

Porsche Club R16

REGIONAL DRIVE – WEST COUNTRY

FRIDAY 6TH – SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020



**Taunton – Exmoor National Park – Porlock Weir – Swimbridge – Okehampton – Tavistock –
Princetown – Yelverton – Dartmoor National Park – Exeter – Bickleigh**

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SOCIALS FRIDAY EVENING & SATURDAY EVENING

DRIVES SATURDAY 7th AND SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

The aim of the drive is for Porsche owners to drive some of the best roads and most beautiful areas of the West Country. With this in mind, we have suggested a route which we believe explores some of the nicest areas in Somerset and Devon, but it is very much up to you how to make the most of the weekend.

As we discovered on previous drives, there is far too much in the West Country to see in one day, so we have spread it out a little with an overnight stop on Saturday to give us more time to enjoy the drive and the scenery. We hope you will be able to tailor the weekend to suit you, in the knowledge that there is a group of like-minded Porsche owners on the same trip with you. We have also built in plenty of extra time for photo opportunities and rest stops.

We will start the weekend by staying at the **Holiday Inn Express**, Taunton M5, Jct.25 on the Friday night (approx. room rate £80) and eating in the Harvester restaurant next door, meeting around 6.45 pm to eat at 7.15 pm. We will aim to organise a group table for the social evening.

Holiday Inn Express, Taunton M5, Jct25.

Blackbrook Park Avenue, Blackbrook Business Park

Taunton, TA1 2PX

Tel: 0871 9021632

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/taunton/tntuk/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-EX-_-GB-_-TNTUK

We will look start our Saturday drive bright and early, meeting in the Holiday Inn Express car park from **9:00am** and setting off no later than 9:15am. This will provide us ample time to drive some of the spectacular roads west from Taunton into the **Exmoor National Park** driving through beautiful countryside including some noted stretches between **Ralegh's Cross** to **Wheddon Cross**, as well as Exmoor's high costal ridge from **Porlock to Lynmouth**. During this morning route, we have suggested a coffee stop at **Porlock Weir** as this is about half-way through the morning leg.

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From here we will travel south for a spot of lunch for those who want it at the Jack Russell Inn, **Swimbridge**, nestled in the rolling countryside of North Devon. After lunch we will continue south towards Tavistock, across Dartmoor to Princetown and arrive for a social evening and overnight stay at the **Moorland Garden Hotel, Yelverton**. From here we can set out at a fairly leisurely hour on Sunday morning across **Dartmoor** to **Exeter** and **Bickleigh** where we will finish our drive at The Fisherman's Cot overlooking the river.

After a popular stay at the hotel in Yelverton in 2018, we have reserved 12 rooms for the Porsche Club for our accommodation on Saturday 7th November. At the moment, the hotel is again offering a 'Jingle Bells' dinner, bed & breakfast rate from £115 per room.

You can find information about the hotel on the website <http://moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk/>

Moorland Garden Hotel

Yeoland Down, Yelverton PL20 6DA

Tel: 01822 852245

The above route is an outline guide of the roads we are likely to take, and although we have worked hard to plan the drive avoiding diversions/road works the route may have to be amended on the day depending on road conditions and local traffic. We will be sending out full drive details in due course to those who are interested.

Owners are welcome to join us at different points on this drive and should you require an updated location of the rest of the group please call us but *please be aware however, that on some parts of the drive, there may be no phone signal!*

Should you wish to join us on the drive please contact Sarah on her mobile **07975943786** or email foxydoc007@yahoo.co.uk

Please could you make your own accommodation arrangements.

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Evening meal Friday

The Griffin Harvester (next to Holiday Inn Express)

https://www.harvester.co.uk/restaurants/southwest/thegriffintaunton?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb

Address: Blackbrook Park Ave TA1 2PX (*Jct 25 M5 Taunton*)

Coffee Stop Saturday

The Bottom Ship, Porlock Weir

<http://www.shipinporlockweir.co.uk/>

Address: 5 Anchor rd, Porlock Weir, Minehead TA24 8PB

Tel: 01643 863288

Lunch stop Saturday

The Jack Russell, Swimbridge

<http://www.thejackrussell.net/>

Address: Swimbridge, Barnstaple EX32 0PN

Tel: 01271 830366

Afternoon Tea and Evening meal Saturday

Moorland Garden Hotel, Yelverton

<http://moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk/>

Address: Yeoland Down, Yelverton PL20 6DA

Tel: 01822 852245

Coffee/Brunch stop Sunday

The Fisherman's Cot, Bickleigh EX16 8RW

fishermanscotpub.co.uk

Address: Bickleigh EX16 8RW

Tel: 01884 855237

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