Thames Valley Tour - 2023

This event is intended as an opportunity for you to drive your pride and joy through the picturesque Thames Valley and surrounding area for a distance of about 100 miles.

The start venue in Hook, Hampshire, has plenty of parking space and a pub where signing on will take place and a "rally breakfast" of a bacon bap and a cup of tea will be provided. The start time will allow a sufficient time to drive the route and enjoy the lunch provided, whilst ensuring a finish early enough to allow people with a long drive home, to get away.

You will be given an easy to follow tulip road book to take you along our carefully designed meandering route to a venue where you can purchase a drink and a snack and take some time for a chat with fellow tourers, and then on to a lunch venue where you will be provided with a quality buffet lunch.

After lunch the route returns via different roads to the finish hotel in Hook, where a wide selection of food and drink options are available to order.

There are lots of beautiful views and places of interest along the route, many of which will be described in the road book, and some suitable stopping places will be indicated for you to spend a few minutes should you wish.

Whilst we have previously been lucky with the weather and have enjoyed out-door eating venues, this year we have decided not to take the risk, so we have included a quality buffet lunch at an indoor venue. This has increased the price of the event but we feel it still represents exceptional value, especially when compared to other similar events.

Regulations

ORGANISATION

- 1. The Mini Cooper Register, Thames Valley Region and the Windsor Forest Group of the TR Register will jointly promote "The Thames Valley Tour", a Touring Assembly, on Sunday 16th July 2023.
- 2. The event is being held under a certificate of exemption issued by the Motorsport UK., these Regulations & any written instructions the organising club may issue for the event.
- 3. The MSA Certificate of Exemption Permit number has been applied for.

ELIGIBILITY

- 4. The event is open to Minis and MINIs and all Triumph TR models as well as any other classic car more than 35 years old.
- 5. All cars must hold a V5 Registration Document, be taxed and have a valid MOT certificate, where applicable. Cars must not display any advertising, unless specifically agreed with the organisers, or carry any competition numbers on the doors.
- 6. Any person may enter the event, no Club membership is required.
- 7. All drivers may have to produce a valid driving licence. A Competition Licence is **not** required.

ENTRIES

- 8. Entries open on the publication of these Regulations, and close finally at noon on Friday 8th July. Entries will only be accepted if made on the official entry form and accompanied by the entry fee of £58 for two people travelling in the car. Additional passengers may be carried, Please add £21 for each additional person.
 - Each entry will be acknowledged by e-mail.
 - Final Instructions, including an Entry List and directions to the Start, will be eMailed during the week prior to the event.
- 9. The maximum number of cars on the event is **30**. The minimum is **15**. Should this minimum figure not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event and the full entry fees will be refunded.

- 10. Until the 16th June 2023 10 places will be reserved for Mini entries, 10 will be reserved for TR entries and 10 will be reserved for other classics. Those received after the relevant block of entries is full will be held, and used to complete any other block of entries not filled by the given date.
- 11. The running order being decided by the organisers.
- The entry fee includes one Road book, one Rally Plate, two breakfasts, and two lunches.
- 11. The entries secretary of the event, to whom all entries must be sent, is: Clive Brooks, 17 Highfields, Earley, Reading RG6 5RZ Telephone 01189 868280. brooks.c2@sky.com

ROUTE

- 12. The event will start and finish at :
 The Raven Hotel, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9HS
 - The route will cover approximately 100 miles in Hampshire, Berkshire.
- 13. The route will be given in an easy to follow Road Book, which will be issued to entrants at the start of the event.
- 14 The first car will be required to leave the start, the coffee stop and the lunch stop at one minute intervals.

TIMETABLE

15. The timetable for the event will be:

On Publication of these Regs the Entries open

16th June Preferential entry blocks close

8th July 12.00 Entries finally close

11th July 16.00 Final Instructions eMailed

16th July 08.30 Signing on and Breakfast

09.30 First car starts

DOCUMENTATION

- 16. Cars and Entrants must arrive at the start at least 40 minutes before their scheduled start time.
 - The following documents must be available for inspection at signing on :-Current vehicle MOT Certificate where applicable.
- 17. All entrants must ensure that they have adequate insurance to enter the event, and the entry form contains a declaration to this effect that the driver must sign. The event has no competitive element.
- 18. After signing-on, entrants will be given all documentation necessary to complete the event.

OFFICIALS

19. Clerk of the Course: Terry Schraider 01344 454466

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Entries Secretary: Clive Brooks 01189 868280

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ACCOMMODATION

20. We are sure you will understand that the organisers cannot be asked to book accommodation before or after the event.

The start/finish venue is The Raven Hotel, Hook. Tel: 01256 762541 who will be pleased to offer accommodation. Other local hotels are also available.

We hope you enjoy your day's Motoring