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ARLINGTON COURT

REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM  
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#### INTRODUCTION

North Devon and North Cornwall will be a treat with such a variety of scenery to enjoy. Spectacular coastal views (weather permitting!), rolling hills and deep valleys plus the delights of Exmoor and views of the distant Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor.

Our hotel is an absolute gem. The four star Highbullen Hotel Golf and Country Club is situated south of Umberleigh amidst the most beautiful rolling countryside and nestled between Dartmoor and Exmoor. Consisting of an imposing Manor House with a number of cottages within the 127 acre estate. It boasts both indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gym, sauna etc. The 40 luxurious bedrooms either in the Manor House or the cottages are furnished to an exceptionally high standard and the Devon View Restaurant is just that - a room with stunning Devon views.

We commence our tour on Thursday 18th May with a scenic drive to Clovelly. The picturesque privately owned village which tumbles down its cobbled main street to the harbour below.

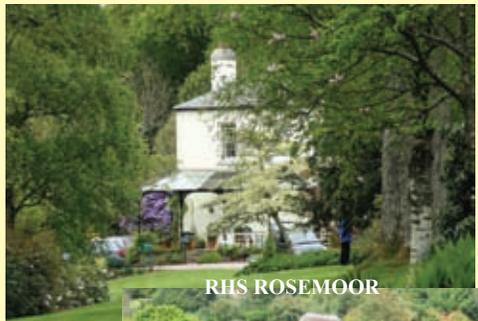
We have our inclusive coffee break at Clovelly after which there is time to explore the delights of the village and harbour. There is a Land Rover service to return you to the car park as the very steep cobbled street is reserved for pedestrians, donkeys and sledges only.

After this amazing visit we continue to Hartland Quay for a short sightseeing stop before doubling back to nearby Hartland Abbey. Built in 1160 the Abbey is a hidden gem on the North Devon coast. There are important paintings, murals, furniture and porcelain within the Abbey whilst the grounds are a kaleidoscope of colour in spring with daffodils, bluebells and tulips.

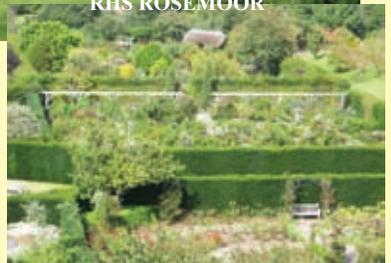
Friday 19th takes us to the heart of Exmoor with a drive via South Molton to Simonsbath and across the moor to Dulverton. From here it is through the rolling countryside to Great Torrington and the RHS Gardens at Rosemoor. Spanning 65 acres of the Torridge Valley, Rosemoor offers keen gardeners inspiration whilst providing the more casual visitor with a truly enchanting setting in which to stroll through the flower gardens and woodland walks.



**CLOVELLY HARBOUR**



**RHS ROSEMOOR**



For Saturday 20th we set off for Cornwall passing close to the edge of Dartmoor on our way to the coffee stop and visit at the Tamar Otter and Wildlife Centre near Launceston. You will see otters playing and being fed close at hand. There are deer, wallabies, birds of prey and meerkats all enjoying life in the woodland setting.

We continue our tour to the North Cornwall coast with a stop at Tintagel. Here you have an optional visit to Tintagel Castle which sits astride an island facing the full force of the Atlantic.

Our return drive takes us along the coast through picturesque Boscastle, Crackington Haven, Millook, Widemouth Bay and Bude before we turn inland for our drive back to the hotel.

The final day - Sunday 21st returns us to Exmoor but via Barnstaple, Braunton and Woolacombe Bay with panoramic coastal views.

A coffee stop at Hunters Inn in the beautiful Heddon Valley will precede a most dramatic drive through the narrow lanes of Woody Bay to the Valley of Rocks.

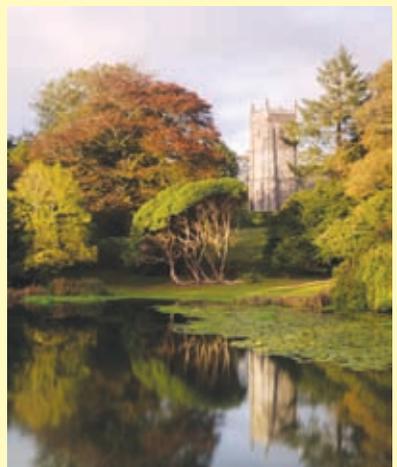
Here the Castle Rock drops 800ft into the Bristol Channel and is one of Britain's highest sea cliffs.

We now pass through Lynton before descending to Lynmouth, then it is a climb up onto Exmoor to Simonsbath before heading west again to our final visit of the tour, the National Trust's Arlington Court.

This fine Victorian house contains numerous artefacts from the travels of former owner Miss Rosalie Chichester and of Sir Francis Chichester, the lone round-the-world yachtsman.

A model of his yacht Gipsy Moth IV takes pride of place. In the stable block is one of the finest collections of horse-drawn carriages in the country. The 30acre gardens are largely informal and include a beautiful Victorian garden with conservatory and restored walled garden.

Arlington will be a fitting finale to a stunning four-day tour of one of the finest regions in the country, all based at an exceptionally fine hotel. I am sure you will not want to miss this one so I look forward to receiving your early entry.



ARLINGTON CHURCH

# REGULATIONS

## 1. ORGANISATION

The Merlin May Classic Tour from 18th - 21st May 2017 is a Touring Assembly organised by Keith McGee of Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd, trading as Merlin Events. All entries and enquiries should be addressed to:  
Merlin Events, 38 Kenmore Drive, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 4BQ.  
Tel: 01935 474630 Fax: 01935 472290 or Mobile: 07767 200744  
E-mail: merlinevents@hotmail.co.uk (enquiries only).

## 2. ENTRIES

Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close on 17th March 2017. Entries will only be accepted if completed on the official application form and accompanied by the required entry fee. Late entries subject to space available. The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry without reason.

## 3. ENTRY FEES (ALL PAYMENTS TO MERLIN EVENTS)

The entry fee is £45.00 per person per day. For National Trust Members a reduction of £9.00 per member (Sunday ONLY). See Entry Form.

Please pay by one of the following:-

Direct to bank - Lloyds Bank Ltd.

A/c name: Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd. Trading as Merlin Events

Sort Code: 309998 Account Number: 00780127

Ref: Your Name

Or Cheque to Merlin Events.

The above entry fees include:

- \* Entry into the event on all three days.
- \* Admission to visits as listed in para. 7.
- \* Cream Tea at the Finish.
- \* Souvenir Rally Plate.
- \* Tea/Coffee at Registration.
- \* Coffee stops on each day.
- \* Detailed Route Instructions.
- \* All administration costs.

## 4. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to any Pre-War cars and Post-War Classic cars introduced prior to 1990, plus later Sports and Grand Touring cars and other cars of special interest. The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry should the vehicle be deemed unsuitable or inappropriate for this event. All vehicles must be correctly registered, currently licensed, have a valid M.O.T. certificate if applicable and be fully insured.

## 5. ASSEMBLY, REGISTRATION AND START

Assembly will be at the four star Highbullen Hotel near Umberleigh, Devon on Wednesday 17th May from 3.00pm. Registration will be in the hotel from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and for those arriving on the morning of Thursday 18th May between 8.30am and 9.00am. Coffee and tea will be served during these Registration periods during which the Route Instructions in the form of Tulip diagrams will be issued. Breakfast each tour day will be from 8.00am.

Participants not staying at the hotel may purchase full English breakfasts at £13.50 also dinner at £39.00 payable directly to the hotel. The Start will be from the hotel car park at 9.30am on each day with cars leaving in numerical order.

## **6. THE ROUTES**

The scenic routes on A, B and unclassified roads will cover approximately 355 miles in total, enabling participants to enjoy the attractive countryside and villages along the routes.

## **7. THE VISITS**

Thursday 18th : Coffee stop at Clovelly  
Hartland Quay and Hartland Abbey

Friday 19th : Coffee stop to be determined  
RHS Rosemoor Gardens

Saturday 20th : Coffee stop and visit at the Tamar Otter and Wildlife Park  
Optional visit to Tintagel Castle (not inclusive)

Sunday 21st : Coffee stop at the Hunters Inn, Heddon Valley  
Arlington Court (NT)

## **8. THE FINISH**

The Finish is at the Arlington Court where a cream tea will be served from 2.30pm on Sunday 21st May.

There will be no element of competition on this event. However overall time schedules will apply to the Stopping Points and Finish location.

Drivers are requested to abide by these times and not arrive at locations before the scheduled times.

## **9. MAPS**

Whilst a map is not required for navigational purposes, it is recommended that you carry a suitable map with you.

## **10. EVENT SUPPORT**

There is no travelling technical support on this event. Entrants are expected to belong to one of the established breakdown and recovery organisations who can provide a far more comprehensive service than we can. Entrants should help each other and are expected to carry reasonable spares and tools.

## **11. SOUVENIR RALLY PLATE**

A traditional styled rally plate will be issued with Final Instructions. This must be securely and prominently affixed to the front of the car and must not be defaced in any way.

## **12. ROAD BOOK**

A Road Book containing detailed daily itinerary and Tulip diagram route instructions will be issued at Registration.

### 13. CANCELLATIONS

The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or amend the event if necessary. If the event is cancelled the entry fee will be refunded in full. If an entry is cancelled the entry fee will only be refunded less a £10 administration charge, if the cancellation is notified in writing by the closing date.

### 14. INSURANCE

The Organiser has arranged public liability insurance to the sum £2 million for those parts of the event which take place on private land. Entrants and drivers must have valid insurance in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act and relevant law applicable in Great Britain. Cars must also be insured to cover any non-competitive use on private land during this event.

### 15. HOTEL

The base hotel for this Tour is the Highbullen Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Chittlehanholt, Umerleigh EX37 9HD.

The rates for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are based on two people sharing and for minimum of two night stay. Revised rates apply for one night stay.

Standard Rooms .....	£85.00/person/night.
De Luxe Rooms .....	£20.00/person/night supplement.
Superior Rooms .....	£30.00/person/night supplement.
Single Occupancy .....	£20.00/room/night supplement.

A deposit of £50.00/room is payable with booking.

Allocation of rooms at the hotel is on hold until 17th March 2017, afterwhich accommodation will be subject to availability.

Entrants requiring accommodation should request a Hotel Booking Form which will be sent to you with your entry acknowledgement. You should then send the form directly to the hotel. Reservations will only be accepted on the official Booking form, not by telephone.

Safe overnight parking will be provided at the hotel. Whilst every effort will be taken to ensure the safety of your car, no responsibility can be accepted by Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd., trading as Merlin Events or by the Highbullen Hotel.

### 16. DOGS

Dogs are accepted on this Tour at £10.00/night (payable to the hotel).

### 17. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Final Instructions will be posted to entrants one week prior to the event.

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Please send your entry without delay to :



**MERLIN EVENTS**

38 Kenmore Drive, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 4BQ

**Closing date : 17th MARCH 2017**



**MERLIN EVENTS**  
**MAY CLASSIC TOUR**  
**18th - 21st May 2017**  
**ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRANT/PASSENGERS** Please use block capitals throughout.  
 If an entrant is under 18 years of age this form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

ENTRANT MR/MRS/MISS/OTHER .....

FORENAME ..... SURNAME .....

ADDRESS .....

..... POST CODE .....

TELEPHONE ..... MOBILE .....

E-mail .....

*NAVIGATOR AND PASSENGERS*

1: FORENAME ..... SURNAME .....

2: FORENAME ..... SURNAME .....

3: FORENAME ..... SURNAME .....

AGE IF UNDER 16 YEARS
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**CAR ENTERED**

MAKE ..... MODEL .....

STYLE OF BODY ..... COLOUR .....

ENGINE SIZE (hp/cc)..... REG NO .....YEAR .....

**FEES PAYABLE**

PAYMENT BY BANK DIRECT  Refer to Para. 3  
 PAYMENT BY CHEQUE TO . .  MERLIN EVENTS

THE ENTRY FEE OF £49.00 PER PERSON PER DAY ..... £ \_\_\_\_\_

FOR NT MEMBERS LESS £9.00 PER MEMBER (SUNDAY ONLY) .....£ \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY DAYS ? ..... **TOTAL PAID £** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHICH DAY(S) ARE YOU ATTENDING? PLEASE STATE :** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BREAKFAST AND/OR DINNER FOR ENTRANTS NOT STAYING OVERNIGHT**

Will you be requiring Full English Breakfast at the hotel? Yes  No  How many  Day   
Will you be requiring Dinner at the hotel? ..... Yes  No  How many  Day

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Do you require a Hotel Booking Form for the Highbullen Hotel.? Yes  No

**DECLARATION**

You are required by Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd. to read and sign the following Declaration.

I have read the Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them.

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry and of my being permitted to take part in this event I declare that my car as entered is correctly registered, currently licensed, possesses a valid MOT certificate if applicable and is fully insured.

Furthermore I declare that the car as entered is also fully insured for any activity which forms part of this event and which takes place on public or private land. In this respect I understand that no part of the event, either on public or private land, is competitive and that no timekeeping or pacemaking prevails.

I therefore accept full responsibility for my own actions and those of my co-driver and / or passengers and for the condition of the car as entered.

DECLARATION ..... DATE .....

**NEW TO MERLIN EVENTS? WHERE DID YOU LEARN OF THIS EVENT? PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION, MAGAZINE, CLUB, ANOTHER EVENT ETC. IF MAGAZINE, CLUB OR EVENT, PLEASE STATE WHICH.**

POST NOW TO :

**MERLIN EVENTS**  
**38 KENMORE DRIVE, YEOVIL**  
**SOMERSET BA21 4BQ**

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