

Austin Healey Club

2021 Daffodil Weekend



July 1st - July 4th 2021

Established in 1991



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Welcome to the Austin Healey Club 2021 Daffodil Weekend

Welcome to Old Hunstanton and the 2021 AHC Daffodil Weekend. Well, I guess it won't be Daffodils this year as we are at the start of July, not in April, so as a couple of people have suggested let's think of it as the 'Sunflower' weekend, and keep fingers crossed we get some sun to go with the flowers!

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.

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 Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens
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 Anglesey Abbey and Gardens
7.30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks in the bar/lounge/Ancient Mariner
7.30 pm	Dinner
9.30 pm onwards	Prize giving, venue to be confirmed

Sunday

10.00 am	For those staying on a bit, drive to Middleton Golf Club with a choice of coffee/tea stops
1.15 pm (latest)	Lunch at Middleton Hall Golf Club

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

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Bressingham Steam & Gardens

A charity since the early 1970's, Bressingham is the home of Alan Bloom's collection of plants and steam powered engineering. Open to the public since 1961, it is a place where he wanted a hands on approach for all the family to have fun.

Alan Bloom moved to Bressingham in 1946, after selling his previous 36-acre site at Oakington in Cambridgeshire to raise the capital for the 220 acres in Norfolk, where he hoped to be both a farmer and a nurseryman. He was a plant expert of international renown, particularly in the field of hardy perennials. He laid out the Dell Garden at Bressingham, with its well-known island beds, an unusual use of perennials at the time. His son, Adrian Bloom, laid out the Foggy Bottom Garden, which along with the Dell garden is open to the public to explore. Adrian remains involved in the maintenance and development of the gardens today. There is also a garden centre on the site, trading as Blooms of Bressingham, although the nurseries themselves are not open to the public.



Part of the gardens at Bressingham.



The steam powered gallopers at Bressingham

As well as horticulture Alan Bloom had a strong interest in steam, and the part it played in industry, transport and general life during the industrial revolution and beyond. The space he had available at Bressingham enabled him to indulge in not only his horticultural and business interests, but also in his steam hobby. He built up a substantial collection of items both large and small and was able to open the Bressingham Steam Museum as a result. This not just a static collection however, there are many fully functional items including the magnificent steam powered gallopers, originally built in Kings Lynn in 1897. These spent time at various locations around the UK and in Scotland before being given their final permanent home at Bressingham in 1967. The steam engine in the centre of the ride is the original, as is the organ that provides the music when the gallopers are in action, although

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the engine has been completely rebuilt at Bressingham in order that it can continue to safely power the gallopers just as when it was first built.

There are also three working narrow gauge railways on site, the 10 ¼ inch gauge Garden Railway, the 15 inch gauge Waveney Valley Railway, and the 2 ft. gauge Fen Railway. These lines will be open during our visit to provide a ride around the gardens and the surrounding countryside while enjoying the fun of riding behind narrow gauge steam engines.



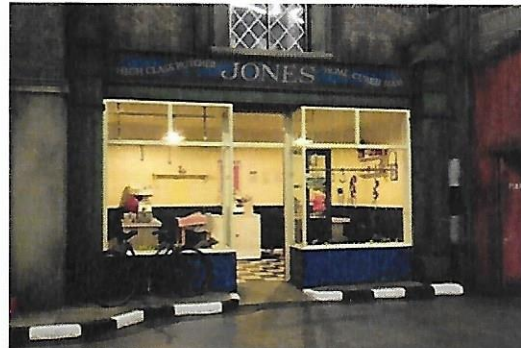
The Garden Railway



The Standard Gauge Demonstration Line with Terrier locomotive 'Martello'



The Fen Railway



Jones Butcher's Shop from 'Dad's Army'

There is also a ¼ mile standard gauge demonstration line, although this usually only operates on special attraction weekends. For those interested there is the opportunity to explore around the standard gauge engine collection in the engine sheds.

Bressingham is also home to the Dads Army Appreciation Society's collection of vehicles, and a recreation of Walmington-on-Sea, the fictional home to Captain Mainwaring and his men.

There is a small café opposite the gallopers, although with the extension to lockdown this may not yet be open. If not there will be snacks and drinks available from the site kiosks, and a more substantial meal will be available in the restaurant which is part of the 'Blooms of Bressingham' Garden Centre on site.

Enjoy!

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Friday 2nd July 2021 – Bressingham Steam Museum & Gardens

Driving Notes

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

59.2 miles, approximately 1.5 hours driving time (all mileages approximate, as befits a Healey speedo...)

N.B. for those not used to my notes, SP = Signpost!

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
T junction, right, no S.P. but is A149 Old Hunstanton Road	0.1	0.1 ✓
Roundabout, 1 st exit, SP Kings Lynn, Heacham A149	1.7	1.8 ✓
Roundabout, 1 st exit, SP Kings Lynn A149	0.4	2.2 ✓
Traffic Lights – straight ahead, SP Kings Lynn, Dersingham A149	1.0	3.2 ✓
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Kings Lynn A149, CARE Average speed cameras, 60 limit	1.7	4.9 ✓ +1
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Kings Lynn A149, CARE Average speed cameras, 60 limit	3.6	8.5 ✓
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP A149 Sleaford (A17), Downham Market (A10), Wisbech (A47)	4.3	12.8 ✓
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Downham Market (A10), Wisbech (A47), Sleaford (A17)	1.9	14.7 ✓ +2
Jubilee Roundabout, 1 st exit, SP Downham Market (A10), Wisbech (A47), Sleaford (A17), Other Ind Est's	1.3	16.0 ✓
Major roundabout 2nd exit, SP Downham Market A10, Thetford (A134)	0.6	16.6 ✓
Roundabout 1 st exit, SP Thetford A134	3.8	20.4 ✓
Staggered crossroads, turn left SP Swaffham A1122, then immediate right SP Thetford A134	4.9	25.3 ✓
Roundabout 1 st exit, SP Thetford A134	2.0	27.3 ✓
Roundabout 1 st exit, SP Thetford A134	3.1	30.4 ✓ +3
Roundabout 2 nd exit SP Thetford A134	6.9	37.3 ✓
Roundabout 2 nd exit, SP Thetford, Diss A1066	6.5	43.8 ✓ +4
Roundabout 2 nd exit, SP Diss A1066, Ipswich (A1088)	1.6	45.4 ✓
Roundabout 1 st exit, SP Diss A1066 Zoo, Steam Museum	0.5	45.9 ✓
Turn right into Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens	13.3	59.2 ✓

Please park up in our allocated area where directed, and collect your tickets from Ed. ENJOY!

Don't forget to visit the garden centre next door too, but do remember, the plants have to fit in the Healey.....

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The suggested return route below to the Le Strange Arms Hotel is approximately 70.4 miles, and takes you via country roads and out along the coast road. It is approximately 2 hours 15 mins driving time, so please ensure you leave Bressingham in plenty of time to get back for a few bevvies and dinner!

Please zero your trip meter as you turn out of Bressingham gates.

Turn left out of Bressingham car park	Mileage	Total
Right turn, SP B1111 Watton, E. Harling. (Fox Inn on RH corner)	4.8	4.8 ✓
Stay on B1111 towards East Harling	0.7	5.5 ✓
Continue on B1111, SP East Harling, St George's Distillery	1.6	7.1 ✓
Continue through East Harling on B1111	1.4	8.5 ✓
Continue on B1111 under A11	2.0	10.5 ✓
T junction, turn right, SP Watton, Dereham A1075	5.2	15.7 ✓
Roundabout, 2 nd exit, SP Dereham, Watton A1075	3.3	19.0 ✓
Traffic lights straight ahead SP Dereham, Shipdham, A1075, Sports Centre	0.7	19.7 ✓
Stay on A1075, watch for speed cameras!! Pass under A47 to traffic lights	9.3	29.0 ✓
turn right, SP Swaffham A47, Fakenham B1146, Wymondham B1135		
Back under A47, roundabout 1 st exit, A47 (LH lane) SP Swaffham A47, Fakenham B1146	0.2	29.2 ✓
Turn right, SP Fakenham, Scarning	1.3	30.5 ✓
T junction, turn right, SP Fakenham B1146	0.5	31.0 ✓
Turn left, SP Fakenham B1146, Holt (B1110)	0.7	31.7 ✓
Turn left, SP Fakenham, Beetley B1146	1.8	33.5 ✓
T junction turn right, SP Bawdeswell, Brisley B1145, then immediately turn left SP Fakenham B1146	4.0	37.5 ✓
Crossroads, GIVE WAY, straight across	6.1	43.6 ✓
T junction, turn right, SP Kings Lynn, Cromer A148	0.1	43.7 ✓
Roundabout 2 nd exit, SP Cromer A148, Norwich (A1067)	0.9	44.6 ✓
Turn left, SP Wells, Walsingham B1105	0.2	44.8 ✓
Follow B1105 into Walsingham village CARE, narrow roads with very unyielding stone walls and buildings! Stay on High Street until reaching a small triangle with an old well building, straight on past car park.	4.2	49.0 ✓
T junction, turn left, no SP	0.1	49.1 ✓
Crossroads, turn right SP Wells B1105	1.8	50.9 ✓
A149 joins from the right, SP Hunstanton A149	3.7	54.6 ✓
Follow A149 coast road past Holkham Hall, through Brancaster until right turn, Waterworks Road	15.5	70.1 ✓
Turn left into Wodehouse Road	0.1	70.2 ✓
Turn right into Le Strange Car Park	0.2	70.4 ✓

We hope you have enjoyed your day!

Meet from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30

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Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill / Address: Quay Rd, Lode, Cambridge CB25 9EJ

A Jacobean-style house with gardens and a working watermill



Address: Quay Rd, Lode, Cambridge CB25 9EJ

Anglesey Abbey is a National Trust property in the village of Lode, northeast of Cambridge. The property includes a country house, built on the remains of a priory, ninety-eight acres of gardens and landscaped grounds, and a working water mill.

Lord Fairhaven lived at Anglesey Abbey from 1926 until his death in 1966. During this time, he created a comfortable country home which holds an eclectic collection of antiquities dating from the early Tudor period through to the 1960s. But his home has a long and fascinating history that stretches back almost 900 years.

It seems to have started out as a hospital in 1135 and by the early 13th Century had been converted into an Augustinian priory. In this remote spot, a small community of monks followed their quiet life of prayer and contemplation until the priory was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1536.

The ruined remains of the priory formed the core of the present house, which was built in the early 17th century. In the following three centuries, the estate went through many different hands. They seem to have done little to the fabric, with the exception of the Rev. John Hailstone, who demolished the surviving medieval outbuildings to make way for a new stable block in the mid-19th century.

Gardens. One of the largest plant centres in the National Trust, the gardens at Anglesey Abbey during the summer will be at their absolute best. You will be able to explore the scent of the formal Rose Garden, the buzz of insects in the Wildflower Meadows and make colourful memories in our herbaceous border areas. If you wish you can purchase plants you see here at Anglesey Abbey in the well-stocked nursery area.

Lode Mill



A watermill probably stood on the site of Lode Mill at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086. The Mill which stands today though is likely to have been built in the eighteenth century.

In 1793 the mill was described in a sale notice as 'Anglesea Watermill' with dwelling house, yard, garden, barn, stables and outhouse and three acres of pasture adjoining'. Old photographs show the house next to the mill. The house was demolished in the renovation of the 1930s.

In about 1900 the mill was converted from corn grinding to cement grinding. The cement was generally made by firing a mixture of clay and lime or natural chalk at about 400°C and grinding the resulting clinker into a powder.

An engine may have been installed at this time, as inside the mill today there are some shafts, gears and a chain drive that are unusual in a watermill.

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Saturday 3rd July 2021 – Anglesey Abbey Gardens, House and Lode Mill

Driving Notes

Don't forget your National Trust cards if you are members please!

From the Le Strange Arms Hotel the suggested route to Anglesey Abbey is as follows:

70.9 miles, approximately 2 hours 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, a favourite being Bircham Windmill. N.B. for those not used to my notes, SP = Signpost!

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Turn right out of hotel car park onto Sea Road, and right again onto Golf Course Road	Mileage	Total
T junction, right, no S.P. but is A149 Old Hunstanton Road	0.1	0.1 ✓
Roundabout, 1 st exit, SP Kings Lynn, Heacham A149	1.7	1.8 ✓
Roundabout. 1 st exit, SP Kings Lynn A149	0.3	2.1 ✓
Traffic lights, left, SP Fakenham, Docking, Sedgeford B1454	1.1	3.2 ✓
Take right fork in Sedgeford, green triangle with large tree, SP Fring (single track road but good surface)	2.0	5.2 ✓
T junction left, SP Docking	1.9	7.1 ✓
Take right fork, SP Docking	0.05	7.1 ✓
T junction left, SP Bircham Tofts, Great Bircham	2.5	9.6 ✓
T junction right, SP Hillington B1153	0.1	9.7
Continue on B1153 through Flitcham	4.7	14.4
T junction right, SP Kings Lynn A148 CARE!	0.6	15.0
Left turn, SP Congham, Grimston, Gayton, Narborough	0.5	15.5
Follow B1153, through Grimston, until reaching Gayton	3.9	19.4
Staggered cross roads, left onto B1145, then immediate right, SP East Walton B1153	0.1	19.5
Continue on B1153 through East Walton	1.9	21.4
Stay on B1153 at right fork, no SP	0.3	21.7
T junction left, SP Swaffham, Norwich A47 CARE!	1.8	23.5
Roundabout, 1 st exit, stay on A47 SP Norwich, Swaffham A47	3.8	27.3
Left fork, take exit, SP Swaffham	1.1	28.4
Follow Lynn Road into Swaffham. Take right fork in town centre into Market Place, SP Newmarket (A1065), Thetford (A134), Leisure Centre	1.3	29.7
Mini Roundabout, second exit, London Street, no SP	0.1	29.8
Second mini roundabout, second exit, no SP	0.1	29.9
Roundabout, second exit, SP Thetford A134, continue on A1065 towards Mundford	1.0	30.9

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Roundabout, 2nd exit, SP Brandon A1065, Newmarket (A11)	9.3	40.2
Follow A1065 over level crossing into Brandon	5.2	45.4
Traffic lights, turn right SP Mildenhall A1065, Newmarket A11	0.3	45.7
Straight on at two sets of traffic lights, RAF Lakenheath on your left, then right turn off A1065 onto Thetford Road, SP Mildenhall	8.7	54.4
T junction left (opposite The Half Moon pub) immediately roundabout 2nd exit, SP Littleport, Beck Row A1101	0.6	55
Follow A1101 round past left fork (SP Bus Station) to mini roundabout, 1st exit SP Fordham B1102	0.5	55.5
Continue through Mildenhall, staying on B1102 through High Street and shops. After exiting shopping area continue on B1102, SP Ely, Worlington	1.5	57
Continue on B1102 through Worlington, Freckenham, SP Fordham, Cambridge, on past Golden Boar pub	2.1	59.1
Follow B1102 Fordham	0.8	59.9
Stay on B1102	0.1	60
Follow B1102 through Fordham, after sharp 1st exit roundabout, SP Newmarket, A142	2.0	62
Speed cushions, CARE! , to mini roundabout, 2 nd exit, SP Burwell, The Swaffhams	0.3	62.3
Roundabout, 2 nd exit, SP Burwell, The Swaffhams	0.5	62.8
Into Burwell, mini roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Cambridge, Swaffhams, Lode	2.7	65.5
Continue through Burwell, Jet petrol station on right	0.1	65.7
Follow road to right after raised pedestrian crossing, SP Cambridge B1102	0.1	65.8
Bear right, stay on B1102, no SP	0.4	66.2
Through Swaffham Prior, Windmill visible on right	1.5	67.7
Through Swaffham Bulbeck, follow main B1102 SP Cambridge	1.5	69.2
Through Lode village, traffic lights straight over, turn right into Anglesey Abbey, Brown Heritage SP.	1.7	70.9
Please park up where directed, we have our own allocated area.		

The suggested return route to Le Strange Arms Hotel is via the A142, A10, and A149. This is 59 miles, approximately 1 hr 55 mins driving time, so please ensure you leave Anglesey Abbey in plenty of time to get back for a few bevvies and dinner!

Zero trip meter as you re-join the B1102 on leaving Anglesey Abbey gates.

Turn left out of the main gates onto B1102. The first section of the route until the A142 is a reverse of the outward journey.	Mileage	Total
Follow B1102 into Swaffham Bulbeck, staying on B1102 SP Burwell, Fordham B1102	1.5	1.5

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Continue on B1102 into Burwell, following High Street and through the village	3.1	4.6
Stay on B1102, past the Jet Petrol on the left.	0.8	5.4
After level crossing, roundabout 1 st exit, SP Ely, Soham A142	2.7	8.1
Roundabout 3 rd exit, SP Ely, Stuntney A142	1.2	9.3
Roundabout 3 rd exit, SP Stuntney, Orchard Farm Business Park	2.8	12.1
Roundabout 2 nd exit SP Ely, Queen Adelaide Road/Rail Distribution Centre	3.5	15.6
Right turn, SP Queen Adelaide Road/Rail Distribution Centre	0.2	15.8
Follow Queen Adelaide Way, under narrow rail bridge, to T junction, turn right, SP Prickwillow B1382	2.0	17.8
Immediate left turn, SP Littleport - Undulating surface – CARE!	0	17.8
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Downham Market A10	4.0	21.8
Roundabout, 2 nd exit SP Downham Market, Kings Lynn A10, Swaffham (A1122)	10.1	31.9
Roundabout 2 nd exit, S.P. Kings Lynn A10	0.9	32.8
Another roundabout, 2 nd exit, S.P. Kings Lynn A10	5.6	38.4
Major roundabout, take fourth exit, S.P. marked North Ind Ests, Docks, 'H' on approach. Move into right hand lane on approach to roundabout; follow 'Other Routes'. S.P. Kings Lynn A149, A47 (E) on roundabout, centre lane.. Final S.P. on roundabout Cromer A149 (A148), Hunstanton. Sainsbury's Superstore will be on your left.	3.6	42.0
Roundabout 2 nd exit, S.P. Cromer A149 (A148), North Ind. Est, Docks, 'H'	0.7	42.7
Roundabout 2 nd exit, S.P. Cromer A148 (A149), Hunstanton	1.3	44.0
Roundabout 2 nd exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149, CARE Average speed cameras, 60 limit	2.0	46.0
Roundabout, 1 st exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149, Snettisham, CARE, Average speed cameras, 60 limit	4.2	50.2
Roundabout, 1 st exit, S.P. Hunstanton A149, Heacham	3.6	53.8
Continue on A149, following signs to Hunstanton, then Old Hunstanton and Wells. After Hunstanton Town sign, Roundabout 3 rd exit, SP Old Hunstanton, Wells A149	3.2	57.0
Turn left, Golf Course Road	1.7	58.7
Turn into Le Strange Arms Car Park, park up, and enjoy a beer! (or a glass of wine)	0.2	58.9

We hope you have enjoyed your day!

Meet from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30

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Sunday 4th July – Sunday Lunch at Middleton Golf Club

Driving Notes

Today some of us will be heading off home straight from the Le Strange Arms. We hope that those who are leaving have a safe and problem-free journey home, and have enjoyed the event. For those who are not staying for Sunday lunch but may have a little time and would like to squeeze the most out of their trip to lovely Norfolk, you could always follow the route below to one of the tea/coffee stops and spend a little more time relaxing before heading off!

For those who are taking Sunday lunch at Middleton Golf Club, we have a suggested relaxed driving route through the Norfolk country lanes with two possible morning coffee/tea stops. The total driving time on the route is approximately fifty-five minutes, and we have to **be at Middleton Hall from 13:00 for dinner starting at 13:15**, so please allow time for this when making any stops.

We have used this route in the past and it has proved popular, so we thought we'd use it again this time. The two coffee/tea stops we are suggesting are Norfolk Lavender (not that far from the Le Strange Arms, but has a 45 minute Lavender distilling tour that sounds interesting, which you could take before coffee/tea if you wanted, and a Lavender focussed Garden Centre), or Bircham Windmill (an old favourite with a lovely cafe, working windmill and gorgeous home baked bread and flour to take home).

The suggested route to Middleton Hall Golf Club, post code PE32 1RY, via Norfolk Lavender, and Bircham Windmill, is as follows:

Approx. 28.8 miles in total, 55 minutes without stops and with usual traffic

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 Mileage
T junction, turn right into Cromer Road, Give Way, A149, no SP	0.1	
Roundabout, 1 st exit, stay on A149, SP King's Lynn, Heacham	1.7	
Roundabout, 1 st exit, stay on A149	0.4	
At traffic lights, turn left onto B1454, SP Fakenham, Docking, Sedgeford.	1.0	
Entrance to Norfolk Lavender is approx. 225 feet on your left		3.2

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If not stopping, continue on B1454, if stopping do not zero trip on leaving again, turn left out of entrance back onto B1454		
Turn right into Fring Road, SP Fring on island with trees and war memorial	1.9	
Turn left at junction, SP Docking	1.9	
Take right fork at junction, SP Bircham	0.05	
Turn right into Mill Lane, brown SP Bircham Windmill. Care, narrow lane	1.9	
Bircham Windmill car park is on your left. If not stopping, continue on Mill Lane, if stopping do not zero trip on leaving again, turn left out of car park back onto Mill Lane	0.2	9.5
T junction, Give Way but no sign, turn left onto Snettisham Road, no SP	0.2	
T junction, Give Way, turn right, B1153, SP Hillington	0.5	
Fork left onto Crow Lane, SP Houghton, W Rudham	0.2	
Fork right, SP broken/missing from post	0.4	
Fork left at large island, SP Houghton	2.3	
Turn right opposite large white entrance to Houghton Hall, SP Harpley	0.7	
T junction right, Give Way, A148, SP King's Lynn, Harpley	0.8	
Turn left, Nethergate Street, SP Massingham, Harpley	0.4	
Continue into Great Massingham.	2.4	17.4
Stay on Station Road past a village well on your right, and another pond on your left. Road becomes Castleacre Road	0.1	
Crossroads, Give Way, turn right onto B1145, SP King's Lynn, Gayton	1.0	
Stay on B1145 through Gayton, left fork SP Leziate, Middleton	7.1	
Continue on Station Road, turn right into Hall Orchards, no SP	3.1	
Entrance to Middleton Hall Golf Club straight in front of you,	500 feet	
The entrance road curves round to the left, then to the right, please park in our reserved area on the right, just next to the Clubhouse		28.8