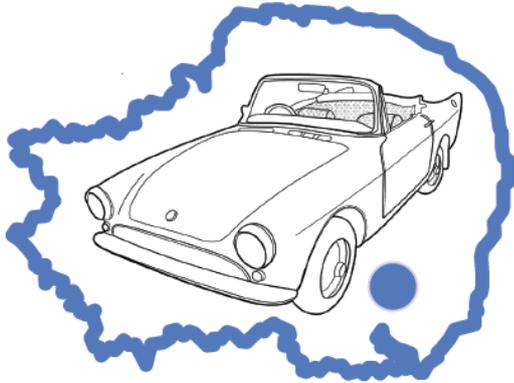


Join us for the
40th SAOC National
2017



Sunbeam Alpine Owners' Club
EAST ANGLIA

Thursday 3rd - Monday 7th
August 2017

Trinity Park, Ipswich
OP3 8UH

We look forward to welcoming you to Trinity Park in August 2017. Our intention in planning the event has been to provide a mix of technical and social events and to incorporate or recommend some of the best local attractions. The outline programme is shown above and a series of informative articles will be published in the Horn running through to August. We have a dedicated Facebook page for the event and all key information will be made available via the East Anglia area website (reference below).

Event information and booking form:

www.alpine-east.org

Event Facebook page, search:

[SAOC National Rally 2017](#)

Booking enquiries:

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Suggested nearby accommodation:

Holiday Inn, Ipswich Orwell.

0.9 miles from Trinity Park

Reservations 0800 405 060

Programme of events (provisional)

Thursday 3rd August

1300 Site open
 1830 Social get together and BBQ

Friday 4th August

All day 40th celebration event(s)
 1030 1600 Themed run out
 1830 BBQ available
 1900 2300 Quiz night and buffet

Saturday 5th August

All day Trade stands and displays
 1000 1600 Coach visit Bury St Edmunds
 1000 1400 Concours competition
 1030 1200 Annual General Meeting
 1430 1600 Aerial photograph and car display
 1630 1730 Awards presentation
 1830 BBQ available
 1900 2400 Dinner dance with live 60s tribute band

Sunday 6th August

All day 40th celebration event(s)
 1030 1400 Run out to coast
 1830 BBQ available

Monday 7th August

1200 Departure and site closure

Breakfast available Friday to Monday in the site restaurant.

Book now

The event booking form is included with this copy of the Horn and is also available to download from the East Anglia area website (www.alpine-east.org).

Either way can we encourage you to book early – it makes the whole task of organising so much easier.

The form consists of two pages. Page one mainly booking details, page two mainly car details. Please complete both pages (sides) of the form and follow the instructions on the form for its return to us.

Payment can be made by bank transfer or cheque although bank transfer is preferred.

Confirmation will be sent to you by email so please be sure to double check your email address on the form.

We hope the process is self explanatory but if in doubt do not hesitate to contact us by email.

National 2017 at Trinity Park, Suffolk

Continuing the series of articles on the delights to be experienced at this year's National Rally here are two more highlights that figure on the Friday run.

The Airfields of Wartime Suffolk



1942/1943 saw the biggest change in East Anglian lifestyle in history. Over 100 large airfields were built in England to house a friendly invasion from America. There was a huge new airfield every few miles in every direction. As soon as they were finished tens of thousands of young American airmen from the USAAF 8th Air Force arrived to occupy these bases. In 1944 every 7th person in East Anglia was American! The social changes this brought to the area were even greater than the arrival of the Romans 2,000 years before. The people of East Anglia took the Yanks to their hearts, offering these young men & women support and friendship, which in many cases lasted all their lives.

This massive force occupied a large part of East Anglia to help us fight back at Nazi Germany and pave the way for the invasion of Europe on 6th June 1944. Soon the roar of B17 Flying Fortresses, B24 Liberators and their 'Little Friends', P51 Mustangs and P47 Thunderbolt fighters that protected them en-route to their targets would join the thunder of RAF Lancasters, Halifaxes, Spitfires & Hurricanes taking the fight to the enemy.

Suffolk saw its share of this intense activity with 18 US airfields plus many other support sites. Some are now preserved and have memorials and museums well worth visiting and to reflect on the violent action that took place there 70 years ago and maybe to give quiet thanks to the thousands of young lives that were taken in the name of freedom.

RAF Wattisham is still very active today with the fierce-looking Apache attack helicopters. Martlesham Heath, where most of Britain's early aircraft testing was done is now a housing estate, but its Control Tower is a fascinating museum that gives an insight into wartime lives all those years ago. RAF Parham is on our Friday route and has a good museum and a period styled café in a Nissen Hut so we will be calling in there for a break and refreshments.

Close to Ipswich is RAF Bentwaters, which hosts the chilling Cold War Museum – well worth a visit. Radar was developed in the 1930s close by on the Suffolk coast at Bawdsey and post-war, Britain's nuclear weapons were developed at a very secret site at Orford Ness near to Woodbridge.

Thorpeness (and Peter Pan!)



If there was ever a village that deserved to be called 'quirky' it is Thorpeness. Built in the early 1900s by a wealthy Scottish barrister Glencairn Stuart Ogilvie who had a penchant for mock Tudor and Jacobean architecture, Ogilvie made his money designing railways and bought some land north of Aldeburgh and south of Sizewell where he created Thorpeness as a holiday village centred around an artificial lake – the Mere.

Thorpeness is full of quirky buildings, most of which follow a similar style and one of which more than meets the eye. Ogilvie ingeniously disguised the village's water tower as an overgrown house, 'lest it offend the eye', the striking 'House in the Clouds'! This 5 storey building is a dominant landmark in Thorpeness and famous all over the world. It is still in use today and overlooks the golf course on one side, with views of the boating lake, village and beach on the others.

The Mere is a boating lake covering 3 acres, with several streams running off the main lake. J.M. Barrie fans of all ages can find his work realised at this boating lake where islands and coves are given names taken from Peter Pan. It's no wonder he was inspired by this magical place, which is great fun for kids of all ages. The boating lake is open for hourly rowing boat hire.

At the heart of the village is the impressive Dolphin Inn with a great selection of local food, whiskies, ales & wine - all of which can also be enjoyed in the large beer garden. The spectacular almshouses at the top of town are also worth a look, as is the 'art-deco' Golf Club and Hotel overlooking the Mere. It is open to non-residents and very pleasant to visit so why not stop for a drink on the terrace?

It is also worth wandering down to the beach and look back over your shoulders to see the vibrant, multi-coloured houses that overlook the sea.

It would be hard to find a more unusual and attractive place to visit in beautiful Suffolk than Thorpeness.

So join our Friday run to explore the key role Suffolk has played in military aviation over many years in addition to the pretty scenery en-route to Thorpeness and beyond. Enjoy the experience!