Sir Patrick Stewart will not be going at warp speed but he will compete at this year's Silverstone Classic Celebrity Challenge in July racing Morgans.

Star Trek captain in space race

Star Trek actor Sir Patrick Stewart is now ready to boldly go where no Starship Enterprise commander has ever gone before.

The 71-year-old movie legend, who played Captain Jean-Luc Picard in the iconic sci-fi series, has just passed his official ARDS racing driver test and is ready to compete in a special Celebrity Challenge race at this summer's Silverstone Classic powered by the AA.

"I'm relieved and delighted," said Stewart who passed both written and driving tests required to obtain a MSA competition license at a rather damp Silverstone,"

"It's such a fast learning curve from the moment you first step into the car. At one point it was raining quite hard out there; I could hardly see out of the windows... and you really do need to be able to see out of the windows when you're driving fast!"

Though new to Silverstone, the Captain's log does reveal that Stewart has a

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previous track record.

"The only time that I've raced was on the Long Beach Grand Prix course in California which was in a Pro-Celebrity Toyota race and I really, really enjoyed it. But I've been in retirement for the last 10 years," he grinned before explaining why he was now making a comeback.

The final frontier for Stewart will come in a special, star-studded Celebrity Challenge race being staged as one of the highlights of this summer's Silverstone Classic (July 20-22), the world's biggest classic motor racing festival.

The Hollywood actor will line up on the starting grid alongside a host of personalities from showbiz, sport, TV and music all racing around the famous Silverstone Grand Prix circuit in lightweight, competition prepared Morgans capable of topping 130 mph.

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