

# Spring Classic Tour



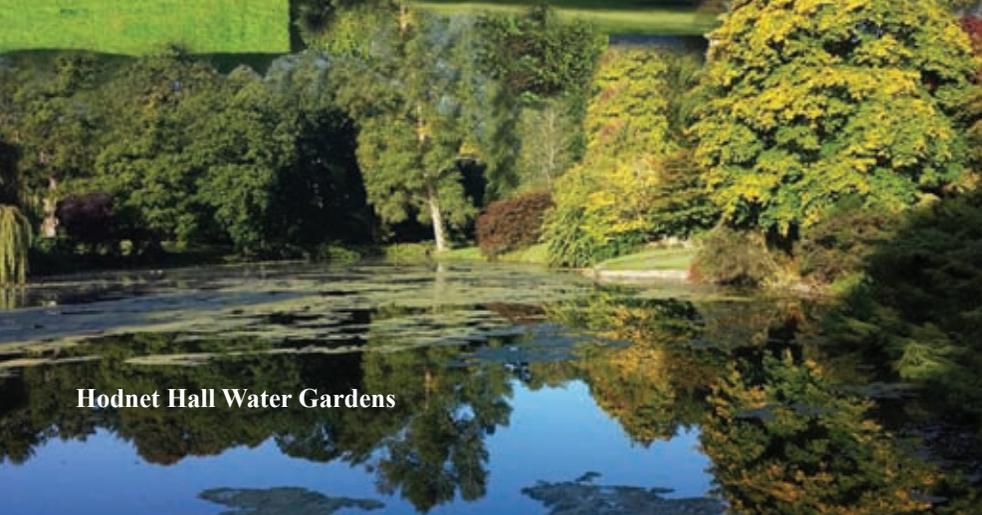
SHROPSHIRE 21st - 23rd April 2017

A large, multi-story brick building with several towers and windows, surrounded by greenery and a well-manicured lawn.

Upton Cressett House

A large, white, timber-framed building with a dark roof, surrounded by trees and a lawn.

Hodnet Hall Stables

A large, calm body of water reflecting the surrounding trees and sky, with a willow tree on the left side.

Hodnet Hall Water Gardens

2017 REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM



## SPRING CLASSIC TOUR SHROPSHIRE

21st - 23rd April 2017

### INTRODUCTION

After a period of six years we make a welcome return to the beautiful county of Shropshire. With its hilly terrain bordering Wales there will be some exciting motoring for you to experience and enjoy.

Our base hotel is the four star Telford Hotel and Golf Resort at Sutton Heights near Telford. With panoramic views of the famous Ironbridge Gorge the hotel boasts extensive leisure facilities including spa, swimming pool, gym and treatment rooms.

Friday 21st takes us north-west of Shrewsbury to the attractive village of Knockin with its timber framed buildings and streams spanned by 18th century bridges. After a coffee stop we head north towards Chirk before turning east to Ellesmere, the centre of Shropshire's lake district. We then continue via historic Wem where the infamous Judge Jefferies lived, to our visit of the day; Hodnet Hall Gardens.



*Hodnet Hall Water Gardens*

The magnificent gardens feature lakes and waterfalls, beautiful flower gardens and woodland walks.

We then return to our hotel via The Wrekin, a 1334ft hump rising from a flat plain, formed 900 million years ago.

Saturday 22nd dawns and we take a southerly route to Bridgnorth before continuing south to Cleehill. On to Burford alongside the River Teme and past Croft Castle before turning north to historic Bucknell. Continuing north we arrive at Plowden, from here we tackle the steep climb to the summit of The Long Mynd, an imposing flat-topped ridge of hills rising to 1700ft. Wild moorland, waterfalls, streams and panoramic views await before the steep descent into Church Stretton.

From here we continue to Much Wenlock where in 1850 the Olympian Games were held, forerunner of the modern Olympics. We then have a short drive back to our hotel via the famous Ironbridge where we stop for sightseeing and optional museum visits.

Sunday 23rd and again we head south to Bridgnorth but this time we follow the Severn Valley to Highley and onto Cleobury Mortimer. We then follow the A4117 to Ludlow for a coffee stop. Ludlow is one of Britain's loveliest towns with a mix of medieval, Tudor, Stuart and Georgian buildings. All dominated by its 11th century castle.

We turn north from Ludlow passing through the Corve Dale to Shipton before continuing through Morville to Upton Cressett, our tour finish location.

Upton Cressett House is the family home of William and Lady Laura Cash who will kindly allow us a guided tour of their beautiful home dating back to the 14th century. The Hall has fine 16th century furniture and portraits as well as modern art.

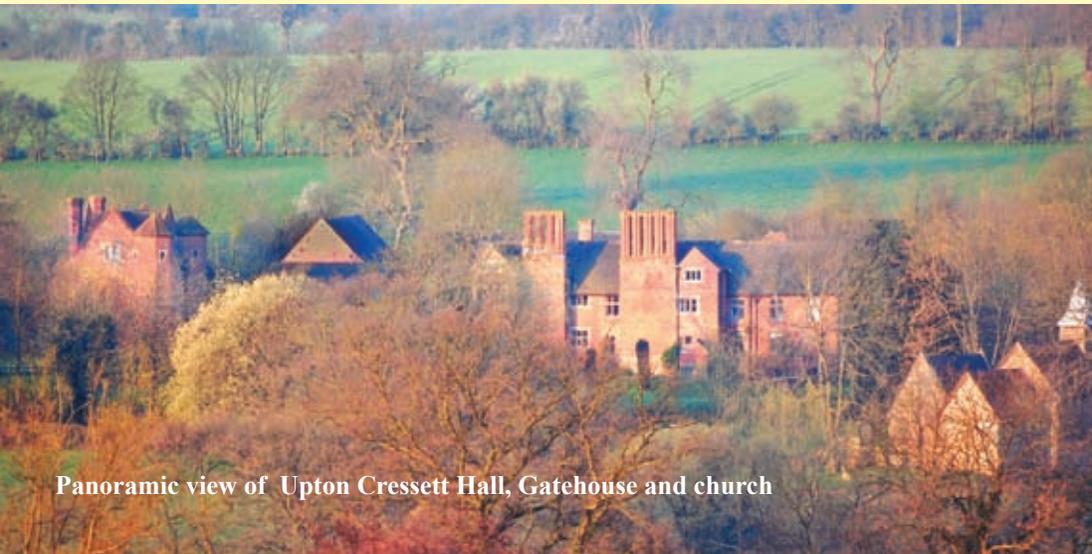
The spectacular gatehouse is one of the countrys most romantic hideways. Prince Rupert stayed there in the 17th century whilst Margaret Thatcher stayed there in the 20th century.

On arrival we will be served a light lunch later followed by our traditional cream tea to bring to a close our first tour of 2017

Don't miss this very special tour of such a beautiful part of the country.

I look forward to receiving your entry.

Keith McGee



Panoramic view of Upton Cressett Hall, Gatehouse and church

## **1. ORGANISATION**

The Merlin Spring Classic Tour from 21st - 23rd April 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 20th 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.

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 Telford Hotel & Golf Resort, Telford, Shropshire.

Registration will be in the hotel on Thursday 20th April from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and for those arriving on the morning of Friday 21st April 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 day will be available from 8.00am.

Participants not staying at the hotel may purchase full English breakfasts at £15.00 also dinner at £28.00. 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 290 miles in total, enabling participants to enjoy the attractive countryside and villages along the routes.

## **7. THE VISITS**

Friday : Coffee stop to be determined  
Visit to Hodnet Hall Gardens

Saturday : Coffee stop to be determined.  
Visit to Ironbridge Gorge  
(Museums optional)

Sunday : Coffee stop to be determined.  
Visit to Upton Cressett Hall

## **8. THE FINISH**

The Finish is at Upton Cressett Hall where an inclusive light lunch followed by a cream tea will be served.

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. HOTELS

The base hotel for this Tour is the Telford Hotel & Golf Resort, Great Hay Drive, Sutton Heights, Telford TF7 4DT.

The rates for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are based on two people sharing.

Standard Rooms ..... £70.00/person/night.

King Superior Rooms .....£20.00/room/night supplement.

Q Star Rooms..... £35.00/room/night supplement

Single Occupancy ..... £20.00/night supplement.

Allocation of rooms at the hotel is on hold until 20th March 2017, after which accommodation will be subject to availability.

Entrants must telephone the Hotel Central Booking Service on 0845 0740060 to make your reservations when a deposit of £25.00 per person is required.

Refer above for room options (there is no Hotel Booking Form for this event).

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 Telford Hotel.

### 16. DOGS

Dogs are accepted on this tour at £25.00 (payable to 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 : 20th MARCH 2017**



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SPRING CLASSIC TOUR

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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

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 £45.00 PER PERSON PER DAY ..... £ HOW MANY DAYS ? ..... TOTAL PAID £ WHICH DAY(S) ARE YOU ATTENDING? PLEASE STATE :

**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

**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.**

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SOMERSET BA21 4BQ**

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