



FOS FRIDAY KICKS OFF IN EDWARDIAN STYLE

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Edwardian leviathans kicked off Friday's Hillclimb action at the 2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed. The Peaks of Bravery class honours the heroes of the early days of motor sport, when drivers risked everything in town-to-town races. Cars venturing up the famous course this morning included Ben Lohr's 1902 Mercedes Simplex 40HP which, at 6.2-litres, is a baby compared to Martin Viessmann's 12.8-litre 1908 Mercedes Grand Prix. Neither of these can, however, match Duncan Pittaway's 1911 Fiat S76 for heft and sheer drama. The 'Beast of Turin' is equipped with a vast 28.5-litre aeroplane engine which produces around 300bhp. The original incarnation of this car set a 116mph flying mile time at Saltlands Sands in period, and the abnormally brave Pittaway regularly drives the reconfigured Fiat on the road...

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