



63rd Grand Chapitre de Grande Bretagne
Warwickshire, 27 September – 1 October 2023

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Dear Members, Chers Confrères, Chères Consoeurs

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for Chaîne GB's 63rd Grand Chapitre in Warwickshire – the Heart of England. The area is known for its delightful countryside, modern cities such as Birmingham and Coventry, historic Stratford-upon-Avon, many grand estates and home to Warwick Castle. Our programme covers all these attributes.

The programme starts on Wednesday with an informal dinner at Baraset Barn, followed on Thursday by an absolutely unique visit to Aston Martin, maker of fantastic sports cars and Formula 1 racing cars. That evening, our Diner Amical is in Number 44 Brasserie in Stratford-upon-Avon. The next day members have the option of two great trips. The first to the Severn Valley Railway, a heritage line running close to the River Severn, and the second a tour of the highlights and history of the city of Birmingham. That evening, the Welcome Dinner will be held in the Crowne Plaza right on the River Avon.

On Saturday, members again have two optional trips – a visit to the well-known Warwick Castle, or the steam-powered Hook Norton Brewery. Our Induction Ceremony will precede the Gala Dinner at the world-famous golfing resort of The Belfry. Set in hundreds of acres of manicured grounds with three championship courses this is a delightful venue, with options available for golfers during or after the Grand Chapitre.

On behalf of our members, I am delighted to welcome Daniel Jaggi as our Inducting Officer. He is the Bailli Délégué of Liechtenstein and a member of the Conseil Magistral.

Providing encouragement and help to the less fortunate in life, particularly in the hospitality industry, is one of our charitable aims and we will celebrate this with a grand raffle at the Gala Dinner in support of The Clink.

In the Chaîne tradition the teams in all these venues have planned great menus reflecting both location and time of year and you are ensured to leave saying 'wow'.

We look forward to giving you all the warmest of welcomes, together with your guests, to a long weekend of cultural interest, culinary and vinous excellence and, most of all, great camaraderie. This event is above all a meeting of friends to share experiences together.

Vive la Chaîne



Philip Evins
Bailli Délégué
Membre du Conseil Magistral



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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Stratford-upon-Avon

The base for the Grand Chapitre will be Shakespeare's home town for the event and we have been able to reserve rooms in two wonderful boutique hotels, The Arden and the Indigo. We stay in the centre of the town and one can walk to all the important venues. In your spare time explore this most historic of towns at the very heart of England. Nearby are also many attractions including the National Trust's Charlecote Hall, just outside the town, plus the National Motor Museum, National Motor Cycle Museum, and lots more.



TRAVEL

By road

From the south A34 to the M40. Leave at Junction 15 Warwick. Turning south on the A46.

From London
Take the M40 Leave at Junction 15 Warwick. Turning south on the A46.

From the North West / Scotland
Take the M6 then the M42 and finally M40 before joining the A46 at Junction 15.

By Bus

From London Victoria station with National Express approx. 3 hrs.

By Air

From Birmingham Airport. By road take the M42 and then M40 south before joining the A46 at Junction 15. Journey time approx. 40 minutes.
Alternatively, take a taxi approx. fare £40

By Rail

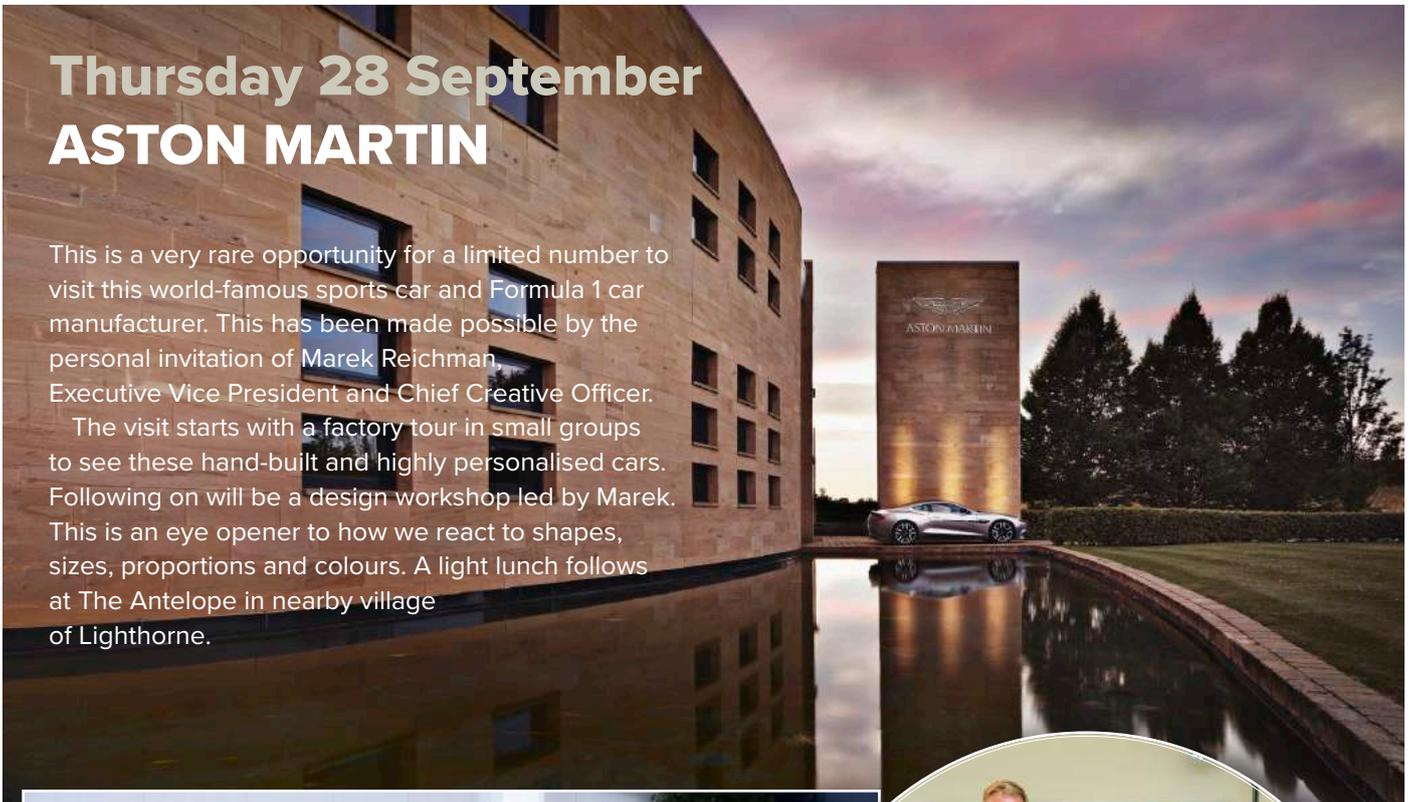
Trains from London Marylebone to Stratford-Upon-Avon station.

Chilterns Railway trains to Stratford-upon-Avon depart from London Marylebone every 60 minutes. The journey is just under 2 hours.

Thursday 28 September ASTON MARTIN

This is a very rare opportunity for a limited number to visit this world-famous sports car and Formula 1 car manufacturer. This has been made possible by the personal invitation of Marek Reichman, Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer.

The visit starts with a factory tour in small groups to see these hand-built and highly personalised cars. Following on will be a design workshop led by Marek. This is an eye opener to how we react to shapes, sizes, proportions and colours. A light lunch follows at The Antelope in nearby village of Lighthorne.





DINER AMICAL No. 44 BRASSERIE ON THE WATERSIDE

Our Diner Amical takes place at this award-winning restaurant situated in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon at the Arden Hotel. A private terrace overlooks the River Avon and, if the weather is fine, this is where we will meet to enjoy pre-dinner drinks with Chaîne friends.

Friday 29 September SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY TOUR AND LUNCH

One of the best-known heritage railways in Britain, this standard gauge line runs from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth following the course of the River Severn, along the beautiful Severn Valley, for much of its route. The train crosses the river on the historic Victoria Bridge. It is considered 'a must' by rail enthusiasts. Watch stunning countryside whilst relaxing in your seat.

Train services are hauled by a mixture of steam and heritage diesel locomotives. Our trip takes place on Gala Day marking the end of the 2023 season. Having travelled through some beautiful Worcestershire and Shropshire countryside we shall enjoy a riverside lunch at The Boatyard before returning to Kidderminster.



CITY TOUR AND GUIDED WALK OF BIRMINGHAM

Come on a tour of discovery and surprises around Britain's second city – Birmingham. From industrial history and canals, more than in Venice, to more trees and parks than you might imagine. Birmingham's story encompasses entrepreneurs, benefactors, reformers, and an unrivalled ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Cars, jewellery, chocolate, runs and people who changed the world all get a look-in. Our tailor-made tour will be conducted by Ian Jelf, a local Brummie and full-time professional tourist guide who holds the Blue Badge official tourist guiding qualification. The tour will be initially by coach and then on foot. We shall conclude with lunch at the canal-side Bank Restaurant.

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WELCOME DINNER AT THE CROWNE PLAZA

This stunning modern riverside hotel set amid landscaped gardens beside the River Avon is just a short walk from the town centre and walking distance from either hotel. Our dinner will be held in the Charlecote and Harewood Suite. The brigade is led by Executive Chef Ian Heffernan and we can be assured that the experienced restaurant team will strive to deliver an unforgettable dining experience for us.



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Saturday 30 September

WARWICK CASTLE VISIT AND LUNCH

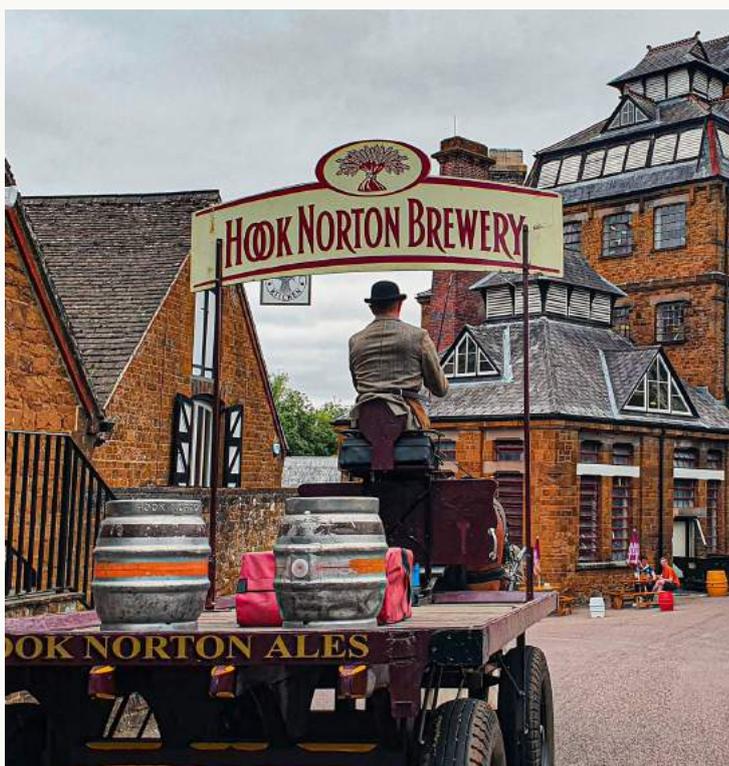


Built by a king, William The Conqueror, in 1068, Warwick Castle has been the seat of kingmakers and vital stronghold in the Wars of the Roses and the English Civil War. It has been the seat of the Earls of Warwick for over 900 years. Playing an important role in British history, it is one of the most dramatic and complete medieval castles in the country and has been inhabited continuously since the Middle Ages.

Today, visitors can tour the castle and its grounds learning about its history and enjoying its architecture.

Lunch will be at the Hatton Arms, set in glorious Warwickshire countryside on the Hatton Estate. Here you may want to see the fabulous Hatton Locks, a flight of 21 locks on the Grand Union Canal.

HOOK NORTON BREWERY TOUR AND LUNCH

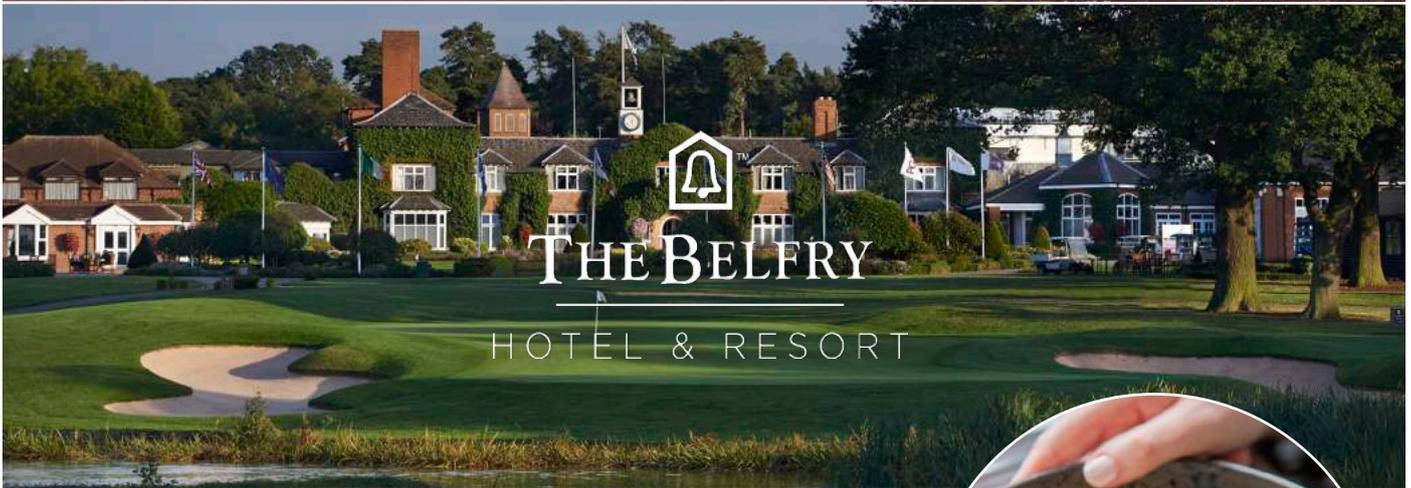


Located in the beautiful, mellow Cotswold Hills landscape, Hook Norton is the finest example of a Victorian tower brewery in the country. Our tour of this working steam powered brewery allows visitors to experience the sight and sounds of brewing the Hooky way. There will also be an opportunity to see the magnificent shire horses that still deliver beer to the surrounding villages. Then a gentle five minute walk to The Sun Inn for lunch.

Please note

- *Sensible footwear recommended*
- *Visit not suitable for those with mobility problems as there are steep stairs to negotiate*

INDUCTION & GALA DINNER IN THE WOODLANDS SUITE AT THE BELFRY



The award-winning Belfry Hotel & Resort is a Heart of England special place, situated in over 500 acres of beautifully manicured grounds on the edge of Royal Sutton Coldfield. It is renowned for its three legendary golf courses, most famously The Brabazon. The Belfry has hosted The Ryder Cup four times – more than any other venue in the world.

Our dinner will take place in the Woodlands Suite following the Induction Ceremony. We shall be in the capable hands of Executive Head Chef, Robert Bates, whose long CV includes several Michelin-starred restaurants in both the United Kingdom and Europe.



Inducting Officer Daniel Jaggi, Bailli Delegee Honoraire de Liechtenstein, Membre de Conseil Magistral

It is a great honour for me to act as Maître de Cérémonie on behalf of our President Yam Atallah here in this beautiful and historic landscape. The induction of new members and the promotion of long-serving members of our fraternity is the highlight of every Grand Chapitre. This solemn act in a county with the famous Warwick Castle and especially in Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, truly has a special significance.

It is thanks to Bailli Délégué Philip Evins with his Comité national we are able to enjoy an extremely attractive programme during these days. A lot of work and attention to detail went into the preparations for the beautiful excursions and the certainly great dinners and there is no doubt at all that the events will be conducted in a highly professional manner.

I wish you all a fantastic Grand Chapitre in Warwickshire which will certainly find its way into the memoirs of our members.

Daniel Jean-Marie Jäggi-Lind



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www.theclinkcharity.org

Sunday 1 October



**FAREWELL LUNCH AT
THE BOAT HOUSE,
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

This riverside bistro and bar is just a stone’s throw from the centre of Stratford on the south side of the river with superb views from the dining balcony. This is a prime spot for relaxing and watching the world go by on the river whilst enjoying wonderful food and drink. Also, of course, the wonderful Chaîne camaraderie and where we can say au revoir until next year.





PROGRAMME

Wednesday 27 September to Sunday 1 October



REGISTER ONLINE

www.chaine.co.uk/grand-chapitre/register



REGISTRATION

(£30/person)

Please note ALL to check-in at the Welcome Desk in the Arden Hotel Lobby

Thursday 15.00 – 17.00
 Friday 09.00 – 17.30
 Saturday 09.00 – 15.00

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Baraset Barn Dinner, Stratford-upon-Avon

(£80/person)

Individual travel or by taxi (10 minutes)

20.00 Dinner at Baraset Barn

Dress code: Smart Casual

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Aston Martin Factory and Design Studio Tour & Lunch

(£100/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.30 Bus leaves for Aston Martin
 10.00 Factory Tour
 12.00 Design briefing
 13.00 Lunch in The Antelope, Lighthorne
 14.30 Depart
 15.00 Arrive at Hotel

Dress code: Smart Casual

Places are limited.
 Preference will be given to members signing up for the majority of the weekend. (Friday and Saturday dinners minimum)

Dîner Amical – No. 44 Brasserie, The Arden Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

(£110/person)

Walk from hotels

19.15 Reception in courtyard
 20.00 Dinner
 22.30 Depart

Dress code: Jackets (ties optional) with Chaîne ribbons

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Severn Valley Railway & Lunch*

(£90/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.30 Bus leaves Arden Hotel
 10.45 Arrive at Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster Station
 12.30 Lunch in The Boatyard, Bridgnorth
 14.00 Return train journey
 15.15 Depart
 16.30 Arrive at hotel

Dress code: Casual

Birmingham Guided Tour & Lunch*

(£70/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.45 Bus leaves Arden Hotel
 10.30 Arrive in Birmingham
 12.30 Lunch in Bank, Brindley Place
 14.30 Depart
 15.20 Arrive at hotel

Dress code: Casual

** Please note: Friday events run concurrently, so it won't be possible to attend both events on this day.*



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Welcome Dinner — Crowne Plaza, Stratford-upon-Avon

(£160/person)

19.15	Reception
20.00	Dinner
23.15	Depart

Dress code: Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

Gala Dinner — Woodlands Suite at The Belfry

(£180/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

18.30	Bus leaves the Arden Hotel
19.15	Arrive at The Belfry
19.15	Reception
20.00	Dinner
23.15	Depart

Dress code: Black tie and evening dresses with Chaîne ribbons

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Warwick Castle Visit & Lunch†

(£90/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.30	Bus leaves the Arden Hotel
10.00	Arrive at Warwick Castle
12.30	Lunch in The Hatton Arms
14.30	Depart
15.00	Arrive at Hotel

Dress code: Smart casual

Hook Norton Brewery Tour & Lunch†

(£90/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.00	Bus leaves the Arden Hotel
10.00	Arrive at Hook Norton
12.15	Lunch in The Sun Inn
14.00	Depart
14.45	Arrive at Hotel

Dress code: Smart casual

Induction Ceremony — Woodlands Suite at The Belfry

(£15/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

17.15	Bus leaves Arden Hotel
18.00	Arrive at The Belfry
18.30	Induction Ceremony
19.15	Reception

Dress code: Black tie and evening dresses with Chaîne ribbons

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SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

Farewell Lunch — The Boat House, Stratford-upon-Avon

(£90/person)

Walk from hotels

12.30	Drinks
13.00	Lunch
15.30	Depart

Dress code: Smart casual with Chaîne ribbons

End of the Grand Chapitre

We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you next year, 4-7 July in Glasgow





ALVESTON MANOR

Alveston Manor is one of the finest 4-star hotels in Warwickshire, offering great luxury accommodation in one of the most beautiful and historic parts of England. A handsome manor house set in stunning grounds, Alveston Manor hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon offers luxury, elegance and a real sense of history. The hotel's 16th century origins contribute to an ambiance that's in keeping with its location – two minutes from the glorious River Avon and a footbridge away from one of England's most famous market towns: Stratford-upon-Avon. Formerly a 16th century hall which was further developed during the 17th and 18th centuries, Alveston Manor certainly has a touch of Shakespearean style about it. Alveston Manor's historic past blends seamlessly with contemporary, four-star luxury to create a warm and sophisticated atmosphere.

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ALVESTON MANOR HOTEL CHAÎNE ROOM RATES

Standard rooms

- Double occupancy £184 per night
- Single occupancy £169 per night

Upgrade

- Super Deluxe King + £40per night
- Deluxe King or Double + £25per night

Rates include breakfast and VAT.



LOCATION & BOOKINGS

**Alveston Manor Hotel
Clopton Bridge
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 7HP**

**Book by phone or email quoting the Chaîne
booking code: CHAI270923:**

T: +44 (0) 1789 205478

E: specialevents.alveston@macdonald-hotels.co.uk

PARKING

Car parking is complimentary for Chaîne guests.

Directions

Travelling by Road

We're located near off the A422, A3400 and Junction 15, M40. For satellite navigation systems our postcode is CV37 7HP.

Travelling by Train

We're only 1 mile from Stratford-upon-Avon station.

Travelling by Air

Birmingham Airport is 27 miles down the road so if you're travelling by car, you'll reach us in under an hour.





HOTEL INDIGO

This hotel is situated a short walk from the Arden Hotel also in the heart of Stratford-on-Avon. A very individual hotel which showcases the tradition of the 16th century building, once The Falcon Inn, the charm of the Georgian Townhouse and the modern contemporary wing. Rooms are stylish and sophisticated with Hypnos beds with Egyptian cotton linen, and spa-inspired bathrooms. One can recognise links to the Bard and reflections of Stratford's heritage throughout the design of the hotel rooms, restaurant and bar. It is part of the IHG group of hotels.





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