



ME AND MY CAR

## 1966 McLaren-Ford MIB

BUILT HALF A CENTURY AGO, THIS McLaren SPORTS CAR STILL SETS A FEARSOME PACE

'When I stand beside my McLaren MIB it absolutely scares the hell out of me,' admits GGRC Member and junior vascular surgeon Gareth Williams. 'But when you're strapped inside, it actually feels quite docile to drive. Of course it could be that I'm not pushing it nearly hard enough. But I have tested it in the wet at Silverstone and when the tail steps out you can hold it sideways.'

'The car was built by McLaren in 1966 and sold to Ken Shepperd for Keith St John to race in the Guards Trophy. It was sponsored by Radio London and painted in Aston Martin 'Roman Purple' - I've restored it to its original colours.'

'A gentleman called Bob Rose competed in hillclimbs in it. He rather cheekily put a number plate on it from a written-off Marcos so that he could drive it to and from events - I guess the local bobbies weren't that knowledgeable about McLaren prototype sport cars at the time!'

'The car is one of the few that didn't go abroad and has stayed in England for most of its life, apart from a brief spell in Germany. I bought it three years ago. My partner Mary-Alice Abou-Jaoude tolerates

it as long as she doesn't have to clean it. But I've broken that deal already and she is not too happy with me at the moment. I entered the Bruce McLaren Trophy at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Members' Meeting, although the race turned into a bit of a comedy of errors for me, if I'm honest. I was driving along in qualifying quite rapidly - or so I thought - when suddenly this horde of Lola T70s streamed past me. It was like being in the middle of a missile strike!'

'My car has a Ford engine and puts out around 400bhp - maybe I need to save up for a Chevy engine as they easily put out another 100bhp. But I love the sound the Ford engine makes. When you hear it in full cry, you know that this car has a soul.'

2016 VEHICLE DISPLAY DAY  
We photographed Gareth's car at the 2015 Annual Vehicle Display Day. This year's event will be held on Sunday 14 August. If you would like to register your car for the chance to have it displayed at Goodwood House, please fill in the form provided with the newsletter and return it to the Club.



## THRUXTON CALLING!

We are very pleased to announce that our next GRRC Autosolo will be held at Thruxton on Sunday 31 July.

If you've never tried an Autosolo, do come along and give it a go. It is tremendous fun, and all you require is a road-legal car. There's no need to wear a helmet or a race suit, and entries may be accepted from drivers aged 16 and over without a full driving licence, provided the vehicle used is by definition a 'touring car'.

Superminis and supercars are equally welcome. So why not fill in the entry form, come and test your driving skills on a series of courses marked out by cones, and enjoy a gas with your fellow GRRC Members?

## ENJOY A DREAM GP DRIVE AT BRANDS

On Tuesday 19 July GRRC Members will have a unique opportunity to drive the full 2.4-mile Grand Prix circuit at Brands Hatch where Nigel Mansell won his first GP at the wheel of a Williams Honda back in 1985.

Brands Hatch also provided the setting for a pivotal moment in the career of Andrew Jordan, vice-captain of Aubigny House at this year's Members' Meeting. It was there, at the final race of the 2013 season, that Andrew took victory in his Honda Civic to claim the British Touring Car Championship title.

'The Brands Hatch Grand Prix track is one of my favourite circuits - it's like Goodwood in that it is still quite old school and much of its original character remains,' Andrew tells us. 'There are lots of ups and downs, and when you are charging through the woods you have a huge sense of speed. The Grand Prix circuit does not get used that often, so it's fantastic that GRRC Members will have the opportunity to drive around there.'

Thanks to specialist track day organiser RMA, Members attending will enjoy a generous amount of time on the track - some 3.5 hours in total, split into four action-packed slots, with around 30 cars on track at the same time. Members will drive their own cars, and there will be separate categories for road-legal and non-road-legal vehicles - so it's the perfect opportunity to give your road, race or sprint car a proper mid-season blast on a world-famous circuit.

'Hawthorn Bend is my favourite,' Andrew tells us. 'I love the way you come flying down into it from Hawthorn Hill. Every corner is a challenge, and I'm sure the Members will have a great day out.'

Further information can be found on the booking form enclosed with this newsletter. If you wish to attend, please return the form as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of places available

## GOODWOOD.COM - A SITE FOR SORE EYES

To make things more convenient for Members, we're revamping our main goodwood.com website. Members will be able to access all the Club has to offer, such as purchasing tickets, joining forums and keeping up with the latest Goodwood Road and Racing news and features, by visiting just one site. Look out for further info in the email version of the newsletter.



## FESTIVAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES HUNT

The 2016 Festival of Speed will mark the 40th anniversary of James Hunt's 1976 Formula 1 world title with a dedicated class of cars

Following the success of the Members' Meeting in March (see over page), all eyes are now on the forthcoming Festival of Speed, which takes place from 23-26 June.

This year's theme, 'Full Throttle - The Endless Pursuit of Power', will feature some of the world's most powerful cars and motorcycles, from early land-speed record holders to the latest supercars. There will also be a tribute to James Hunt, marking the 40th anniversary of his 1976 world title. Hunt is one of the most colourful characters in F1 history, but when he wasn't acting the playboy he was very serious about his racing. Over his relatively short career he drove a variety of cars, from his club racing Mini to the Gulf Mirage sports car he shared with Derek Bell at the Nürburgring. As well as a class dedicated to Hunt, there will also be a host of his friends and peers at the Festival to help us remember him.

As usual, Festival (and Revival) tickets are selling fast. To help avoid disappointment for Members, we are disclosing possible sell-out dates, expected to be late April for Festival and mid-May for Revival. These are not guaranteed, merely an estimate, but we hope it will help Members to secure tickets.

Places are also available for the GRRC Summer Ball, which takes place on Thursday 23 June. The evening will include a champagne reception, three-course meal, spectacular light show and the unveiling of Gerry Judah's Central Feature outside Goodwood House. Guests will then enjoy a unique night-time display of cars on the famous Goodwood Hill. To start the Festival in the best possible way, please contact the Ticket Office using the number below.

For Summer Ball enquiries call the Club on +44 (0)1243 755057



## DON'T FORGET



26-30 APRIL

### CLIMB EVERY HILL

Our friends behind the Creg Willey's Hillclimb on the Isle of Man have invited us along to the event, the running of which happily coincides with our visit to the island in April. The hillclimb is held on a 1.45-mile section of the famous Isle of Man TT course and attracts modern and classic machines alike.



10 MAY

### HELLO TUNBRIDGE WELLS!

The GRRC Regional Tour rolls into Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday 10 May. For this, our third regional social of the year, we will be meeting up at The Beacon in Tea Garden Lane. The evening runs from 1900-2100hrs. Drop us a line at grrc@goodwood.com if you would like to come along - we hope to see you there.



27 MAY

### BEHIND THE SCENES AT BENTLEY

We've had a great response to our factory visit to Bentley Motors, so thank you to all who have booked. We'll meet for dinner at Crewe Hall hotel on the evening of Thursday 26 May, and then commence the tour, normally reserved for Bentley customers, the following morning. We look forward to seeing you all.

For all ticket and booking enquiries for forthcoming GRRC events, please visit [grrc.goodwood.com](http://grrc.goodwood.com) or call the Club on +44 (0)1243 755057



## THURSDAY - IT'S THE NEW FRIDAY

With demand for tickets to the Festival of Speed growing every year, we've gradually been introducing more attractions to the Thursday line-up, to make the Festival a four-day event. Thursday is now the official Day 1 of the Festival, and this year there are more reasons than ever to attend on that opening day (23 June)

All Members are entitled to two complimentary tickets for Thursday, which also give access to the luxurious Kinrara Enclosure. This exclusive area offers Members a fantastic view of the Hill from the inside of Crossroads Corner, as well as a restaurant with waitress service, a garden area and a private grandstand. The Enclosure also provides the perfect base to

explore all of Thursday's action, as well as the nearby paddocks, the Moving Motor Show and the Forest Rally Stage. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Kinrara guests will also benefit from a shuttle service to and from the Forest Rally Stage.

To receive your complimentary Thursday tickets (which will not be sent automatically) and to buy other weekend tickets, contact the Ticket Office. There are also a limited number of Kinrara Enclosure tickets remaining for the rest of the Festival weekend - these can also be purchased when you call the Ticket Office.

For all ticket enquiries please call +44 (0)1243 755055

## UP AND RUNNING FOR ANOTHER GREAT GOODWOOD SEASON

Firstly, let me say how good it was to see so many of you at our 74<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting. I really appreciate your support for our season opener, and I hope you all had a great weekend. Thankfully the rain stayed away and we were treated to some wonderful racing, despite rather too many delays caused by incidents on the track. Safety is paramount, which means some delays to the programme are inevitable.

We are pleased to report that Karsten Le Blanc was uninjured and that Stephen Bond was given the all clear following a hospital check-up. Michiel Smits is making a good recovery and tells us he hopes to be racing again as soon as possible.

Sadly we had to cancel our Spring Sprint due to Storm Katie, following damage to temporary structures. I'd like to pay tribute to the GRRC team for all the hard work they put into the event, and to all the owners and drivers who were due to compete. Hopefully we can continue the tradition of our Spring Sprint next year.

We are now hard at work preparing for the Festival of Speed in June. This year's theme, 'Full Throttle – The Endless Pursuit of Power', gives us an opportunity to bring some of the fastest, wildest and most powerful cars and bikes ever conceived to Goodwood.

I believe the Festival is as much about you, the knowledgeable fans, as it is about the competitors and machines who come together in such a brilliant, eclectic mix of noise, colour and speed. Your enthusiasm is a big part of what makes the Festival such an amazing celebration, and my team and I will be working tirelessly to give you another event to remember.

Meanwhile, do keep a close eye on the Goodwood Road & Racing website, where you will find all our latest news as well as some terrific videos and features. We have also launched a new series of Road & Racing podcasts, featuring the legendary drivers who come to our events. This month's episodes will feature Gerhard Berger, Mika Häkkinen, Emanuele Pirro, Jochen Mass and many more – see the story on the back page for further details on the website.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the North West Regional Drive and Social Evening in April. The GRRC team was delighted with the turnout and is now busy preparing for the Welsh Borders Regional Drive in August.

I look forward to seeing you all in June, and thanks again for your support of everything we do here at Goodwood. It's going to be a great year.

*Oliver*  
EARL OF MARCH



74<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERS' MEETING

## OUR SPRING SPECTACULAR OF SPEED AND STYLE

Our third Members' Meeting of the modern era was the most successful yet, with a record crowd and a great range of new sporting activities. There were lots of new sights on the track, although 'new' is not quite the word to describe the cars competing in our first ever race for Edwardian Specials, the S.F. Edge Trophy. The motorcycle riders in the inaugural Hailwood Trophy also won new fans with their daring pace. In terms of the House competition, it was three wins in a row for Methuen, captained by Anthony Reid and energetically supported by the Methuen House Members. The Silver Arrows Grand Prix Cars driven by Mika Häkkinen and Jochen Mass made for a stunning sight. Special thanks to our timekeeping partner IWC Schaffhausen and Mercedes-Benz for bringing the collection. We would also like to express our gratitude to all our Governors for their generous support of the 74<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting.



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## 'I'M A CLUB MEMBER'

PETER JAMES  
PETROLHEAD, RACING DRIVER  
AND INTERNATIONAL BEST-SELLING  
AUTHOR OF THE ROY GRACE  
DETECTIVE NOVELS

**When did you first visit Goodwood?**  
Oh, years ago as a kid, back in the 1960s. I always loved tin-top racing – Mini Coopers, Ford Galaxies, Cortinas, Anglias... I wanted to be a racing driver but my parents were, shall we say, less than keen.

**So when did you take up motor racing?**  
A little bit later – when I hit 50! My friend Aubrey Brocklebank got me into Citroën 2CV racing. My first outing was a 24-hour race at Snetterton. There were four of us in the team, and I took the start. I was so nervous, I was hoping the car wouldn't start. But it did and we finished, and did four more 24-hour races.

**So have you been bitten by the bug?**  
You could say that. I raced a Honda Accord and an ex-Jason Plato Seat Toledo in the Britcar series. Now I predominantly race classics, and I currently have a BMW 1800 Ti/SA, a Fiat Abarth Evocation and an Austin A35, which I hope to race at Revival this year.

**And what else is in the garage?**  
I'm fortunate to have a Mercedes-Benz Brabus S-Class as my mobile office, and an Aston Martin Vanquish convertible, plus a BMW M3 Schnitzer track day car.

**Which is the most fun to drive?**  
The biggest smile I've had on my face was when I tested the Austin A35 at Goodwood last year. It feels so twitchy, so alive and so, so basic. In terms of technology, you've got an engine, a steering wheel, a gear lever and a brake pedal – and that's it.

**Do you have to be careful that racing and your love of cars doesn't take over from the day job?**  
I make myself write 1000 words a day six days a week. Whatever I am doing – playing tennis, running, walking the dog – I am always thinking about the novel I'm working on, except when I am at a racetrack.

**You frighten people for a living with your books. Ever had any scary moments in a car?**  
I had a huge accident at Brands Hatch when I got clipped going into Paddock Hill Bend. I suffered some nasty injuries, but afterwards I thought: 'Now I know what it feels like to roll a car – like being in a giant tumble dryer – I can use that in a future novel.'

**Ollie Harcourt, the hero of your recent ghost story The House On Cold Hill, loved the Goodwood Revival. Have you ever encountered a haunted car?**  
Well, maybe not haunted, but in 1973 I bought a bright green Triumph Stag, and that car was definitely jinxed. The head gasket kept blowing, a friend who borrowed it rolled it, my business almost went bust and my whole life almost fell apart. So in the end I got rid of it and for years I wouldn't get in a green car.

**Will your famous detective character, Roy Grace, be visiting Goodwood any time soon?**  
Ah, you'll have to wait and see. Roy's a petrolhead so he could pop along as a fan. But then there is a tremendous amount of skulduggery in motor racing, so maybe he will turn up on 'official' business. And we haven't had a murder at the Revival yet, have we?

The new Roy Grace novel *Love You Dead* will be published on 19 May 2016, and *The House On Cold Hill* will be available in paperback on 16 June



## TAKE A TOUR OF MCLAREN HQ

SINCE 1986, MCLAREN HAS KEPT EVERY F1 CAR IT HAS BUILT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THEM? THEN COME AND JOIN US ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF THE MCLAREN TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Unless your name is Jensen Button or Fernando Alonso, strolling into the workshop to watch the McLaren-Honda Formula 1 team prepare its cars is all but impossible. But that is exactly what you will be able to do if you join us for a hyper-exclusive tour of the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking on Tuesday 31 May.

We will meet at 1400hrs and will be taken by VIP shuttle along Lake Road to the futuristic-looking McLaren Technology Centre. There we will enjoy welcome refreshments and a film theatre presentation detailing the history of the company founded by Bruce McLaren in 1963, ahead of our behind-the-scenes tour. On the McLaren 'Boulevard', we will see cars as diverse as Bruce's first race car – a 1929 Austin 7 Ulster, plus a multi-wing McLaren M7C GP car, a bright orange Can-Am M8D, Niki Lauda's 1984 title-winning MP4/2 and many, many more. Our visit has been timed to ensure that the current F1 cars are 'at home', so we will enjoy the rare opportunity to see them being worked on. We will also tour the McLaren Production Centre and witness the construction of McLaren's elite road car models.

Further details will be provided in the email version of this newsletter



## FULL CHARGE FROM GOODWOOD TO SPA

AFTER WINNING THE GERRY MARSHALL TROPHY AT 74MM, OLIVER BRYANT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CATCHING UP WITH FELLOW GRRC MEMBERS AT THE SPA CLASSIC

Oliver Bryant and his father Grahame took a convincing win in the Gerry Marshall Trophy at the Members' Meeting, despite having their 1974 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 restored just in the nick of time.

'It was a race to get the car ready in time,' recalls Oliver, 'but we qualified on pole and had a really good weekend. My dad was right on the pace on Saturday and I managed to take the chequered flag on Sunday.'

Now Oliver is busy preparing for the Spa Classic in May, where he will be sharing a 1964 Porsche 901 (the car

in which Andrew Jordan won the 2015 John Aldington Trophy) with Andrew Smith. If you are joining us for our Spa Classic Driving Tour, you will be able to see Oliver in action.

'I've not been to the event before but I hear it's fantastic and I can't wait to compete in it,' Oliver tells us. 'I've raced at Spa-Francorchamps many times in modern GT cars, and it is one of my favourite circuits in Europe.'

Oliver is hoping to be cheered on by the GRRC at Spa: 'I'm looking forward to meeting my fellow Members, so if you are there do come and say hello!'

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**26-30 APRIL**  
Isle of Man Driving Tour  
Fully booked

**1 MAY**  
Breakfast Club: Soft-Top Sunday  
Pre-register at [grrc.goodwood.com](mailto:grrc.goodwood.com)

**10 MAY**  
Tunbridge Wells Social Evening  
Email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)

**13-15 MAY**  
Spa Classic Driving Tour  
Limited places left

**23 MAY**  
105db Track Day  
Fully booked

**27 MAY**  
Bentley Factory Visit  
Fully booked

**31 MAY**  
McLaren Factory Visit  
See story opposite

**4 JUNE**  
105db Track Day  
Fully booked

**5 JUNE**  
Breakfast Club: Full Throttle  
Pre-register at [grrc.goodwood.com](mailto:grrc.goodwood.com)

**23-26 JUNE**  
Festival of Speed  
Tickets on sale now and are estimated to sell out by late April

**3 JULY**  
Detailing Day  
Contact GRRC for remaining spaces

**9 JULY**  
98db Track Day and Barbecue  
Book now

**12 JULY**  
Cambridge Social Evening  
Email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)

**19 JULY**  
Brands Hatch GP circuit track day  
See story on page 4

**31 JULY**  
Thruxton Autosolo  
See story on page 4

**6 AUGUST**  
Regional Drive: Welsh Borders  
Email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)

**9-11 SEPTEMBER**  
Revival  
Tickets on sale now and are estimated to sell out by mid-May