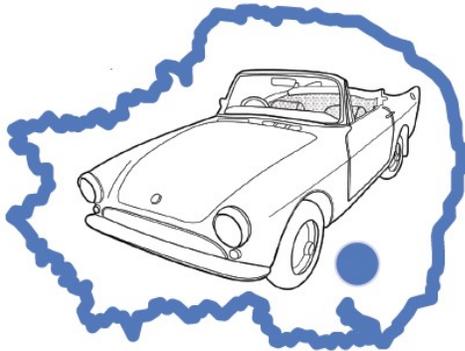


Join us for the  
**40<sup>th</sup> SAOC National**  
 2017



Sunbeam Alpine Owners' Club  
 EAST ANGLIA

Thursday 3rd - Monday 7th  
 August 2017

Trinity Park, Ipswich  
 IP3 8UH

**Please book early**

The event booking form is available to download from the East Anglia area website ([www.alpine-east.org](http://www.alpine-east.org)).

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.

Event information and booking form:

[www.alpine-east.org](http://www.alpine-east.org)

Event Facebook page, search:

SAOC National Rally 2017

Booking enquiries:

[rob.fisher347@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.fisher347@btinternet.com)

Event enquiries:

[james.mcelhinney@btinternet.com](mailto:james.mcelhinney@btinternet.com)

Suggested nearby accommodation:

**Holiday Inn, Ipswich Orwell.**

0.9 miles from Trinity Park

Reservations 0800 405 060

**Programme of events**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

1300 Site open  
 1830 Social get together and BBQ

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> August**

All day 40<sup>th</sup> celebration event(s)  
 1030 Run out to coast  
 1830 BBQ available

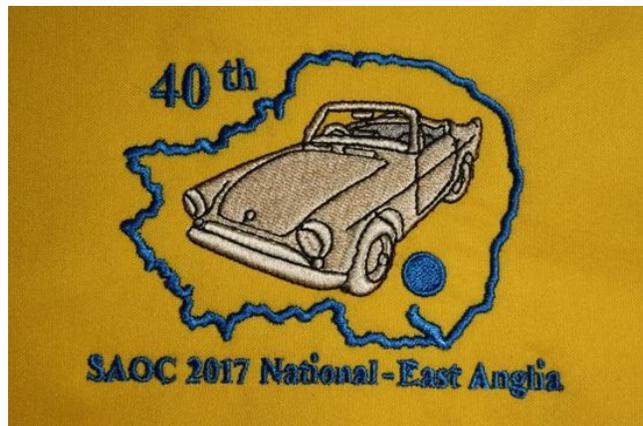
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

1200 Departure and site closure

**Breakfast available Friday to Sunday in the site restaurant.  
 Quiz night buffet & Dinner dance must be booked in advance**

**Dress the part**

The observant amongst you may have noticed that the National 2017 logo is now available for embroidery onto T, polo and sweat shirts in any size or colour offered by the Club's supplier (Axent). For ordering details go to the SAOC website then select **Club Services/Club Regalia** then click **SAOC ONLINE SHOP & ORDER FORM**. There you can select colour, size and logo (logo 3).



Caps are also available – select cap logo 2.

**The East Anglia organising team for National 2017**



The intrepid five who are bringing you the 40<sup>th</sup> National at Trinity Park this year. Seated are (from left to right) Alan McNeal, Rob Fisher and Martin Brazill and standing Peter Ray and James (Mac) McElhinney.

The Gold polo shirts seen here with the event logo, will be the uniform that identifies us and the rest of our support team at the event. If you need help just look for someone similarly attired on the day

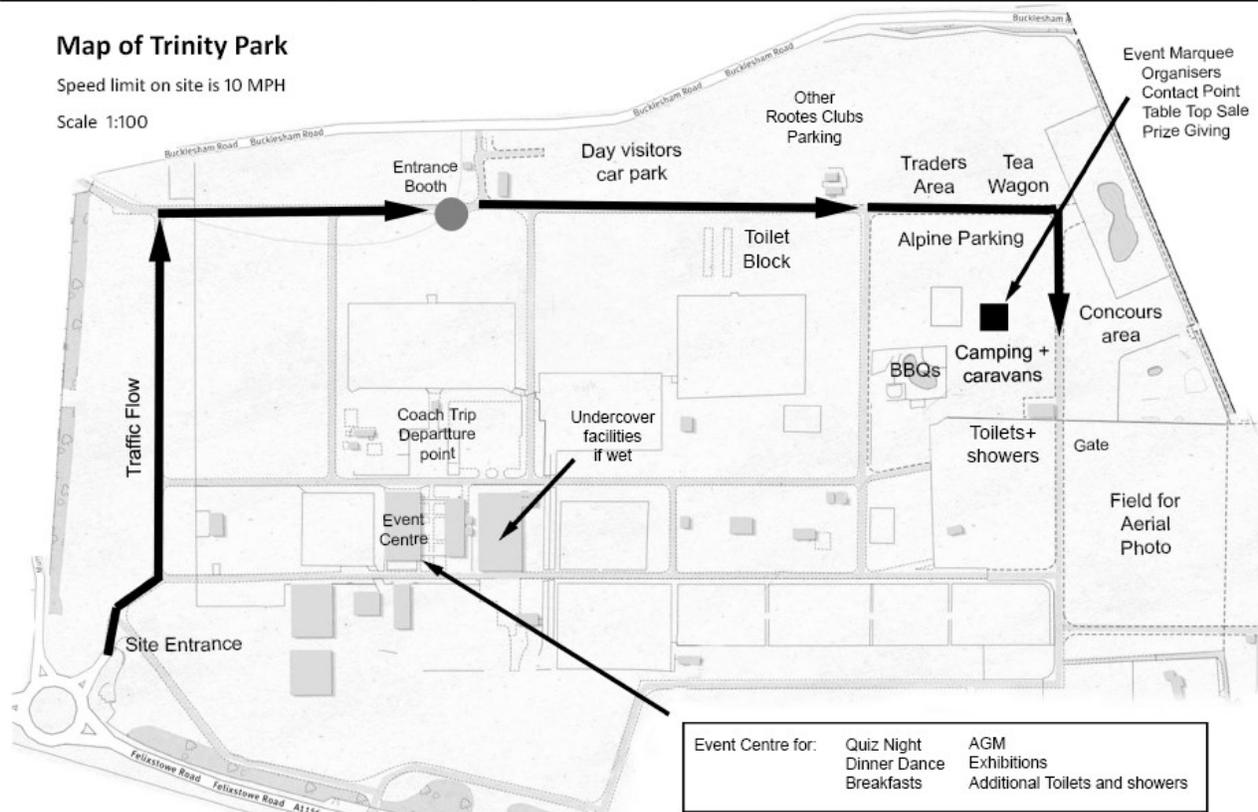
Shirts in other colours and styles are available to buy before the event via the SAOC Club supplier (see ordering details in the box on the opposite page).

We all look forward to welcoming you in August.

**The site venue – Trinity Park showground, Ipswich**

Trinity Park offers us all the space and facilities that we need. Wide open grassed areas for camping, concours and BBQ. Permanent WC/shower facilities with hook up for campervans and caravans. Function venue for all the formal and catered events. On-site WiFi is also available on subscription. Access is on tarmac roads and the area is level (as you might expect of East Anglia) with all events in close proximity.

The map below shows our proposed layout for the event.



## National 2017 at Trinity Park, Suffolk

Another in the series of articles on what can be expected at this year's National Rally

### Aerial Photo Shoot



On Saturday there is an event that you can contribute to directly.

Every National produces some great photographs of the event, the cars and the people involved. For the 2017 National we wanted to try something a bit special. Therefore with everyone's help we are going to try something different.

We intend to have an Aerial Photograph. Obviously it's very flat in East Anglia, which is an advantage, but to make the most of the opportunity we have booked a photographer to take pictures of the cars from the air on Saturday afternoon. Our aim is to encourage everyone there to take part, which will let us spell out the letters SAOC. Alternative if we can only get around twenty cars involved then we can spell out 40 (for the 40th National). If we're all involved we might be able to make both.

We are aiming to do this late in the afternoon, after the Concours, but before the evening's events kick off. Marshalls will be there to line the cars up and space them out appropriately but obviously it's going to mean you will have to be there to manoeuvre your car if you want to take part.

We hope to create a great photo for the Horn and something for everyone to remember. So if you want to take part please let us know when you arrive and we will put your name down.

On Saturday evening we take over the Trinity Park event venue for a three course dinner followed by dancing to a great 60's tribute band. Remember that the Saturday dinner and Friday quiz night must be booked in advance.

For full details on booking and information about the event please go to the SAOC East Anglia website [www.alpine-east.org](http://www.alpine-east.org).

### Landguard Fort ([www.landguard.com](http://www.landguard.com))



Our destination for the run out on Sunday is Landguard Fort. Sitting on the coast at the edge of a Nature reserve, it dominates access to the open sea where the rivers Orwell and Deben meet. The Suffolk Coast with its flat countryside, shingle beaches and river inlets, has always been the site of potential invasion. The strategic importance of the Landguard Peninsula (better known today for the port of Felixstowe) was recognised as far back as 1543 when Henry VIII had two earth blockhouses built there to protect the rivers.

There have been a number of fortifications on the site over the years, each getting bigger and more robust. Charles II remodelled it extensively, building a brick wall around the Fort as part of the defences against the Dutch and in 1667 the Fort repulsed an attack of 1,500 Dutch marines (musketeers, pike-men, sailors, grenadiers and small cannon) who had landed nearby.

The Fort you see today dates back to 1744, when new red brick walls were built in the form of a pentagon, followed in 1871 by a second set strengthening the defences using yellow London bricks. In 1878, a submarine mine workshop was constructed and underground stores and barracks eventually ran as far as Landguard Terminal (now part of the Port of Felixstowe).

From 1900 onward the Fort was mainly used as accommodation and the last military use was in 1951, when two of the old gun casemates were converted into a control room for 'cold war' use. The Fort is now maintained by English Heritage and together with a café and carpark should provide an excellent stop off for us. We are pre-booking parking and there is an opportunity to tour the facility (entry is free to English Heritage Members or £5 if not and includes a free audio tour) and as well as the café you can also see the ships in Felixstowe port close at hand or just take a walk through the Nature Reserve in which the Fort sits. The location in Felixstowe means that if you need to you can leave directly from the end point and swiftly join the A12 to take you home that afternoon.

If you are staying in the afternoon there are opportunities to take the passenger ferry to Harwich or explore further along the coast at Felixstowe Ferry (the place) and take in the coastal path or use the foot ferry to cross over to Bawdsey and visit the Radar Museum.