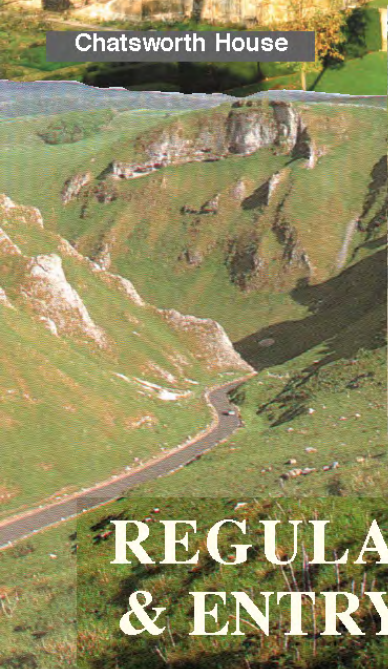


MERLIN EVENTS  
**SPRING CLASSIC  
TOUR**

**The Derbyshire Peak District  
26th - 29th April  
2012**



Chatsworth House



National Tramway Museum, Crich

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Winnats Pass



Treak Cliff Cavern

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**INTRODUCTION**

Springtime in the Derbyshire Peak District will be very special indeed. The fresh green leaves of the trees and the vivid colours of spring flowers will enhance what will undoubtedly be a thoroughly spectacular few days of classic motoring.

Our base is the impressive Palace Hotel at the spa town of Buxton. This elegant spa town boasts crescents and terraces to rival fashionable Bath with the Grand Opera House, the Pavilion Gardens and octagonal Concert Hall.

Also the Devonshire Royal Hospital with its 138ft span dome - one of the widest in the world. A truly veritable feast of attractions making Buxton one of the country's most popular towns to visit and explore. We spend four days exploring the delights of Derbyshire and the Peak District. We take in the very best scenery and attractions the region has to offer so you are in for a real treat.



Palace Hotel, Buxton

Having arrived during the afternoon of Wednesday 25th April and meeting up with friends after the winter break, we enjoy a highly social evening over dinner, with eager anticipation of the following four days motoring adventures.

Thursday 26th dawns and we set off for the High Peak - the very heart of the Peak District. Given fine weather you will enjoy stupendous panoramas from Mam Tor and along the road between Edale and Hope Valley. We stop for a coffee break at Eyam, notorious as the village devastated by the Plague in 1665 when only 83 of the 350 villagers survived. We continue to Hathersage, where Robin Hood's Little John is said to be buried, to the 1300ft high Longstones Edge. From here we continue towards Chesterfield before doubling back to Bakewell, famous for its tarts. A lunch break is followed by a short drive to our main visit of the day - Haddon Hall. Home of Lord Edward Manners, Haddon sits on a rocky outcrop overlooking the River Wye. Dating from the 14th century the present house remains much as it would have been in those days, having escaped major architectural changes of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Friday 27th takes us into the southern regions via Three Shire Heads, where the counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire meet. We stray into Cheshire and then Staffordshire to reach our coffee stop, at beautiful Ilam Park. Onwards we travel to Belper and Ambergate before arriving at the day's main visit. The Crich Historic Village and National Tramway Museum is a major historical attraction and undoubtedly will be one of the highlights of this tour.

Saturday 28th and it is back to the north with a drive along one of the most famous, or infamous, roads in the country. The A537 "Cat and Fiddle" is notorious but with breathtaking scenery over Shining Tor, the highest point in Cheshire at 1834 ft. You will experience dramatic views over Macclesfield and Manchester. We continue into the High Peaks and the road over Holme Moss. At 1733 ft one of the Peak Districts highest roads, as it crosses Saddleworth Moor. We pass through Holmfirth before winding our way past Winscar Reservoir to continue through mile after mile of rugged moorland to the beautiful waters of Ladybower Reservoir. Then it is over the hills to Bamford and on to our lunchtime stop in Castleton. Castleton boast an abundance of attractions, including Peveril Castle, one of the earliest Norman castles in England. But, after our lunch break we are heading for the Treak Cliff Cavern. This is the only place in the world where Blue John Stone naturally occurs. Our visit takes us deep into the hill through tunnels and caverns, with a spectacular array of stalactites and stalagmites. Our drive back to Buxton takes us up the amazing Winnats Pass and on to Chapel-en-le-Frith to Buxton.

Sunday 29th and its south once more via Longnor and Hulme End to the lovely village of Tissington. We take a coffee break at Carsington Waters' Visitor Centre. Opened in 1992 Carsington Water is a haven for wildlife as well as being a popular leisure site. After our break we head through Wirksworth, once the centre of Derbyshires' lead mining industry to the popular spa resort of Matlock Bath in the Derwent Gorge. The town is dominated by the 750ft Heights of Abraham, reached by cable cars. Over the hills then to charming Winster, on through the typical Peak village of Rowsley to our final destination - Chatsworth. Seat of the Dukes of Devonshire since it was built in 1552, Chatsworth is one of Englands' grandest stately homes. It houses magnificent artworks, including paintings by Rembrandt, Van Dyk, Tintoretto, Veronese, Landseer and Sargent. A library of over 17,000 volumes and grand rooms full of sculptures, tapestries, porcelain and beautiful furniture. The 105 acre garden features a 200 metre Cascade, the Willow Tree Fountain and the Canal. Capability Brown landscaped the park and gardens in the 1760's, since when many additional attractions have been added, particularly the exciting water features. Chatsworth provides us with the perfect grand finale to our four-day tour in the Peak District. Aim to arrive around 12.30pm have a bite to eat and spend a couple of hours taking in the wonders of this great house and gardens. From 2.30pm you can enjoy the traditional cream tea to bring our weekend to a close.

Make no mistake about it, on this event you are assured of the most spectacular and memorable few days of 'classic' motoring. You can of course join any days; one, two, three or four days but ideally if you can join all four you will benefit to the full. Also, why not make a visit to Chatsworth even more fulfilling by staying over on the Sunday night at the Palace Hotel. It will be well worth it, then you can have a leisurely drive home on the Monday.

I look forward to welcoming you and receiving your entry.

Keith McGee

# REGULATIONS

## 1. ORGANISATION

The Merlin Spring Classic in the Derbyshire Peak District from 26th - 29th April 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 Fax: 01935 472290 or, alternatively Tel: 07767 200744

E-mail: merlinevents@hotmail.co.uk (enquiries only).

## 2. ENTRIES

Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close on 31st March 2012. 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 FOUR DAY entry fee is £140.00 per person.

Children 5 - 15 years - £25.00 per child.

The above entry fees include:

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

THE THREE DAY entry fee is £105.00 per person applicable for any three days.

Children 5 - 15 years - £20.00 per child.

THE TWO DAY entry fee is £70.00 per person.

Children 5-15 years - £15.00 per child.

THE ONE DAY entry fee is £35.00 per person applicable to any one day.

Children 5 - 15 years £10.00 per child.

#### **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 Palace Hotel, Buxton SK17 6AG on Wednesday 25th April 2012 from 3.00pm.

Registration will be in the hotel on Wednesday 25th April from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and for those arriving on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 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 7.30am. Participants not staying at the hotel may purchase full English breakfasts at £10.00 also dinner at £20.00.

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

#### **6. THE ROUTES**

The scenic routes on A, B and unclassified roads will cover approximately 350 miles in total, enabling participants to enjoy the attractive countryside and villages along the routes. Please note, steep hills will be encountered on this tour.

#### **7. VISITS**

The Thursday visit is : Haddon Hall near Bakewell.

The Friday visit is : Crich Tramway Village and Museum.

The Saturday visit is: Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton.

The Sunday visit is: Chatsworth near Bakewell.

#### **8. THE FINISH**

The Finish is at Chatsworth where a traditional cream tea will be served from 2.30pm on Sunday 29th April.

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.

#### **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**

The base hotel for this event is the Palace Hotel, Buxton SK17 6AG for Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th (plus Sunday 29th if required).

The rates per person are for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and are inclusive of VAT. Standard Rooms (Double/Twin) @ £59.00 person/night.

Premium Rooms (Double/Twin) supplement @ £40.00/room/night.

Suites (Double/twin) supplement @ £80.00/room/night (x 4 only).

Single Occupancy supplement @ £15.00/night.

The allocation of rooms is on hold until 26th March 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 Palace Hotel. Reservations will only be accepted on the official Booking Form, not by telephone.

## **13. DOGS**

Dogs are accepted by the hotel. There is a charge of £15.00 for the stay.

## **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 4BQ**

**Closing date: 31st MARCH 2012**



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26th - 29th April 2012

## 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 .....

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..... 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.....

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

1: THE FOUR DAY ENTRY FEE AT £140.00 PER PERSON.....£

CHILDREN 5-15 yrs AT £25.00 PER CHILD.....£

2: THE THREE DAY ENTRY FEE AT £105.00 PERSON.....£

CHILDREN 5-15 yrs @ £20.00 PER CHILD.....£

3: THE TWO DAY ENTRY FEE AT £70.00 PER PERSON.....£

CHILDREN 5-15 yrs @£15.00 PER CHILD.....£

4: THE ONE DAY ENTRY FEE AT £35.00 PER PERSON.....£

CHILDREN 5-15 yrs @£10.00PER CHILD.....£

**TOTAL PAYABLE WITH ENTRY** £

BREAKFAST AND/OR DINNER FOR ENTRANTS <u>NOT</u> STAYING OVERNIGHT	TICK		HOW MANY	WHICH DAY
	YES	NO		
WILL YOU BE REQUIRING FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL?				
WILL YOU BE REQUIRING DINNER AT THE HOTEL?				

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - Do you require a Hotel Booking Form for The Palace Hotel, Buxton?	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 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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