

#### THE 20-GHOST CLUB LIMITED

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## A midweek tour of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Saturday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

The accommodation for this mid-week event is based at the Grade II listed Tylney Hall Hotel, Rotherwick Hook,

Hampshire RG27 9RJ. Phone Number 015395 30001. The hotel is set in 66 acres of manicured historic gardens, woodlands and lakes. The grades of accommodation chosen for our visit are Double Deluxe and Executive Bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities.

The Hotel has secure parking due to its long drive and will offer us display parking in a semicircle in front of the Hotel. Should you wish to upgrade your accommodation to a Terrace Room or a Suite, all of which have king sized beds, this will attract an additional supplement and should be arranged without delay directly with the Hotel.







A full PDF detailed Route Book including maps will be emailed to all participants at the beginning of March, so that you can organise your own planning as there will be many driving options from which to choose. A guide on how to reach the hotel will be included for those arriving without Sat Navs. On arrival at the hotel a cream tea has

been arranged from 3.00 until 5.00pm. Dinner each evening will be in the main Restaurant unless we have sufficient numbers to have a private dining room.

For those of you who will be arriving from the west on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017, I will give details of a number of attractions in the Salisbury area. Similaraly for those arriving from the North, I will list likely places to visit such as Lord Nuffield's Home which is of interest to those keen on the development of the motor car. For those approaching from London and the East I will list a number of places of interest such as Uppark House and Gardens.

A route has been prepared for each day with many options and short cuts. So if you prefer a more leisurely approach there are no deadlines with the exception of the evening dinner.

The Hotel has an extensive Health Centre with indoor heated swimming pool, a beauty centre with treatment rooms, an eighteen Hole Golf Course and a number of interesting walks within the grounds.

# Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Isle of Wight.

If you have seen the first flyer you may have noted



that we were going to the Isle of Wight on the Friday but the local advice is to travel there on the Thursday hence the change! For those of you who wish to visit the Isle of Wight an early start is required. I realise that many of us generally avoid motorways, but today's trip will be long due to the ferry crossings, so may I recommend routing via the M3 entering Southampton via Basset Avenue, The Avenue, Kingsway, Evans Street, Bernard's Street, A33 finally turning onto The Town Quay. Traffic can be heavy early in the day so please follow the map closely which will be issued with the Route Book, as to have to go around again might make you late for the ferry. The ferry leaves on the hour and we must be at the port a minimum of 30 minutes before sailing.

Having landed in Cowes, your route guide will have detailed information of the twelve most popular attractions taking a clockwise tour of the island. With careful planning, the aid of the route book and the internet you will be able to cherry pick your preferred destinations. It will not be practical to visit all the places listed, as the journey for a complete visit to all sights would take 3 hours of driving on the island and cover a distance of 70 miles. In practical terms you should be able to visit two to three attractions, before leaving on the 5.30 pm ferry having booked in at 5pm. As the day is potentially long and we are dependent on the ferry may I suggest that we meet for pre-dinner drinks at 8.15 pm, with dinner soon after.

A tour of the Island would not be complete without a visit to Osbourne House, the former home of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. The extensive gardens and terraces offer stunning views across the Solent which are said to have reminded Prince Albert of the Bay of Naples. In recent years the private beach has been added as an area to visit. The house is run by English Heritage.

A typical National Trust property included in the Route Book is the only surviving windmill on the island, Bembridge Windmill, which is an important part of the the island's heritage. The Mill was built in the early 1700s

when Bembridge was almost an island in its own right, cut off from the rest of the Isle of Wight. In 1795 J M W Turner began a watercolour of the windmill, showing the sea lapping at the bottom of the hill on which the mill stands. A copy of this unfinished painting can be seen in the windmill kiosk. For two centuries the windmill provided a service for the local community and work for generations of millers. Little is recorded about the millers except that in January 1811 the Hampshire Chronicle reported that Mr Cook, miller of Bembridge, was found frozen to death in his mill. The mill was working by wind until 1913 when it fell into disuse at the start of the 1st World War. The mill was restored in 1935 and again in 1959, the latter restoration being funded by public subscription. In 1962 the mill was taken over by the National Trust.



## Friday 21st April

Today's route has been chosen as an easy drive with the first suggestion of Lasham Airfield, near the village of Lasham, which is an aerodrome located 12 miles SW of our Hotel and 9 miles North-West of Alton in Hampshire. You might also consider a Trial Gliding lesson at £95 as the airfield is now owned by the Lasham Gliding Society. (LGS).



Lasham was built in 1942 and became operational in November of that year and home to 38 Wing, Army Cooperation Command. In mid-1943, the airfield was transferred to RAF Fighter Command. Squadrons were



equipped with Hawker Hurricanes, Hawker Typhoons & Spitfires. Later in 1943, it became a base for the bombers of No. 2 Group RAF, part of the 2nd Tactical Air Force. The RAF ceased operations at Lasham in 1948, but a military

company, General Aircraft Ltd, continued to fly from the airfield until the fifties when the main activity became recreational gliding.

### Solent Sky Museum, Albert Road South, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 3FR

Southampton has a long and glorious association with aviation and in particular with Rolls-Royce engines. At this museum, there is special focus on the Supermarine Aircraft Company, based in Southampton, and its most famous products, the Supermarine S.6 Seaplane and the Supermarine Spitfire, designed by R. J. Mitchell and powered with the Rolls Royce Merlin Engine. There is also coverage of the Schneider Trophy Seaplane races, held at Calshot Spit, and the flying boat services.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 Day of Departure.



Breakfast culminates the end of this tour. May I wish you a safe onwards journey hopefully enjoying other areas highlighted on the tour with a safe homewards journey. For those of you who are attending the Spring Lunch we look forward to seeing you at Strone & Alex Macpherson's. Map Reference SO24 9RH





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I/We would like to participate in this tour of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from Wednesday 19th April 2017 departing Saturday morning 22nd April 2017. (Please delete as appropriate)

NamesAddress:
Telephone: Email (in capitals please)
Dietary requirements:
Car: Model
Body style
For those who wish to extend their stay the Hotel is offering a Daily rate of £287.00 per couple for a executive room. For those who have upgraded, the price will be increased pro rata. Any additional days can be taken before or after our event even including the weekend. This daily rate includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast but excludes entrance costs to all attractions & the Isle of Wight Ferry. If like ourselves you wish to extend your stay would you please make your own arrangements with the Hotel, cross referencing it to the Club's name and mine, Ashley Carmichael. Speed of booking might be important, as I only have a block booking for the Official 3 nights of our event.
As a participant in this tour and in consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this event and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release The 20-Ghost Club Limited and all committee members and its representatives from any and all liability and injuries, damage or loss or consequential loss arising from my entry and participation in the event. I also agree that information about the participating car, the names of the driver and passengers, including photographs taken during the event and tour, may be published in the Club's journal, News & Record, unless I inform the Editor by e-mail that I do not wish such information and/or photographs to appear.
Signed: Date