

Spring Classic Tour



NORTH SOMERSET 20th - 22nd April 2018

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TYNTESFIELD HOUSE



RICH'S CIDER FARM

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2018 REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the delights of North Somerset. The rolling Mendip Hills containing the dramatic Cheddar Gorge with its famous caves. Wookey Hole and its own vast cave network and delightful Barrington Combe, well liked by rock climbers.

Glastonbury Tor, Wells Cathedral and the moated Bishop's Palace are all big

tourist attractions, as is the National Trust's Tyntesfield, a magnificent Victorian mansion and beautiful gardens.

Somerset is a great farming county and of course famed for its cider apple orchards and local 'scrumpy'.

We base our visit to Somerset at the four star Double Tree by Hilton

Cadbury House Hotel at Congresbury. From there we set off on the Friday morning to the historic village of Axbridge and then to Wedmore before turning north to Cheddar. We climb through the famous 500ft cliffs up to the heights of the Mendip Hills to the lovely hilltop village of Priddy before descending the steep Ebbor Gorge to Wookey Hole. Here we visit the famous caves with their primeval mystery of an eerie network of underground rivers and pools through the spectacular caves.

We complete our first day with a drive across the Mendips to Burrington Combe – popular with cavers and rock climbers.

Saturday dawns and we head for the wide expanses of the Chew Valley Lake which supplies water to nearby Bristol. We continue east to bypass the former coal mining region of Midsomer Norton and Radstock to take a coffee break at the medieval George Inn at Norton St. Philip. Reputed to be the oldest inn in England the George has been serving beer since 1397.



BISHOP'S PALACE, WELLS

After our break we continue through a variety of North Somerset villages to our highlight visit – Tyntesfield. Home of the Gibbs family since 1843 and purchased by the National Trust in 2002. The magnificent Victorian mansion and stunning gardens have become a major tourist attraction. We will have the honour of displaying our cars in front of this great house.

On Sunday the tour takes us to the coast at Breen and Berrow before turning inland to our coffee stop at the Rich's Cider Farm near the village of Mark. Continuing eastwards we pass through Glastonbury – King Arthur's legendary Avalon, where St. Michael's Chapel sits atop the Glastonbury Tor. We continue to Wells, England's smallest city with its great cathedral. We visit the moated Bishop's Palace, one of England's oldest inhabited houses. Here the swans ring a bell for food – in itself a fascinating tourist attraction.

On leaving Wells we take a short drive to our final destination – Ston Easton Park. Built in 1750 and set in classical landscaped gardens created by Humphry Repton this impressive country house was formerly the home of William Rees-Mogg, editor of the Sunday Times and is where the current Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg was brought up. Ston Easton Park is now a four star hotel and our venue for the traditional Merlin Cream Tea to bring to a close another weekend of touring in our cherished classic and sports cars.

You are assured of a most enjoyable weekend in my home county of Somerset and so I look forward to welcoming you and to receiving your entry.

Keith McGee



1. ORGANISATION

The Merlin Spring Classic Tour from 20th - 22nd April 2018 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 1st March 2018. 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 £48.00 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 payment 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 Double Tree by Hilton Cadbury House Hotel, Congresbury. Registration will be in the hotel on Thursday 19th April from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and for those arriving on subsequent mornings 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 £30.00. 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 200 miles in total, enabling participants to enjoy the attractive countryside and villages along the routes.

7. THE VISITS

Friday	:	Coffee and visit to Wookey Hole Caves Plus time for lunch
Saturday	:	Coffee stop at the historic George Inn at Norton St. Philip Visit to Tyntesfield (NT)
Sunday	:	Coffee stop at Rich's Cider Farm near Highbridge Visit to The Bishop's Palace, Wells Cream Tea at Ston Easton Park

8. THE FINISH

The Finish is at Ston Easton Park where 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. HOTEL

The base hotel for this Tour is the Double Tree by Hilton Cadbury House Hotel, Congresbury BS49 5AD.

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

Standard Rooms	£85.00/person/night.
De Luxe Rooms	£20.00/room/night supplement.
Junior Suite.....	£40.00/room/night supplement
Loft Suite	£150.00/room/night supplement
Single Occupancy	£70.00/night supplement.

Allocation of rooms at the hotel is on hold until 1st March 2018, after which 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 Hotel Booking Form.

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 Double Tree by Hilton Cadbury House Hotel, Congresbury BS49 5AD..

16. DOGS

Dogs are not accepted on this tour.

17. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

Please send your entry without delay to :



MERLIN EVENTS

38 Kenmore Drive, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 4BQ

Closing date : 1st MARCH 2018



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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	AGE IF UNDER 16 YEARS
2: FORENAME	SURNAME	
3: FORENAME	SURNAME	

CAR ENTERED

MAKE MODEL

STYLE OF BODY COLOUR

ENGINE SIZE (hp/cc)..... REG NOYEAR

FEES PAYABLE

PAYMENT BY BANK DIRECT Refer to Para. 3

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE TO . . MERLIN EVENTS

THE ENTRY FEE OF £48.00 PER PERSON PER DAY £ _____

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

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 :

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