



Austin Healey Club

2019 Daffodil Weekend



April 4th - 7th 2019

Established in 1991 ~ 28th running





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Welcome to the Austin Healey Club 2019 Daffodil Weekend

Welcome to Old Hunstanton and the 2019 AHC Daffodil Weekend. As always, the weekend is informal and the routes and destinations are optional. Just please let Ed or myself know if you decide to go off to do your own thing, so we don't wander around aimlessly looking for you!

The event is an MSA approved 'non-competitive touring assembly', so please make sure to observe all speed limits and rules of the road. Please also try to avoid travelling in groups, and make sure to have consideration for other road users and the public at all times.

There will be a small quiz each day to liven up your grey matter, and the overall winner of all the quizzes will hold the Alan Holmes trophy for a year, as well as receiving a small prize. Alan Holmes was the man who started the Daffodil Weekend twenty-eight years ago as a weekend gathering by the seaside for a few of his friends, in this very same hotel. This gathering evolved over the years into the Daffodil Weekend we have today.

Itinerary

Thursday

7.00 pm – 7.30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks in the bar/lounge/Ancient Mariner
7.30 pm	Dinner

Friday

9.30 am	Drive and visit to Felbrigg Hall, Gardens and Estate
7.00pm – 7.30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks in the bar/lounge/Ancient Mariner
7.30 pm	Dinner

Saturday

9.30 am	Drive and visit to Prickwillow Museum, followed by a drive to Castle Rising
7.30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks in the bar/lounge/Ancient Mariner
7.30 pm	Dinner
9.30 pm onwards	Prize giving and the raffle, venue to be confirmed

Sunday

10.00 am	Drive to Middleton Golf Club with a choice of coffee/tea stops
1.15 pm (latest)	Carvery Lunch at Middleton Hall Golf Club

Have a great weekend, have fun, and above all enjoy yourselves.



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Friday 5th April 2019 – Felbrigg House, Gardens and Estate

Background Info

Overview

Felbrigg House is one of the most elegant country houses in East Anglia. It has a mixture of opulence and homeliness with each room offering something different. From the stained glass windows in the great hall to the nodding mandarins in the Chinese bedroom; from Queen Mary's teapot in the drawing room to the copper pans in the kitchen, each room has its own character and feel.

Outside the decorative and productive walled garden is an inspiration for any gardeners amongst you, providing beautiful flowers for the great hall and also fruit and vegetables from the allotments for the pantry. Hens wander around freely pecking wherever they wish, accompanied on a sunny day by the sound of busy bees in the flowers.

The surrounding estate comprises some 620 acres (211 hectares) and comprises rolling landscapes, wooded areas and even a lake. All can be accessed via marked trails with wheelchair friendly surfaces on main visitor routes. It is a great place to relax and enjoy nature and maybe even see some of the wildlife that inhabits the estate.

Brief History

The heart of the estate was built up before the Norman Conquest, and was enlarged by the Felbrigg family. The name 'Felbrigg' is a relic of the Danish invasions - 'Fiolbrygga' is ancient Scandinavian for a plank bridge. The earliest record of the estate is from around 1000. The estate passed out of the hands of the Felbrigg family in the mid 15th century, passed through numerous hands, the most notable being the Windhams from 1450 to 1863. In 1863 Corn Merchant John Ketton bought the estate for £77,238, the equivalent of £7.7 million today, from the bankers of 'Mad' William Windham. The bank had re-possessed the estate after William lost his fortune. John's son Robert finally bequeathed the estate to the National Trust in 1969.

Our Visit

There is lots to see here, the house and great hall that you can explore at your own pace with knowledgeable guides in most rooms, the walled garden and the estate itself with many tranquil areas and walks.

There is the Squire's Pantry offering soup, one-pot meals, sandwiches, scones and cakes etc., and of course the mandatory gift shop.

We hope you enjoy your visit!



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Driving Notes

Don't forget your National Trust cards if you are members, or your event pack tickets if not!

From the Le Strange Arms Hotel the suggested route to Felbrigg Hall is as follows:

37.3 miles, approx 1 hour 15 minutes driving time (all mileages approximate, as befits a Healey speedo...)

There are several cafes and pubs en-route if you wish to stop for a coffee or a tea, although we have not sampled any on this route ourselves.

Zero trip meter on leaving hotel car park.

Turn right out of hotel car park onto Sea Road, and right again onto Golf Course Road	Mileage	Total
Turn left into 'The Big Yard', no S.P. but is A149 Old Hunstanton Road	0.1	0.1
Right fork, S.P. Ringstead	0.5	0.6
'Give Way', straight on onto 'High Street'	1.3	1.9
T junction left, S.P. Docking	0.6	2.5
Follow road round to right at island with tree	0.1	2.6
Continue on Docking Road to cross roads, left onto B1454 S.P. Fakenham	4.1	6.7
Follow B1454 through Docking, left fork onto B1155, S.P. Burnham Market, Stanhoe	0.6	7.3
After passing through Stanhoe, right turn, S.P. Nth Creake ✓	2.7	10.0
In North Creake turn left at T junction onto B1355, S.P. Burnham Mkt. ✓	2.7	12.7
Just after small parking bay on right, right turn into Normans Lane. No S.P. Narrow lane, take care! ✓	0.2	12.9
At Y junction, take left fork and then turn left onto Wells Road. No S.P. ✓	0.2	13.1
Cross roads, straight on, S.P. Walsingham/Fakenham ✓	1.7	14.8
Give Way sign, Y junction, take right fork then turn right, S.P. Creaks ✓	0.7	15.5
Cross Roads, Give Way. Straight on, S.P. Wighton ✓	0.8	16.3
At 30 mph signs, Y junction, take right fork to Give Way, and then turn right. After approx 20 yards, left fork into High Street, S.P. Binham, Holt 176.3, 2.1	17.4	18.4
Continue on High Street past large Church and memorial on left, road then curves to left at Methodist Hall	0.2	18.6
Go past left turn to Warham to Y junction, take left fork S.P. Binham, Holt, and Cromer Cycle Route in blue.	0.3	18.9
Down to small y junction, 30 mph signs, Give Way. Turn right, S.P. Binham, Holt	2.0	20.9



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Front of XH 16

Down to Cross Roads, Give Way, at the Chequers Inn. SHARP left turn, S.P. Langham. CARE!	0.7	21.6
Follow road round to right, S.P. Langham	0.1	21.7
Staggered cross roads, straight on. S.P. arm missing, large Church on right.	1.5	23.2
Left turn, continue straight on onto B1156. S.P. (A148), Sharrington, Holt	0.7	23.9
Left fork, S.P. Letheringsett, Holt	1.9	25.8
T junction, Give Way, turn left, S.P. Letheringsett, Holt	0.7	26.5
Down to T junction with A148, Give Way. Turn left, S.P. Cromer, CARE!	0.7	27.2
Follow A148 through Letheringsett into Holt. Roundabout 1 st exit, S.P. Cromer A148, Ind Estate.	1.5	28.7
Roundabout, 1 st exit (straight on) S.P. Cromer A148	0.7	29.4
Continue on A148, past High Kelling and Bodham to roundabout. 2 nd exit, S.P. North Walsham B1436, Norwich A140, Felbrigg Hall	7.4	36.8
Turn right into Felbrigg Hall at cross roads	0.5	37.3
Follow long drive through the Estate grounds, watch for speed bumps, and park where directed. ENJOY!		

The suggested route back to Old Hunstanton and the Le Strange is via the A149 coast road. This is not a busy main 'A' road or dual carriageway, but a winding country route with lots of variation in the scenery and some great places to stop for an afternoon tea or coffee, or a crafty pint if that takes your fancy.

37.3 miles (spooky!) and approx 1 hr 12 minutes driving time (again all mileages approximate, as befits a Healey speedo...)

Zero trip on turning out of Felbrigg Hall gates onto B1436

	Mileage	Total
Turn left out of Felbrigg Hall main gates onto B1436		
Roundabout, 1 st exit left, S.P. Kings Lynn, Holt A148, Sheringham A1082	0.5	0.5
Crossroads, turn right, S.P. Sheringham, brown signs for Sheringham Park and Country House Hotel	3.9	4.4
Turn left (on curve to right), S.P. Weybourne, Kelling	0.7	5.1
After approx 60 yards, follow road around to the right	0.3	5.4
Turn left onto Coast Road, S.P. Hunstanton, Wells A149	0.7	6.1
Continue on A149 through Weybourne, Kelling and Salhouse. Turn right in the village of Cley next the Sea onto New Road, S.P. broken at the time of our recce, but may now have been repaired. Should say Blakeney, Wells	6.5	12.6
Continue to follow A149 through Blakeney, Morston, Stiffkey, and Wells next the Sea to Burnham Overy Staithe. This is a great place to stop for tea, coffee, a beer, fresh shellfish etc. - turn right opposite 'The Hero' pub onto East Harbour Way and park up on the beach car park by the boats. If you do stop here return back to A149 via East Harbour Way and reset your trip to zero.	13.7	26.3

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Continue to follow the A149 through Burnham Norton, Burnham Deepdale, Brancaster, and Thornham. Turn right onto Golf Course Road, Brown S.P Arts and Crafts Centre	10.8	37.1
Continue on Golf Course Road and park in Le Strange car park.	0.2	37.3

We hope you have enjoyed your day!

Don't forget to hand in your Friday 'Sign Posts' quiz to Dave or Ed.

Meet from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30



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Saturday 6th April 2019 – Prickwillow Museum and Castle Rising

Background Info

Prickwillow Museum

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The landscape of the Fens is unique, intriguing and curiously beautiful. It is maintained by an incredible network of drainage systems and pumping stations, without which this fascinating landscape would disappear under the waves. Prickwillow Museum, a registered educational charity, tells the story of the drainage of the Fens, the history of the local area, and those tough individuals who ran the drainage pumps in remote locations. The museum showcases some of the region's finest examples of restored diesel pumping engines and pumps, along with numerous artefacts, photographs and stories related to the fens, the water systems and the farming carried out in the fens. The museum is housed in the old building that once housed the pumps for the surrounding area, but when these were replaced with more modern electric pumps they were installed in a new building close by, leaving the old building out of use. This eventually opened up the opportunity to create the museum as it exists today, in a totally appropriate setting.

For our visit there will be light lunch snacks available in the museum from about midday; hot soup, bacon rolls, beans on toast, sandwiches, crisps etc., with tea and coffee, and soft drinks. Prices are very reasonable, and all profits go to the charitable trust that runs the museum, so please give them your custom if you can.

There will be half-hour tours of the museum with a talk given by one of the volunteers, covering the history of the fens, how they developed and the contributions made by the dykes, sluices, the pumps and engines displayed in the museum, along with many other artefacts and anecdotes about the area. It's a fascinating place, and we and the museum volunteers hope you all enjoy your visit.

Castle Rising

Castle Rising Castle is one of the most famous 12th Century castles in England. The stone keep, built in around 1140 AD, is amongst the finest surviving examples of its kind anywhere in the country and, together with the massive surrounding earthworks, ensures that the castle is of national importance.

We have not arranged a specific visit to the castle, but if you wish to visit the entry is very reasonable, £4.50 for adults, £3.60 for seniors, and at the time of our recce this was reduced to half price as repair work was being carried out on the building, and this may still be happening.

If the castle does not take your fancy there is the Unique Tea rooms for a nice cuppa, coffee, cakes etc., or the Black Horse Inn next door for something a little stronger!



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Saturday 6th April 2019 – Prickwillow Museum and Castle Rising

Driving Notes

Prickwillow Museum

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From the Le Strange Arms Hotel the suggested route to Prickwillow Museum is as follows:

57.8 miles, approx 1 hour 40 minutes driving time (all mileages approximate, as befits a Healey speedo...)

Zero trip meter on leaving hotel car park

	Mileage	Total
Turn right out of hotel car park onto Sea Road, and right again onto Golf Course Road		
Turn right, no S.P. but is A149 Old Hunstanton Road	0.1	0.1
Roundabout 1 st exit, straight on, S.P. Kings Lynn, Heacham A149	1.2	1.3
Roundabout 1 st exit, straight on, S.P. Kings Lynn A149	0.3	1.6
Traffic Lights, turn left, S.P. Fakenham, Docking, Sedgeford, B1454	1.1	2.7
Right fork at island with obelisk and trees, S.P. Fring	2.0	4.7
Down to Y junction, turn left, S.P. Docking	1.9	6.6
Turn right, S.P. Bircham	<0.1	6.7
Down to T junction, turn left, S.P. Bircham Tofts, Great Bircham	2.6	9.3
Down to T junction, Give Way, turn right S.P. Hillington B1153	0.1	9.4
Left fork, S.P. Houghton, W.Rudham	0.2	9.6
Right fork, S.P. missing	0.4	10.0
Left Fork, S.P. Houghton	2.4	12.4
Turn right opposite white gates, S.P. Harpley (A148)	0.7	13.1
Down to staggered crossroads, Give Way, turn right, S.P. Kings Lynn A148, Harpley	0.7	13.8
Left turn, S.P. Massingham, Harpley	0.4	14.2
Through Harpley village, continue into Little Massingham	1.0	15.2
Continue into Great Massingham. Large pond on right, stay on main road	0.7	15.9
With St Mary's Church on left, the 'Dabbling Duck' pub on the right is good for tea/coffee stop	-	-
Past large pond on left, take left turn, S.P. Weasenham	0.9	16.8
Past a green and another pond on right, then take right fork S.P. Litcham	0.3	17.1
Down to T Junction, turn left, S.P. Litcham B1154	1.3	18.4
Continue on B1145 to cross roads, Give Way, turn right, S.P. Swaffham A1065, CARE!	2.3	20.7
Continue on A1065 into Swaffham	5.8	26.5
Traffic lights, right fork S.P. Newmarket A1065, Thetford (A134)	0.8	27.3
Immediate left S.P. Newmarket A 1065, Thetford (A134), past large old prison building on right (now a Costa Coffee) to a Roundabout, 1 st exit left, no S.P.	0.4	27.7



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Mini roundabout, second exit, straight on, no S.P.	0.2	27.9
Roundabout, second exit, straight on, A1065	0.7	28.6
Continue on A1065 into Mundford	8.6	37.2
Roundabout, second exit, straight on, S.P. Brandon A1065, Newmarket A11	0.7	37.9
Into Brandon, over level crossing still following A1065	4.0	41.9
Traffic lights, turn right, S.P. Mildenhall A1065, Newmarket A11	0.6	42.5
Traffic lights turn right, S.P. Viewing Area, Lakenheath	2.5	45.0
Down to T junction, Give Way, turn left, S.P. Lakenheath, Bury St Edmunds B1112	2.1	47.1
After left hand bend in Lakenheath, second turning right, small S.P. Sedge Fen, Baptist Church	1.2	48.3
Follow road around to left, S.P. Shippea Hill	3.2	51.5
Down to T junction, Give Way, turn right, S.P. Littleport, Shippea Hill A1101	1.5	53.0
TAKE CARE, undulating surfaces on Fenland roads, danger of grounding if you are giving it some beans!	-	-
Over level crossing at Shippea Hill Station	0.6	53.6
Turn left, S.P. Ely, Prickwillow, Queen Adelaide	2.0	55.6
Prickwillow village sign, over level crossing	1.5	57.1
After 30 mph signs, cross over river, turn left, and museum is on the right. Parking is around the back of the museum building.	0.7	57.8

Don't forget, there will be light lunch snacks available in the museum from about midday.

Castle Rising

From the Prickwillow Museum the suggested route to Castle Rising is as follows:

30.2 miles, approx 1 hour driving time (all mileages approximate, as befits a Healey speedo...)

Zero trip meter on joining the B1382 on leaving the museum

	Mileage	Total
Turn right onto B1382 after leaving museum, crossing over the river.		
Down to T junction, turn left, Give Way, S.P. Littleport A1101	2.2	2.2
Roundabout, third exit right, S.P. Southery. As exiting roundabout S.P. Downham Market A10, Southery.	2.7	4.9
Continue on A10 to roundabout, second exit straight on, S.P. Downham Mkt Kings Lynn A10, Swaffham (A1122)	10.1	15
Roundabout second exit, straight on, S.P. Kings Lynn A10	0.9	15.9
Another roundabout, second exit, straight on, S.P. Kings Lynn A10	5.6	21.5
Major roundabout, take fourth exit, S.P. North Ind Ests, Docks on approach. Move into right hand lane on approach to roundabout; follow	3.6	25.1



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'Other Routes'. S.P. Kings Lynn A149, A47 (E) on roundabout. Final S.P. on roundabout Cromer A149 (A148), Hunst.n. Sainsbury's Superstore on left.		
Roundabout second exit, S.P. Cromer A149 (A148), North Ind Est, Docks	0.8	25.9
Roundabout second exit, S.P. Cromer A148 (A149), Hunstanton, follow A149.	1.3	27.2
Roundabout second exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149	1.7	28.9
Turn left, S.P. Castle Rising	1.0	29.9
To visit the Castle, turn left into Lodge Lane at crossroads, easy to miss as road name partially hidden by hedge. Castle car park is approx 50 yards down Lodge Lane on the right hand side.	0.3	30.2
Otherwise continue on same road around to second crossroads. On right hand opposite corner is the Unique Tea Rooms. Parking for the tea rooms is opposite, accessed by turning right at crossroads, and continuing around bend to entrance on right.	-	-

From Castle Rising the suggested route back to The Le Strange Arms Hotel is as follows:

12 miles, approx 20 minutes driving time

Zero trip meter on re-joining the A149

	Mileage	Total
Return back to the A149 junction. Turn left, S.P. Hunstanton A149		
Roundabout, first exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149, Snettisham	3.2	3.2
Roundabout, first exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149, Heacham. Continue on A149, following signs to Hunstanton, then Old Hunstanton and Wells.	3.6	6.8
Turn left onto Golf Course Road and into Le Strange Arms car park.	5.1	11.9

We hope you have enjoyed your day!

Don't forget to hand in your 'Pop Quiz' to Dave or Ed, before 6 pm please, to give us a chance to mark it!

Meet from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30