

Sunny Spring Bank Holiday on the East Coast of England

Bank Holiday Saturday Bluebell the motorhome is feeling like she's experiencing a case of De-ja-vu, she parked up by the sea and she's fairly sure she recognises the view!



View from Flint House CL

She's right, we have been here before, and unlike anything that we usually do, we've decided to come back to Flint House CL in Wal-

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cott, Norfolk less than three months after
leaving here back in February!



Flint house

As you may (or may not know) we are smack bang in the middle of buying our first house together. Our entire life is stuffed into boxes and we are in that horrible period between offer acceptance and completion. Feeling stressed, tired and fed up of clambering over boxes to get from one side of the room to other, we saw the weather forecast give something other than grey miserable wet and cold weather on Wednesday and not the phone looking for somewhere that could fit

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us in. Luck was in our side and Flint House had received cancellations so were able to accommodate. £13pn hard standing with electric. A bargain.



Sunrise Flint House

We arrived at lunchtime and after a quick sarnie we headed out into the glorious sunshine along the coast to Bacton on the Norfolk Coast Path. Last time we were here we had a glorious walk to Happisburgh, and although the views weren't as spectacular as the journey to Happsibugh as it was a lower stretch of path, the beaches here were glorious.

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Saturday walk along the beach

We walked past the Kingfisher Fish Bar (10 mins from the site) and noticed they were selling local ice cream so stopped for a Norfolk ice cream which was yum. We carried on past the Poachers Pocket pub, and onto Bacton before coming off the coastal path and finding a couple of geocaches and having a look at the remains of Bacton Priory, before a quick pint and walk back to Bluebell. That evening I cooked an amazing cod curry, we had stopped at The Fair Maiden Shellfish shop in Happisburgh on our way to the site and bought ourselves ~~some~~ half of a fresh lo-

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cal cod. Fish curry overlooking the sea made for the most pleasant of evenings. All our stresses went out with the tide as we drifted into a 12 hour sleep!



Local fish curry, yum

Bank Holiday Sunday

We had a really deep sleep (apart from nipping out to watch sunrise!) and woke feeling

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refreshed. Waking up and hearing the waves is really something! Jazz had a good run on the beach (dog friendly all year) and I cooked us a Full English before we packed up and moved on, to a **Brit Stops** stopover, no. 248 (2016) on the Norfolk Broads.



Sunrise



First impressions of Britstop 248

If you haven't heard of Britstops, it's a fantas-

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tic resource for motorhoming in Britain. You
okay £25 for a handy glovebox sized guide
which lists over 640 places in Britain that you
can stay overnight (generally no facilities) in
your van, for free as a guest. The idea is that
you take an interest in their produce, and per-
haps even spend a bit of money however
there is no obligation to do so. We always do,
not because we feel we have to, but more be-
cause we want to, I mean, we're at a pub
offering local ales, a delicious sounding rea-
sonably priced menu, with a beer garden on
the side of one of the Norfolk Broads. And it's
sunny. We've parked up for the day/night..
Who wouldn't want to sample a few drinks,
it's hardly a hardship, and in actual fact, we
probably would have gone there for a few
drinks if we were staying down the road on

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the CL anyway! For us, and we hope, the owners of the stopover, it's win win. Not all of the stopovers are pubs, there are vineyards, farm shops, you name it.



A chill day at 248

So, I suppose my paragraph above sets the scene of our Sunday. We had a wander the 20 metres or so to the beer garden, found a table in the sun, and had a couple of drinks. Had another small wander to man made beach, watched the paddle boarders and sailors. Wandered back to the beer garden. Had another drink. Had a doze in the sunshine back at the van. Went for dinner at the pub and before we knew it we'd had several

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pints of Dog Dancer (6.9% local cider) and not only was the dog dancing but the room was spinning and it was time to hit the sack! A real gem of a stop though, we will most certainly return, and we are secretly high giving how lucky we are that its only an hour from our front door!



Arial view of Norfolk Broads



Arial view from my drone



Can you spot Bluebell hiding amongst the boats

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Bank Holiday Monday dawned and thank goodness we had no visit from the hangover fairies. We had a fairly lazy morning before hitting the road back home, where we gave Bluebell a wash and a good clean before taking her back to her new storage yard.



Sparkling Bluebell after a clean

What a lovely relaxing and impromptu weekend!

Until next time, which could be from Scotland at the end of May, it will be depend on house moving dates..

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