

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the ninth 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

We run to the Motor Sports Association rules and regulations 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.

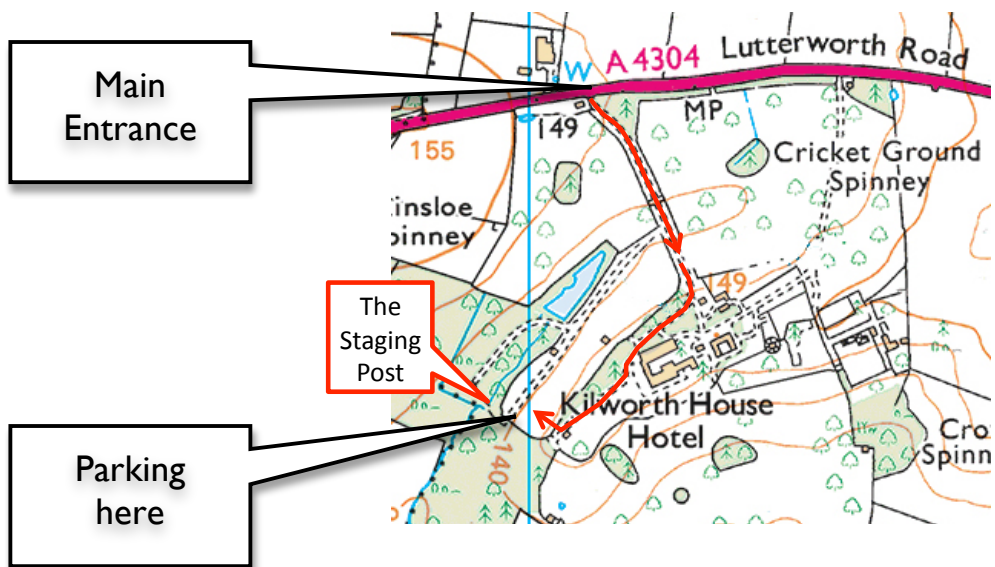
Finally, the organizers are not responsible for your actions on the public highway or private ground.

### START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at the 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 into a wooded area 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.* Signing-on and Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards.



Kilworth  
House Hotel



## START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Kilworth House. Initially, cars will start at one minute intervals to avoid baulking for the older cars but later, the cars will leave at 30 second intervals. Please affix your start number sticker from your pack 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.

## 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.

## LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be at Boughton House near Kettering. The cars will be parked close to The Grand Etang. You are welcome to picnic by the cars on the grass lawns nearby. The toilets and tea room (selling coffee, tea and soft drinks plus snacks) will be open but will not be serving meals. You are free to visit the gardens. The house will be open for visits, but tickets must be pre-booked beforehand via the website, [www.boughtonhouse.co.uk](http://www.boughtonhouse.co.uk) at £11 per person. The house will be open from 1pm.

A period of around 1¼ - 1½ hour has been allowed for the lunch break.

## FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

The finish will be at Leicester Airport at Stoughton Tea and cakes will be served at the finish.

## ITINERY

**Start** from Kilworth House at 9:45 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car for the first batch and then 30 seconds for the rest of the participants.

*Drive 29 miles across Northamptonshire*

**Coffee stop** The Stag at Maidwell

No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets break or continue on directly, but get your route card stamped with the marshal. (if you do use the facilities, please also visit the coffee shop).

*Drive 22 miles to Boughton House at Geddington.*

**Lunch stop** Around 1¼ to 1½ hours at Boughton House

*Drive 55 miles through Northamptonshire, Rutland and leicestershire.*

(Note: there is an opportunity for a 'refreshment' stop in this section after 25 miles)

**Finish** Leicester Airport, Stoughton, east of Leicester

## 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 directional 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! This year, Keith assures me that there are no tall stories.....

## DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use directional instructions on the Welland Valley Wander. Example directional instructions 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 of around 1:60,000. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map number 141. There is also a tiny section of the route on map 140. ***You don't really need to have any of 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:

### Kilworth House Hotel

Nearest Post code: LE17 6JE  
Coordinates: N52.44663,W1.12093  
Map reference 140/600 833  
What 3 words: rally.poems.mango

### Boughton House, Near Kettering

Nearest Post code: NN14 1FA  
Coordinates: N52.42876,W0.67734  
Map reference 141/901 820  
What 3 words: crispier.sensible.maps

### The Stag at Maidwell

Nearest Post code: NN6 9JA  
Coordinates: N52.38620,W0.90365  
Map reference 141/746 770  
What 3 words: discloses.notion.ripples

### Leicester Airport, Heliport entrance

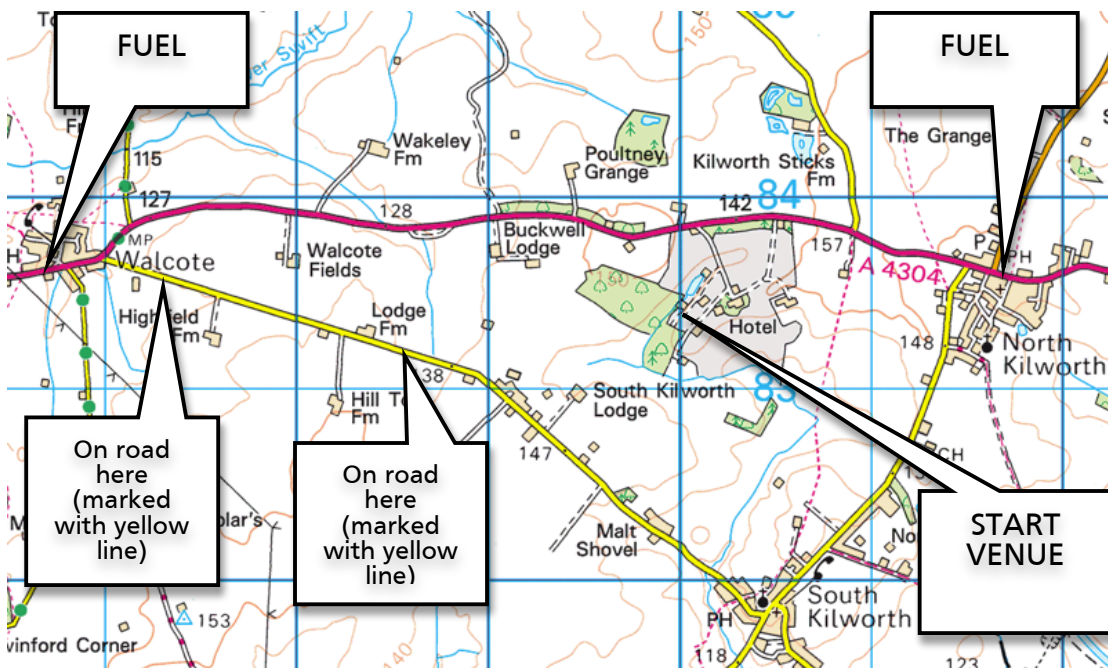
Nearest Post code: LE2 2FR  
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Map reference 141/654 007  
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## MEASURED DISTANCE

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 exactly one mile. 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:

$\frac{\text{Mileage shown on your tripmeter}}{\text{Official distance (1.00)}} \times \text{the calibration figure on your machine} = \text{New calibration figure}$

This will give you the new figure to set your calibration.



## **FUEL**

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

## **AWARDS**

There will be three awards given on the event and you can help to judge one by completing the form in your envelope 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