

# En Route

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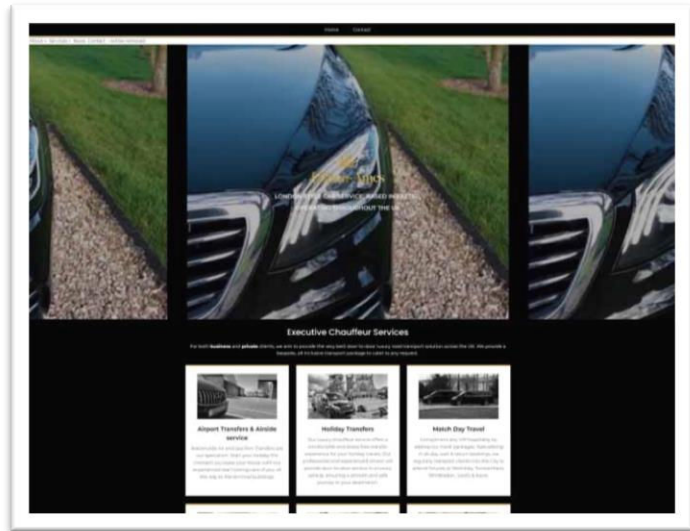
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— EXECUTIVE CHAUFFEUR SERVICE —

Welcome back to En Route. It was really pleasing to get such good feedback about our first edition. So what have we got lined up for you this quarter?

Well Valentine's Day is on the horizon so we explore some unusual gift ideas.

More top driving tips and you get to meet another of our drivers. We also look ahead at some events coming up over the next few months.



**We are delighted to announce our much enhanced website is about to go live.**

Everything you need to know about Hilton Ames is now available through [www.hiltonameschauffeurs.com](http://www.hiltonameschauffeurs.com)

We owe Big Wave Marketing a massive thank you for the development work ... and their patience!

They are a great team to deal with and have nursed us through the process brilliantly. You can find full details about all our services, read about what's new at Hilton Ames, find out what previous clients think about us and check out our fleet.

Take a look at our Halo Partners and interact with them. All brilliant businesses and well worth a visit.



**Hilton Ames Luxury Travel**

# Social Eyes



If you have an event that you would like featured in Social Eyes please email [paul@hiltonameschauffeurs.com](mailto:paul@hiltonameschauffeurs.com) with details and photos.

A look back at the various events of the Sapphire Club over the past few months. Venues include the Pig at Combe, Indi-Yang and Old Walls Vineyard.



**Let us take you there: Romantic Valentine's weekends away**

En Route with Hilton Ames Ltd.

# Happy Valentines

**Its that time of the year** when you show your love for that special someone in your life. However, its not always easy to find just the right thing. That's where we come in...

How about a **hot air balloon ride** for two? Prices start from around £99 and is romantic but not too mushy



**Jewellery** is a safe bet, but take time to personalise the gift. There are plenty of sites such as Etsy that can offer something unique.

**Visit one of our Halo Partners.** How about a nice weekend break at Burgh Island or maybe a night or two at the Osborne Hotel.



**Does your significant other like a tippie of Gin?** Well try something from the Trevethan Craft Distillery. Distilling award winning spirits since 1929 Trevethan produce a wonderful Chauffeurs Reserve gin. So appropriate to Hilton Ames

**Tickets** to a sporting event or gig. Pick out your loved one's favourite band or sports team and book tickets for the two of you. Alternatively choose a comedy gig. Oh and book Hilton Ames to take you there



# Drive safe with Hilton Ames

## *3 top tips to help you get from A to B safely.*

- 1 Keep your distance.** Make sure you have enough braking distance to the car in front of you. If that car should brake suddenly do you have enough reaction /implementation time to avoid a crash? The average human can react in 2.5 seconds. That's 45 feet at 30mph without the actual braking distance of the car.
- 2 Switch of the mobile.** You hear it all the time from the emergency services and for a good reason. Apart from the hefty fines negligent driving can kill - then its your guilt that you have to live with.
- 3 Drive the road ahead.** This may seem like stating the obvious. But read the road ahead of the car in front of you. If they brake you follow suit. The car directly in front of you may not be concentrating. Also if the road in the distance has a sharp bend adjust your speed now rather than skidding dangerously out of control when you hit the brakes too late and too hard.

## Behind the Wheel

So you are in the back of one of our lovely vehicles looking at the passing surroundings and the neck of your chauffeur. Wouldn't you like to know a little more about the person you have entrusted your life with? This time we look at one of our loyal chauffeurs Rob Marchant...



Let us take you there: Cheltenham Festival 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

# Behind the Wheel

## Rob Marchant - Chauffeur

### What is it about chauffeuring you enjoy?

There is not just one thing I enjoy about chauffeuring. To be honest I love the complete package. From the putting on of the suit, with the company coloured tie and pocket square to the vehicle presentation, to the meeting of the customer and making sure they are ready to go, to the smooth drive to wherever they are heading and making sure they are happy with the service they have provided. We are lucky enough to have the fleet of Mercedes to use, and these with the ongoing training and support we receive from Andy makes every day working for Hilton Ames fully satisfying.

### When not driving clients, what do you do to relax?

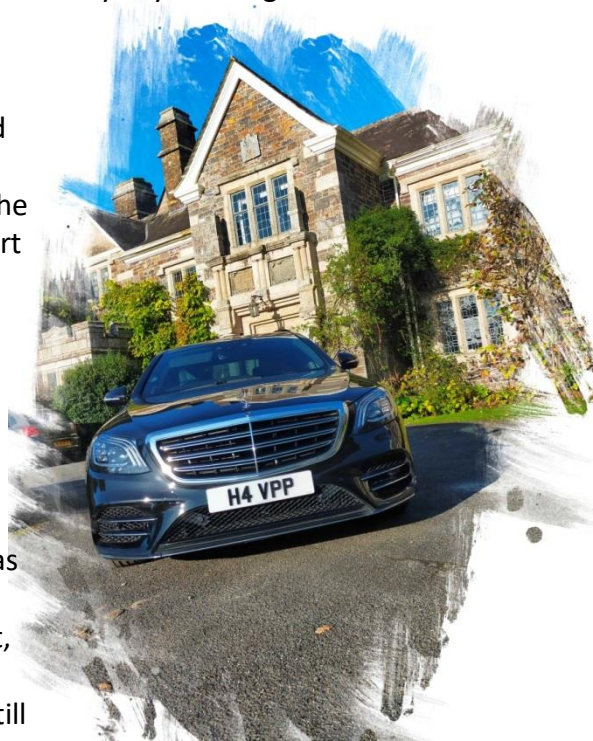
In my spare time I am a player/manager for an Exeter based Veteran Football Team. I have been involved with the team for 32 years, and the last 6 seasons I have been managing the team in the Devon and Exeter Vets League. We also take part in the St Boniface Cup with a team from Fulda in Germany and Dokkum in Holland so it rotates yearly from place to place. In 2023 we are travelling to Holland to play. We have won the trophy twice and hopefully third time this year.

### What do you consider to be your best memory of chauffeuring?

The best memory of chauffeuring so far has to be when I was on Dartmoor with a Hollywood actress, being her personal driver for an Aston Martin TV commercial for the UK market, Europe and also the USA. This entailed taking her from her hotel, to the makeup location, waiting for her to go to the still photography set, then waiting again to take her to the live set with the cars and then finally at the end of the day taking her safely back to her hotel.

### What is your favourite destination and why?

My favourite destination has to be London. Even with the hustle and bustle of the biggest city in the UK I love it there. Yes the traffic is madness but you always get acknowledged by other chauffeurs and makes a nice atmosphere. Some of our regular customers work there so they know the short cuts, which helps get around the city slightly quicker, the others are going there for a break, and then you have the gasps and them pointing stuff out to their relevant friends/family in the car, which makes the trip all the more worthwhile especially if it's somewhere the relevant people haven't seen / been too before



**One of our S Class saloons  
at Lewtrenchard Manor**

**Let us take you there: RBS Six Nations Rugby 4<sup>th</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

## We Love Working with...



*Below is a list of businesses that are happy to recommend our services*

**Bovey Castle**  
**Brickhouse Vineyard**  
**Burgh Island**  
**Devon Drone Media**  
**Exeter Golf and Country Club**  
**Hampton by Hilton**  
**Harefield Barn**  
**Lewtrenchard Manor**  
**Margoux**  
**South View Lodges**  
**Signature Properties**  
**The Coco Club**  
**The Osborne Hotel**  
**The Pig at Combe**  
**The Samphire Club**  
**The Saunton Sands Hotel**  
**Trevethan Distillery**  
**Winslade Manor**

## More about our Chauffeur, Rob.

Now for some quick fire questions Rob...

Favourite Film - Dark Knight Rises (Batman)  
Favourite Book - Slash's Autobiography  
Favourite TV Program - Chicago Fire  
Best Band - Def Leppard  
Best Singer – Freddie Mercury  
Favourite Sport and Team - Football and Exeter City FC  
Top Tipple - Desperado  
Best Food - Chinese

## Upcoming Events



Like  
Minds

Inspiring  
Thinkers

The Nudge Ideas Festival  
The Phoenix, Gandy St, Exeter EX4 3LS

30th March 2023

## Special occasion looming?

Speak to Hilton Ames about arranging a bespoke travel solution. We can advise on, hotels, restaurants, activities for all ages and occasions. Whether its gran's 90<sup>th</sup> or a year 11 prom, a special anniversary or a romantic weekend away, we have years of experience and a multitude of contacts to call upon. Simply pick up the phone and call 01392 338 443 for a friendly chat.

**Let us take you there: Wimbledon Tennis Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> July**

# Upcoming Events

## The Nudge Ideas Festival – 30<sup>th</sup> March The Phoenix, Exeter

The 2023 Nudge Ideas Festival in Exeter, Devon is set to be a standout event for entrepreneurs, business leaders, and professionals alike.

Hosted by MC Chris Bentley, the day will feature a range of keynote speakers and immersive workshop sessions to help attendees learn, grow, and connect. The day kicks off with a welcome from Chris Bentley, before Dave Birss takes the stage to share his expertise on how to release happy chemicals in people's brains. This engaging keynote will explore the science behind happiness and provide practical tips on how to cultivate it in our daily lives.

Next up, Shola Kaye will speak on empathy and inclusive leadership at work. In this thought-provoking keynote, Shola will explore the role of empathy in leadership and how to create a more inclusive and equitable workplace.

After the first two keynotes, attendees will have the opportunity to choose from five immersive workshop sessions.

These sessions will cover a range of topics, including getting investor ready with Andrew Gerrard of C2 Capital, designing an innovation culture with Sawsan Khuri of Collaborative Capacities, growing in love with your business with Andrew de Groot of ActionCoach, coaching for a better tomorrow with Trayton Vance of

Coaching Focus Group, and using neuroscience to boost your brand with Alistair Banks of Optix.

After the workshop sessions, attendees will have the chance to take a break for tea and coffee, as well as networking and getting their professional headshot for LinkedIn.

The second half of the day will feature more keynotes, including James Whatley on the Metaverse and Flavilla Fongang on brand psychology and Neuro-marketing.

Attendees will also have the option to grab lunch at the Phoenix bar and café or at a local restaurant in Gandy Street. In the afternoon, Simon Leslie will speak on creating magical moments, followed by Kate Davis on employee engagement and sustainable business growth.

There will be another networking break with the opportunity to get a professional headshot before Sarah Ellen O'Farrell takes the stage to discuss the role of behavioural science in public health.

The day will conclude with the highly anticipated PitchFest, powered by Tech South West and British Business Bank. This will provide an opportunity for startups and small businesses to pitch their ideas and potentially secure investment. Companies featured in the PitchFest include Lighthouse and Weave. The day will wrap up with a roundup and thank you's from Chris Bentley, leaving attendees inspired and equipped with new knowledge and connections.

The 2023 Nudge Ideas Festival in Exeter is not to be missed.

<https://wearelikeminds.com/>



*Host, Chris Bentley*

# Upcoming Events

**FORE!**



***“Signature Property Management SW Ltd has teamed up with our valued local connections this winter to create a variety of hobby based "Grown up" weekends for 2023.***

***We thought, through the pandemic we were all locked down, then we saw everyone we had missed and caught up but lots of us haven't had the weekends with friends like we used to, doing things we enjoy for fun.”***

Aware of the cost-of-living limitations, but wanting to work with local businesses in Devon to show case our wonderful county, and all the fun to be had here at an affordable price for a group, Sara has cherry picked local companies for the weekends.

***“We start with the Devon Golf Gathering, 24<sup>th</sup> February! With tickets on sale now – only 6 lodges available! We now have a second date available starting on 16<sup>th</sup> June.”***

The total price includes.

3 night's stay for 4 in a beautiful 2-bedroom lodge on the edge of the Old Walls Vineyard, based on 1 double room and 1 twin.

Half board basis, which is a mix of tapas dinner Friday, cooked breakfast Sunday and roast at the lovely Regent's Bistro at the vineyard. Breakfast hampers Saturday and Monday, a cheeky extra bacon roll on arrival at Boringdon on Saturday, as well as 2 course dinner Saturday evening.

Chauffeur executive transport to and from Boringdon with Hilton Ames Chauffeurs, so our guests can relax, travel in style and enjoy the day to the full!

Of course, the main event is the golf –

Saturday includes a round at Boringdon Golf Club, 2 courses set in 400 acres of stunning countryside.

Sunday, just over the hill from Old Walls is Teignmouth Golf Course, 800 feet above sea level, spectacular views and a wonderful course to boot!

What's not to like?! For a total of £1,500 per package for 4 and only 6 available...Book now to secure your space via the Eventbrite link or call Sara on 07747604665 to book direct.

Sara at Signature Property Management is proud to recommend Hilton Ames to thier guests and associated businesses. She is looking forward to welcoming you for the Golf Gathering and arranging more for 2023.

**Watch this space for more!**