



# New Forest Tour

Mon 12th July to Thurs 15th July 2021





**Dear Friends,** Irvine Laidlaw has kindly suggested and organised a short tour of the New Forest this July for a small number of cars. There will be a slight element of audience participation, you will be required to make some individual arrangements, though nothing onerous or beyond the abilities of 20-Ghost Members!

We will be based at Careys Manor Hotel, Brockenhurst, in the heart of the Forest. This is a lively spa hotel with great food where we have secured a cracking room rate. All rooms have been refurbished during lockdown and all our cars will be together in reserved private parking.

### **Our itinerary:**

**Monday 12th July:** Arrive late morning at Irvine and Christine's UK home, deep in the forest. There we can mosey round Irvine's car collection, experience veteran cars and a working traction engine in steam, play croquet, enjoy the gardens & forest walks, horses and indoor swimming pool whilst working up an appetite for a first-rate buffet lunch.

After lunch, we slip away on a five minute drive to Carey's Manor to check in and enjoy the facilities. Monday evening, is dinner with wine at Carey's Manor, a few welcome words though no dull speeches.

**Tuesday 13th July:** Up early, a prompt departure after a good breakfast to take the ferry to the Isle of Wight from Lymington, a 15 minute drive from Carey's. (Note. Ferry cost c£100 return is not included in the event cost).

We have a marvelous route planned around the island - see all the sights we need to see - driving some beautiful roads.

At around midday we will call in to Nunwell House on the eastern side of the island for a light lunch with sandwiches and Rosie's world famous cakes. Nunwell is closed to the public during 2021, however the owners have very kindly agreed to open the grounds and facilities exclusively for us. Whilst we are unable to access the actual house on this visit, Nunwell is extremely photogenic for historic cars, offers fabulous views and has stunning gardens to peruse.

After lunch we will be back on the roads of the Isle of Wight for more sightseeing. Dinner is not provided on Tuesday evening and members will need to book their own supper either individually or in small groups (we will supply plenty of recommendations). Some may wish to linger on the Isle of Wight for supper and take a later ferry back to Careys. This is where the self-help comes in! Without making your own arrangements, you'll be queueing at the chip shop.....

**Wednesday 14th July:** We shall have a more leisurely departure after breakfast for a meandering tour of the forest ending up at Breamore House and Country Museum for late morning coffee, a tour and then a light lunch. When we leave Breamore we will head towards the east side of the forest to Exbury Gardens for a tour, steam train rides, and afternoon tea. From Exbury it is a short journey back to Careys for a late afternoon rest up or revitalizing spa treatment.

On Wednesday evening a bus will take us from Careys to the Lime Wood hotel for a grand dinner with fine wines.

**Thursday 15th July:** Our last day - we will make our way to nearby Beaulieu where we have reserved parking, entrance to the museum, tours, and a buffet lunch. Whilst our tour has limited space available, all 20-Ghost members can join in with the Beaulieu day. Some members may simply come along as a day trip whilst others might wish to make a event of it and book a stay-over at a hotel. We hope that as many members as possible (and their cars of course!) can help us round off a splendid few days in the New Forest.

**The cost of the tour is £1,500 per couple per car.**

We can only accommodate 14 cars and expect interest to be high, so if you would like to come then please let Johnnie know at:

[jgallop66@gmail.com](mailto:jgallop66@gmail.com) or 01747 841565

Should demand outstrip supply we will hold a ballot and, if successful, you will be asked to pay in full to secure your place.

### **The small print!**

It must be said that arranging this tour during lockdown has been a touch challenging, so the itinerary may be subject to alteration. Whilst every effort we can think of has been made to ensure we have current pricing, members will appreciate that obtaining accurate costs is difficult. Accordingly, please expect / be prepared for that surcharges either close to, or during the event may be necessary. We hope this will not be the case but feel it only fair to flag it. Knowing that 20-Ghost members are made of stern and proper stuff, we feel you will appreciate and understand. Basically, please don't sign up for the tour if the issue of surcharges or requirement of a little flexibility will prove irritating.

For those willing to commit with payment in advance, we'll describe in greater detail what is required, help with making it all happen, and do everything possible we can to make this a tip top event!





