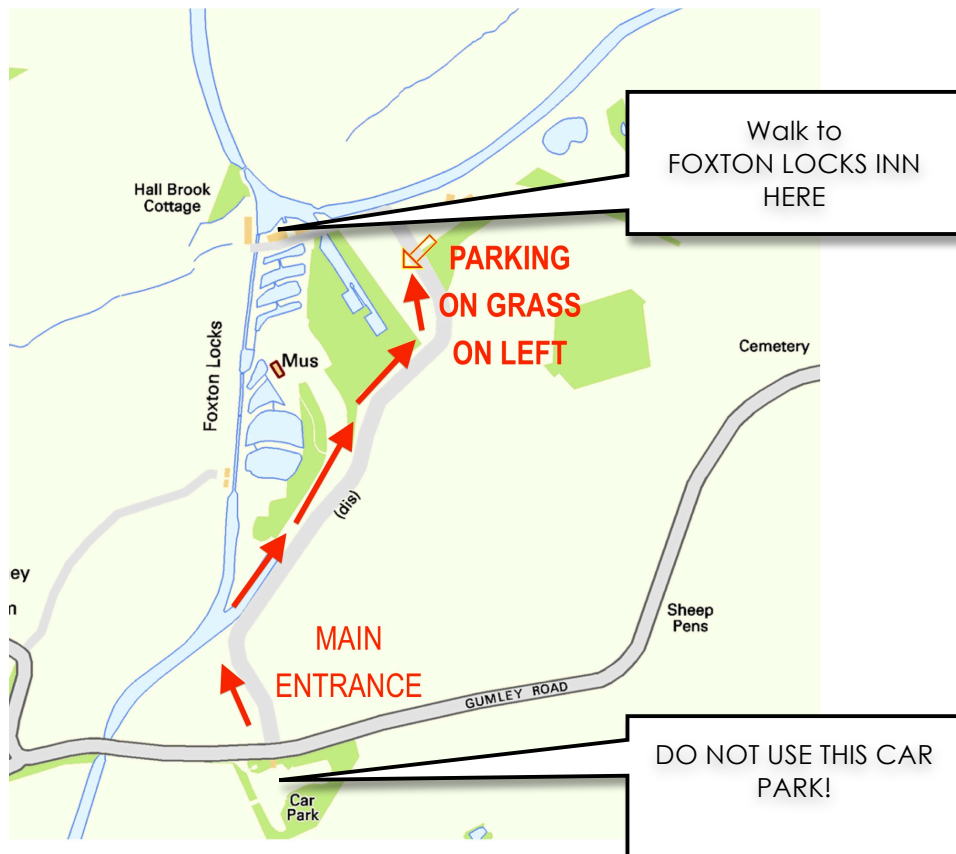


FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the first ever Welland Valley Wander. It's great that we have a full entry for the inaugural event. Thank you for supporting us. We hope that you have a good day.

START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at the 'bottom' car park at Foxton Locks. As you approach the venue, take the driveway down towards the Locks, rather than parking in the 'top' car park, which is adjacent to the public highway. We have an area on the grass section of the car park for all participants, so please follow directions to park. There is no need to pay for the parking. We have already covered this in your entry fee.



Once parked, proceed by foot to the Foxton Locks Inn to sign on and collect your bag containing the route instructions, rally plate and other goodies. We will be open for business from 08:30 hrs. You will also receive breakfast tokens which can be used in the Inn to receive a breakfast bag and a drink of coffee or tea for two people. There should be an opportunity to see the Foxton Locks before you start.

START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Foxton Locks. Cars will start at one minute intervals. Please affix the start number sticker given to you at signing-on to the top nearside of your windscreen.

CARNET DE ROUTE (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROUTECARD)

This rather splendid name is just a posh title for your route card. This has the appearance of the old Monte Carlo Rally route cards. This will have your start time shown on it and spaces for signatures and stamps to be recorded along the way to show that you have completed the route. Full details of where the marshals will be located will be shown on the card.

TIMING

This is not a rally and there are no competitive sections. You will not be penalized if you don't start or restart on the allocated time, but it will mean that we may have gone home by the time that you reach the finish!

The times that the controls will be open is shown on the routecard

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

On approaching Uppingham, a marshal will stamp your route card with a time. You can either elect to stop in the town or alternatively, you can go direct to Launde Abbey, by-passing Uppingham. This may be preferable if you have a picnic lunch as we have arranged to park at Launde on the grass in the beautiful parkland. There will be toilet facilities and coffee/tea available to buy at the venue.

In Uppingham we have a limited amount of parking in the environs of the school. Once this is full, parking is available on the roadside (without charge in the appropriate parking spaces) or within the town's car parks. Uppingham School has a Summer Course running on Sunday, so whilst it is not possible to go into the school buildings, the chapel will be open for viewing.

Whilst you are in Uppingham, if you wish to have a snack, or a full-blown meal, we have arranged that the three venues in the Market place – The Falcon (hotel), Dom Paddys (bistro and coffee shop) and The Vaults (pub) will stamp your route card upon purchasing food or drink. We have told them that we are coming, so I would encourage you to take advantage of their facilities.

After visiting Uppingham, the route directions will take you via Launde Abbey to join those electing to go there direct.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

At Rockingham Castle, we will be parking on the grass of the Tilting Lawn. We have covered the cost of the entry for the driver and first passenger to the

grounds and tea rooms, but other passengers will need to pay for entry to the grounds at £5.50 each. Entry to the house is extra for all. We should have additional detail on this cost at the start of the event.

ITINERY

Start from Foxton Locks	09:31 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car
<i>Drive 26 miles across Northamptonshire and South Leicestershire</i>	
Coffee stop	No specific time here – you can either stop and have a look around or continue on after getting the routecard stamped.
<i>Drive 22 miles into Rutland</i>	
Lunch stop	At least one hour from entering Uppingham until leaving Launde Abbey
<i>(Drive 6 miles link section to Launde Abbey from Uppingham)</i>	
<i>Drive 42 miles through Rutland, Northants and Leicestershire to Rockingham Castle with an opportunity to visit Oakham and/or Rutland Water en route</i>	
Finish	On the Tilting Lawn at Rockingham Castle. Bring your own picnic or visit the Tea Rooms

ENTRY LIST

If there is a gap in the entry list published on the website – www.wellandvalleywander.co.uk - by your passenger's name or the type of car, can you please email the missing details to Vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com.

NARRATIVE

Keith Baud's excellent route narrative is attached as a pdf file. This will also be supplied in the roadbook for the event together with all the tulip instructions and maps, so don't worry, you will not need to navigate from this narrative. I thought that everyone would prefer to have the opportunity to digest all the fascinating detail that Keith has unearthed before we get to the big day. If we had given it to you on Sunday, it would probably be the afternoon before you finished reading and set off on the run!

MAPS

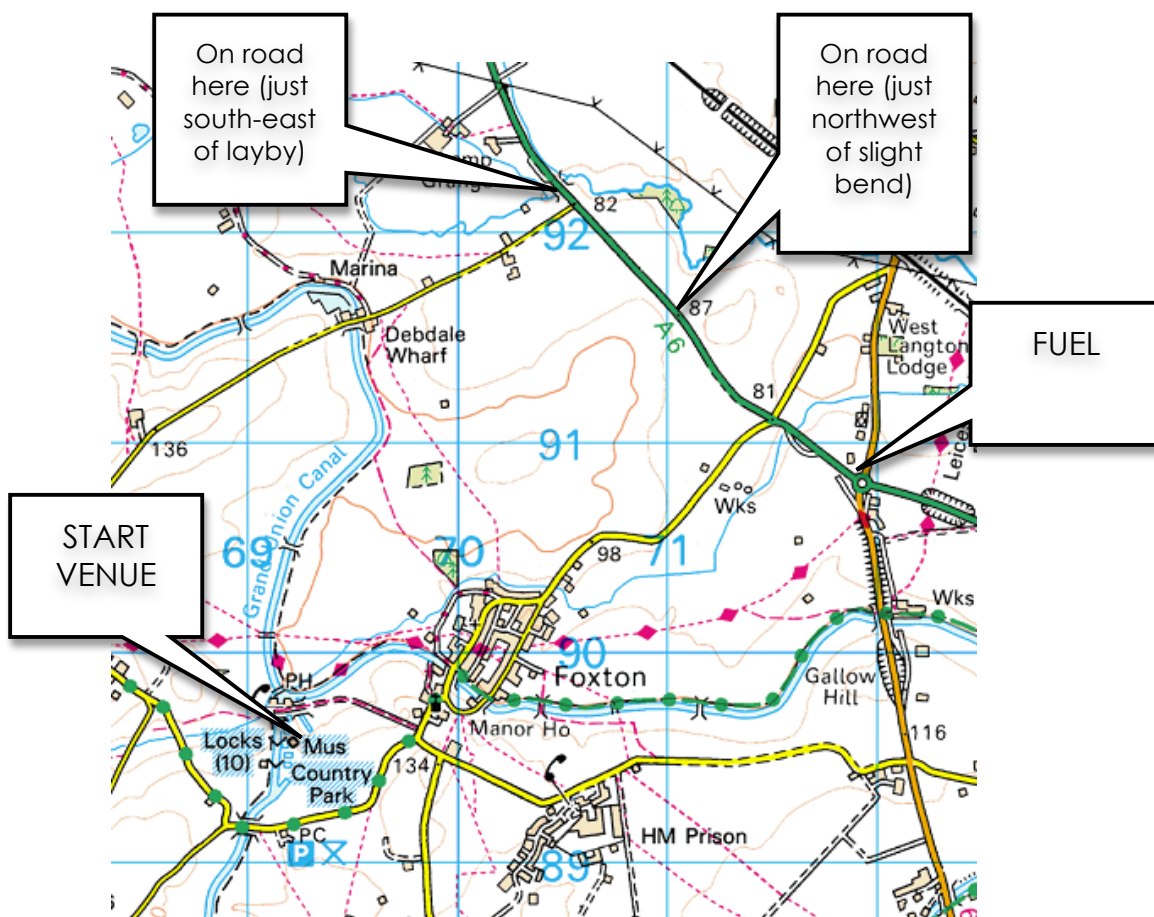
The roadbook contains maps based on the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger series. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map number 141. (There is a small section on other maps, but this amounts in total to less than one mile).

DOGS

Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and both the lunchtime locations.

MEASURED DISTANCE

For those of you with a rally-type tripmeter installed in your car, there is a measured distance to calibrate against. Albeit very short (only 0.5 miles), it was and is used by the Police Force to calibrate their installed devices. It is depicted on the road surface by two (faint) white squares on both carriageways at the start and finish of the distance. They are located here:



FUEL

There is a 24 hour fuel station at the roundabout north of Market Harborough where the B6047 crosses the A6 (see map above). There is also fuel in Uppingham and close to the finish in Corby.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Tony Large will be out on the event, taking photographs along the route. A selection will be available after the event from Tony's own website. We will also endeavour to post a selection to the Welland Valley website.

AWARDS

There will be three awards given on the event and you can help to judge one by completing the form in your goodie bag and handing it in at the finish. This is 'The car I would most like to take home' award which is self explanatory. There are also two other awards for the furthest travelled and the most original car.

EASYLARITY

If you are contemplating taking part in your first competitive classic car event or simply want to brush up your skills, the next event that I am organising is Loughborough Car Club's EasyLarity rally on Sunday 6 October. This is exactly what it says on the package – an EASY reguLARITY event. Aimed at beginners to the world of classic car rallying, the one-day competitive event combines very simple, easy-to-understand regularities with non-damaging grass slalom tests. Based at Park Hill Golf Club at Seagrave, just north of Leicester, this is the ideal chance to break yourselves into competitive rallies without jumping off the cliff on a full-blown rally where you could be disheartened very quickly. Full details are on the Loughborough Car Club site and there is a dedicated website at www.easylarity.org.uk

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