

MERLIN EVENTS
MID-WEEK TOUR

Wiltshire

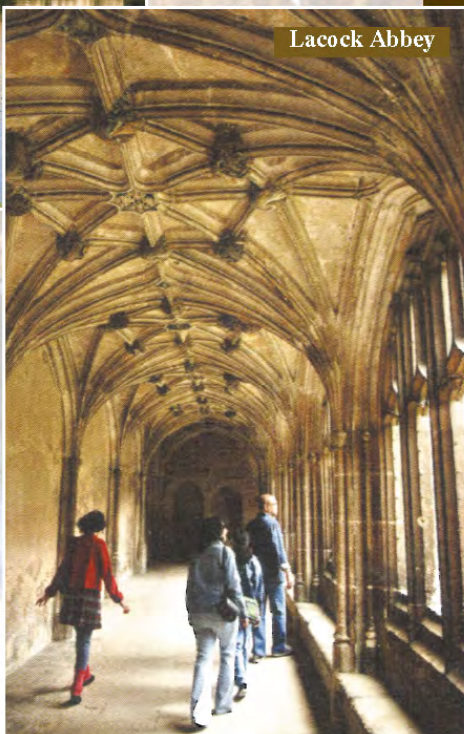
visiting

Lacock and Longleat



Longleat House

Wednesday 30th and
Thursday 31st
MAY 2012



Lacock Abbey

REGULATIONS
& ENTRY FORM



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INTRODUCTION

Merlin Events makes a welcome return to the delightful countryside of North Wiltshire for the 2012 Mid-Week Tour.

We base ourselves at the excellent four star Best Western Blunsdon House Hotel near Swindon, an hotel we have used many times as it is a firm favourite with the regular 'Merliners'.

The hotel features 116 rooms, indoor swimming pool and leisure centre, three bars and two restaurants and thirty acres of grounds and gardens to stroll around.



Best Western Blunsdon House Hotel

Our two day tour commences on the Wednesday morning (30th) and skirts around Swindon to the North Downs. We pass through the Avebury stone circle



dating from around 2500 BC before enjoying the scenic beauty of the Vale of Pewsey. Keeping north of Devizes we take a coffee break at the North Wilts Golf Club which is situated high on Morgans Hill.

After our break we continue through the rolling Wiltshire landscape to Bradford-on-Avon. This beautiful hillside town of mellow Bath stone rises above the River Avon. We then continue north to Corsham before arriving at the medieval village of Lacock. This historic village, famed for its use as a film set in many a Hollywood blockbuster, is full of timber frame cottages, none later than 1800.

We take a lunch break in the Red Lion Inn in Lacock's main street before walking across the road to our main visit of the day.

Lacock Abbey was founded in 1232 and converted into a country house in 1540. It was the last religious house in England to be dissolved and features fine medieval cloisters, sacristy, chapter house and monastic rooms.

The handsome stable courtyard has a half-timbered clockhouse, brewery and bakehouse. The Victorian rose garden and woodland garden boast a fine display of spring flowers and magnificent trees.

Lacock was the home of photographic pioneer William Fox-Talbot and a museum commemorates his inventive work.

We conclude our first day with a return drive to Blunsdon via Royal Wootton Bassett, the town you will have seen all too regularly on your television screens showing respect for fallen servicemen repatriated from Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Thursday our scenic route takes us via the elegant hilltop town of Highworth before continuing south across the Marlborough Downs to Ramsbury. We then follow the River Kennett to Marlborough and its Jacobean and Georgian houses and colonnaded High Street, one of the widest in England.

We continue south through Pewsey to our coffee stop. There then follows a pretty drive to Amesbury from where we head through the beautiful Woodford Valley before turning west to cross the A36 to the equally beautiful Wylye Valley with its succession of pretty villages.

The day's tour ends with a visit to magnificent Longleat, the home of the Marquess of Bath and the famous Wildlife Park. Don't worry though, we are not taking our classic cars through the Wildlife Park! Instead we head for the House itself for an inclusive visit. Set within 900 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped parkland, Longleat House is widely regarded as one of Britain's finest Elizabethan stately homes. It is packed with rare and exquisite works of art, including Dutch Landscapes and Italian Old Masters. The huge furniture collections date from early 16th century English pieces to 17th and 18th century Indian, French and Italian collections.

Our visit concludes with the traditional cream tea to be taken in the Cellars Restaurant. A fine way indeed to end two very special days of classic touring with Merlin Events in beautiful Wiltshire.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Keith McGee

REGULATIONS

1. ORGANISATION

The Merlin Mid-Week Tour on Wednesday 30th - Thursday 31st May 2012, 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 Mobile: 07767 200744 Fax: 01935 472290

Email: (for enquiries only) merlinevents@hotmail.co.uk

2. ENTRIES

Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close on Monday 16th April 2012. Entries will only be accepted if completed on the official application form and accompanied by the required entry fee.

Late entries accepted subject to available hotel space.

The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry without reason.

3. ENTRY FEES

The Entry Fee for two days is £70.00 per person.

Children 5 - 15 years - £15.00 per child.

The Entry Fee for one day £35.00 per person.

Children 5 - 15 years - £10.00 per child.

For National Trust members, a discount of £10.00 per person applies to Wednesday only.

The above entry fees include:

- * Entry into the event for one or two days (as appropriate).
- * Tea/Coffee at Registration.
- * Coffee stops - refer Para 7.
- * Visits - refer Para 7.
- * Cream Tea on Thursday - refer Para 7.
- * Road book with itinerary and detailed route instructions.
- * Souvenir Rally Plate.
- * All administration costs.

All payments to be made to Merlin Events.

4. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to any Pre-War cars and Post-War Classic cars introduced prior to 1985, 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 Best Western Blunsdon House Hotel near Swindon on Tuesday 29th May 2012 from 3.00pm.

Registration will be in the hotel on Tuesday 29th May from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and for those arriving on Wednesday and Thursday, between 8.30am & 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 served from 7.30am. Participants not staying at the hotel may purchase full buffet breakfasts at £13.00 - please indicate on the Entry Form.

The Start will be from the hotel car park at 9.30am each day with cars leaving in numerical order.

6. THE ROUTE

The scenic routes on A, B and unclassified roads will cover approximately 110 miles on the Wednesday and 90 miles on the Thursday, enabling participants to enjoy the very best scenery in North Wiltshire.

7. COFFEE STOPS AND VISITS

Tuesday - Coffee stop
- Visit to Lacock Abbey near Chippenham.

Wednesday - Coffee stop
- Visit to Longleat House near Warminster.

8. THE FINISH

The Finish is at Longleat where a traditional cream tea will be served from 3.00pm.

There will be no element of competition on this event. However overall time schedules will apply to the visit locations and Drivers are requested to abide by these times.

9. SOUVENIR RALLY PLATE

A souvenir rally plate will be issued with the Final Instructions. This must be securely and prominently affixed to the front of the car.

10. 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.

11. INSURANCE

The Organiser has arranged public liability insurance to the sum of £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.

12. Hotel - for Tuesday 29th - Wednesday 30th May 2012

The hotel for these nights is the four star Best Western Blunsdon House Hotel, Blunsdon, Swindon SN26 7AS.

The rates per person are for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and are inclusive of VAT. Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

- * Standard Room (Double/Twin) @ £79.50 per person/night.
- * Executive Room (Double/Twin) @ £20.00 per room/night supplement.
- * Suites @ £65.00 - £90.00 (Double/Twin) per room/night supplement.
- * Single occupancy £35.00 room/night supplement.
- * Dogs are not accepted.

Allocation of rooms at the hotel are on hold until 16th April 2012 only, after which accommodation will be subject to availability. Entrants requiring accommodation should request a Hotel Booking Form which will then 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.

13. DINNER AT THE HOTEL

Dinner will be served to our group in the hotel at 7.30pm each evening. Any non-residents who may wish to join the group for dinner may do so at £17.00 per person, payable directly to the hotel on the evening. Please indicate on the Entry Form.

14. 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 4BQ9

Closing date: 16th APRIL 2012



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ENTRY FORM

ENTRANT/PASSENGERS Please use block capitals throughout.

If an entrant if under 18 years of age this form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

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

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

ADDRESS:.....

..... POSTCODE:.....

TELEPHONE:..... MOBILE:.....

E-mail:.....

NAVIGATOR AND PASSENGERS

AGE IF UNDER 16 YEARS

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

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

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

WHICH DAY(S) ARE YOU ATTENDING?

CAR ENTERED

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

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

ENGINE SIZE (HP/CC)..... REG NO:..... YEAR.....

BREAKFASTS AND DINNER (FOR ENTRANTS NOT STAYING OVERNIGHT)

WILL YOU BE REQUIRING BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL?

WILL YOU BE REQUIRING DINNER AT THE HOTEL?

	TICK		HOW MANY	WHICH DAY
	YES	NO		
WILL YOU BE REQUIRING BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL?				
WILL YOU BE REQUIRING DINNER AT THE HOTEL?				

FEES PAYABLE (CHEQUES/P.O.'s PAYABLE TO MERLIN EVENTS) REFER PARA 3

1: THE ENTRY FEE FOR TWO DAYS: £70.00 PER PERSON.....£

CHILDREN 5-15 yrs AT £15.00.....£

2: THE ENTRY FEE FOR ONE DAY: £35.00 PER PERSON.....£

CHILDREN (5-15 yrs) @ £10.00.....£

DEDUCT £10.00 PER PERSON (WEDNESDAY ONLY) FOR NT MEMBERS

TOTAL PAYABLE WITH ENTRY £

NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - Do you require a Hotel Booking Form for:-

THE BEST WESTERN BLUNSDON HOUSE HOTEL

Tick

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 M.O.T. certificate 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.

SIGNED..... 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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