



Welcome to Norfolk for the Autumn  
Country Link Weekend 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

**Wensum Valley Hotel Golf and Country Club, Beech Avenue, Taverham, Norfolk NR8 6HP**

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Please fill in the enclosed booking form with your choice of trips and a cheque for the final balance. Please also return Friday night menu choice on the enclosed form. Please remember to put your name on booking form and menu.

#### **Directions**

From A11 or A140 When joining the A47 Norwich Southern Bypass go round the roundabout and head towards Great Yarmouth. At Postwick join the New NDR - Northern Distributor Road, Stay on this road until you join the A1067 turn left and head towards Norwich. You will come to Taverham. Go past the sign for Taverham Garden Centre on your left. Turn right down Beech Avenue. Go past the school on your right hand side there are a few speed humps. Wensum Valley Hotel is on the right past the school.

For those travelling from the North. Stay on A47 to Honingham. Take A1067 to Lenwade (Below this sign is a black sign with FRANS GREEN. Opposite is a brown sign with Barnham Broom). Follow this road until you meet the main Fakenham Norwich Road (also A1067). Turn right to Taverham Alternatively from Kings Lynn head towards Fakenham on the A148. Leave Fakenham on the A1067 to Norwich. You will come to Taverham. Turn right into Beech Avenue after the sign to Taverham Garden Centre and the hotel is on your right past the school.

Sat Nav's may well take you on a shorter route.

Nearest Airport and Railway station are Norwich

The National Weekend starts "officially" on Friday afternoon with check-in from 3 p.m.

There will be a display in the foyer and information packs which will have confirmation of trips booked, members attending, mealtimes, leader details, food selected for Friday night and other useful things you may need to know.

You are welcome to make use of the hotel leisure facilities including swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and Gym.

#### **Friday evening**

The fancy dress theme is Seafarers – fishermen, pirates, sailors, Nelson, Mermaid etc

Meet for drinks followed by a 3 course meal (please select your food choice on the booking form for the Friday night meal and put your name on the top of the menu)

This will be followed by a disco. During the evening the fancy dress will be judged.

## **Saturday**

After breakfast there will be coaches waiting to take you on various trips or you can do your own thing

### **Trip 1. Sandringham Estate and Hunstanton**

Country Home of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh – The house has knowledgeable guides in the rooms which are open to the public and acres of beautiful gardens to explore. There is also a museum with extraordinary collections of Royal vehicles, rare ceramics, photographs and memorabilia. The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene hosts many carved and painted angels and Royal memorials. There is also a café and various visitor Centre shops. Followed by Hunstanton seaside town visit the 3 tiered coloured cliffs or wander in the town or beach.

### **Trip 2. Holkham Hall and Wells**

A large farming estate with stately manor. Enjoy the “Field to Fork” experience telling the story of Holkhams unique farming heritage. The exhibition guides visitors through the interwoven stories of crop production, gamekeeping and conservation on the estate and gives a fascinating insight into where our food comes from. Visit the six acre walled garden. Free buggy service to the garden for those who do not wish to walk. Followed by a tractor/trailer tour on the estate. The Courtyard café also offers a good selection of food. Please note the house is not open to the public on Saturdays. After your visit join the coach for a trip to Wells next the Sea, visit a traditional ciderworks or wander round the harbor and quaint shops.

### **Trip 3. Mrs Temples Cheeses, Branthill Brewery and Wells.**

Copys Green Farm is a working farm with a herd of 125 cows – mainly pedigree Brown Swiss plus youngstock. There is also a biodigester producing methane from cattle manure, whey from cheese fodder beet and maize silage which is used to provide electric for home use and the grid, also heating for cheese making, grain drying etc. They also do farm contract work. Mrs Temple is famous for her cheeses produced and made at the farm. Enjoy a cheese tasting and a cup of coffee and sample some beers brewed by the nearby Branthill Brewery. Then onto Branthill Brewery where their home grown barley is malted and brewed. They also have a farm shop selling the final product.

Following this onto Wells next the Sea as per Holkham trip. If time permits a visit to the beach.

Please note this trip is limited to about 25-30.

### **Trip 4. Cantley Beet Factory and Radar Museum**

Come and see how our sugar is produced from unloading the sugar beet at the factory follow all the various processes to end up with sugar ready for the table, and how the waste products are transformed into livestock feed etc. Stop at a local pub for lunch and then onto the Radar museum at Neatishead which is located on the site of the world’s longest continuously operating radar site. It provides a unique window into the history of radar. The museum has twenty exhibition rooms and as part of the visit offers talks on the early development of Radar and the Cold War. Please note the sugar factory is limited to around 25.

## Saturday Evening

After arriving back at the hotel please join us for the evening dinner dance (black tie preferred) followed by a disco. There will be a raffle in aid of a Cancer charity

## Sunday

Departing from the hotel after breakfast all trips are "own transport" but directions will be provided and each trip will have a leader. Or you can do your "own thing."

### Trip 1.

Bure Valley Railway and Broads cruise with a "Spooky halloween train"

Board the Narrow gauge steam train from Wroxham to Aylsham. There is time for a wander or a coffee or lunch if you wish. We return by train to Wroxham station. A 15minute walk takes you to Wroxham Bridge where your cruise ship will be waiting to take you on a 1.5 hour trip on the Norfolk broads. For those who would rather not walk then you can drive and park where we board the boat.

### Trip 2

Wroxham Barns and broads cruise

Wroxham Barns is an array of craft barns where you can see the craftspeople working and have a chat to them, glass staining, pottery making, wooden crafts, Norfolk cider, art and also shops selling unique gifts, food etc. There is also mini golf, a junior farm and a café. (extra).

Join the boat cruise at Wroxham at 1.30 for 2.p.m. departure

3. Boat Cruise and do you own thing. Be at Wroxham to join the boat cruise @ 1.30 p.m. for 2.p.m. departure.

### Trip 3

Pensthorpe Natural Park

Pensthorpe is a natural home for many species of waterfowl and other birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants. Set in a river valley with trails around the lakes and woodland, also gardens, information room and café. Many species visit Pensthorpe as they prepare for winter migration. Walking the trails is the perfect way to explore the incredible diversity of the Pensthorpe landscape. Also home to four of the most spectacular gardens in Norfolk, including a stunning meadow and the most beautiful of lakeside environments.

### Trip 4.

Peeles Norfolk Black Turkeys. Danns Farm – Dairy Cows, Free Range Chickens, Ice Cream making and farm shop

Peeles Norfolk Black Turkeys is a small mixed farm combining poultry, arable, beef cattle and horses and peacocks. They hatch and rear the famous Norfolk black turkeys and other rare breeds of turkey on a free range basis. They have been breeding and rearing Turkeys in Norfolk since 1880.

Together with hatching and rearing the chicks they also grow their own corn to feed the turkeys while they free range outside. They also run a suckler herd of Beef Shorthorn cows the calves of which are reared slowly

typically it takes 28-30months to "finish" an animal

Stop for lunch in a local pub then onto Danns Farm (see next page)

The Danns farm over 600 acres and have around 440 dairy cows. The calves are reared in outdoor calf boxes before moving on. The family has recently invested £2million to create state-of-the-art facilities to house their cows, which produce almost four million litres of milk every year. They also have free range chickens.

Their ice cream is made using a unique, hand-made process using their milk and eggs. This means that milk can go from cow to freshly frozen ice cream in under an hour and comes in an amazing range of flavours and tastes delicious. They also sell raw milk from the farm shop. Free tastings included.

#### Sunday Evening

The members meeting will be held late afternoon early evening.

A three course dinner followed by entertainment.

#### Monday morning

Breakfast and hope you have all had a lovely weekend

For those wishing to do their own thing there are numerous places to visit.

Within walking distance or a short drive is Taverham Garden Centre which has numerous shops and crafts.

Blickling Hall and Fellbrigg Hall are both National Trust properties

Norwich has a very interesting castle museum and cathedral

Horsey windpump (National Trust) and or the seals on Horsey beach.

Fairhaven Gardens. East Ruston Gardens. English Whisky Distillery, seaside etc

All these visits can be found on the internet

#### NOTE The small print

1. Please be aware that photographs will be taken over the weekend for inclusion in the Country Link website
2. Requests for refunds to be made in writing before or during the weekend to the organizing committee, whose decision is final