

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the fifth Welland Valley Wander. We have another bumper entry this year. Thank you for supporting us. We hope that you have a good day.

### The OFFICIAL bit

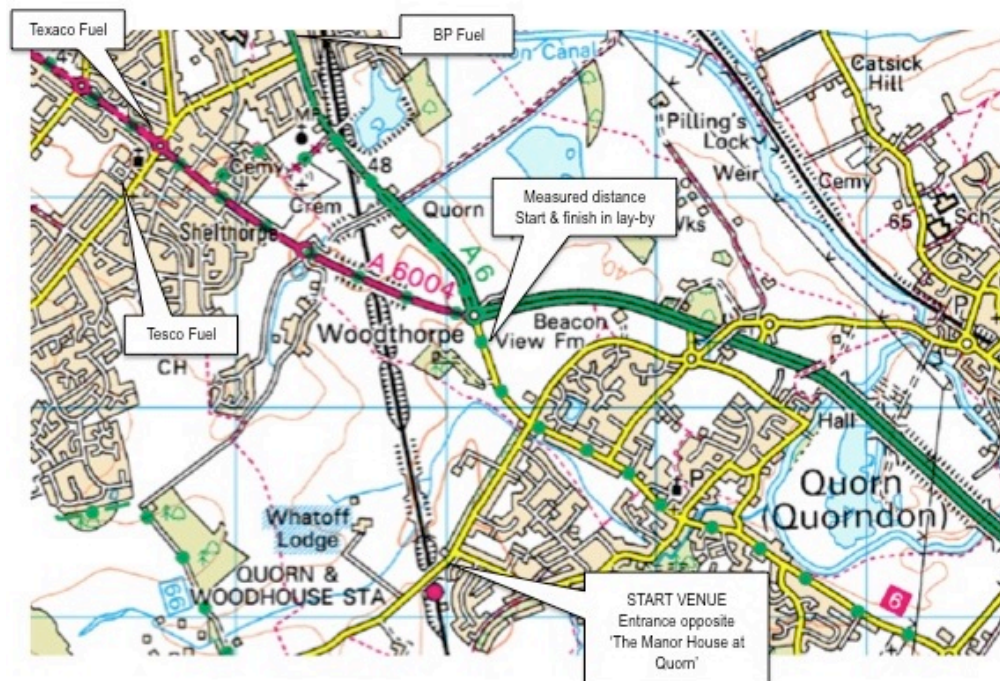
The Motor Sports Association has tightened up their requirements for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit 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](mailto: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 Great Central Railway station at Quorn. (see map). After parking you should walk to the Butler Henderson cafe where signing-on will take place and your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served. Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards.



## **START TIMES & NUMBERS**

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Quorn. 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. Please note that the starting times list may be different to the entry list that was published on the website.

## **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. Due to the nature of the route this year, there is a long section after the lunch break, so this means that the stop midway will be relatively early. There is no break in the afternoon section.

## **LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS**

The lunch break will be at either Launde Abbey or Uppingham. You have the choice. Launde offers the opportunity to either have a picnic on the grass or go into the café for a bite to eat and a drink. The alternative is to park in the quads at Uppingham School, and walk into the town centre to visit one of the hostelrys. The route visits Launde first (where there will be a passage control to get your carnet stamped, even if you are electing to go onwards to Uppingham). The roadbook then provides instructions to get to Uppingham where there will be another passage control, before zeroing your tripmeter to embark on the second half of the event.

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break.

## **FINISH ARRANGEMENTS**

We will serve tea and cakes on The Meadows. There will be a ramp this year to ease entry for the low-slung cars onto The Meadows across the vehicle bridge. There are no toilets on site but the public conveniences are close by and are being kept open after 4pm for us. To spend a penny, you will need a 20p, though!

## **ITINERY**

**Start** from Quorn at 9:20 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car

*Drive 36 miles across Leicestershire*

**Coffee stop** The Carrington Arms at Ashby Folville

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 13 miles from Leicestershire into Rutland.*

**Lunch stop** Around one hour either at Launde Abbey or Uppingham

*Drive 64 miles through Rutland into Northants to Stamford*

(Note: there is no afternoon stop)

**Finish** Stamford on the banks of the Welland on The Meadows.

## 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! Don't take everything that Keith says as gospel.....

## DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use tulip diagrams as on the last four Welland Valley Wanders. Example 'tulip' diagrams can be seen within the Directions section of the website.

## 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. ***You don't really need to have these maps*** but if you use the ones in the roadbook, and you're anything like me, a map magnifier may be a boon, if not a must!

## COORDINATES

If you wish to use a sat-nav device to find the main locations, the details are as follows:

### **Quorn and Woodhouse Railway Station**

Nearest Post code: LE12 8AG

Coordinates: 52.740803, -1.187047

Map reference SK549162

### **Uppingham School**

Nearest Post code: LE15 9QE

Coordinates: 52.588163, -0.725264

Map reference SP865997

### **Launde Abbey**

Nearest Post code: LE7 9XB

Coordinates: 52.630116, -0.824481

Map reference SK796042

### **Stamford (The Meadows vehicle bridge)**

Nearest Post code: PE9 2QT

Coordinates: 52.650271, -0.482842

Map reference TF027069

## DOGS

Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and 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 yellow line on the road at the start and the finish. This is a loop of 1.65 miles. A mark will be on the road at exactly one mile, but here's a tip for easy calibration of Brantz, Terratrip and Monit machines. Zero the trip at the start and drive the route, ensuring not to cut corners and keep a regular distance from the kerb's edge. At the finish, make a note of the mileage shown on your tripmeter. Then use this calculation:



$$\frac{\text{Mileage shown on your tripmeter}}{\text{Official distance (1.65)}} \times \text{the calibration figure on your machine} = \text{New calibration figure}$$

This will give you the new figure to set your calibration

## FUEL

There are a couple of fuel stations nearby in Loughborough, but none in Quorn. See the overview map for the location of the fuel stations.

## 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