



Christmas Cracker

at the
ABBHEY HOTEL
Redditch
and
RAGLEY HALL

1st - 3rd December
2017



RAGLEY HALL

REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM

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INTRODUCTION

Following the huge success of last year's Christmas Cracker in Torquay we take a further step up in the drama stakes for 2017.

To be held during the weekend of 1st-3rd December our base hotel will be the Abbey Hotel at Redditch in Worcestershire, which was also our base for the 2016 Spring Classic Tour. Having registered and enjoyed a welcome drinks reception and dinner on the Friday evening, Saturday dawns and we set off for our scenic drive. Our route takes us into the Cotswolds region passing through beautiful Chipping Campden and Broadway to our coffee stop at the Beckford Inn near Evesham.

Continuing on our way via Pershore we turn north to arrive at our lunchtime visit - the magnificent Hanbury Hall near Droitwich. This National Trust William and Mary house was built in 1701 and was the seat of the Vernon family for over 300 years. The main feature of the interior is the extraordinary stair case - a truly jaw-dropping work of art on a massive scale. The surrounding walls are lined with amazing murals illustrating scenes from Greek mythology.

During our visit we enjoy a light lunch in the Servants Hall tea room before setting off on our final leg of the drive back to our hotel for a period of relaxation before the Saturday night party time.

To be totally different this year we are not staging our entertainment and dinner in the hotel. Instead a coach will convey us to the beautiful and impressive Ragley Hall, the ancestral seat of the Marquess of Hertford. On arrival we enjoy a welcome drinks reception at 6.30pm before entering the magnificent baroque decorated Great Hall, where we take our seats for the musical entertainment - the nature of which will be introduced at the time. After a short break at 8.00pm we then enjoy our traditional Christmas Dinner after which the coach will return us to the Abbey Hotel. This will be a hugely impressive black tie evening in the most amazing location. You will be overawed by the surroundings, the music and the cuisine.

Sunday morning dawns and all that remains is for us to bid farewell and head for home, so ending another memorable Merlin Christmas Cracker. Our thoughts now turning to another year of Merlin tours of which you already have initial plans and dates.

Don't miss this oh-so-special Christmas Cracker. I promise it will be sensational.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Keith McGee



Hanbury Hall



The staircase, Hanbury Hall



The Great Hall, Ragley Hall

REGULATIONS

1. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Merlin Christmas Cracker Weekend is a social touring event 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 Mobile: 07767 200744

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

The dates are 1st - 3rd December 2017.

Reservations for hotel accommodation are to be made direct to the hotel by the entrant using the Hotel Booking Form issued with the Entry Acknowledgement.

2. ENTRIES

Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close on 1st November 2017. Late entries may be accepted subject to available hotel accommodation.

Entries must conform to these Regulations and must be completed on the official Entry Form accompanied by the required payment.

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

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is £177.00 per person payable with entry. For National Trust members a reduction of £6.40 per member (refers Saturday).

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

Cheque to MERLIN EVENTS

4. THE FEES INCLUDE

- * Entry into the event
- * Coffee/tea and biscuits at Registration on Friday
- * Coffee/tea and biscuits on Saturday
- * A light lunch at Hanbury Hall on Saturday
- * Coach transfer to Ragley Hall on Saturday
- * Welcome drinks reception
- * Musical entertainment
- * Traditional Christmas Dinner
- * Souvenir Rally Plate
- * Detailed Route Instructions
- * On-tour management
- * All administration costs

5. NOT INCLUDED

The following are not included in the Event Entry Fee, but where shown are included in the hotel charges.

- * Hotel accommodation (refer para 6).
- * Dinner on Friday evening (refer para 6).
- * Drinks reception on Friday (refer para 6).
- * Meals not referred to in these Regulations.
- * Vehicle breakdown and recovery service.

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd December

The hotel being used on this event is the four star Abbey Hotel, Redditch.

The rates are £122.00 per person total for the two nights for standard rooms.

There are supplements of £10.00 per room per night for Superior rooms, £25.00 per room per night supplement for Executive rooms (4 only). The supplement for the Pent House Suites (2 only) is £60.00 per room per night. The supplement for single occupancy is £34.50 per night.

All to include dinner, bed and breakfast on Friday 1st and Bed and Breakfast on Saturday 2nd, pre-dinner drinks reception on Friday 1st.

Dogs are not accepted.

A Hotel Booking Form will be issued with your Entry Acknowledgement. This form must be completed and sent directly to the Abbey Hotel, Redditch by no later than 1st November 2017.

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 Abbey Hotel, Redditch..

7. DRESS

For the Friday evening reception and dinner, smart casual is acceptable.

For the Saturday evening reception and Christmas Dinner dress is black tie,

8. TABLE RESERVATIONS - RAGLEY HALL - Saturday 2nd

For dinner round tables of ten will be provided. Please state on the entry form if you wish to reserve a table for ten persons for Saturday only.

No reservations required on Friday at the Abbey Hotel.

9. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to any cars, there being no age limit on this winter time event.

It is expected however, that the vast majority of entrants will be using vintage, classic or modern sports cars as per the normal requirements of Merlin Events.

All vehicles must be correctly registered, currently licensed, possess a valid M.O.T. test certificate where applicable and be fully insured for use on public and private land as appropriate to this event.

10. ASSEMBLY AND REGISTRATION - FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

Assembly will be on Friday 1st December from 3.00pm at the Abbey Hotel, Redditch B98 9BE. Registration will be from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

11. VISIT - SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

The main tour visit will be on Saturday 2nd December at Hanbury Hall (NT) following a scenic route during which a coffee stop will be included. The route will be a mix of main, secondary and unclassified roads. The total distance covered will be approximately 70 miles.

12. SATURDAY EVENING

The Saturday evening dinner and entertainment will be held at magnificent Ragley Hall, the ancestral home of the Marquess of Hertford. A coach will convey the group from the Abbey Hotel leaving at 5.45pm to arrive at Ragley Hall by 6.15pm when a welcome drinks reception will be held. This will be followed by musical entertainment in the Great Hall followed by our traditional Christmas Dinner. Dress - black tie.

13. THE FINISH - SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The Event will finish after breakfast on Sunday 3rd December.

14. EVENT SUPPORT

There is no travelling technical support service 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.

15. 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.

16. ROAD BOOK

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

17. CANCELLATIONS

The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or amend the event or any part thereof. In the event of cancellation by MERLIN EVENTS a full refund of entry fees paid to MERLIN EVENTS will be made as soon as practical. Should the event itinerary have to be altered for any reason the Organiser will endeavour to keep such changes to a minimum while still ensuring a similar level of services and facilities are provided. In order for this event to go ahead a minimum of 40 persons is required. Should this figure not be achieved the Organiser may decide to cancel the event. The deadline for cancellation of the event should insufficient numbers be achieved is 1st November 2017.

18. CANCELLATION BY YOU

If you have to cancel your entry you must notify the Organiser in writing by the closing date of the 1st November 2017. You will then be refunded your entry fee to MERLIN EVENTS less a £10.00 administration fee per person.

Cancellations received after the closing date will incur forfeiture of the entire entry fee to MERLIN EVENTS, ie NO REFUND.

19. ALTERATIONS BY YOU

If you wish to alter any details of your entry, ie; change of car, names or number of persons in your car, you must notify the Organiser in writing. If the alteration involves a reduction in the number of persons in your car then you will incur penalties as per para 18 above.

20. 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 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

21. 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 NOVEMBER 2017



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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

AGE IF UNDER 16
YEARS

1: FORENAME SURNAME
2: FORENAME SURNAME
3: FORENAME SURNAME

CAR ENTERED

MAKE MODEL
STYLE OF BODY COLOUR
ENGINE SIZE (hp/cc) REG NO YEAR

FEES PAYABLE

Tick

PAYMENT BY BANK DIRECT Refer to Para 3

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE TO... MERLIN EVENTS

THE ENTRY FEE OF £177.00 PER PERSON £

For NT members less £6.40 per member (Sat)£ _____

TOTAL PAYABLE WITH ENTRY £ _____

TABLE RESERVATIONS (REFER PARA 8) - SATURDAY ONLY.

Do you wish to reserve a table for up to ten persons? YES HOW MANY NO

Please advise names of persons in your party.

**A HOTEL BOOKING FORM WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH YOUR
ENTRY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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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38 KENMORE DRIVE, YEOVIL, SOMERSET BA21 4BQ

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