



# The Ellis Journey 2018

## Entry Information

**The Weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

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We cordially invite you to take part in the weekend event starting with the participants **Vehicle Display** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June from noon to 4.00pm and an **Evening BBQ** at The Norton Park Hotel near Winchester. **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 8.26 am we re-enact the historic 5<sup>th</sup> July 1895 journey** by pioneer automobilist the Hon Evelyn Ellis (Evie) and recorded by his passenger Frederick Simms. Their route was on the unpaved Old London Coaching Road from Micheldever Station to Evie's riverside home in Datchet. They drove his newly acquired 1895 French left hand drive Panhard et Levassor Petroleum Motor Carriage in contravention of the law at a speed in excess of 4 miles per hour and without an attendant walking in front with a red flag.

This re-enactment is a non-competitive event of approximately 48 miles (24 miles for pedal cycles) and is open to all makes and types of 2, 3 or 4 wheeled mechanical vehicles built up to **31<sup>st</sup> December 1904**. Entry vehicles can be powered by Petroleum, Spirit, Steam, Electric and including pedal cycles and other horseless mechanical road transport with or without motor power.

### **The Start and Finish.**

The oldest and least powerful vehicles will start first from The Norton Park Hotel which is located 3 miles from the original Journey start of Micheldever Station. The first vehicles will leave the hotel at 8.26 am (pedal cycles will start at 8.26am from the White Lion Antiques, coffee stop just outside Hartley Wintney) (which is the same as Ellis's start time of 9.26am 1895 GMT or solar time) and follow the Old London Coaching route as far as practical passing The Hon Evelyn Ellis's house "Rosenau" (now "Woolacombe"). Vehicles arriving at the Datchet Green before the punctual arrival time of 4.40 pm will be awarded with an **Ellis Journey Finisher's Medal**. The finish is a carnival atmosphere with **Jazz on Datchet Village Green**. Vehicles arriving after 4.40 pm will be classed as non-finishers. Road signage and detailed route map and instructions will be provided.

### **Accommodation.**

The headquarters hotel is the 4 star **Norton Park Hotel**, Sutton Scotney, Nr Winchester, Hampshire SO21 3NB we have limited number of rooms allocated at a special rate please contact Emma Hurst, Cluster Events Manager Tel 01962 763008 Email [nortonparkevents@qhotels.co.uk](mailto:nortonparkevents@qhotels.co.uk) and quote reference "**The Ellis Journey**".

**You are responsible for your own Hotel bookings and settle your own accounts.**

### **Parking for cars and trailers at start.**

Parking for entered vehicles and trailers are available at the Norton Park Hotel in a designated area (please do not park in the hotel guests car parks.)

### **Transport & parking for cars & trailers at Datchet**

We are able to offer overnight parking for cars & trailers in Datchet close to the finish on Saturday night. We can also offer transport back to the Norton Park Hotel on Saturday. Overnight parking in Datchet and one person transport back to the Norton Park Hotel £36.00 payable at the time of booking to the The Ellis Journey



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#### **Details of the event Saturday and Sunday.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June** A static participants **Vehicle Display** in the afternoon from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm will be held in the grounds in front of the Norton Park Hotel from 12.00 noon – 4.00pm (for visitors information please can you place a board on your vehicle with interesting history and details about your vehicle) this display will be for the public and press to view the vehicles taking part, (this is at no extra cost to the participants).

**Saturday Evening BBQ** a group barbecue has been arranged at the Norton Park Hotel at £22.00 per person payable at the time of entry booking to the The Ellis Journey.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July** The re-enactment of The Ellis Journey will start after breakfast at 8.26 am from The Norton Park Hotel stopping on route at Micheldever Station for Photos and near Hartley Wintney for coffee /tea and finishing with **Jazz on the Green in Datchet Village**. Road signage and detailed route map and instructions will be provided. A luggage van service is available from the start to the finish.

#### **Event Entry Form.**

An event entry form is included with this pack please complete all sections Sign and return as soon as possible all entries have to be received before closing date of 1st May 2018 with payment and photo of your vehicle to Lawrie Smith at the address shown on the booking form.

#### **Eligible Vehicles**

The event is open to all types of pre 1905 mechanical vehicles with 2, 3 or 4 wheels powered by Petroleum, Spirit, Steam, Electric, or man power. In special circumstances The Ellis Journey Committee may invite post-1904 vehicles to take part.

#### **Presentation Gifts.**

All participants crossing the start line within one hour of the official start time of 8.26am will receive a **starter's commemorative gift**. Crossing the start line after 9.26 am will be deemed a nonstarter. All participants finishing on Datchet Village Green before the official punctual finishing time of 4.40 pm precisely will receive a **punctual arrival medal**. All arrivals at Datchet Village Green after 4.40 pm will be deemed as non-finishers.

#### **Period Dress**

This is a fun event with a lot of the general public seeing us at the start, on route and at the finish so we would encourage you and your passengers to wear period dress, if dressing up is not for you perhaps just a Bowler or Top hat

#### **The De Dion Bouton Club UK Membership.**

This event is organised by the Ellis Journey committee in association with the Dion Bouton Club UK. If you are not already a De Dion Bouton member we would welcome you to join before the closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 as you can benefit from a reduction in your entry fee. You do not need to own a De Dion Bouton Cycle or powered vehicle, enthusiast members are very welcome to join, an application form can be download from the club's web site

**[www.dedionboutonclub.co.uk](http://www.dedionboutonclub.co.uk)** please return the completed joining form and fees to Steve Burt at the address shown on the application form.

#### **Event Application Rejection.**

The Ellis Journey Committee reserve the right to reject any application if it is considered that the vehicle being entered was not built up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904 or for any other reason it considers to be so serious to warrant rejection, in this situation the Committees decision is final.



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#### **Payment and Return Payment**

All event fees, transport costs, BBQ costs and any other costs must be paid to The Ellis Journey before the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Refunds will be made if an entrant cancels and notifies the organisers in writing before the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 or if the organisers cancel the event at any time.

#### **Acknowledgement of the risks of taking part in a non-competitive public road event.**

In the spirit of the friendly nature of the event, participants agree to hold the organisers and their helpers harmless in all respects and accept responsibility for themselves, their passengers, their helpers and their vehicles which must be in a roadworthy condition.

Participants must read and understand the entry form and this accompanying Entry Information sheet before signing the entry form.

#### **Entry Forms**

Please send in your entry form as soon as possible as entry numbers are limited

**Only signed Entries Forms will be accepted.**