



(Above left) The Quack Pack – Meirion Owen's Sheep Dog & Duck Display. (Top right) The Archery Competition. (Bottom left) Ferret Racing. (Bottom right) Alpaca goats will be at this year's Fair. (Below) A wood carving display.



show on both days and that's for up to four people.

"Then we have great facilities – two very good shower blocks and this year we're going to have an on-site shop; a convenience store so people can buy their bacon and eggs or milk and bread. And the weather's starting to get better so people are thinking of getting out and about – it's the start of the summer."

In previous years, the show has taken place a week earlier but after looking at Norwich City's fixtures and discovering that the Canaries were set to play Ipswich in the local derby on the Sunday when they had originally intended to stage the event, Andy and Tracey decided to hold this year's event a week later.

"We rely on our Sunday visitors to boost numbers so when we realised this match was on, we decided to go for a week later but actually it has worked out well as it is further away from Easter and it is the weekend before the May Bank Holiday so it is a very good time," explains Andy.

Thanks to the wide range of things to do and see, anyone that goes along is certain to have a good time.

Andy says that one of this year's major attractions has never been seen in East Anglia before.

"It leaves people spellbound," enthuses Andy. "This guy flies in his microlight leading a flock of Barnacle geese and he's able to get them flying in formation.

"When I saw it at another show in the south, people were taking pictures on their



mobile phones as they just couldn't believe what they were seeing."

Frenchman Christian Moullec and his flying geese will feature in another article about the East Anglian Game and Country Fair in next month's magazine.

Meanwhile, other new attractions include an owl display, a forestry arena with the Open East of England Cutters and Climbers' Competition (entries invited), Willow Kelly and her dancing dogs, and more animals such as alpacas, goats, reindeer and sheep.

Children's entertainment on offer includes climbing walls, bungee trampolines, slides and simulators as well as a small animal arena.

They can bring their dog along and take part in the pet show or the terrier and lurcher raching, or they can "borrow" a dog and take part in the dog agility competition. Plus there will be plenty of other dogs, such as the Newfoundland Dog Display Team, who will be displaying their skills and taking part in various competitions such as the gun dog scurry.

Other attractions that have been on show in previous years include a Terrier and Lurcher

Show (on the Sunday), a ferret display, falconry, John Bidwell's Off the Hip shooting exhibition (he has won the World Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships five times), and the Tigers Free Fall parachute team.

Tickets can be booked online at: www.ukgamefair.co.uk, via the ticket hotline on 0870 166 0426 (a small booking fee applies) or in person at any of the EDP's offices around the county.

They can also be obtained from the Norwich Tourist Information office in The Forum, at the Norwich post office in Costessey, and the Stratton Motor Company in Ipswich Road, Long Stratton.

Advance tickets, valid for either Saturday or Sunday, are £18 for a family; £7 for an adult, £2 for children (aged five to 16 years); and free for under-fives.

Visitors can also apply for show membership which includes access to a members' marquee, a glass of Pimm's and priority parking as well as admission for the following prices: adults, £17 for one day, £27 for two days; children, £7 for one day, £9 for two, and family tickets, £37 for one day and £59 for two days) – for more details call 01508 531143 ●

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