# **FINAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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

# The OFFICIAL bit

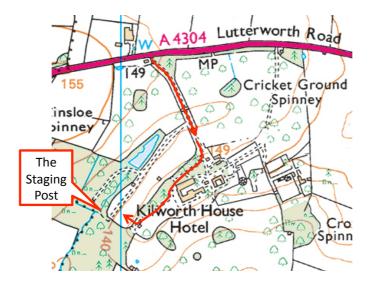
The Motor Sports Association has tightened up their requirements for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit these points although the route we have set is what we believe to be the best for your overall experience on the day. There is no specific vehicle timing on the event. However, participants should be aware of the times that marshals will be at specific locations.

There will be no driver's briefing on the day. This document takes the form of the briefing. Any queries should be addressed to Andrew Duerden, either by email at vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com or 07836 318 400.

Finally, the organizers are not responsible for your actions on the public highway or private ground.

# START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at the theatre car park near The Staging Post at Kilworth House Hotel. There is a one-way road system at the venue. As you turn off the main road into the hotel grounds, take the driveway towards the hotel and follow the road, but don't turn into the hotel resident's car park. Carry on for another 100 metres and then turn right onto the field. We have an area on the grass section of the car park for all participants, so please follow directions to park. After parking you should walk over the footbridge to the Staging Post where signing-on will take place and your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served. *Please note that the starting times list is different to the entry list that was published on the website.* 



## **START TIMES & NUMBERS**

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Kilworth House. 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 spaces for signatures and stamps to be recorded along the way to show that you have visited points along the route. Full details of where the marshals will be located and the times that they will be there 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. There is also an advisory time to show how long the sections should take at around 30mph average speed which should be easily attainable without having to rush along.

#### LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be at Rutland Water. This year you will have the choice of either stopping in Oakham as an alternative and walking to one of the cafes/pubs/hotel in the town centre, or going straight on to the Whitwell Park section of Rutland Water where we will have a reserved parking area, which is suitable for picnics. At the park there is also a nice café area with a terrace, overlooking the water, serving a selection of food and drinks.

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break. All participants will restart from Whitwell Park, even if they have elected to visit and park in the Oakham. If you do stop in Oakham you must allow sufficient time to travel to Whitwell to restart the afternoon section.

#### **FINISH ARRANGEMENTS**

At Drayton Park, as you enter the long driveway, we will peel off to the right and park in a special parking area, in the walled garden, in amongst the hornbeam trees. Due to a triple family christening we will not be able to visit the house precincts but we will serve tea and cakes in the walled garden.

# ITINERY

Start from Kilworth House	09:20 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car
Drive 31 miles across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire	
Bruntingthorpe	A lap around the Test Track
Drive 6 miles to Kilby for	
Coffee stop	No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets or continue on directly, but no more than 15-20 minutes max
Drive 44 miles from Leicestershire into Rutland.	
Lunch stop	Around one hour at Whitwell Water Park, Rutland Water or you can stop in Oakham instead
Drive 37 miles through Rutland and Leicestershire into Northants to Drayton Park	
(Note: there is no afternoon stop)	
Finish	Drayton House, in the walled garden.

# 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, if would probably be the afternoon before you finished reading and set off on the run!

## DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use tulip diagrams as on the last two Welland Valley Wanders, rather than written descriptive instructions as depicted on the website. Example 'tulip' diagrams can be seen within the 2014 Archive section of the website under the Directions 2014 sub-section.

#### MAPS

The roadbook contains maps based on the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger series at a slightly reduced size. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map numbers 129, 140 and 141.

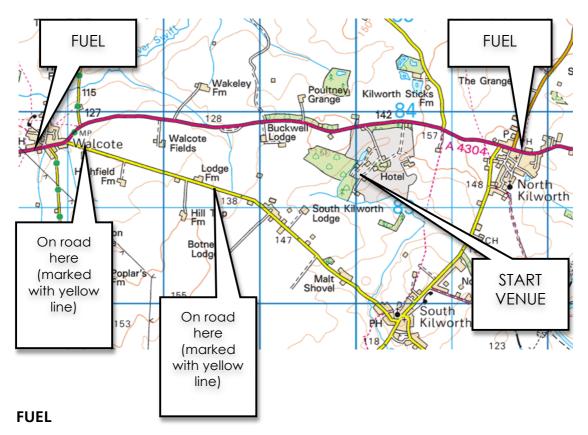
## DOGS

Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and both the lunchtime locations but must be under control.

## **MEASURED DISTANCE**

For those of you with a rally-type tripmeter installed in your car, there is a measured distance for calibration purposes. It will be marked with a vollow

line on the road at the start and also at the finish. They are located on the map below: (note – this is not scaled!)



There are fuel stations in the villages of Walton and North Kilworth (see map above). There is also fuel on the north side of Lutterworth.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

We will 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.

Andrew Duerden