

## THE VERY LATEST CLUB BENEFITS

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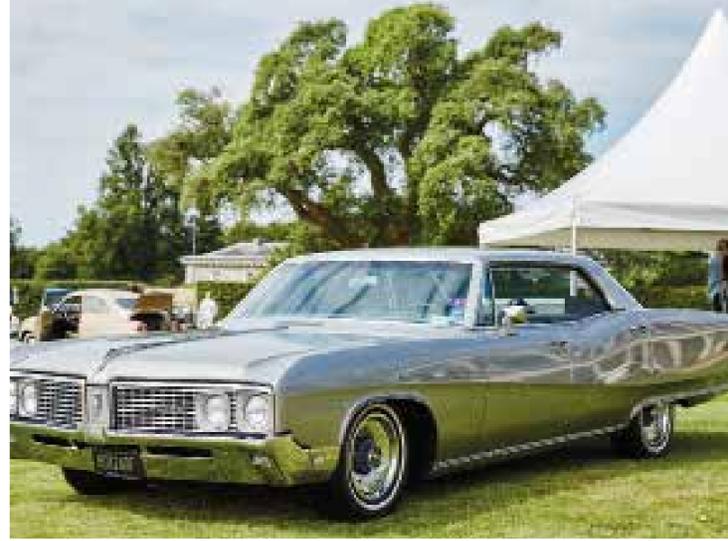
From tea in Lord March's private garden, to trackside seats on the Hill, enjoy the Festival of Speed with a unique hospitality package. As a Member, you are entitled to a 10% discount on bookings for up to 10 people. To book, contact the Hospitality team on +44 (0)1243 755054.

### MOTOR CIRCUIT

Members can also enjoy 15% off selected Motor Circuit Experiences, including Performance Track, Spin & Slide, Extreme Weather Driver and Young Drivers. To book, call the Goodwood Ticket Office on +44 (0)1243 755055 quoting discount code UDGRRC1617.

### SILVERSTONE

The GRRC is delighted to have partnered up with the Silverstone Classic to offer Members a 15% discount on Parc Fermé VIP Hospitality for the Friday and Sunday of this year's event. To book, visit silverstoneclassic.com and at checkout enter the code SCI7GRRC.



ME AND MY CAR

## 1968 BUICK ELECTRA 225 CUSTOM

THIS LUXURIOUS, LOW-MILEAGE BUICK IS OWNED BY GRRC MEMBER NIGEL PERRING



'In 1968 very few Buicks of this exact type were made and this is probably the only one in the UK, if not the whole of Europe. This was their top-of-the-range model – for example, it has three cigar lighters and a silk brocade interior,' explains GRRC Member Nigel Perring.

'It's not all about luxury, though – it has a 7-litre V8 engine, 475lb ft of torque and 390bhp, although it does weigh well over two tonnes. I've taken it on holiday to France twice, but it's only done 20,000 miles, and last year it was a finalist in the Classic American Car of the Year competition. I found it in a lock-up in Letchworth – the owner had bought a Cadillac and needed to downsize his collection.

'The car has tremendous presence and attracts a great deal of attention. When I was a boy in Canada this was a normal family car, like a Ford Escort if you like, but things are rather different now. On country roads you have to adopt what I call 'lorry mode' – if a lorry wouldn't fit down the road, then you don't go down there! It's great on the wider roads and will cruise at 80mph all day. The only problem you have is when you get to the corners. It doesn't like twisty roads very much and the suspension is a bit wallowy – but that's what you get with a big American cruiser from the 1960s.

'In the US all these cars are hidden away. You won't see them on the highway, which means you can find really good, low-mileage luxury cruisers for a great price if you know where to look.'

## OVERSEAS TRACK DAY



This July the GRRC will take a trip abroad, spending a weekend in France for a track day at Croix en Ternois, near the coastal town of Le Touquet. Open since 1973, the circuit was the first in France to join the European Formula 3 championship and became the test track of several manufacturers, notably Renault and Ford. This winding circuit, just short of 2km, was also once used by many F1 teams ahead of the Monaco GP. To book please complete the enclosed form, or for further details contact the GRRC office

## GOODWOOD TRACK DAYS

FRIDAY 7 APRIL – 105DB – FULLY BOOKED  
MONDAY 15 MAY – 105DB – LIMITED  
MONDAY 5 JUNE – 105DB – FULLY BOOKED  
MONDAY 31 JULY – 105DB – LIMITED  
SATURDAY 19 AUGUST – 98DB – AVAILABLE  
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER – 105DB – AVAILABLE

To book please visit the [goodwood.com](http://goodwood.com) GRRC event pages, or email [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)

## LICENCE DAY

Thank you to all those Members who have booked to obtain their National B licence here at the Goodwood Motor Circuit on Friday 7 April. Now sold out, this fantastic offering includes the opportunity to obtain your MSA Go Racing National B Licence, entry to our Easter Monday Spring Sprint and access to the main drivers' briefing ahead of the 75th Members' Meeting. Due to the popularity of this package, we are already exploring the possibility of repeating it for the 2018 season.

## DON'T FORGET

14 MARCH

### KENNELS SOCIAL

Our 2017 GRRC Tuesday evening social get-togethers at The Kennels began on 7 February and will now run throughout the year until 12 December. They run from 1900hrs to 2100hrs, so if you're in the area, or fancy making the trip to Goodwood for our next one on 14 March, we would love to see you.

6 APRIL

### WINCHESTER SOCIAL

Meet the GRRC team and fellow Members at our next regional social event, which will be held at The Running Horse in Littleton, just outside Winchester. The evening will take place from 1900hrs to 2100hrs. If you'd like to pop along then please register your interest at [grrc@goodwood.com](mailto:grrc@goodwood.com)

17 APRIL

### SPRING SPRINT

The GRRC Spring Sprint has become an annual favourite on the GRRC event calendar and is a chance to put your car through its paces and drive timed laps on the Motor Circuit. This year's sprint is set for a refurb, with the introduction of an event commentator as well as a revised range of catering options.



TICKET SALES  
MEMBERS' MEETING  
SATURDAY NOW SOLD OUT!  
LIMITED AVAILABILITY  
FOR SUNDAY

## THE DRIVERS

01

GERHARD BERGER

A Grand Prix driver from 1984 to '97, he won 10 races and scored 48 podiums with Ferrari, McLaren and Benetton. Also a highly successful touring car driver, he won the Spa 24 Hours for the Schnitzer-BMW team.

02

EMANUELE PIRRO

A favourite with the Goodwood crowd, Pirro won Le Mans five times, raced in F1 from 1989 to '91, was a tin-top champ (winning twice in Macau), and was Italian Touring Car Champion in 1994 and '95.

03

STEVE SOPER

One of Britain's most successful touring car drivers, Soper is associated with BMW, but also drove for Ford (main image). His triumphs include iconic races such as the Spa 24 Hours and the Nürburgring 24 Hours.

04

ROBERTO RAVAGLIA

Twice Italian karting champion, he showcased his prodigious talent by winning the European Championship, the WTCC title and the DTM series, plus the Italian Championship three times.

05

ANDY ROUSE

Gloucestershire-born Rouse won 60 races, a touring car record until 2011. Four-time BSCC champion, he also established Andy Rouse Engineering, which was key to Ford's development of the Sierra Cosworth.

## TIN-TOP THRILLS!

*The Members' Meeting high-speed demos give spectators a chance to see more modern machinery charge en masse around Goodwood Motor Circuit. This year's event is no different, with 1980s Group A touring cars in action, many piloted by the drivers who took victory in them three decades ago*

Like all of our high-speed demos at the Members' Meeting, the pack of Group A touring cars that will take to the circuit this year is not to be missed. Real racing cars with awesome power, these machines were beasts. Saloon cars, yes, but not as we knew them. They raced in the ETCC from 1982 to '88, and in 1987 had their own world championship, with Roberto Ravaglia winning the drivers' title in his BMW M3, and Ford taking the manufacturers' title with the Sierra RS500.

It wasn't only the cars that drew the crowds. Back then Grand Prix drivers regularly joined the fray, sometimes on an F1 race weekend. In Australia, for example, Gerhard Berger took part in the Group A race for BMW on Saturday, then stepped into his turbocharged Arrows-BMW

for the Grand Prix on Sunday. The battle between BMW and Ford was titanic, with no expense spared and the rulebook pushed to the limit.

The big players were the Eggenberger team, which ran the Fords, and the crack BMW Schnitzer outfit, both squads enjoying backing from the manufacturers. On sheer power the Ford had the edge but for nimble handling, the BMW – especially the M3 – was the benchmark. The RS500 was one of the all-time great touring cars – not the best-looking car on the Group A grid, but incredibly fast. When it came to beauty, as opposed to brawn, most agreed the BMW 635 CSI took the honours. Alongside the Rovers, Jaguars and more, it will be fantastic to see them in action – many driven by their drivers of the period – later this month.

## TICKET SALES

*Festival of Speed: Saturday expected to sell out in early April, with Friday and Sunday following shortly after.*

*Revival: Saturday set to sell out in early May, with Friday and Sunday following shortly after.*

*Please visit [ticketing.goodwood.com](http://ticketing.goodwood.com) or call the Ticket Office on +44 (0)1243 755055 to purchase tickets*

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

## COUNTDOWN TO THE MEMBERS' MEETING

*As I write this month's column, we are just three weeks away from the Members' Meeting, an event that I hope you look forward to as much as I do.*

*The Members' Meetings are a great Goodwood tradition, special occasions that have been a part of our motor racing heritage since the 1950s, when my grandfather was President of the British Automobile Racing Club. As we prepare for the 75<sup>th</sup>, the BARC is still working with us, and I believe the spirit of Freddie March is still very much a guiding light.*

*Thanks to your loyal support, we have created what I always hoped would be an intimate and inclusive race meeting, very different from the Revival. A weekend for the pure racing fans that make up our Goodwood Road Racing Club.*

*This year we have new races and new high-speed demos and, as ever, some of the sport's great drivers will be here – not because they have to be, but because they enjoy the weekend as much as we all do. You will see them relaxing with us in the Great Hall, and that's how it should be at a Goodwood Members' Meeting.*

*Away from all the preparations for the event, we are also working hard on putting together some great events for the 2017 GRRC calendar. The GRRC team is determined that this year will be our best ever in terms of track days, driving tours, exclusive visits to manufacturers and the social events that bring so many of you together.*

*Meanwhile, with just a couple of weeks to go, I really look forward to seeing you all on 18-19 March. Come rain or shine, we are going racing again, and that's always something to celebrate.*

*Annabel*  
EARL OF MARCH



## PLAN YOUR MEMBERS' WEEKEND

*There's so much going on at the Members' Meeting that it's very easy to miss things, but with a little bit of planning you can ensure you and your guests enjoy the weekend to the full. As ever, there is a host of tasty catering options to choose from – including some new additions this year.*



### THE FESTIVITIES

The now famous Members' Meeting party on Saturday evening will see a host of weird and wonderful acts, bands and DJs providing unique entertainment.



### MINI JEEPS

Head over to the Goodwood Skid Pan to score points for your House by attempting the all-terrain driving course at the wheel of a Pocket Classics mini Jeep.



### BILL WISDOM

A selection of delicious main meals and cakes is served in this vintage tea room. New this year is a café area for those wanting to stop off for a quick snack.



### GRANDSTANDS

The Chicane is one of the most popular spectating spots, especially from one of the excellent Chicane Grandstands. Please contact the Ticket Office to book.



### MEMBERS' MARKET

A wide range of food stalls makes the Members' Market an ideal place to grab a bite to eat. It's also a great place to meet friends and enjoy excellent live music.



### PIT LANE CAFÉ

With a great view of the pit straight, the new Pit Lane roof café offers a range of hot snacks, so you can refuel without missing any of the on-track action.



### FLOWER SHOW

This year we sent out a daffodil bulb to each Member. Bring your bloom to the daily Flower Show in the Daffodil marquee or enter via Twitter for the chance to win.



### HOT WATER BOTTLES

It can get pretty chilly at the Members' Meeting, so this year hot water bottles will be for sale. Each purchase entitles you to free refills throughout the weekend.



## SOUTH COAST CRUISE

Join the GRRC for a scenic drive through the winding roads of the New Forest, passing through Ringwood and Bransgore before stopping off in Beaulieu. Members can explore the New Forest at their leisure on this drive, during which we will stop for lunch at Buckler's Hard on the banks of the River Beaulieu. We'll then head along some of West Sussex's country roads back to Goodwood, where Members can enjoy an informal social evening and BBQ at The Kennels. *There is no charge for this drive, and to register your interest and receive the route, email [grc@goodwood.com](mailto:grc@goodwood.com)*



No.  
THIRTY



## 'I'M A CLUB MEMBER'

CHRIS KEITH-LUCAS

*CHRIS IS THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF CKL DEVELOPMENTS, ONE OF THE LEADING SPECIALISTS IN HISTORIC RACE CAR ENGINEERING, RESTORATION AND PREPARATION*

### What did you join the GRRC?

I'd been doing events with the Club, like passenger rides around Spa, and taking Listers to the Sprints, so I decided to join properly with a family membership in 2012. We're all petrolheads, so joining the GRRC was just the natural thing for us to do.

### What is the appeal of Goodwood?

Goodwood is just a magic place. Unlike other circuits it hasn't been spoiled by big, gaudy hoardings and ugly architecture. It's so perfectly preserved because it was closed for racing in the 1970s and '80s, and didn't get ruined like so many other places. It's beautifully rural, and has that indefinable magic about it.

### How did cars become part of your life?

Bugatti expert Hugh Conway was a close family friend, and as a child I was always in and out of his workshop. I even got to drive a Type 35 along his driveway with Hugh running alongside me – a special memory. And watching the restoration of Bugattis infected me with a love of motor cars from a very early age.

### What is CKL's involvement at the Members' Meeting?

We are bringing five Listers and I'm looking forward to seeing them out there for the Scott Brown Trophy. The cars are fantastic to drive – you sit very low in the cockpit, and looking between those two front wings and over the bump in the bonnet is like looking through a rifle sight. You can just aim it up the track! The Lister 'Knobby' is not conventionally pretty but to my eyes there's something strangely beautiful about it.



## A SCANDINAVIAN ADVENTURE

On 22-30 September, the Club will embark on one of its most exciting driving tours yet, exploring Norway's great roads and stunning landscapes. It's a country blessed with spectacular mountains, glaciers and deep coastal fjords. This is the last call to all Members to join us on this once-in-a-lifetime trip so do not hesitate to contact the Club for further information.



## GRRC FACTORY TOURS: DRAW REMINDERS

As always, GRRC factory tours are exceedingly popular with a number of you keen to secure your place on these exclusive trips. Much like the format in 2016, we will be offering a number of free-of-charge prize draws, plus two priced tour packages. The draw registrations will be open for four weeks, after which point the Club will randomly select the lucky attendees. You are able to register your place for the JD Classics and McLaren draws via the GRRC events pages at [goodwood.com](http://goodwood.com).

### JD CLASSICS (MALDON, ESSEX)

5 May – Draw open, 1 March, visit [goodwood.com](http://goodwood.com) / GRRC event pages

**McLAREN TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (WOKING, SURREY)** – 31 May - Draw open from 5 March, visit [goodwood.com](http://goodwood.com) / GRRC event pages

**JAGUAR (CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE)** – 18 August, with social evening on 17 August (please note change of date) – booking form available in May edition of Newsletter

**TEN TENTHS (CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE)** – 23 November – booking form available in August edition of Newsletter

## FESTIVAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

The GRRC team have been working hard over the last year to enhance the Members' experience across the Festival of Speed weekend. We will be releasing full details of these changes in our April newsletter. However, in the meantime we wanted to give you a taster of what's to come. Annabel Edmed, Club Development and Partnerships Executive, and Chloe Fernandez, Events Planner, talk to us below about some of the exciting developments to both the food and drink offerings within our enclosures, as well as this year's GRRC Summer Ball.

### FoS FOOD AND DRINK

'The Club has listened to Members and responded with some big improvements to the catering offering at the Festival,' explains Annabel. 'The GRRC Enclosure is moving close to the Startline, with views of the Cricket Pitch and a private garden. There will be a new coffee and sandwich counter, and the main service area will be replaced with retail-style outlets for breakfast and lunch (just like the Daffodil at the Members' Meeting), offering an improved selection. The Kinrara Enclosure will revert to a single-storey structure with a bigger bar, larger seating area, and new raised outdoor deck area.' Look out for further information in future newsletters.



### SUMMER BALL

'Our Summer Ball is the highlight of our social calendar,' says Chloe. 'It's just great to see the Members dressed in their finery on the eve of the Festival. This year the Ball will be moved to Wednesday 28 June to truly highlight the start of the Festival weekend, with Thursday now including a proper taste of the weekend's hillclimb action. The Club always relishes the palpable sense of anticipation and it's truly exciting that GRRC Members will be the very first to see the Central Feature sculpture ahead of anyone else! To book your place please complete and return the enclosed booking form to the GRRC offices.'

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 5 MARCH

Autosolo  
Fully booked

### 7 MARCH

IWC Curates Evening  
Fully booked

### 14 MARCH

Members' Social at The Kennels  
Just drop in

### 18-19 MARCH

75<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting  
Late February sell-out expected

### 2 APRIL

Detailing Day  
Limited availability

### 6 APRIL

Winchester Social Evening  
Email [grc@goodwood.com](mailto:grc@goodwood.com)

### 7 APRIL

105dB Track Day and Licence Test  
Sold out!

### 11 APRIL

Members' Social at The Kennels  
Just drop in

### 17 APRIL

Spring Sprint  
Final places remain

### 24-29 APRIL

Scottish Highlands Driving Tour  
Limited availability

### 5 MAY

JD Classics Factory Tour  
Email [grc@goodwood.com](mailto:grc@goodwood.com)

### 6 MAY

Norfolk & Suffolk Regional Drive  
Email [grc@goodwood.com](mailto:grc@goodwood.com)

### 11-14 MAY

Tuscany Classic Driving Tour  
Sold out!

### 28 JUNE

Summer Ball  
Tickets now on sale

### 29 JUNE-2 JULY

Festival of Speed  
Tickets on sale

### 20-23 JULY

Beaches & Battlefields Driving Tour  
Final places remaining

### 8-10 SEPTEMBER

Revival  
Tickets on sale