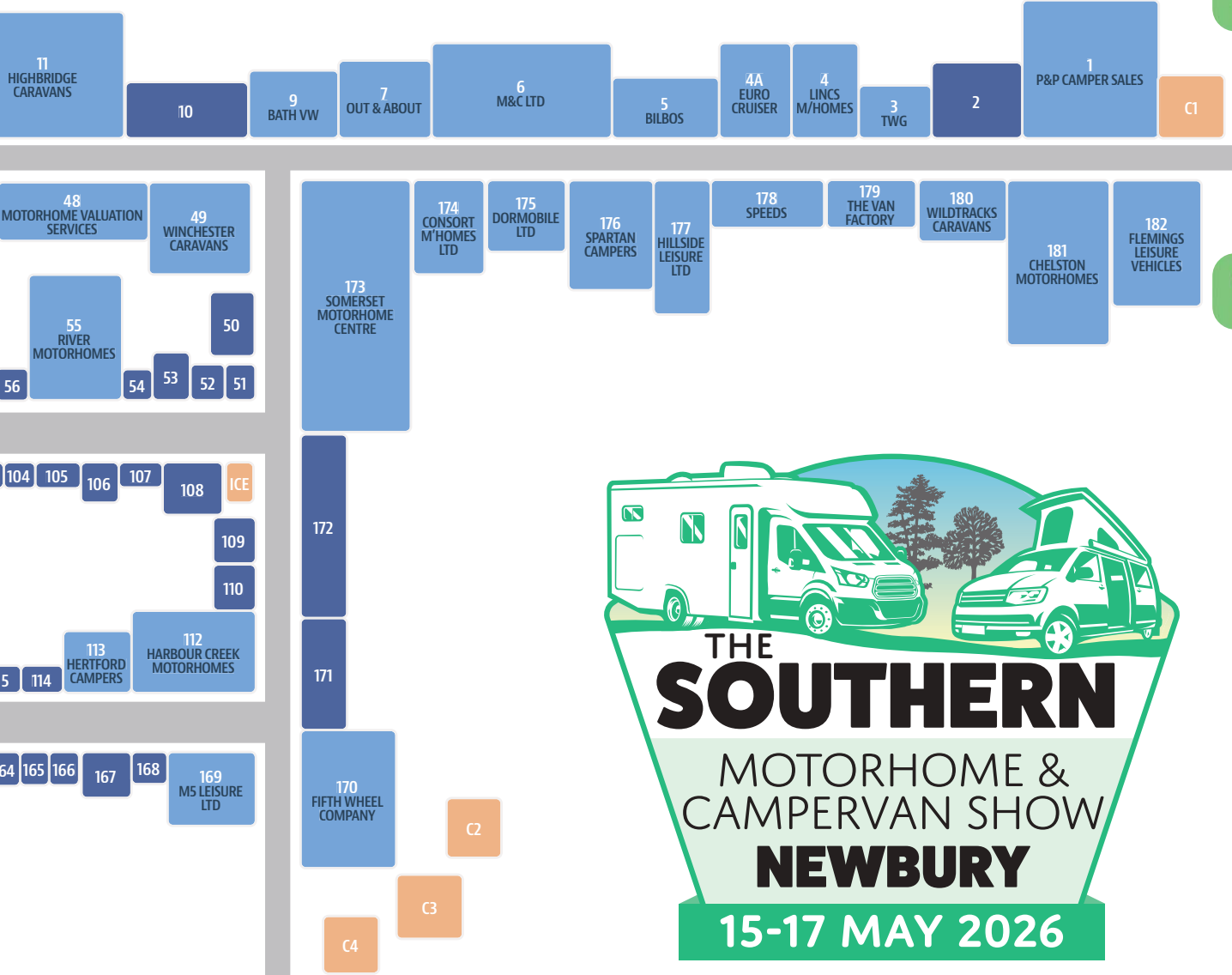
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YOUR WELLBEING ON THE ROAD

Find out what our 2026 partners bFRANK and Vanlife Eats can do for your mental and physical health and happiness while exploring life on the road.

AS WE KICK off another show season, there's one idea we keep coming back to, especially in the motorhome and campervan community. We spend so much time, money and care on our vehicles. We service them, upgrade them, clean them, protect them. All the bells and whistles because they've got to be ready for the journey ahead. And for some of us, they are our actual homes too.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BODY THAT'S ACTUALLY DRIVING IT?

Your van might be the vehicle that takes you from place to place, but your body is the vehicle that allows you to experience it. The views, the walks, the wild swimming, the community, the freedom. None of it happens without your health, and yet, it's often the last thing we prioritise.

We see it all the time. People who have built incredible lifestyles around travel and adventure, but are running on low energy, poor sleep, aches and pains, or relying on convenience foods that don't properly fuel them. Most of the time it's not a lack of care, because it's things we have come to see as normal as we age. We simply don't know that these mundane symptoms we are plagued with can often be fixed with little to no investment. A lack of clarity is a problem. Health has been made to feel complicated, restrictive and unrealistic. But it doesn't have to be.

At bFRANK, we focus on simple, high reward habits that support your physical, mental and environmental health. The foundations that actually allow you to feel good and keep doing what you love for years to come. If this is the first time you are reading about us, we always divert back to the source: nature. This is how you un-complicate health. How do



we live in tune with the very environment we evolved in?

When it comes to being in a van, these are some of the easiest health supporting habits to start with:

GET NATURAL LIGHT EARLY IN THE DAY

Open the van doors, step outside, and let your eyes and skin see daylight within 30–60 minutes of waking. This anchors your internal body clock, which ultimately regulates all cellular processes within the body. Morning daylight even affects the quality of our sleep that night!

BASE YOUR MEALS AROUND REAL FOOD

Keep it simple: protein, healthy fats, and the seasonal produce where you are. Eggs, meat, fish, fruit, veg, dairy. Fresh produce can be harder to store in a van so make the most of whole foods that have been tinned, dried/freeze dried, jarred and frozen.

MOVE YOUR BODY DAILY

Use it or lose it! It's doesn't need to be a full workout every day. A walk, bodyweight exercises, stretching, mobility routines, it all counts. YouTube is a great source of free follow-along routines.

Movement keeps your body strong, mobile and independent.

PROTECT YOUR SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Bright LED lighting (from screens too) tricks your body into thinking it's still day time, meaning melatonin (the sleepy hormone) will not be optimally produced, and your sleep will suffer. Dim lights in the evening (or better yet get some red ones!), reduce screen time, and give your brain a clear signal that it's time to wind down by having a bed time routine, even in the van.

If you want to feel better, move better and keep adventuring for years to come, come and join us at the shows. We'll be running workouts, talks and advice sessions designed to make looking after your health feel simple, realistic, and something you can actually enjoy. We want you to feel WELL! And this starts with taking small, but consistent daily action. Because at the end of the day, there's no point having the perfect van if your body can't keep up with it.



CHEF DITCHES GAS FOR A FULL-TIME OFF-GRID ELECTRICAL SOLUTION

MARK - VANLIFE EATS

As some of you know I am a full-time travelling Chef exploring food, recipes and culture and I live in my van full time. It is my home, my kitchen, and my self built man cave. So when I decided to remove the gas entirely and convert to a fully electric, off-grid solar set-up - with BlueFix designing and building the whole system - I was nervous. This had to work, I cook every single day, in all conditions. It's now been several months on, and I want to share my experience.

WAS I NERVOUS ABOUT COOKING ON INDUCTION?

Yes! Mostly because of the unpredictable British weather! Would I be able to keep enough power to use my induction hob? My first big impression was on just how efficient Induction cooking is. Induction heats the pan directly through an electromagnetic field - the surface itself stays cool and all the energy goes straight into the cooking area of the pan. It is faster than gas, cleaner, and the temperature control is very precise.

WHAT IS THE DAY-TO-DAY INDUCTION COOKING ACTUALLY LIKE?

Quieter, cleaner, and considerably less effort. There are no burner rings to lift, no grates to clean. The hob is a flat glass surface - a quick wipe and it is done.

The van also stays cooler whilst I cook because there is no gas flame throwing heat or carbon monoxide into the air. After years of full-time van living with gas, these things really do add up. The quality of my cooking has not dropped. If anything, it has improved.

WHAT DO I NEED TO CHANGE TO USE INDUCTION?

Your cookware needs to be magnetic. Cast iron works brilliantly and most stainless steel pans are fine too. Hold a fridge magnet to the base of your pan and if it sticks, it works. I didn't need to replace any pans. You will need to make sure that your batteries and inverter are capable of running an induction hob. Especially to make sure you have a sustainable setup. If in doubt ask the guys at BlueFix who helped me plan my setup.

WHAT OTHER COOKING EQUIPMENT RUNS ON ELECTRIC?

Another huge advantage to having a full off-grid electrical setup is that I am able to use my air fryer as much as I want. This used to trip out my old inverter but my new blue inverter will handle it seamlessly. This also goes for my coffee machine as I can now have a lovely Nespresso coffee every morning and evening.

And the wider benefits of going gas-free?

- ✓ No cylinders - more space, less weight, no running out mid-meal
- ✓ No restrictions on ferries, tunnels, or European campsites
- ✓ No carbon monoxide risk in an enclosed living space
- ✓ Solar-charged lithium batteries - genuine energy independence
- ✓ Lower running costs



Vanlife Eats

PUFFINS, PEAKS & PITCHING UP

From Castlerigg's ancient stones to Bempton's gannet-besieged cliffs – a campervan ramble through hidden sites and dramatic views.

WORDS & PHOTOGRAPHY: Dave & Jackie Richards

LAST YEAR WE had to cancel a trip. The original journey was supposed to see us heading north towards the Hebridean Islands. This included, amongst other stopovers, an evening at The Fat Lamb with a posh meal, breakfast and a night in the car park, whilst an overnighter in Keswick was

booked for the homeward leg.

All of our pre-booked campsites had simply refunded the money apart from Castlerigg Hall which had instead given me a credit note. It wasn't a bother, but at forty quid, I wasn't going to let it lapse and an expedition beginning in the Lakes and heading across the country to see the puffins at Bempton Cliffs was sketched out.

Our traditional paper motoring atlas revealed that if we began our odyssey at Keswick and then headed over to The Fat Lamb, we'd just need to find a spot for a basic campsite somewhere between Kirkby Stephen and our east coast site. We've recently discovered a website called [W whatshalfway.com](http://Wwhatshalfway.com) which does exactly what it claims to do on the URL.

Within the hour we were sorted and the phone calls began. For no apparent reason, I worked backwards, booking our final destination first. I confirmed the midpoint near Thirsk, before calling The Fat Lamb, but its four parking spaces were already booked up. The best laid plans, eh? Barely panicking for a moment, I phoned up and booked two nights in the Lakes.

Our old campervan is a bit picky when it comes to this new-fangled E10 fuel which, without fail, causes it to backfire in what initially is quite an amusing manner. However, its lack of enthusiasm for hills when running on the stuff is a big problem, so I'm

obliged to top up at the bigger fuel stops, which in unknown territory often means motorway service stations.

And so it was that we pulled into the spectacular Forton services. This ludicrous structure appears from nowhere whilst rounding a slight curve on the M6 and must have been something very special in its heyday. Sadly, the fact that there's only a lift and no alternative stairway to ascend the tower means that part of it has been closed for many years, leaving a lopsided and woefully disorganised building – I love it.

Suitably recharged (the fuel gauge failed many years ago and I just fill up every 200 miles), we turned west onto the A66 and headed towards the Lake District. The site at Castlerigg has spectacular views and, on this occasion, we enjoyed a bizarre April heatwave. Even the site staff were taken aback and one was laughing telling me how it often snows there – even in August.

We try not to mess about with the old pitching up lark and, as is now often the case, were pitched up with a glass of beer and a selection of canapés, well within our seven-minute target time.

After an hour or so's rest, we took our enthusiastic young Collie, John, for a gentle stroll down the footpath towards town, although we turned left at the telephone mast and wandered

ABOUT US

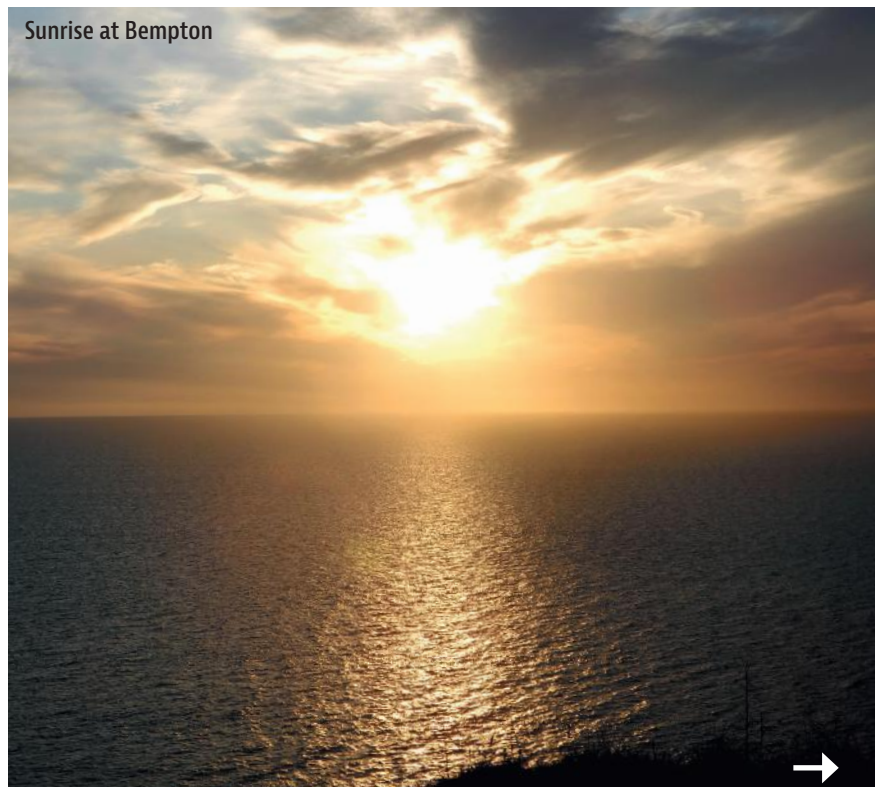


US Dave & Jackie Richards. We have been messing about in a campervan since we bought one for a year 'to see how we got on with it' back in 1996. OUR 'VAN is the same old 1979 VW that we bought nearly 30 years ago. It's slow, noisy, cramped and it doesn't have a name. We love it.

Derwentwater is spectacular

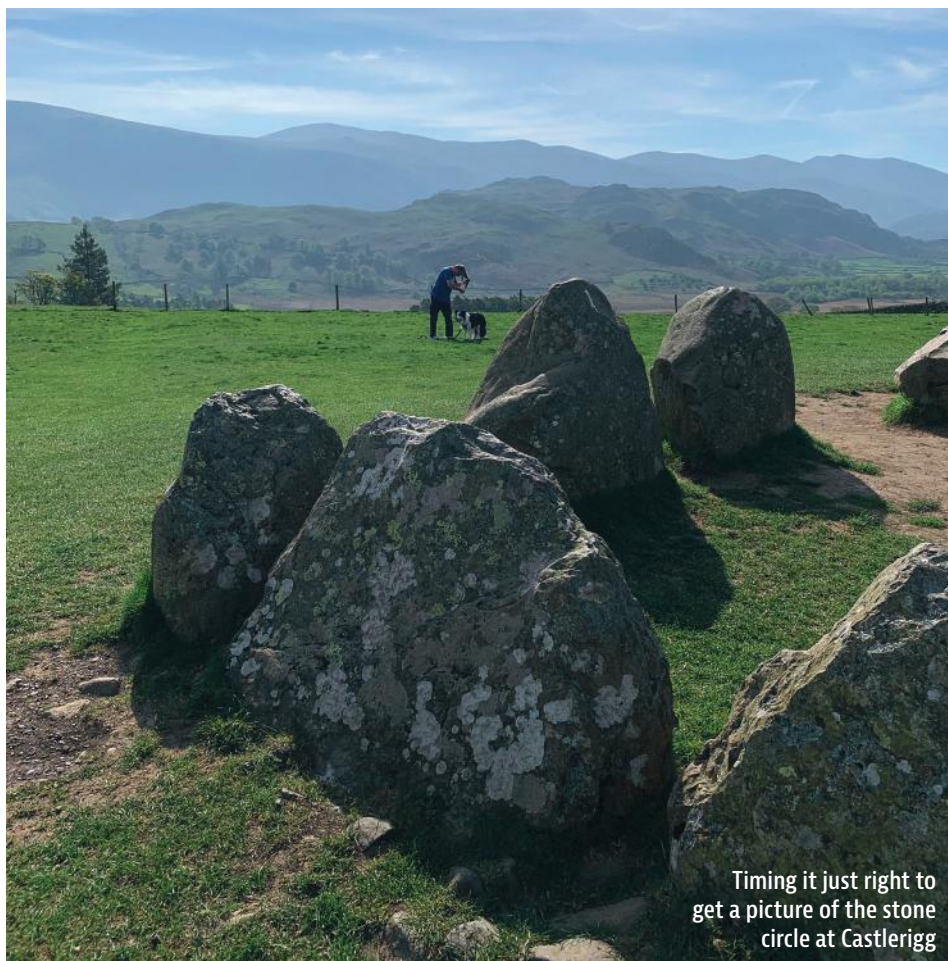


The cutest puffin on the coast



Sunrise at Bempton



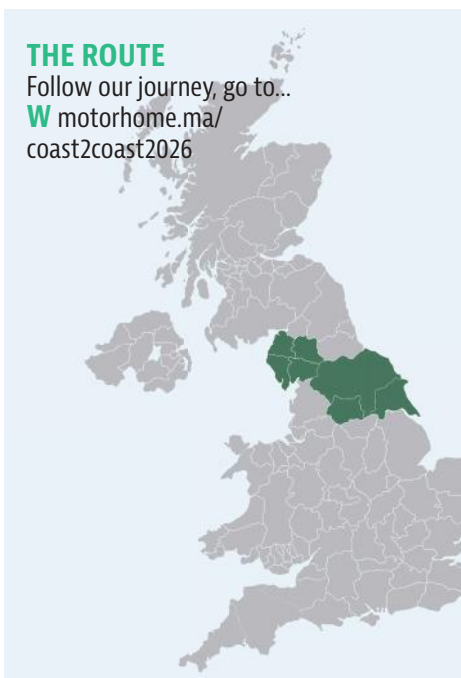


Timing it just right to get a picture of the stone circle at Castlerigg

THE ROUTE

Follow our journey, go to...

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instead amongst the leafy shade of the old forest before returning for a pleasant hour or two around the barbecue with more beer and the prospect of an early night as the sun went down.

The following morning we were up with... the dog! He's new to this camping lark and still has a lot to learn, although it will soon be worth the effort.

Breakfast was 3-in-1 coffee and long-life croissants with jam. I appreciate that this is far from the last word in elegant sophistication, but in comparison to the bloke on the next pitch fighting to produce a full English on a camping stove, it made for a very relaxed start to the day.

Before the sun became overpoweringly

hot, the three of us headed up the hillside for a look at the views from Walla Crag. Obviously, it was all my fault when I became momentarily distracted and took us all over the wrong stile and up to an alternative viewpoint.

The vista overlooking Derwentwater was stunning, but because we could also see folk on the actual crag, still some way above us, it was wrong. Just 20 minutes backtracking and we were soon perched on the very edge of the ridge, looking down and out over the town and the landscape.

If you know anything about hillsides and old knees, you'll appreciate that the walk back down to the campsite was even more exhilarating than the outbound trek up the hill. Although a gentle lunch and an afternoon in the sunshine soon had the dog and me fit to do it all over again.

Day three and the dog took the opportunity for a lie in, but by 6.30am he was raring to go. This was the day we were to pack up and leave, so in order to make certain we were off our pitch by the specified time, we cleared up straight away and moved the camper into the car park.

Then we set off for a look at the Castlerigg Stone Circle a couple of miles away. We arrived to find it deserted, but within a few short minutes we were no longer on our own. They're oddities, these pagan sites, and only really work well in photographs if you're there on your own at sunset or sunrise. Nonetheless, we had a bit of a chuckle persuading the dog to pose, before hitting the A66 for the journey east and over to Scotch Corner.

Bizarrely, I don't think we've ever driven that way before, and for some reason I was expecting steep and narrow like Winnats Pass in Derbyshire. It is nothing like, being simply the most exposed bit of moorland motorway



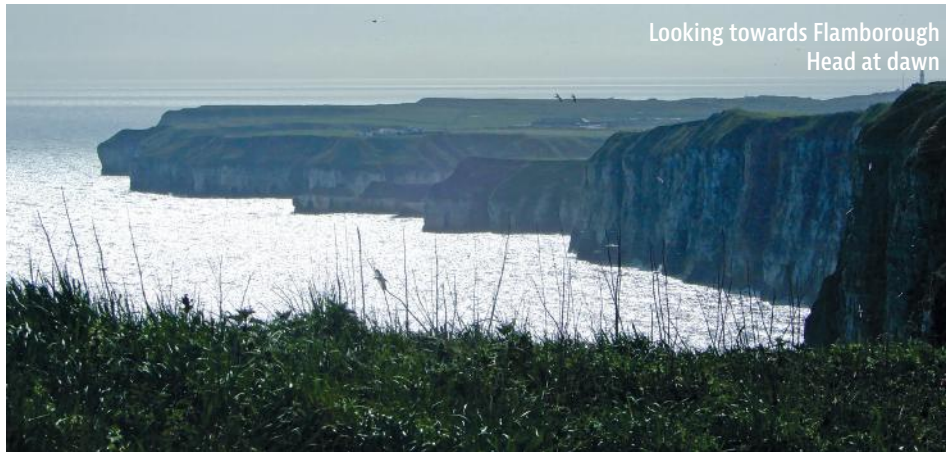
THE JOURNEY

We wanted to see the puffins at Bempton, but had a credit for a night in the Lake District. A cross-country, multi-site touring holiday was on the cards. 468 miles



THE COSTS

Fuel: Average 25mpg (E5 fuel).....	£130
Site fees: Four nights.....	£128
Total	£258



Looking towards Flamborough Head at dawn



Love birds in gull form

that I have ever traversed. It was interesting to see the snow gates and the cutaways in the banks which are provided to enable an articulated lorry to turn around and head back from whence it came.

The next exciting landmark on our journey east was to be Sutton Bank, and although I drove up it more than 30 years ago in a turbocharged Audi, I knew that it would be far more challenging in a 45-year-old campervan with just 60 tired German horses. The signs which warn caravans to abandon hope and make a vast detour were just beginning to unsettle me when we hit the bank.

To my relief the old 'van roared up incredibly noisily in second gear, but without undue complaint and, just a couple of miles further on, our sat-nav directed us away from the main roads and onto a succession of single-track lanes. Our second site was just beyond the middle of nowhere. There was a deserted farmhouse and a voice on the other end of the phone directed me to park up, 'in that field, over there...'

MORE INFORMATION

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There were toilets by the outbuildings, and there were views of absolutely nothing, in any direction. Some hours later, a chap in wellies wandered up for a chat and I gave him a crisp twenty quid.

The following morning we packed up and left for a gentle 50-odd mile jaunt towards the coast.

The site closest to Bempton Cliffs appealed for one reason, and one reason only. A 'six-minute walk over to the cliffs' to see the birds.

I've read du Maurier's *The Birds*, and I knew that a gannet was big old bird, but they have a wingspan of six

feet! They are huge, and they were everywhere.

There were puffins, too. Odd little things and more difficult to spot amongst the rocks on the cliff face.

Once again the weather was fine and the fair wife, determined to take photographs during the 'golden hour' just after sunrise, was up and about, long before the dog, who clambered quietly into the bed with me. Our photographs were taken using a 200-500mm lens which, although huge, was comparatively small fry when compared to the much faster and longer lenses that some of the hardcore twitchers has.

Were our pictures any good? We think so, and all three campsites have been added to our ever-expanding list of places we'd cheerfully visit again.

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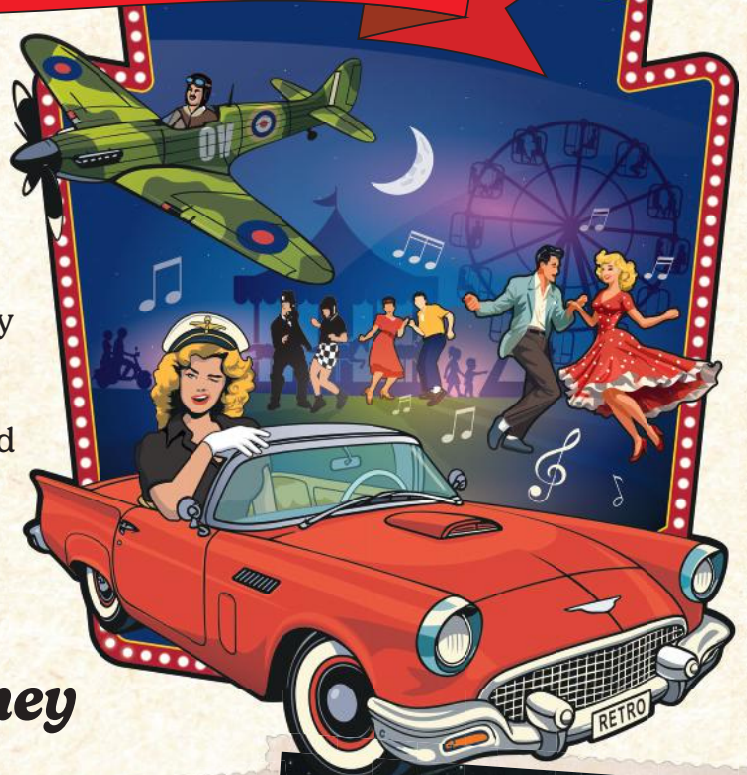
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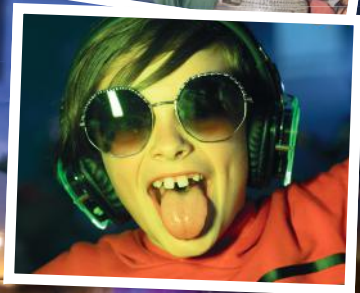
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DAY VISITORS CAR PARK

The Car park will be locked one hour after the exhibition area close each day. Please ensure you have removed your vehicle by this time.



DOGS

Dogs are welcome on the Showground, but we do ask that they are kept on a short lead, under your strict control at all times. Please ensure you clean up after your dog. Dogs are NOT permitted in our main entertainment venues.



ELSAN/ GREY WATER DISPOSAL

Please dispose of elsan and grey waste at the points provided. See the site plan on page 14 for locations. DO NOT EMPTY ELSAN DOWN TOILETS if this occurs the facilities will be locked.



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If you require assistance during your visit, CHSS are located next to the information office which is shown on the site plan page 14 Alternatively speak to one of The Organisers, Security or a Marshal who will contact them for you.



FOOD

A variety of food outlets are situated within the food court.



GAMES

Ball Games are not permitted in the camping fields.



GAS

Available from the Calor Gas stand sited next to First Aid during show opening times as shown on the site plan on page 14 Free delivery service available from 08.30-18.00 call; 07791 548893/ 07721 318575.



GATES

The Campers Gate will open 08.00-21.00 Thursday and Friday. Out of these hours please use the Main Entrance as 24-hour access is available via this gate. See the site plan on page 30 for locations.



GENERATORS

Generators may be used between 08:00-22:00. Please be considerate to your neighbours and run them for NO LONGER THAN 2 HOURS AT A TIME. Please contact security if you have any issues during your stay.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Please make yourself aware of your surroundings and avenue number.



LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property should be handed to a member of security or the Information Office.



NOISE

Music must not be played in camping fields past 23:00. Please be considerate to your neighbours. - Please call Security for any issues (24 Hours).



PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs and footage will be taken throughout Warner's Shows. These will be used for marketing and publicity in our publications, on our website and in social media or in any third party publications. You do have the right to ask Warners Shows to delete the picture.



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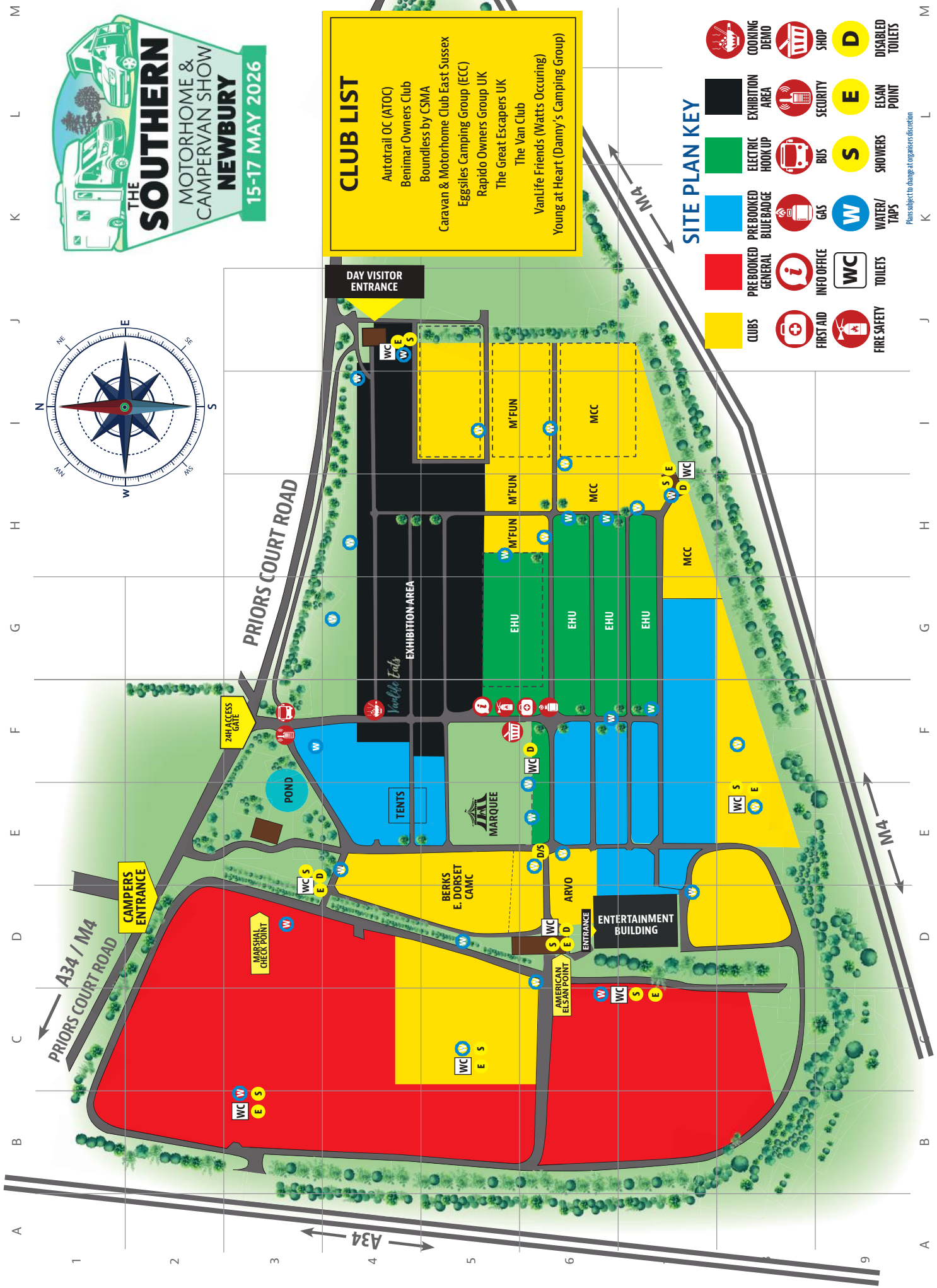
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WATER

All stand pipes on-site are drinking water unless otherwise labelled. During peak times pressure may vary.

SITE PLAN: NEWBURY



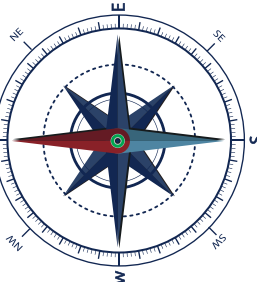
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- Benimar Owners Club
- Boundless by CSMA
- Caravan & Motorhome Club East Sussex
- Eggshells Camping Group (ECC)
- Rapido Owners Group UK
- The Great Escapers UK
- The Van Club
- VanLife Friends (Watts Occuring)
- Young at Heart (Danny's Camping Group)

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