

# BLACKPALFREY TOUR OF KENT

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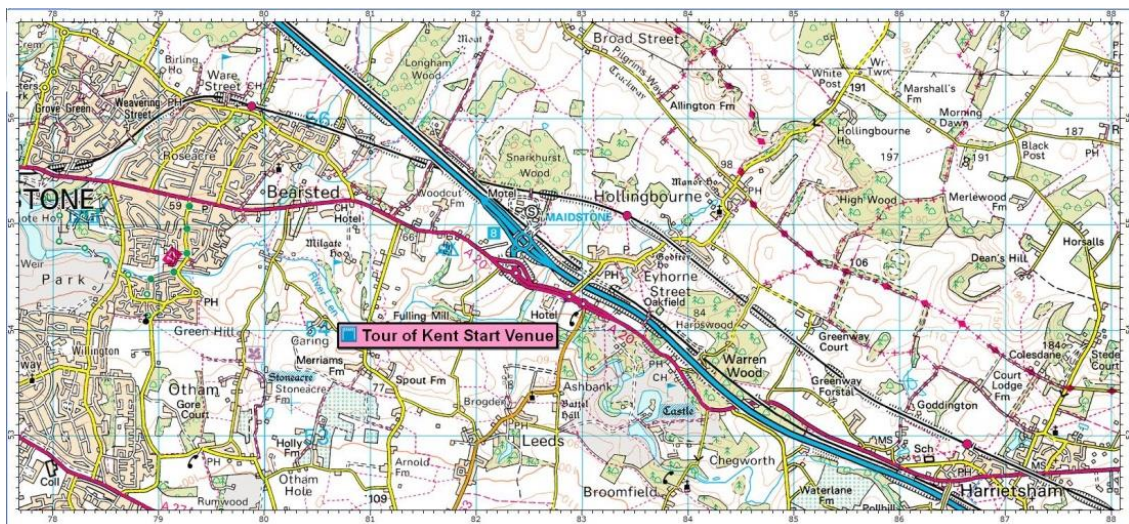
## Final Instructions

We look forward to meeting you on Sunday and hope that you have an enjoyable day.



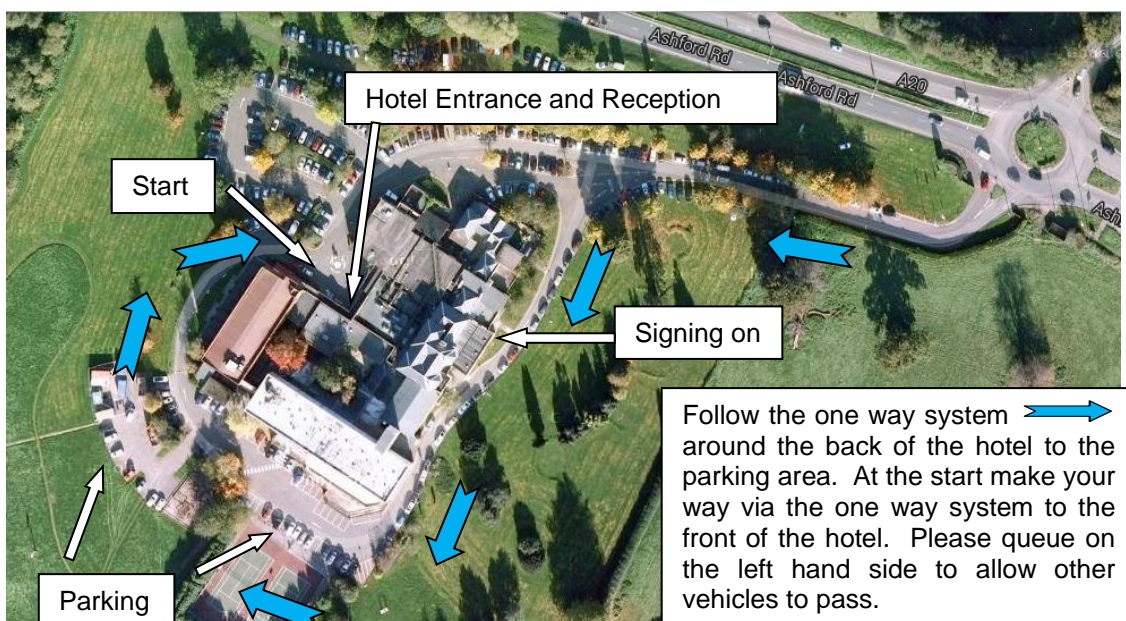
Signing-on will be open from 08:00 am at The Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Hollingbourne, Nr Maidstone ME17 1RE. Map reference 188/827 542.

The map below shows the location of the hotel and access from junction 8 of the M20. There is ample parking and we hope to accommodate all entrants in the same area of the hotel car park. Disabled parking is at the front of the hotel adjacent to the main entrance.



Please arrive in plenty of time to sign on and receive a final briefing from the organising team which will take place at 09:10. **Please note that the first car will leave the start at the front of the hotel at 09:31 and cars will start at 30 second intervals. Please check your start time on the Running Order.**

### Start Venue Site Map indicating route to the Tour Start Control.



Cars will not be scrutineered but must comply with all legal requirements for use on the public highway. At signing on you will be making a declaration to this effect.

Access to signing-on is through the Hotel via reception or the conference/exhibition entrance, which is to the left of the main entrance. The way in will be signposted. **At whichever entrance is used please register your vehicle at the machine otherwise the private parking company will fine you.** With formalities completed you will be given a pack which includes your Roadbook, Rally Plate, and Breakfast Roll Tickets for those that ordered them. Please affix the rally plate to the front of your car; we will provide cable ties. We will have a few sets of suckers to attach your Rally Plate available to purchase at a cost of £3.00 per set (cash only). The rally plates are not numbered.

The route is on OS Landranger series maps 188 and 189 but you will be provided with marked maps of the route roughly to the scale 1:50,000 in the Roadbook. The Roadbook will also contain the easy to follow Tulip Diagrams and mileages between road junctions. The numbers of the Tulip Diagrams are also displayed on the maps in the Roadbook.

Tea, coffee and breakfast food for those who pre-ordered it will be available for you at the Start in the Signing-on area. Lunch at Hole Park, and Afternoon Tea at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel are included in the entrance fee and there will be vouchers for lunch in the packs that you will receive at signing on. You will not require vouchers for Afternoon Tea.

Please be ready to start at least five minutes before your allocated start time and join the queue at the Start Control in front of the hotel entrance.

Please remember that this is a Touring Assembly and not a competitive rally. There is no need to hurry along the route and there is ample time allowed to stop for a short time at any viewpoints or sites of interest that you pass. However, don't let yourself get too far behind schedule.

There are a few sections of narrow lanes but in the main the roads are suitable for two cars to pass. Please drive carefully and be prepared to meet pedestrians, cyclists, horses, tractors and other cars, taking particular care on the very few stretches of narrow roads.

### **Late Arrival**

If you are delayed on your journey to the start and will be arriving late please let us know by contacting Trevor Hawkins on 07831 311414 or Tom Ash on 07889 385045. We can then arrange to either meet you at the start or depending on the lateness direct you to commencing the Tour at a suitable point further along the route.

### **Restarts**

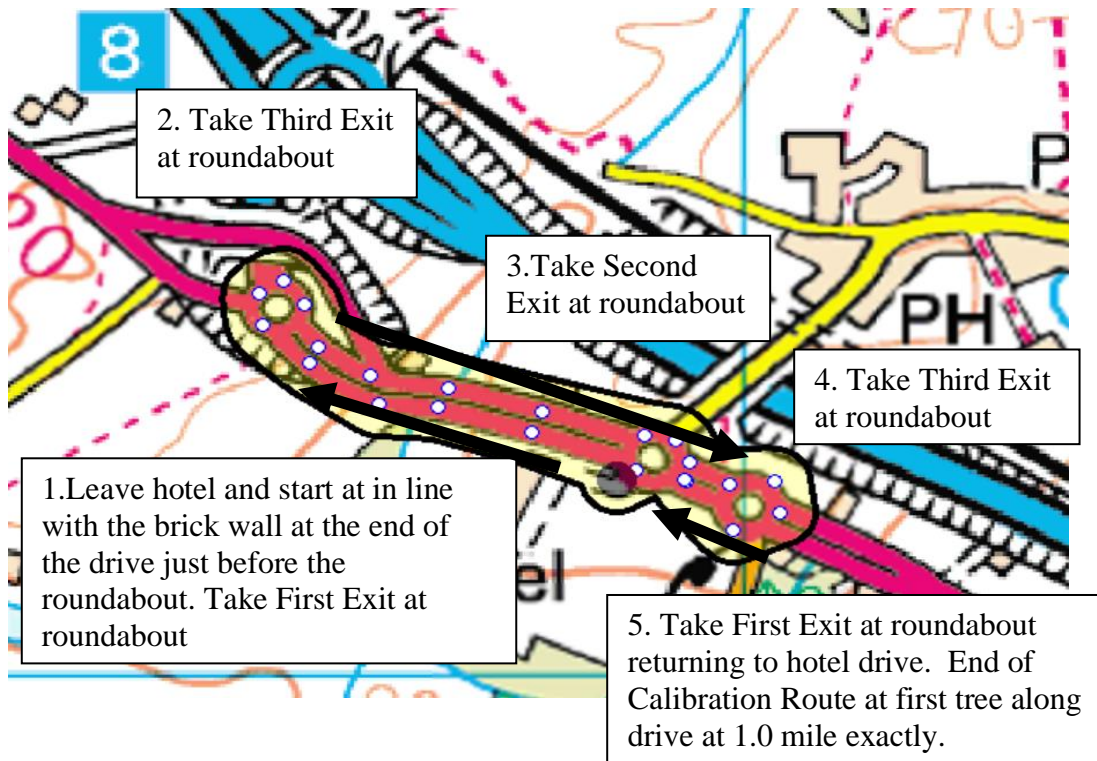
Cars will be restarted at 30 second intervals from the Coffee Stop, and the Lunch Halt. You must present your timecard to the Control marshal to obtain a signature. You may not leave before your due time. Your timecard and roadbook will detail the time schedule for the stops.

### **Concours Prize**

For the concours prize, the cars will be looked at during the various stops during the day so we hope you've been busy with the car polish! There will also be a prize for the car that the organisers would most like to take home!

## Calibration Route

For those of you with trip meters that can be adjusted the route below will allow you to calibrate them with the organiser's distance measurements. The distance is exactly **one mile**. Signs will indicate the start and finish of the Calibration Route



## Fuel

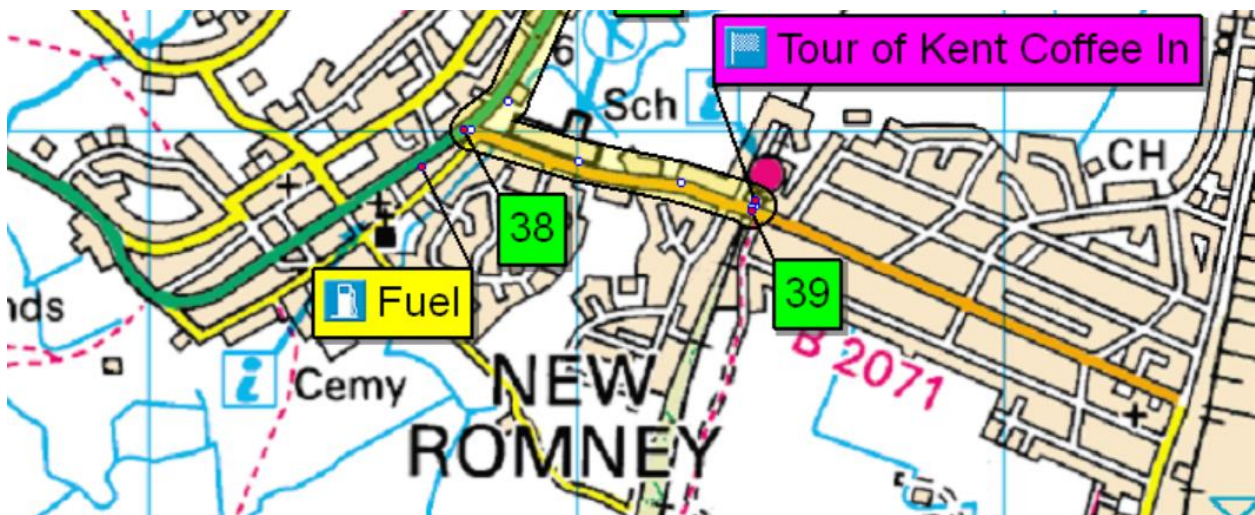
There are petrol stations along the route in Legs 1 (Start to Coffee) after 32.2 miles and in Leg 3 (Lunch to Tea) after 3 miles or 68 miles from the start. Details are below and will be including in your Roadbook

### **Leg 1**

#### **Esso New Romney**

Total Distance from Start – 33.2 miles

Accessed by ignoring left turn at Tulip 39 and going straight on for 100 metres

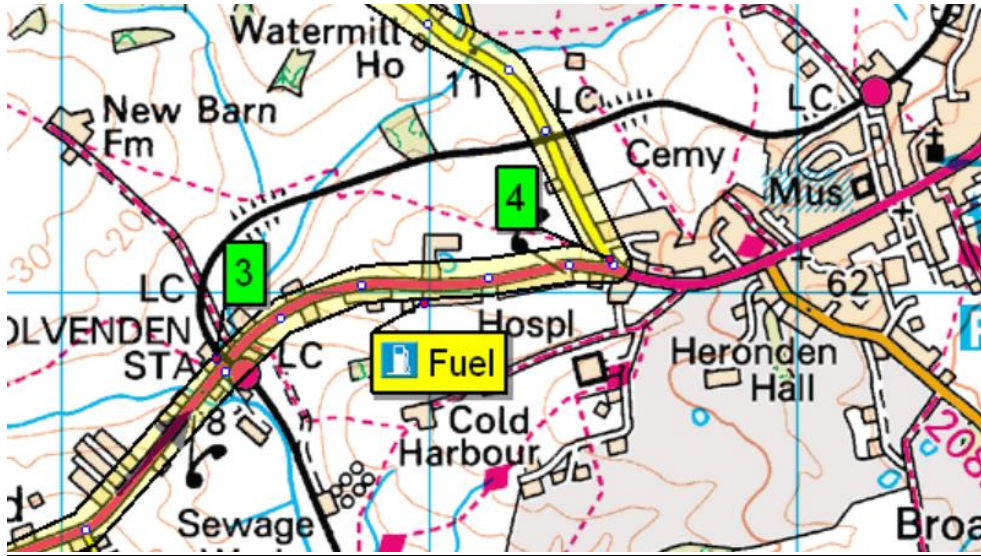


### Leg 3

#### CB Motors Tenterden (BP)

Total Distance from Start - 68 miles

Between Tulips 3 and 4 on Leg 3 after lunch approximately 3 miles after leaving the lunch halt.



#### Passage Checks

There may be Passage Checks at various locations along the route, to check that you have gone the correct way. These will be manned and identified by an orange clock symbol on a white board, you should stop at the marshal and he will sign your Timecard in the appropriate Passage Check box. She/he may hold you at the control for a minute or two, to ensure that cars do not leave in convoy.



Staffed PC – Stop at the Marshal

In addition to providing you with an enjoyable days motoring in the Garden Of England, the Tour of Kent is raising funds for Demelza Hospice Care for Children. They provide support for children 0-19 with life limiting and life threatening conditions, and their families. Demelza has two residential hospices; one in Sittingbourne in Kent and one in Eltham in South East London as well as a hospice at home service in East Sussex. Their services include respite and short breaks for families, palliative care and symptom control, end of life care and ongoing bereavement support. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this essential caring service.



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