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## Chairman's Welcome



We have a very exciting day ahead as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> run. Over the years we have driven to many venues, seen a wide range of cars and more importantly raised thousands for charity. This cannot be achieved without your participation, the valuable time of our volunteers and the generous support from our sponsors – thank you.

This year we have many joining us for the first time, so a warm welcome to you. Our nominated charity is Sue Young Cancer Support which provides free practical and emotional assistance to Leicestershire and Rutland cancer patients, their carers and families. We are delighted to support this.

The end venue today is Rockingham Castle. This was specially selected with the royal theme in mind and to co-inside with the Coronation. It was commissioned by William the Conqueror, is a former royal castle and was built in the 11th century. We hope you enjoy the castle and gardens.

Thank you once again, it's great to have you join us and safe driving.

Graham

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## Emergency Contact Numbers

Graham on 07713 249726

## Start Venue

The White Horse Pub, 32 Station Road, Broughton Astley, Leics. LE9 6PT

Please use your vouchers which will be handed to you at registration for your complimentary hot drink and breakfast roll. While you are enjoying your breakfast remember to buy your raffle tickets for the Prize Draw in support of our nominated charity.

## Coffee Stop

Gates Garden Centre, Somerby Road, Cold Overton, Oakham, Leicestershire, LE15 7QB

Please use your vouchers to gain a complimentary hot drink and biscuit at the main restaurant only. Our marshals will greet you and direct you to a reserved parking area.

## Finish Venue

Rockingham Castle Estate, Rockingham, Market Harborough, LE16 8TH

Please park as directed and check in at our Ratae Control, and see if you have won a raffle prize.

Entrance to the gardens is already included.



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## Rockingham Castle

Rockingham Castle was built on the instruction of William the Conqueror in the 11th century shortly after the Norman Invasion of Britain. The castle continued to evolve and within three decades, William II replaced it with a stone castle. This site has a long history because of its position on elevated ground, providing a clear view of the Welland Valley and a strong defensive location.

It has been continuously occupied for nearly 1,000 years by the Watson family since it was relinquished as a Royal Castle. The garden has seventeenth century terraces, huge yew hedges, a nineteenth century woodland garden, a circular rose garden and a 1960's wild garden. The castle has also been used for many TV productions and featured in the film Top Secret!, which starred Val Kilmer.

Enjoy the castle and should you require any further information then do not hesitate to visit [www.rockinghamcastle.com](http://www.rockinghamcastle.com)

## Your Safety and Wellbeing

May we take this opportunity to welcome and advise you of some legal requirements when participating on the Ratae Run.

First and foremost, The Ratae Run is not a race. You will be expected to drive within the law and with due care and attention and consideration for all other road users.

Please observe the directions given by the marshals, (wearing hi-viz), especially with regard to parking at the start, the coffee stop and the finish as they are not only acting on behalf of the club but also on instructions from the venues concerned.

Certain sections of the route may cross open farmland, please follow the countryside code; please do not drive off the road unless you absolutely have to.

It is also your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is legally road worthy and that you have adequate insurance.

## Terms and Conditions of Entry

All terms and conditions can be found at [www.mgleicester.org](http://www.mgleicester.org)

# About our charity



Sue Young Cancer Support is a local independent charity, and their mission is to provide free practical and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer, including families, carers and friends. They are committed to providing support in a warm and caring environment, at their premises in Fosse Road South, and anyone who lives in Leicester,




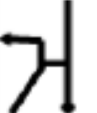
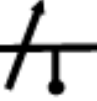


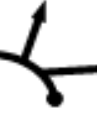

Leicestershire and Rutland and has a connection to cancer, is able to access the services.

They have 4 core services which are Counselling; Complementary Therapy; Activities; Support Groups. They occasionally hold rehabilitation courses and workshops too.

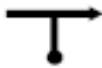




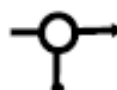
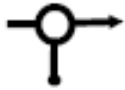

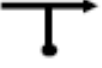

We are delighted to support this charity and for further information about them visit [www.sueyoungcancersupport.org.uk](http://www.sueyoungcancersupport.org.uk) or telephone 0116 223 0055.





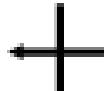
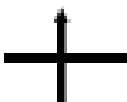
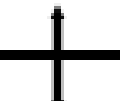









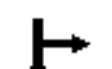
## 2023 Ratae Run - White Horse Broughton Astley to Gates Garden Centre

	Total	Inter	Instruction	Tulip	Sign Post
1	0.0	Zero	Turn Left out of Car Park		Zero odometer
2	0.1	0.1	Turn right at crossroads		Cosby Whetstone Leicester
3	0.3	0.2	Turn right at crossroads <i>Beware of oncoming traffic</i>		Traffic Lights
4	0.6	0.3	Turn second left then immediately right		Box Road Cottage Lane
5	2.2	1.6	Turn left then at 50 yds turn right <i>Beware of fast traffic</i>		A428 Leicester Blaby then Cosby Lane
6	2.3	0.1	Turn right		Holt Lane
7	3.5	1.2	Turn left at T junction		No road sign
8	3.8	0.3	Turn right on bend (Not Peveral Road)		Peatling Parva Bruntingthorpe (Peatling Road)
9	5.7	1.9	Through Peatling Parva Turn left at T junction		Bruntingthorpe Shearsby

At 2 miles, the Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome runway is the longest in Europe. The Americans used it as a heavy bomber base from 1957 to 1982. Now privately owned, it is used for the testing and storage of vehicles. A collection of cold war planes are fired up for "fast taxi runs" once a year. An over exuberant RAF lightning did lift off briefly in 2009, much to the disapproval of the CAA. It landed safely before the end of the runway.

10	6.7	1.0	Turn right at T junction		Upper Bruntingthorpe Shearsby
11	8.7	2.0	Straight on at crossroad. Caution fast moving traffic both ways!		Saddington Fleckney
12	10.7	2.0	Turn left at T junction		Fleckney Kibworth
13	10.8	0.1	Turn right		Kibworth
14	12.0	1.2	Bear left at bend		Kibworth Harcourt
15	12.7	0.7	Second exit at roundabout		Kibworth
16	13.0	0.3	Second exit at roundabout		Market Harborough Kibworth Beauchamp
17	13.2	0.2	Turn left at crossroads		Tur Langton Carlton Curlieu (Main Street)
18			<i>Through Tur Langton village</i>		
19	15.4	2.2	Turn right at T junction		Church Langton Craneoe
20	15.4	0.0	On 100 yards Turn Left		Craneoe Medbourne Hallaton

21	17.1	1.7	Turn left on bend		Glooston
22	18.0	0.9	In Glooston turn right		Cycle path Café Ventoux
23	20.0	2.0	In Goadby turn left		Nosely Three Gates
24	20.3	0.3	Turn right at T junction		Tugby East Norton Hallaton
25	21.6	1.3	Turn left at crossroads		Tugby
26	22.4	0.8	Through Tugby Straight on at crossroads		(Over A47) Oxley Farm Withcote and Owston
27	24.3	1.9	Straight on at crossroads		Withcote Owston
28	25.2	0.9	Turn right at staggered crossroads		Launde
<p>Launde Abbey is the residential Retreat House and Conference Centre serving the dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough set in 450 acres of parkland. The Chapells, all that remains of the Augustinian Priory that was founded here in 1119. The Abbey has recently completed a £2.6 million pound renovering project , of which £1000,000 has been raised by the general public. It is well worth a few minutes to take a break and feel the tranquility of the park and house.</p>					
29	26.1	0.9	Turn left at crossroads		Withcote Braunston
30	27.4	1.3	Turn left at T junction		Withcote Tilton

31	27.8	0.4	Turn right on bend		Knossington
32	29.0	1.2	Turn right at junction		Knossington Oakham
33			<i>Drive into Knossington</i>		
34	29.8	0.8	Turn right at T junction		Braunston Oakham
35	30.8	1.0	Turn right at T junction		Langham Oakham
36	31.0	0.2	Turn right into Garden Centre entrance		Please park as directed by our marshalls

A dedicated parking area has been reserved for the club. There is a disabled parking area to the right as you enter the gates nearer the main building. Please use your vouchers to get a well-earned cup of tea or coffee. The Café also offer a wide range of home made cakes or hot and cold food.

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






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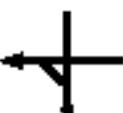



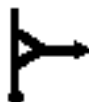


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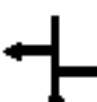



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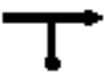






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# 2023 Ratae Run - Gates Garden Centre to Rockingham Castle

	Total	Inter	Instruction	Sign Post	Tulip
37	0.0	Zero	Turn left out of car park then right		Zero your odometre Cold Overton Main street
38	2.0	2.0	Turn left at T junction		A606 (Busy Road)
39	2.1	0.1	150 yrds Turn right		Whissendine
40	3.3	1.2	Turn left at T junction		Whissendine Stapleford Oakham Road
41	3.4	0.1	Follow road to the right		Ashwell Cottesmore
42	6.1	2.7	Over level crossing		Traffic light controlled
43	6.3	0.2	Straight on at crossroads		Stamford Cottesmore Cottesmore Road
44	8.5	2.2	Over crossroads then turn left Caution fast traffic from right		Greetham The North (A1) RAF Cottesmore
45	9.0	0.5	Turn right on bend		Exton Barnsdale gardens
EXTON PARK is a large traditional English country estate that has been the home of the Noel family (the Earl of Gainsborough) for almost four hundred years. The park has existed since the 12th century and has been visited by many famous people including Handel who put on performances in the gardens of Exton.					

46	10.8	1.8	Turn left		Exton
47	11.3	0.5	Turn right on bend		Whitwell Stamford
48	11.5	0.2	Turn left at crossroads		Empingham Tickencote
49	12.3	0.8	Turn right.		Empingham
50	13.7	1.4	Straight on at crossroads		Stamford Ketton
51	13.9	0.2	Turn left at T junction		Stamford
Initially called "Empingham Reservoir", local pressure persuaded the Water authority to change the name to "Rutland Water". Built in the 70's to supply water to the East Midlands it covers 3100 acres. There is a lot of leisure activities available on and around the water, for instance, you can hire a bicycle to ride it's 25 miles shoreline... I think I'll stick to my MG thank you.					
52	14.4	0.5	Turn right		Edith Weston Normanton (Rutland South Shore)
53	16.8	2.4	Second exit at roundabout		Garden Nursery
54	17.7	0.9	Turn Left		Lyndon Farm and Barn (Blue sign)

55	18.3	0.6	Turn right at T junction		Manton Oakham
56	18.4	0.1	Turn left at crossroads		Wing Morcott
57	18.8	0.4	Follow road to right		Wing (Cycle path sign) Preston
58	19.6	0.8	Turn right at T junction		No directional sign (Cycle path sign)
59	19.8	0.2	Turn left		Glaston
On your right is a 40ft diameter turf Maze that could be 2500 years old being re-cut by generations of villagers. Did people crawl around the maze as a penance, or did they honour water or earth worship here? Probably connected to water worship because the design resembles the universal labyrinth or sevenfold pattern which is common on coins from major civilisations around the world and some American Indian regalia.					
60	21.4	1.6	Straight on at Crossroads		Seaton Harringworth (Caution busy road)
61	22.8	1.4	Turn left at crossroads		Barrowden Morcott
62	23.7	0.9	Turn right at T junction		Seaton Salvage
Harringworth Viaduct crosses the valley of the River Welland between Harringworth in Northamptonshire and Seaton in Rutland and is the longest masonry viaduct across a valley in Britain. 400 men and 120 horses built this stucture of which there are estimated to be 30 million blue bricks, all manufactured on site. It is 3.825ft long and 60 feet at its highest point. It is still in use after 130 years, now that's Victorian engineering for you!					

63	24.5	0.8	Turn left at T junction		Harringworth Laxton
64	25.0	0.5	Turn right at T junction		Gretton <i>Rockingham</i> (Gretton road)
65	27.6	2.6	In Gretton turn right after bridge		Lyddington Uppingham
66	28.7	1.1	Straight on at junction		No sign
67	28.8	0.1	Bear left at junction		Uppingham
68	Lyddington Bede House- The house was originally part of the late medieval palace wing that belonged to the Bishops of Lincoln. By 1600 the building had been converted into an Almshouse for twelve poor bedesmen,(A person who is paid to pray for the soul of another), who were over 30 years old and two women over 45. All had to be free of lunacy,leprosy and the French pox.... That's one way of earning a living.				
69	29.9	1.1	Turn left after "Old White Hart" Pub		Stoke Dry (Blind corner)
70	30.8	0.9	Straight on at crossroads		Stoke Dry (Across A6003)
71	The damming of The Eye Brook formed Eyebrook reservoir. It was built between 1937 and 1940 by Stewarts & Lloyds to supply water to their Corby steel works. In May 1943 during the Second World War it was used as a practice site for the Dambuster raid. Nowadays a lot of trout can be pulled from its waters, although we are not sure if you can take them home?				
72	32.5	1.7	Turn left at T junction		Great Easton

73	34.5	2.0	Turn left at T junction		Great Easton
74	<i>Through Great Easton past "The Sun" pub</i>				
75	36.5	2.0	Turn right at T junction		Kettering Corby A6003
76	38.1	1.6	Take 2nd exit at roundabout		
77	38.2	0.1	50 yds Turn right into Rockingham Castle entrance	Please park as directed by our marshals	

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Your entrance fee includes access to the Gardens and Grounds, Gift shop and Cafe / restaurant. If you wish to tour the house, tickets are available to purchase at the Ticket Office by the entrance to the grounds, (You will have driven past this on arrival). Tickets for the Castle are £6.00 per person and we highly recommend visiting the Castle.

Please take time to enjoy this magnificent monument and we hope this has been a suitable end to an enjoyable day

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