

Goodwood to celebrate Barry Sheene's extraordinary life and career

- British motorcycle racing legend Barry Sheene will be honoured at all three of Goodwood's headline motorsport events this year.
- A collection of Sheene's bikes will be brought together to mark the 50th anniversary of his first World Championship title.
- Tickets for Goodwood's motorsport events are on sale at goodwood.com.

Throughout 2026, two-time 500cc World Champion and all-around motorsport icon Barry Sheene will take centre stage, as Goodwood pays tribute to his extraordinary career and enduring legacy. This will be the first time that Goodwood has celebrated a driver or rider across all three of its headline events: 83rd Members' Meeting presented by Audrain Motorsport (18-19 April), Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard (9-12 July) and Goodwood Revival (18-20 September).

With 23 Grand Prix victories, and back-to-back 500cc World Championship in 1976 and 1977, Barry Sheene changed the face of motorcycle racing forever. His fearless riding style earned him legions of fans, but it was his superhuman ability to recover from injury, and larger-than-life personality off the bike, that made him the biggest star the sport had ever known, guaranteeing headlines on the front pages as well as the back.

Barry was an enthusiastic supporter of Goodwood, attending the Festival of Speed and Revival from the very early days. In 2002, he won the Revival's Lennox Cup motorcycle race, after a fierce battle with his friend and rival Wayne Gardner. Tragically, it would be his final race, before he tragically lost his battle with cancer in March 2003. The Lennox Cup was renamed the Barry Sheene Memorial Trophy, ensuring his legacy continues to be honoured at Goodwood today.

In recognition of Barry's incredible contribution to motorsport, Goodwood will mark the 50th anniversary of his first World Championship title across all three of its headline events.

At the 83rd Members' Meeting, up to 30 500cc Grand Prix motorcycles spanning Sheene's career (1974-1984) will take to the track – bikes he rode as well as those he raced against. Running alongside the previously announced tribute to 1976 Formula 1 World Champion James Hunt, the weekend will bring the spirit of 1970s motorsport to life with cars and bikes from the period showcased in the paddocks and on track.

The Festival of Speed will welcome Barry's family and feature ten of the most significant Grand Prix bikes from his career. This special class will celebrate Sheene's racing legacy, with his son, Freddie, riding several of his father's most recognisable bikes up the Goodwood Hill.

The celebrations will culminate at the Goodwood Revival in September, as Sheene's championship-winning machines, and those he rode to victory at the Revival, take to the Motor Circuit ahead of the Barry Sheene Memorial Trophy.

Steve Parrish, former professional motorcycle racer and friend of Barry said: "It's been said 'never meet your heroes', but thank goodness I did! I met Barry Sheene in 1975 at Brands Hatch. Barry became my mentor, father, brother and mate all rolled into one. We became teammates with Suzuki in 1977 and what a wild, crazy, dangerous ride it became. Some say I was often in the Sheene slipstream, maybe so, but what a tow it was. I will never forget it and will always appreciate the memories, the man, my hero. R.I.P Bazza I hope I get in your team in the upper paddock!"

The Duke of Richmond CBE DL said: "Barry Sheene was an absolute force of nature. A fierce competitor on the track, he remains Britain's last two-wheeled world champion in the top category. But it was the strength of his personality off the track – warm, cheeky and irreverent in equal measure – and his extraordinary ability to recover from injury, that made him a global superstar. For a generation of fans, he **was** motorcycle racing. Barry raced many times at Goodwood, and won his very last race here, in 2002, just months before he sadly succumbed to cancer aged just 52. The Revival's bike race was renamed in his honour the following year. I am delighted that we will be celebrating his unique life across our three events in 2026, on the 50th anniversary of his first world championship. Bringing together the bikes that shaped his career, and welcoming his family and friends, will be a fitting tribute to a man who inspired so many."

Further details of the celebration will be announced in the coming months, along with additional information about this year's events.

Tickets to Goodwood's headline motorsport events are available at goodwood.com.

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Notes to Editors

Headline motorsport events:

- **83rd Members' Meeting presented by Audrain Motorsport:** Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 April
- **Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard:** Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 July
- **Goodwood Revival:** Friday 18 - Sunday 20 September

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About the 83rd Members' Meeting presented by Audrain Motorsport

The Goodwood Members' Meeting is an access-all-areas, epic weekend of motor racing, hosted by and exclusively for the Goodwood Road Racing Club.

As well as a full programme of racing, the Members' Meeting features all kinds of cars from classic tin-tops and GTs, to motorcycles and open wheeled Formula 3 and Formula 1 machines, offering visitors a friendly and intimate atmosphere. A winning formula of spectacular cars, high-speed track demonstrations, car launches, fun-packed festivities and great entertainment, along with the very best food and drink.

Founded by The Duke of Richmond, the annual event aims to recreate the atmosphere and camaraderie of the original BARC Members' Meetings held at Goodwood throughout the 1950s and 1960s.

About Audrain Motorsport

Audrain Motorsport is all about the chance to share extraordinary experiences centred around the way you want to engage with cars and motorcycles. No matter where your passion connects, on a tour, rally or back country drive; exploring the limits of your car and your talent against the clock on a track; as an insider at the world's leading Concours d'Elegance and historic races; or sharing conversation with the movers, shakers and legends of the motoring world in an intimate setting, we are here to make it possible.

Audrain Motorsport promises "curated immersive automotive experiences" for all its members who are looking to take their passion to the next level, and to operate at the top of the automotive lifestyle chain.

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About the Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard

First staged in 1993, the Goodwood [Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard](#) is the world's largest automotive garden party; set against the spectacular backdrop of Goodwood House in West Sussex, UK.

Over 600 cars and motorcycles spanning the phenomenal history of motoring and motorsport take part along with legendary figures from the automotive world. Highlights include Future Lab presented by Randox, Forest Rally Stage presented by Subaru, Supercar Paddock, Supercar Run, F1 Pit Lane, Drivers' Club, GAS Arena and Cartier Style et Luxe Concours d'Elegance.

About Mastercard

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About the Goodwood Revival

Goodwood Revival is the world's greatest historic motor race meeting, and the only sporting event of its kind to be staged entirely in a period theme. More than just an unrivalled weekend of historic racing, it is an immersive celebration of vintage lifestyle, championing exceptional craftsmanship and the enduringly fabulous stories told by second-hand treasures. 'Revive & Thrive' is the thoroughly modern message woven through the Revival landscape; a clever stitch with which the old is made new again, it runs through every carefully restored classic car, each beautifully preserved piece of clothing as it is passed from one generation to the next.

It is, proudly, the world's biggest and most glamorous second-hand event.