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Fellowship Newsletter

August 2025

Summer Fellowship events

We started our last newsletter with the words, ‘Zummer iz a comin’ in’ , and now we’re enjoying the Late Summer Bank Holiday. To where does the time go ?

And, of course, time is the essence of our upcoming visit to Bremont Watches. Time to book your place methinks.

And, of course, there are other visits and events to tempt you. All designed to be interesting and to give Fellows the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

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Upcoming Events

See below for news of future Fellowship events.

Don't forget you can find events news and host of other information on the Fellowship's website at: <https://motorfellowship.com/>

2025 - Dates for your Diary

(If an event is highlighted, it is confirmed and you can click on it to visit the webpage)

September 12,13 & 14th Goodwood Revival "Meet&Greet" Sussex

September 16th Visit to Bremont Watches Henley on Thames

October 22nd Euro Car Parts distribution centre Tamworth, Staffordshire

November 20th London Lunch RAF Club, London

And more activities in preparation – news to follow - keep visiting the Fellowship website !

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Forthcoming Goodwood Revival Meeting

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th September
Fellowship Get Together

All Fellows attending the forthcoming Goodwood Revival Meeting next month are welcome to join the President, Peter Lewis-Jones and past Chairman, Peter Leake, for a drink each day between 12:00 and 1:00 in the Goodwood Members enclosure on Lavant Bank

If you are not a GRRC member we would still be delighted to see you. We suggest that you message either **Peter Lewis-Jones (07785 505600)** or **Peter Leake (07889 864 766)** so that we can meet you outside the members enclosure and arrange admittance for you into the enclosure.

Looking forward to seeing those of you that can make it.



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Visit to Bremont Watches

September 16th

- Morning tour @ 9:45 am - 12:30 pm
- Afternoon tour @ 12:45 am - 3:30 pm

We are delighted to add this unusual and very attractive event to our 2025 calendar. Thanks to our committee member, Tim Tozer, we have secured a tour of Bremont Watches impressive manufacturing and technology centre at the Wing in Henley on Thames. Where there will be ample parking for visitors.



Details of the morning tour are as follows:

Arrive at 9.45am

Teas and coffees available, along with Pastries and Fresh Fruit

Tour Commences 10am

Tour Concludes at 12.30pm

Details of the afternoon tour are as follows:

Arrive at 12.45pm

Teas and coffees available, along Sandwiches and Sausage Rolls

Tour Commences 1.00 pm

Tour Concludes at 15.30pm

There is ample parking at The Wing for visitors.

The 2.5 hour tour will include us seeing the watchmaking itself and their museum. We will also have access to the events space in the building, itself an impressive piece of architecture.

We will be told the story of the two brothers who set up the company, and what was involved in making it the only end-to-end watch manufacturer in the UK. The company is certainly very proud to be British!

Bremont are a sponsor of The London Ambulance Service, and we have agreed that £10 from each ticket will be donated to this charity, along with £10 to our own industry charity Ben. Tickets will be £42.50, which includes food and refreshments along with the donations to the two charities.

We feel that this is another event that will appeal to member's partners and their guests, so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

Full joining instructions will be distributed prior to the event

For full details and to book your place, go to the Fellowship website. Just follow one of these links. For the morning tour, click on this [LINK](#). For the afternoon tour, click on this [LINK](#)

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Tour of Euro Car Parts, Tamworth

October 22 @ 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Thanks to a kind introduction from our friends at Ben, the automotive charity, we have been offered a tour of the extensive headquarters of this major car parts distributor – which will be

well known to many of our members. The scale of the site and the automation involved will be very interesting to explore and our guide will provide a great insight.

Euro Car Parts have very kindly arranged for us to have a private room for a buffet lunch after the tour.

You can now book for this tour at £15 per person.

Joining instructions to Fellows who have booked will be sent out by email nearer the event.

To make your booking, just click on this [LINK](#)



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London Lunch November 20th 2025

We are delighted to announce that tickets are now available for the blue riband event that is the London Lunch. We return to the prestigious RAF Club scene of excellent get togethers in recent years.

For our speaker we promise a new experience as ex Olympian and new CEO of Ben, Rachel Clift has agreed to entertain us after, what has always been, an excellent lunch.

We are equally pleased to advise that there is just a modest increase to the cost of tickets at a competitive London price of £85. The last two years have been sell outs so don't leave it too late - partners and guests are more than welcome and why not use it to introduce friends and ex colleagues to the Fellowship - Fellows can buy for all via our website, just follow this

[LINK](#)



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**Ben Ball
December 10th
The Hilton Hotel
Park Lane, London**

Just to very clear this is obviously NOT a Fellowship event. However, one or two members have expressed an interest in making up a table at this very prestigious event which a number of us have had the pleasure of attending in a corporate capacity in the past.

Ticket prices certainly reflect the high standard cuisine, glamour, and entertainment on offer at £399 each, which acquiring in a personal capacity will of course deter many.

That said if anyone is considering attending and would like to form part of a *potential* Fellowship table please let our Chair, Peter Cottle, know so that we can coordinate with Ben. (cottlepeter@yahoo.co.uk). You can see more about the Ben Ball on their website www.ben.org.uk and enter 'Ben Ball' in the search box.



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What's been happening ?
Reports from recent events

Tony Jennings Classic Car Show

August 3rd 2025

A wonderful day at the Fellowship's Classic Car Show in memory of a former President, Tony Jennings. A superb collection of over 60 classic cars were on display and owners clearly enjoyed meeting up with fellow enthusiasts, as well as taking a look around the adjoining Fete's many stalls.

My thanks to Peter Lewis-Jones, (our ever supportive President), Committee members Nigel Barfoot, and Peter Leake, along with Brian Spratt and Rod Ramsay for being there to help out setting up and ensuring cars were parked up in a semblance of order! It was also great to meet up with other Fellowship members, David Lansdowne (committee member), Geoff Milnes, Steve Harris, Bill Hall, and Mike Newman – thanks for coming guys! We all enjoyed chatting to car owners, all who have a story to tell about their beloved classic.

It was especially difficult to select the winners this year with so many exceptional classic cars on display. After some discussion the following winners were presented with their cups:

Car of the Show – 1948 Morris 8 Series E – Owner Mark Lander

Best Car 1900-1960 – 1935 Austin Light 12/4 Van – Owner Mark Bromwich

Best Car 1961- 1999 – 1972 Triumph TR6 – Owner Rick Billington

So a great day all around and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Peter Cottle

Photos of the winning entries are below - and there are lots more pictures on the Fellowship's website. Follow this [LINK](#)





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Golf Match Fellowship v MTGS

The intrepid Fellowship golfers, led by team captain, Ray Somerville, had their annual match against the Motor Trade Golfing Society at the splendid Beaconsfield Golf Club on the 5th of August.

Another hard closely fought match ended with the MTGS retaining their trophy. But the main outcome was a hugely enjoyable day, meeting up with friends, and having a wonderful post-match lunch at the clubhouse.

Our thanks to Joff Suter (MTGS President) and his team for making it such a fun day.

We will be back !!





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Major changes to Classic and Historic vehicles registration

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) has confirmed major updates to the way classic and historic vehicles are registered, after years of campaigning by the classic car industry against an outdated process with deep, 'systemic' issues.

Two huge changes include like-for-like repairs and restorations no longer requiring notification to the DVLA, and vehicles that have been subject to significant structural modifications now being able to keep their original Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and registration number.

The updates come with additional requirements, but bring much needed clarity to the historic vehicle registration process which hasn't changed since the 1980s.

Lilian Greenwood, Minister for the Future of Roads, made the announcement in response to a review of the government's 'Call for Evidence' last year - an unusual move where the classic vehicle industry, owners, and enthusiasts had their say on the previous outdated DVLA system. Some 1,350 responses were received in less than eight weeks.

The Historic and Classic Vehicles Alliance says the 'new policy will help to safeguard the future of the UK historic vehicles industry' which is worth £4billion annually.

The new policies will come into effect on Tuesday 26 August 2025 and the full guidance will be published on GOV.UK on the same day at: www.gov.uk/vehicle-registration



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