

2017
DIARY DATES

3 AUGUST

Guildford Social
Email grrc@goodwood.com

6 AUGUST

Annual Vehicle Display and Open Day (Goodwood House)
Come along

17 AUGUST

Sutton Coldfield Social
Email grrc@goodwood.com

18 AUGUST

Jaguar Factory Visit
Fully booked

19 AUGUST

105dB Track Day (Goodwood)
Fully booked

25 AUGUST

Racecourse Reciprocal
Bring your badge

7 SEPTEMBER

FMSOA Party
Limited tickets available

8-10 SEPTEMBER

Revival
Final places remain for the GRRRC March Enclosure

24 SEPT-01 OCT

Italy GRRRC Driving Tour
Final places remain

5 OCTOBER

Bournemouth Social
Email grrc@goodwood.com

13-14 OCTOBER

Regional Drive & Social - Scottish Borders
Email grrc@goodwood.com

14 OCTOBER

105dB Track Day (Goodwood)
Fully booked

22 OCTOBER

Autosolo (Goodwood)
Book now

2 NOVEMBER

Reading Social
Email grrc@goodwood.com

17 NOVEMBER

GRRRC Karting (Sandown Park)
Book now

7-8 DECEMBER

Christmas Ball
Book now



I'M A CLUB MEMBER

MIKE TOYNBEE (GRRC-20559)

Mike Toynbee is the proud owner of the car that won the 2016 GRRC Annual Vehicle Display. The Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Gran Turismo, which belonged to his father, has been lovingly restored and, having won the top prize, the car took pride of place on the rotunda at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall earlier this year. Mike has been a Member of the GRRC since 2007.

Winning the Annual Vehicle Display must have been a great moment?

Yes, that was a wonderful day, especially when you consider that we missed the top prize in 2015 by just a single point. The car was pretty much a wreck when I decided we should restore it. There is a magic, and a romance, about Alfa Romeos, and you get hooked on them. We took it to Rees Brothers, where it was gradually brought back to life over 18 years, with some fairly big gaps while we saved up the money! The car is about 90 per cent original now, and drives beautifully.

Tell us about the Alfa Romeo and its history?

It was built in 1930 and shipped to the UK, where the body was made by James Young. Details of the early owners are sketchy, but my father found it in 1959. It was an absolute wreck and painted with blue emulsion, but he fell in love with it.

The engine is a lovely six-cylinder, double-overhead camshaft, 1750cc, and has lots of torque so it's very flexible and easy to drive. The brake pedal is on the right, and the accelerator is in the middle, so you have to be careful and think about that a bit if you haven't driven it for a while. I share the car with my brother, and he's the only other person allowed to drive it.

What do you enjoy about being part of the GRRC community?

I came to Goodwood in the 1950s and '60s for the racing and have been in love with the place ever since - especially the Revival, which is surely the best historic race meeting in the world. Everything is just so well done, every detail is perfect. Obviously, I also enjoy the Annual Vehicle Display, which is such a great day out for the family. We live locally in Amberley and also own a Jaguar XJ8, so we can enjoy all of the things that the GRRC has to offer.

WEST SUSSEX DRIVE AND BBQ, 3 JUNE

ON THE ROAD

In June, 132 Members took to the roads of the New Forest and West Sussex in the GRRC's largest Regional Drive to date.

A total of 87 cars arrived in Beaulieu in the morning - all different makes, models and eras, but all set for a fantastic drive. Members got to explore the roads of the New Forest, with stops along the way so they could chat and enjoy the surroundings.

After a surprise parade lap around Goodwood Motor Circuit, the convoy headed to The Kennels for a private barbecue on the Putting Green - and to reminisce about a great driving day.



JOIN US IN SCOTLAND IN OCTOBER!



Members brought along a range of cars - from modern performance machines to stunning classics - for our biggest ever Regional Drive

COMING UP!



ANNUAL VEHICLE DISPLAY, 6 AUGUST A QUITE STUNNING GATHERING

Our Annual Vehicle Display is always a great day out for the whole family. This year we'll have another exquisite collection of cars joining us in front of Goodwood House - and one of these wonderful machines will be chosen to go on display at the Royal Automobile Club's famous rotunda. Why not make the most of the day and visit the Classic Car Sunday Breakfast Club at the Motor Circuit before heading to Goodwood House? Please remember that, as this is a GRRC event, you will need to have your GRRC windscreen sticker in your vehicle to be allowed access to the site. If you want to bring friends or family along please download the document attached to the email version of the newsletter and pass it on to them, as they will need to display it in their windscreen.

To join us at any of our upcoming social events - including Regional Drives - please contact the Club at grrc@goodwood.com

NEWSLETTER

GOODWOOD ROAD RACING CLUB



FESTIVAL OF SPEED, 29 JUNE-2 JULY

FESTIVAL FEVER!

So many highlights, so many memories, another fantastic kaleidoscope of sounds, sights and speed. The 2017 Festival, staged over four action-packed days, entertained more than 200,000 fans, who come to worship each summer at this cathedral of speed. Thrills galore (and a few spills), Bernie Ecclestone on the balcony of Goodwood House and an unforgettable gathering of blood-red Ferraris. You will have your own special memories of the weekend, but turn the page to read our event report and relive some of the highlights





I hope you all had a wonderful time at the Festival. Our theme was 'Peaks of Performance – Motorsport's Game-Changers', and I believe this applied not only to the machines on the Hill but also to the event itself. Since the first Festival in 1993, the event has grown into a unique global attraction. This is due to the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of the drivers and owners, of you the fans, and my team here at Goodwood. This year we entertained more visitors than ever, including some of the most important players in motorsport, the worldwide motor industry and the new technology companies that were showcased in our new Future Lab. Now we look ahead to the Revival. I hope I'll see you all there.

EARL OF MARCH



NEWS FROM THE GRRC TEAM

Whether they're out meeting Members or in the office planning new and exciting Club events, the GRRC team are always busy. Find out what the Club has been up to this month



ALAN BREWER
GRRC GENERAL MANAGER

All in all, this was a great Festival for the GRRC. The team here made several changes to the Members' experience this year, including parking, the location and layout of the GRRC Enclosure, and a totally refreshed Kinrara facility. We hope they were all well received, and we were also delighted to welcome many celebrities and drivers to meet our Members in the Enclosures, including Herbie Blash, Damon Hill, Jordan Cane, Steve 'Baggy' Biagioni and Kerry Earnhardt (pictured with Alan above).

FESTIVAL OF SPEED REPORT

A WEEKEND OF MOTORSPORT MAGIC

Under the banner of 'Peaks of Performance – Motorsport's Game-Changers', the Festival honoured many of racing's great names, including Bernie Ecclestone, one of the most significant game-changers the sport has ever seen. The five chapters of Bernie's extraordinary career were illustrated by the cars perched on the Central Feature – a Connaught, a Lotus 72, a Brabham BT49, a Schumacher Ferrari and Nico Rosberg's title-winning Mercedes from last year – representing his life as driver, manager, team owner, impresario and legend.

Elsewhere there was a 70th birthday party for Ferrari, complete with live orchestra, fireworks, and the British branch of the Tifosi waving flags. The tribute to Williams, marking the team's 40th anniversary, was a little more low-key, as befits this most English of Grand Prix teams. In amongst a line-up of Sir Frank's cars were his daughter Claire, son Jonathan, founding partner Sir Patrick Head, former Chief Mechanic Dickie Stanford and 1996 World Champion Damon Hill.

Nine-time Le Mans winner and Goodwood hero Tom Kristensen celebrated the 20th anniversary of his first Le Mans win by inviting his former team-mates to drive a lovely collection of sports and GT cars. And the weekend climaxed with the timed shootout on Sunday afternoon: Festival regular Justin Law prevailed in his Jaguar XJR-12D Group C machine with a time of 46.13 – less than a tenth of a second quicker than the monstrous Penske-Chevrolet PC22 IndyCar of Jeremy Smith.

This sensational Festival was one to savour, and a reminder that only at Goodwood will you see so many legends, and so much machinery, all gathered together in one place at one time. Even Bernie was impressed...

PREVIOUS PAGE, CLOCKWISE

FROM TOP LEFT:

Drifting star 'Mad' Mike Whiddett in his 1000bhp 'RadBul' Mazda MX-5; 2016 Formula 1 World Champion Nico Rosberg greets the Festival crowd; the Jaguar XJR-12D heads for the fastest time of the weekend in the hands of Justin Law; Ferrari engineers wheel the F2007 F1 car through the paddock; the spectacular finale of the special Bernie Ecclestone 'moment' in front of Goodwood House

ABOVE, CLOCKWISE

FROM TOP:

A host of pre-war machines charged up the Hill, including the 27-litre Thomas Special 'Babs'; the wonderful Williams FW14B from 1992; a closer look at the glorious Gerry Judah-designed Central Feature

GRRC KARTING, 17 NOVEMBER

BE A KARTING LEGEND!

If you've always fancied yourself as the next Lewis Hamilton, or just want a bit of good-natured competition, then head to the Club's inaugural karting event at Sandown Park in November

If you look back to the start of most successful racing drivers' careers, you'll see they all have one thing in common: they cut their teeth racing karts! The likes of Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher began racing on karting tracks – and on 17 November, Members will get a chance to emulate them at the GRRC's very first karting event and final driving event of 2017, which will be held at Sandown Park's challenging 900-metre 'GP' circuit.

Groups of up to four are welcome to come and take part in a two-hour endurance race, competing for Members' Meeting House points – a worthwhile incentive to fight for the win! Adult Members can book for themselves plus one non-GRRC guest, and Family Members will be allowed to book for up to three guests. The booking form for this event is enclosed – but places will fill up fast, so act now if you'd like to join us!



Goodwood hero Sir Stirling Moss tries a kart for size in 1962 – the year he retired from full-time racing

REVIVAL, 8-10 SEPTEMBER

FAMILY FUN ON LAVANT BANK

Thought of by many Members as the best spot to enjoy the action at the Revival, Lavant Bank is undergoing a transformation this year, and will be the perfect place for those of all ages to relax. The 'park and picnic' will no doubt be as popular as ever, and an eclectic mix of pre-1966 vehicles will provide a splendid backdrop to the Enclosure. The garden will roll all the way down to the trackside fence this year, giving us double the space, so let's keep our fingers crossed that the rain stays away!

HOW TO GET THERE

Hop on one of the free shuttles from Gate 2 (the main pedestrian entrance) and be dropped off at Gate 11 on Lavant Straight, just a short walk from the GRRC Enclosure. These shuttles will run between 0830hrs and 1800hrs.

GLORIOUS FOOD

There will be a wonderful barbecue sizzling away at lunchtime serving burgers, kebabs and sausages with your choice of toppings, alongside a delicious array of salads and desserts, plus a retro sweet stall. It'll be a proper family feast!

FOR THE KIDS

While you're watching the racing, the kids will be able to enjoy a wonderful line-up of vintage pedal cars as well as a whole host of fun activities to keep them occupied in the garden next to the Enclosure. Let the games begin!



Revival Friday and Sunday will sell out soon, but limited Weekend March Enclosure tickets are available. There are a limited number of Infield and Chicane Grandstand tickets remaining for Sunday.



ME AND MY CAR

1961 SAAB 96 DE LUXE

Club Member Ray Armes (GRRC-7637) fell in love with this wonderfully original Saab after seeing Erik Carlsson's rallying exploits

'I used to go and watch the RAC Rally and have wanted to own a Saab ever since I saw Erik Carlsson win three in a row in his Saab 96,' remembers GRRC Member Ray Armes. 'So, when I found this car, I sold my Fiat 500 and bought the car I'd always wanted.'

The car is left-hand drive as it spent most of its life in Sweden, and it still has the original handbook in Swedish, which is nice. Like all Saabs, it is solidly built, and no other marque made cars like this back in 1961. It's beautifully streamlined, as you might expect from a car company that was also an aircraft manufacturer. The Saab makes me smile – it's not a fast car, just 34bhp from the two-stroke engine and a three-speed gearbox, but it goes well when you use all of the revs. The two-stroke was later replaced with a more powerful Ford V4 but everyone remembers the 96 with the characterful smaller engine.

'This car has been completely restored, and it's now just as it was when brand new in 1961 – the back-box, the interior, the green piping around the bodywork, it's all exactly as it was when it was built. Saab was ahead of its time in the 1960s. Not even Volvo made cars as solid and strong as this, and a specialist told me this was the best 96 he'd ever seen.'

'There's what you could call a "comfort factor" about the way they are made – everything fits together properly, and Erik Carlsson's huge success in international rallying gave it a fine reputation. Saabs are not to everyone's taste but I adore this car and I plan to keep it long into the future.'

McLAREN FACTORY TOUR

A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



At the end of May, the Club hosted an exclusive tour of the McLaren Technology Centre, for those Members lucky enough to secure a spot in our draw. After their day began with a video of McLaren's history, Members got the chance to look around the site, and had a close-up view of two F1 cars that had just returned from the Monaco Grand Prix: 'It was a privilege to get such an exclusive insight into the world of McLaren,' said Member Charles Evans (GRRC-174). 'I was lucky enough to go on a Club tour of the old factory, and the contrast between the two is incredible!'