

Christmas Cracker

6th - 8th December

2019 at the

AUDLEYS WOOD HOTEL
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AVINGTON
PARK



REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM



MERLIN EVENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The Merlin Christmas Cracker moves to Hampshire this year and is located at the four star Audleys Wood Hotel just south of Basingstoke. The former Victorian hunting lodge is set in extensive grounds with a long sweeping drive to the front door.

We gather for Registration on Friday afternoon 6th December followed by a drinks reception at 6.45pm. Dinner will be served at 7.30pm in the delightful conservatory restaurant.

On Saturday 7th we set off from 9.30am for a scenic drive through Hampshire countryside stopping for a coffee break on the way before arriving at our visit location - Avington Park House near Winchester. This privately owned mansion



AVINGTON PARK HOUSE, WINCHESTER

originates from the 16th Century and was re-modelled in 1670 to create the elegant Palladian facade we see today. It is set in beautiful gardens and parkland bordering the River Itchen. In the grounds is St Mary's Church one of the finest Georgian Churches in Hampshire which will form part of our visit. The house features magnificent gilded state rooms including the Ballroom, Red Drawing Room and Library. Our visit will include a light lunch which we will enjoy in the splendour of the impressive Library.

On leaving Avington Park we take a fairly direct but scenic route back to the hotel allowing plenty of time for relaxation before preparing for the evening's activities. Our black tie evening commences at 6.15pm with a drinks reception followed by musical entertainment which I am most confident you will absolutely love. After a short break we will be served our traditional Christmas Dinner to complete a very special evening. All that remains is for us to bid farewell after breakfast on Sunday morning and head for home reminiscing over another enjoyable and memorable Merlin Christmas Cracker.

I look forward to receiving your entry and to welcoming you on 6th December.

Keith McGee

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 and assisted by Richard Pither.

All entries and enquiries should be addressed to:

Merlin Events, 38 Kenmore Drive, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 4BQ.

Tel: 01935 474630 Mobile: 07767 200744

E-mail: merlinevents@hotmail.co.uk

The dates are 6th - 8th December 2019.

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 15th October 2019. 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 £99.00 per person payable with entry.

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/Christmas

Cheque to MERLIN EVENTS

4. THE FEES INCLUDE

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| * Entry into the event | * Musical entertainment |
| * Coffee/tea and biscuits at Registration on Friday | * Souvenir Rally Plate |
| * Coffee/tea and biscuits on Saturday | * Detailed Route Instructions |
| * A light lunch on Saturday | * 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 and Saturday (refer para 6).
- * Drinks receptions on Friday and Saturday (refer para 6).
- * Meals not referred to in these Regulations.
- * Vehicle breakdown and recovery service.

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - Friday 6th & Saturday 7th December

The hotel being used on this event is the four star Audleys Wood Hotel, Basingstoke RG25 2JT.

The rates are £95.00 per person per night for Classic rooms.

There are supplements of £15.00 per room per night for Executive rooms,

£30.00 per room per night supplement for Deluxe rooms.

£60.00 per room per night supplement for Suites (only two available).

The supplement for single occupancy is £55.00 per night.

All to include dinner, bed and breakfast plus the pre dinner drinks receptions on both evenings.

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 Audleys Wood Hotel no later than 15th October 2019.

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 Audleys Wood Hotel.

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 SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

For dinner round tables of eight and ten will be provided. Please state on the entry form if you wish to reserve a table for up to ten persons for Saturday only. No reservations required on Friday 6th December.

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 6th DECEMBER 2019

Assembly will be on Friday 6th December from 3.00pm at the Audleys Wood Hotel, Basingstoke RG25 2JT. Registration will be from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

At 6.45pm a drinks reception will be held in the Simons Lounge followed by dinner at 7.30pm in the Conservatory Restaurant.

11. VISIT - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

The main tour visit will be on Saturday 7th December at Avington Park, near Winchester 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 in the Conservatory Restaurant at Audleys Wood Hotel. A drinks reception will be held at 6.15pm followed by musical entertainment from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, there then follows our traditional Christmas Dinner. Dress - black tie.

13. THE FINISH - SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

The Event will finish after breakfast on Sunday 8th 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 15th October 2019.

18. CANCELLATION BY YOU

If you have to cancel your entry you must notify the Organiser in writing by the closing date of the 15th October 2019. 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 : 15th October 2019



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CHRISTMAS CRACKER

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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 NO YEAR

FEES PAYABLE

Tick

PAYMENT BY BANK DIRECT Refer to Para 3

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE TO... MERLIN EVENTS

THE ENTRY FEE OF £99.00 PER PERSON £ _____

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 PERSONS 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.

To comply with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) I agree to my contact details being held on the Merlin Events data base which will enable me to receive details of future Merlin Events Classic and Sports Car Tours.

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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