



No. TWENTY EIGHT

ME AND MY CAR

1935 LANCIA AUGUSTA MARCH TOURER

THIS STUNNING LANCIA IS USED ALL YEAR ROUND BY ITS OWNER PAUL AUSTON

'The Lancia is just such a beautiful car, and so lovely to drive. I bought it because I saw it sitting in a corner and I just instantly fell in love with it,' says GRRC Member Paul Auston.

It was really advanced for its time, fitted with sliding pillar independent front suspension and a V4 engine with a Centric supercharger. Then there's the bodywork by Kevill-Davies and March, which designed a number of sporting March specials in the 1930s when Lord March's grandfather, Freddie March, joined forces with Hugh Kevill-Davies. Like all bespoke designs, the car wasn't exactly cheap back in 1935. It was £450, when a Jaguar SS1 would only cost around £395.

It's a piece of motoring history – and I want my cars to be used, not hidden away. They are designed and built to be used, come rain or shine.

This car spent 10 years in Australia and once belonged to Bill Boddy, the much-revered *Motor Sport* magazine editor. The ash frame was in good condition but the engine was a bit of a bag of bolts, so that's been rebuilt by the engineers at Thornley Kelham.

Italian cars have style, like the people, and the Augusta is a piece of art. It's not over-engineered – you can take the lid off and work on it. It's not a car for a concours or putting on a trailer, it's for driving. When that supercharger kicks in you can really feel the power, it's a glorious experience, and the car makes me feel good every time I take it out.'



CHRISTMAS AT GOODWOOD



THE KENNELS

The Kennels will be open as usual, except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, when it will close after the lunch service. On New Year's Eve, The Kennels will open from 0730hrs to 1630hrs, after which time only those attending the New Year's Eve celebrations (see right) will be able to access the building.



CLUB OFFICE

The Club office is closed for Christmas from Monday 19 Dec to Monday 2 Jan inclusive. For urgent matters, please call the Ticket Office on +44 (0)1243 755055. The Club office will reopen on Tuesday 3 Jan.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

If you are still wondering how to celebrate the New Year, why not join friends and fellow Members for a glamorous night at The Kennels? The evening starts at 1900hrs and ends at 0130hrs. Either join us for a three-course dinner, or come along and soak up the atmosphere in the bar, where there will be live music and DJ sets. Guests will be welcomed with a cocktail on arrival and enjoy champagne at midnight. The bar will be serving food throughout the evening for those that wish to enjoy a casual meal, which will be an additional cost on the evening.

Dinner tickets are £140 per person, and Lounge tickets £45 per person. If you would like to join us on New Year's Eve, please contact The Kennels directly on +44 (0)1243 755132



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Are you still looking for the perfect Christmas gift or stocking filler? If so, look no further than the Goodwood Shop. As well as many timeless pieces, there is a new collection of lambswool jumpers embroidered with the Club logo. To receive a 15 per cent discount when purchasing gifts in store or over the phone on +44 (0)1243 755098, simply have your membership number to hand and quote the reference #GRRCSANTA.

We are also offering a special deal on all Yearbooks and Founders Boxed Sets. This 'Buy One, Get One Free' offer (with free UK postage) is available until the end of the year (the least expensive item is free) in addition to the existing Yearbook special offer. A Founders two-book Boxed Set costs £40, while 1998 to 2012 (excluding 2002) Yearbooks cost £20. To order, please call +44 (0)1243 755057 or email grrc@goodwood.com

DON'T FORGET

8 & 9 DECEMBER

MORE FESTIVE FUN

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Goodwood House for the Club's Christmas celebrations. With great food and drink, an extraordinary fireworks display and a fantastic band that will have you dancing until midnight, it's the perfect way to get into the festive spirit. What more could you ask for!

13 DECEMBER

KENNELS SOCIAL

The last Club social of the year takes place on Tuesday 13 December, so if you're in the area or fancy making the trip to Goodwood, why not pop down and enjoy a drink in the bar with fellow Members. One of the GRRC team will be at The Kennels from 1900-2100hrs, and it would be great to see some of you for a catch-up.

16 DECEMBER

RENEWING ONLINE

Please renew your membership by 16 December by phone or post, or by 31 December online for uninterrupted benefits. Direct debits will come out of your account between 26 December and 7 January. Renew online or by direct debit to be entered into a prize draw to win two places on one of our 2017 factory tours.

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



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GOODWOOD ROAD RACING CLUB



MEMBERS' MEETING MAGIC

The spectacular 75th Members' Meeting will open the 2017 historic motor racing season over the weekend of March 18-19, with thrilling races, incredible high-speed demos and great hospitality

The first event of our 2017 season, the 75th Members' Meeting, is but three months away. There are new races, new demonstrations and new ideas. Tickets are selling fast and the grids are taking shape, each guaranteed to create some edge-of-the-seat battles.

Now established as a Members' Meeting favourite, the Gerry Marshall Trophy runs again as a contest for Group 1 production saloons, but will now take the form of a one-hour charge into the dusk on Saturday evening, followed by a 15-minute, reverse-grid, flat-out sprint on Sunday afternoon.

The Varzi Trophy, a new race for 2017 for Franco-Italian Grand Prix cars up to 1939, will feature some of the best-looking, and best-sounding, machines of the weekend, as a bevy of Bugattis, Alfa Romeos and Maseratis take to the track.

The Pierpoint Cup is another new race. Named after saloon car ace and Goodwood winner Roy Pierpoint, it will host a grid of V8-engined Ford Mustangs, Falcons and Galaxies, plus contenders from Dodge, Plymouth and Mercury, and is set to produce a

thunderous and unforgettable display of pure American muscle.

In the Scott Brown Trophy a grid of Lister sports-racing cars – including 'Knobbly' and 'Costin'-bodied cars – will go wheel to wheel. This new race is named in honour of Archie Scott Brown, a British sportscar racer who overcame physical handicap to achieve great things in the powerful Lister sports-racers.

Back by popular demand is the sensational S.F. Edge Trophy for Edwardian Specials that created such an entertaining and exhilarating spectacle in 2016. Expect a no-holds-barred battle as the nimble little GN Cycle Cars compete with the mighty machines from Benz, Fiat and Sunbeam.

Three high-speed demos will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the FIA GT Championship, the age of 3-litre sports prototypes and the glorious 1980s era of Group A touring cars.

Purchase your 75th Members' Meeting tickets before 31 December to take advantage of the £120 weekend ticket price and save £14

TICKET SALES

Tickets for Goodwood's headline events – the 75th Members' Meeting, Festival of Speed and Revival – are now on sale. Please visit ticketing.goodwood.com or call the Ticket Office on +44 (0)1243 755055 to purchase tickets

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR GOODWOOD

As a beautiful autumn gradually gives way to winter, we are busily making plans for the spring.

In a little over three months' time we will be putting the finishing touches to our 75th Members' Meeting, and I look forward to seeing you there. With our 2017 motorsport calendar now confirmed, we can look forward to next season with great excitement.

It's been a busy year for us all at Goodwood, not least for our new GRRC manager Alan Brewer and his team at the Motor Circuit. New privileges, new activities and a wide-ranging programme of track days, factory visits and driving tours have all added to the membership experience in the past year.

A recent survey helped us identify what you, our Members, are keen to get involved in, so we are planning an even busier schedule for 2017 which will include tours and track days both in Britain and across Europe. New Members will join from the waiting list in January and, thanks to your enthusiastic support, the GRRC continues to broaden its appeal and establish itself as the very best way to enjoy being a part of everything we do at Goodwood.

For now, though, we focus on the Members' Meeting in March, and the grids are already filling up ahead of some new and exciting ideas for our first event of the season. You will find all the latest details elsewhere in this newsletter. Suffice to say, the content team has wasted no time in putting together some really terrific grids to get the new season off to a great start.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Ball at the House later this month, when we can celebrate the year gone by, and the new season to come.

Alan
EARL OF MARCH

2017 EVENTS

GETTING PREPARED FOR 2017

CLUB EVENTS

This year has been an exciting one for the Club. We have a fantastic team in place who have been working incredibly hard throughout the year to enhance your Club experience. Next year we will be working closely with Goodwood's partners to bring you additional benefits, as well as increasing the variety of events we are able to offer. Read on for a peek at our 2017 event calendar, and some changes you can look forward to.

Since many of you are keen drivers, we will be offering even more track days, autosols and driving tours next year. Autosols are perfect for Members who are new to motorsport – just turn up in your own car and compete. For those with a race licence, the Spring Sprint on 17 April is a fun and relaxed way to get into competitive motorsport. You can read more about the 2017 driving tours on page 3. Some of our most popular events in 2016

were the exclusive factory tours – and we've got even more planned for 2017, including JD Classics, McLaren and Jaguar Land Rover amongst others.

Next year, the Summer Ball will be held on Wednesday 21 June, thereby launching the whole Festival of Speed weekend. The Goodwood Christmas celebrations have also been confirmed for 8 and 9 December.

As usual a number of free-to-attend events will also take place, including the spectacular Annual Vehicle Display – confirmed for 6 August – and the regional drives. For dates and destinations see the event panel on page 3 – details to follow in the next newsletter.

Fans of horse racing will be pleased to learn that there will be Racecourse Reciprocals on 26 May and 15 October. Just wear your lapel badge and enjoy an afternoon of racing for free!



'I'M A CLUB MEMBER'

ROB WIDDOWS

ROB'S LOVE OF CARS CAME FROM HIS FATHER, WHO FIRST TOOK HIM RACING AT GOODWOOD IN 1953. HE JOINED GOODWOOD IN 1992 TO HELP LORD MARCH CREATE THE FESTIVAL OF SPEED AND REVIVAL

When did you join the GRRC?

In the build-up to the first Revival I worked with the Goodwood Supporters' Association to bring racing back to the Motor Circuit. Then when we formed the GRRC, I became a founding Member.

What is the appeal of Goodwood for you?

As a racing fan, and later as a journalist, I've travelled to many events and circuits, but Goodwood has given fans a whole new level of entertainment. The Festival, the Revival and the Members' Meeting are about more than just the cars. The atmosphere of these events is like no other. Each one leaves us with so many memories.

How did cars become a part of your life?

My father had some exciting cars, we went racing together, and when I was a child he used to read *Motor Sport* magazine out loud to me. Cars meant not just freedom and independence but also the joy of pretending to be a World Champion in my first Mini Cooper.

What's been the highlight of your time at *Motor Sport* magazine to date?

Tracking down the elusive Mike Thackwell was the biggest challenge, as I'd always admired his driving. Eventually it was his sister who put me in touch with him, and it turned out he was living just half an hour away from me. A great

maverick character who could have achieved so much more. Dinner with Gerhard Berger in Monaco was hugely entertaining – and made a great feature.

What is your role at Goodwood these days?

I am still involved with the events, specifically with TV coverage, broadcast programmes, DVD filming, podcasting and copywriting. I am also on the Creative Committee for all three events. It's all down to teamwork, and Goodwood has an exceptional motorsport team.

What would be your ultimate car?

I ask Father Christmas for a Ferrari 250 GT SWB or a McLaren F1 every year!

FESTIVAL

We are working with Goodwood's partners to offer on-event benefits, which will be revealed in the New Year.

The Kinrara Enclosure is being revamped to include a fabulous outdoor covered bar area and dining space, all of which will overlook the Hillclimb at Crossroads Corner.

Following feedback from this year, plans are under way to move the Members' Enclosure away from the Jaguar Experience area. We have a superb new location near the Startline, with the rear garden overlooking the Cricket Pitch. Look out for details in your next newsletter.

REVIVAL

This year we are trialling a one-day ticket for the March Enclosure. Capacity stays the same, so weekend availability has been reduced to allow for a limited number of day tickets.

We will be revitalising all three Club enclosures and are working with our caterers Rhubarb to improve the offering to Members.

We have introduced a new Members-only Chicane Infield Grandstand, offering superb viewing in a prime spot. Members can book specific seats in this grandstand on Saturday and Sunday, and access it with a Roving Grandstand pass on the Friday.

PERKS OF BEING A GRRC MEMBER

Alongside great perks like the Members' Meeting, access to the paddock at the Revival, a discount on event tickets and use of Club enclosures at the headline events, there is a host of other benefits for Members. You might not be aware of some of them, so read on below to find out how to make the most of your GRRC membership.

ACCESS TO THE KENNELS

All GRRC Members have the use of Goodwood's exclusive, Members-only Clubhouse.

10% OFF FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Special offers for Members in the Bar & Grill and Farmer, Butcher, Chef on an ad hoc basis

15% DISCOUNT ON MERCHANDISE

A huge selection of goods are available from the Goodwood Shop. Great for finding a perfect gift, or treating yourself.

10% OFF AVIATION EXPERIENCES

Always wanted to take to the skies in a stunning warbird? Members get 10% off Harvard warbird flying experiences.

20% OFF EVENTS AT GOODWOOD VENUES

All Members receive money off when they book to hold an event at one of the Goodwood venues.

A FREE UPGRADE AT THE HOTEL

All GRRC Members are eligible for a complimentary room upgrade when they stay at the Goodwood Hotel.

15% DISCOUNT ON SPA TREATMENTS

Perfect for those Club Members looking for an opportunity to unwind, rejuvenate and revitalise.

10% OFF EVENT HOSPITALITY

If you want to make your visit to the Festival of Speed or Revival extra special, Members enjoy a 10% discount.

FESTIVAL OF SPEED THURSDAY TICKETS

All Members are eligible for a pair of complimentary tickets for the Festival's opening day. The provisional date for 2017's opening day is 22 June.

HORSE RACING DISCOUNTS

Enjoy discounts on tickets to watch the racing at the most picturesque racecourse in the country.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRRC IN 2017

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, 24-28 APRIL

Scotland is full of breathtaking scenery – from the central Highlands to the rugged Atlantic coast of Wester Ross. It is also home to some of the best roads in Europe and is a favourite with Members, hence our return in April 2017. It might be a bit chilly, but that means the roads will be quiet – plus the snow-topped mountains will provide a stunning backdrop for the tour.

TUSCANY, 11-14 MAY

We had a fantastic response to our story in October's newsletter, and only have a couple of spaces remaining. Thank you to all those who are joining us already; if you would like to book a place on this wonderful four-day tour, please call the Club on +44 (0)1243 755057 or email us at grrc@goodwood.com

Itineraries will be available at the beginning of 2017. Email us at grrc@goodwood.com to register your interest and we will be in touch as soon as we have the final details

NORMANDY, 20-23 JULY

For this classic car tour (cars must be over 40 years old) we will visit the beautiful roads of northern France. Starting at Goodwood, we'll head to France, visiting Bayeux via Utah and Omaha beaches. We'll drive through Normandy and on to the WWI memorials at Lochnagar and Thiepval. We'll then continue through the Somme en route to the Eurotunnel for our return crossing.

NORWAY, 22-30 SEPTEMBER

We are thrilled to announce our first driving tour in Norway, offering majestic mountains, beautiful scenery and breathtaking roads in the land of the midnight sun. Trip highlights include the infamous Atlantic Road and Trollstigen (left) – a spectacular finale to our calendar of 2017 tours.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

8-9 DECEMBER

Christmas Celebrations
Fully booked!

13 DECEMBER

The Kennels Social
Just come along

18-19 MARCH

75th Members' Meeting
Tickets on sale now

17 APRIL

Spring Sprint
Come and spectate for free

24-28 APRIL

Scottish Highlands Driving Tour
Tickets on sale soon

6 MAY

Norfolk and Suffolk Regional Drive and Social
More details to follow

11-14 MAY

Tuscany Classic Driving Tour
Now sold out

26 MAY

Racecourse Reciprocal
Don't forget your lapel badge!

3 JUNE

West Sussex Regional Drive and Social
More details to follow

21 JUNE

Summer Ball
More details to follow

22-25 JUNE

(DATES TBC)
Festival of Speed
Tickets on sale now

20-23 JULY

Normandy Driving Tour
On sale soon

6 AUGUST

Annual Vehicle Display and Open Day
Register soon

8-10 SEPTEMBER

(DATES TBC)
Revival
Tickets on sale now

22-30 SEPTEMBER

Norway Driving Tour
On sale soon