



## US AND OUR CAR 1938/39 BECKENHAM SPECIAL

ALF TUDGE AND HIS SON AIDAN ARE THE PROUD OWNERS OF THIS UNIQUE MACHINE

'The Beckenham Special is a proper bitsa,' grins GRRRC Member Alf Tudge. 'It's made of bits of this car, and bits of that car.'

'There is another Beckenham Special out there, but the only two similarities between it and this car are the name and the front suspension.'

'My car was built during 1938 and 1939 by a gentleman called Keith Salmon. It's got a Lancia front suspension and a Ford Pilot back axle. It is powered by a 2.5-litre, dry-sump MG Mk3 Tigress engine and has got a pretty good turn of speed. It quite often gives the drivers of modern cars a surprise away from the traffic lights.'

'Keith Salmon tested the car at Brooklands after he built it. He was a member of the Gosport Motor Club, and after the war he competed against Stirling Moss in his Cooper 500 at a speed trial on the taxi road at Gosport airfield. He also drove the Beckenham in hillclimbs.'

'The car was sold in the mid-'50s, and it ended up as a pile of bits in a shed before I acquired it in 1973. Keith was still alive then and he was amazed and

delighted to learn that the car was still around, even if it was just a heap of parts. I gave him my word that I would restore it and not only get it back on the road but also back on a hillclimb – which is, after all, what Keith originally built it for.'

'I drive the Beckenham Special on the road quite regularly, and I have driven it up the Kop hillclimb in Buckinghamshire, which it handled with ease. My target is to do the Prescott and Shelsley Walsh hillclimbs once I have had a little bit more engine work sorted out on it.'

'I have two sons, and my elder was never, ever interested in the car, but my younger son, Aidan, used to crawl towards it when he was in his nappy. I used to put a box on top of the seat so that he could sit and reach the steering wheel.'

*Aidan takes up the story:* 'Keith Salmon was only 5ft 2in, I'm 6ft 3in, so it is a real squeeze even with the seat removed and me sitting on the floor. It really is a lovely thing to drive, the trouble is every time we try and get me insured, the insurance company hangs up the phone!'



A huge variety of machinery has been seen in the RAC Rotunda over the years. From top to bottom: the Nissan Deltawing; the Fiat S76 'Beast of Turin'; a stunning ex-Stirling Moss Ferrari 250 GTO; an original Rolls-Royce Trials car; a Formula E racer brings things bang up to date

## BE THE STAR OF THE SHOW

The chosen winner of this year's Annual Vehicle Display at the GRRRC Open Day will win a unique prize – their car will be displayed in the Rotunda of the Royal Automobile Club's famous Pall Mall clubhouse for one week.

The lucky winner's car will follow in the wheel tracks of countless iconic road cars, racers and even motorcycles. These include Sir Stirling Moss's 1961 Monaco Grand Prix-winning Lotus 18, the stunning new Ford GT supercar, Duncan Pittaway's remarkable Fiat S76 'Beast of Turin' – a firm favourite at the Festival of Speed – and Nissan's innovative Deltawing prototype.

But how exactly are these priceless machines manoeuvred into position in the clubhouse? Amazingly, they are winched in extremely carefully using steel cables and ramps straight through the front doors in the dead of night. Since racing cars traditionally tend to be much wider than normal cars, this needs to be done with millimetre precision.

### A DISPLAY OF STYLE

This year's GRRRC Annual Vehicle Display – in which no fewer than 50 cars are showcased around the Carriage Circle in front of Goodwood House – will be taking place on Sunday 14 August. The event is open to all Members and their guests. Entry is free, and there will be a great range of fun activities for adults and children.

The display will take centre stage, with all guests urged to vote for their favourite vehicle, and the winner will be announced at the end of the day.

Further information, including a full timetable, can be found in the email version of this newsletter.

2016 REVIVAL TICKETS ARE EXPECTED TO SELL OUT IN  
**MID-MAY**  
BASED ON ESTIMATED DEMAND



# WE HAVE LIFT-OFF!

BMW set to star at the 2016 Goodwood Festival of Speed with a 100th birthday party to end all birthday parties

## DON'T FORGET



### 5 JUNE POWER BREAKFAST

Our next Sunday Breakfast Club at the Motor Circuit is titled Full Throttle, to get us all in the mood for the Festival of Speed, where we'll be celebrating the Endless Pursuit of Power. So the more muscle you are packing under the bonnet the better – and don't forget to pre-register at goodwood.com



### 14 JUNE ALL ROADS LEAD TO GOODWOOD

It's been great meeting you all at our recent regional social evenings. If you haven't had the chance to pop down to our social evenings at The Kennels before, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to you to come along. These informal get-togethers are held from 1900hrs to 2100hrs on the second Tuesday of the month.



### 23-26 JUNE SPECTATE IN STYLE

Tickets are selling quickly for the Kinrara Enclosure. Located on the inside of Crossroads Corner, its luxurious facilities provide the ultimate Festival spectating experience. Tickets may be acquired by calling +44 (0)1243 755055. Look out for dress code guidance in the email version of the newsletter.

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

BMW will celebrate its centenary at this year's Festival of Speed with a sensational gathering of cars specially chosen to illustrate the German company's worldwide success in numerous categories of motorsport. The marque will take centre stage at the event with three of its most famous cars – a 328 Mille Miglia Roadster, a Brabham-BMW BT52 Grand Prix car and the Le Mans-winning BMW LMR V12 – mounted on the Festival's biggest ever Central Feature outside Goodwood House.

Both cars and motorcycles will be in action on the Hillclimb and a special display, called M-Avenue, will feature 40 years of BMW's high-performance M-cars, including the very latest M4 GTs.

The centenary celebrations will also showcase BMW's great diversity, with both MINI and Rolls-Royce models to the fore, while a BMW Pavilion will present a broader range of the Bavarian manufacturer's newest cars, including the special edition of the hybrid i8, the Protonic Red Edition.

'BMW has been one of our most loyal and enthusiastic partners at the Festival of Speed and across the Goodwood Estate,' says Lord March, 'and I am really excited that the company is bringing such a fantastic collection of its cars and motorcycles to the event. The Central Feature should be a spectacular tribute to the company's success in motorsport, in Formula 1, Formula 2,

Le Mans and Touring Cars, and this heritage fits perfectly with our 2016 theme of 'Full Throttle – the Endless Pursuit of Power'.

As well as looking back over its first 100 years, BMW's presence at this year's Festival will also offer a glimpse of the company's mission for the future, with the evocative Vision 100 concept car.

### TICKET INFO

At the time of print, all general admission tickets for Saturday 25 June are sold out, but if you missed out you can still snap up tickets for our upgrade facility, Kinrara. All tickets can be purchased through [goodwood.com](http://goodwood.com) or via our Ticket Office on 01243 755055



### ROAD RACERS

An exciting innovation for 2016 is a brand new class of 'Race Cars for the Road' featuring ultra-quick cars that can legally be driven on the road but are equally at home on the circuit. The line-up for these highly specialised track day cars includes the Ariel Atom, the BAC Mono, an Elemental RP1, the KTM X-Bow RR+, a Radical RXCV8 Spyder, the new Vuhl 05 and a Zenos E12.



### BRAWN BACK ON TRACK

Ross Brawn is restoring his own Brawn BGP001 Formula 1 car for the Festival. The World Championship winner will be making its first public appearance since the end of the 2009 F1 season. The car, in which Jenson Button became Britain's 10th F1 champion, will be driven up the Hill by Martin Brundle, while Gerhard Berger will drive Sebastian Vettel's Monza-winning Toro Rosso.



### ALL HAIL KING CARL

Four-time World Superbike Champion Carl Fogarty returns to the Festival to ride Triumph motorcycles both old and new. Foggy, who is always hugely popular with the fans, will ride two of the very latest machines from the British manufacturer, as well as two motorcycles from the National Motorcycle Museum in a special 'Past and Present' demonstration.



### SHOOT TO THRILL

On Sunday afternoon, the top teams and drivers from the British Touring Car Championship will go head-to-head in what will be a thrilling, full-throttle shoot-out on the famous Goodwood Hillclimb. Andrew Jordan, Matt Neal, Jason Plato and Gordon Shedden will be among those fully charged up and aiming for the fastest time. It should be a nail-biting highlight of the Festival.



### FI FIREPOWER

A number of Grand Prix teams will be at the Festival this summer ahead of the British Grand Prix. We are delighted to announce that we will see Ferrari, Force India, Mercedes-Benz, McLaren, Red Bull and Renault in action on the Hill. Drivers will be confirmed later this month, but you can be sure 2009 World Champion Jenson Button will be here for one of his favourite events of the year.

## FULL THROTTLE AHEAD FOR 2016 FESTIVAL OF SPEED

*I sometimes wonder where the time goes. There has barely been time to reflect on our 74th Members' Meeting and yet we are now just weeks away from the Festival of Speed in June.*

*Before looking ahead to the Festival of Speed, I'd like to say how delighted I was with the look and feel of the Members' Meeting this year. I always had a vision for this event, that it would be very different from the Revival, have its own special identity, and I feel that we are very nearly there with what we hoped to achieve. One of the great successes, for me, has been the inclusive atmosphere, with everyone eating and drinking together in the Great Hall – drivers, team owners, Governors, mechanics and Members all getting together in one place.*

*I hope you will all spread the word among your friends and fellow Members.*

*Elsewhere in the Newsletter, we look ahead to some of the highlights of the Festival of Speed. I am personally really looking forward to seeing some truly wild machinery from America. Look out for ZZ Top guitarist Billy Gibbons' "Whiskey Runner", a stunning hot rod that has been prepared just for the Festival. We will have more NASCAR representation than ever before too. The Americans add so much to the event, and legendary team owner Richard Childress will be here himself to drive on the Hill for the first time.*

*I can't wait to see all the machinery lined up in the paddocks, and I look forward to seeing you all there for what I hope will be a terrific show.*

*And finally, it was great to meet and wave good luck to all of the Members who participated in our recent highly successful Isle of Man Driving Tour.*

*Neil*  
EARL OF MARCH



SUMMER BALL, 23 JUNE

## COME ALONG AND HAVE YOURSELF A BALL

Spaces are filling up quickly for our annual GRRC Summer Ball – and why wouldn't they, as it's a unique opportunity to see an array of BMWs take to the Hillclimb at night alongside a spectacular light display on the eve of the Festival of Speed. We are still waiting in anticipation for a full list of cars, but with BMW celebrating its 100-year anniversary over the Festival of Speed weekend, we are sure to be in for a once-in-a-lifetime show!

Before the adrenaline-fuelled Hillclimb action, Members will kick off the evening with a champagne reception in the Bonhams Marquee. There they can get up close to the fabulous selection of vehicles and automobilia to be auctioned the following day, while nibbling on a delicious selection of canapés, freshly prepared by our Goodwood chefs using estate and locally sourced produce.



TRACK DAY AND BARBECUE, 9 JULY

## GOOD DRIVING, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY

Fingers crossed that July will provide us with cloudless skies for our family-friendly and hugely popular 98db Track Day and Barbecue, which this year falls on Saturday 9 July.

This GRRC Track Day provides beginners with a fantastic opportunity to come and try out the famous Goodwood Motor Circuit for themselves in their own cars. On the day we'll have a large team of instructors available to help make your laps smoother, faster and even more enjoyable, whether you are an experienced enthusiast or a first-timer.

At previous Track Days we were fortunate to have friends of Goodwood come and support the event; for example, recently Members were able to drive a Jensen Interceptor around the Estate, and we hope to have similar highlights lined up this time. Afterwards, there will be a Goodwood Home Farm Barbecue

Following the reception, guests are invited to enjoy a delicious three-course meal in the exquisite State Apartments of the House. The evening will be rounded off with a fantastic live band, which will provide a soundtrack for you to dance until you drop.

Members are welcome to bring guests to the event and make a real occasion of it. Why not book a full table and share the extraordinary atmosphere? Alternatively, you may wish to take this opportunity to meet other Members, sharing a table with them and swapping tales of previous Festivals, building up your excitement and anticipation for the weekend ahead.

*To book for this fabulous evening, return your booking form to the GRRC on [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)*



at The Kennels to round off the day's proceedings. The Goodwood Home Farm is looked after by our very own Tim Hassell – Farmer of the Year 2015!

The farm, which is near The Goodwood Hotel, is the largest lowland organic farm in the UK, producing its own award-winning cheese, beef, ale and lager – and the mighty Goodwood burgers really are an experience to savour.

So don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some fantastic on-track action at the circuit, followed by a relaxed evening of socialising with other like-minded members, friends and family at your Clubhouse, The Kennels.

*This event is expected to sell out quickly, so contact the Club on +44(0)1243 755057 or [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com) to book your place*



## 'I'M A CLUB MEMBER'

DAVID BRISE  
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR FOR ULTIMATE  
DRIVING AT GOODWOOD,  
PROFESSIONAL RACING DRIVER  
AND ENTHUSIAST

**How long have you been working at Goodwood, and what does your role entail?**  
I've been here for about four years altogether. I'm the Chief Instructor for Ultimate Driving at Goodwood, which means that I'm involved in anything to do with the fleet of BMWs.

**What drew you to work at Goodwood?**  
My family have been involved in motor racing since the 1950s – in fact my grandad's first ever race was at Goodwood, where he finished on the podium in a Jaguar SS100. My uncle, Tony Brise, was an F1 driver in the '70s, and my dad, Tim, was a rally driver; so it was really a no-brainer to come and work here.

**And what did you do before you came here?**  
I've been working in the motorsport industry since I was 16, but started out racing karts when I was seven. I got a job in the motorsport industry as soon as I could, doing apprenticeships and even building my own race cars. I then became a professional racing driver and have raced and instructed ever since.

**Do you ever get the chance to attend any of the GRRC events?**  
This is only my second year of being a GRRC Member, and unfortunately I have not had the chance to yet! But on 9 July I will be at the Club's 98db Track Day and Barbecue, where I, along with the other Ultimate Driving instructors, will be on hand to offer advice to Members and to ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable day of driving at the circuit.

**What's your earliest memory of Goodwood?**  
It was at the very first Revival meeting. I went along with my dad and brother and remember being mesmerised by Spitfires flying overhead while priceless racing cars went wheel-to-wheel into the first corner. It was a big eye-opener for me – I just fell in love with the place.

**Have you ever had the chance to race on Goodwood Motor Circuit?**  
I've been round the circuit more times than I can remember, but have never raced at the Revival or Members' Meeting. It's an absolute dream of mine, but it's just a case of finding the right car and an owner that'll let me drive it! I've driven up the Hill at the Festival a number of times, and will be doing so again in the Supercar Run this year.

**Do you still find the time to race?**  
I do, thankfully. This year I'm driving a Dutch supercar called a Saker in the Pirelli GT Cup series. Later on in the year I might be racing a 1970s V8 Morgan as well, which would be great fun! I also own and compete in a 1975 Royale RP21 Formula Ford car.

**If you could choose any car to drive up the Goodwood Hill, what would it be?**  
That's extremely difficult to answer – there's a massive list! If I had to pick one, though, I'd probably go for a 1970 Porsche 917K.

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THRUXTON AUTOSOLO, 31 JULY

## LOW-COST AND HIGH-FUN

WE MEET TOM PIDDEN, A GRRC CLUB MEMBER WHO RECENTLY TOOK PART IN HIS FIRST MOTORSPORT EVENT – THE GRRC'S MARCH AUTOSOLO

Autosolos give budding racers the chance to compete without having to shell out a small fortune on a purpose-built racing car, racewear and a competition licence. Based around the principles of autotesting, an Autosolo involves manoeuvring around a series of cones against the clock. Tom Pidden and his father Andrew both competed in a GRRC Autosolo for the first time on 6 March.

'This was the first time I had taken part in a competitive motorsport event, but my dad has some experience of it in historic rallying,' explains Tom. Their car – affectionately known as 'Mayfly' – is a 1978 Mini 1000. 'It's pretty much standard apart from twin SU carburettors and a centre-exit exhaust, plus seats and harnesses,' he said. To prove that it isn't a purpose-built special, it has served as student and windsurfer Tom's daily driver, taking him all the way to the west coast of Ireland.

So what is it that makes a GRRC Autosolo so appealing? 'The Autosolo gave us an amazing chance to drive on Goodwood Motor Circuit for relatively little expense,' says Tom. 'It's the perfect motorsport for anyone with a busy schedule because you can turn up and have a go. The fact that the GRRC and our fellow Members are so friendly and supportive makes it even better!'

*All Members are welcome to take part in the forthcoming Thruxton Autosolo on 31 July, priced at £55 per person. Please complete the entry form and return it to us at your earliest convenience*



REGIONAL DRIVE, 6 AUGUST

## WE'LL HAVE A WALES OF A TIME

Do you ever dream of finding your perfect piece of road, the ultimate test of you and your car, and then tackling it alone with no interference from other road users?

Of course you do. Or perhaps you have already discovered your own private paradise on four wheels? Your favourite ribbon of Tarmac may well be in France, or Spain, where traffic is still relatively light. It's unlikely to be in Britain, because empty roads, and any kind of privacy, are almost impossible to find in this country today. Almost. That's why we at the GRRC decided to seek out those great roads, and take you there without the need to cross the Channel.

Imagine a combination of parts of the old Spa-Francorchamps, the original Österreichring and the TT mountain course, all rolled into one glorious swooping, sweeping cruise, on and on until the fuel runs dry. That's what we aim to find in Wales.

We bring the maps, plot the route and organise the schedule, so all you need to do is bring your car and enjoy yourself. The route will start in Chester and will end in Bristol, with social evenings in both locations.

*Please get in touch with the Club on 01243 755057 if you'd like further details and a full itinerary*



## REGIONAL DRIVE ROUND-UP

In April, the Club journeyed to the north-west and north-east of England for our first ever Regional Drive. The route passed through the Lake District National Park, the Pennines and the Yorkshire Dales. Not only was the driving element a success, but the relaxed format of the event also enabled Members to join us at different points over the weekend. We are looking forward to the next one!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**27 MAY**  
Bentley Factory Visit  
*Fully booked*

**31 MAY**  
McLaren Factory Visit  
*Registration now closed*

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

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

**23-26 JUNE**  
Festival of Speed  
*Saturday tickets have now sold out, with remaining tickets expected to sell out imminently*

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

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

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

**19 JULY**  
Brands Hatch GP circuit  
Track Day  
*Book now*

**31 JULY**  
Thruxton Autosolo  
*See story on left*

**5 AUGUST**  
Chester Social  
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Regional Drive  
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Bristol Social  
*Email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)*

**9 AUGUST**  
Bournemouth Social  
*Email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)*

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Annual Vehicle Display  
*See story on page 4. Apply now*

**15 AUGUST**  
Track Day  
*Book now*

**26 AUGUST**  
Racecourse Reciprocal  
*Bring your badge*

**9-11 SEPTEMBER**  
Revival  
*Tickets are on sale now, with Saturday tickets estimated to sell out very soon*