



DOWNSIDE ABBEY
PRESS RELEASE

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DOWNSIDE TO HOST CAR-NIVAL 2018

Downside Abbey, a Benedictine monastery situated 12 miles south of Bath, is preparing to host a day for all the family at 'Car-nival', this summer. The event will take place on Sunday 24th June, from 11am to 4.30pm.

Enthusiasts from across the South West are expected to attend the highly-regarded car show, with local families turning out for the family fun-day. Mike Penn, Founding Curator of the Haynes International Motor Museum, said of the event, "*The show is based in a remarkable setting and always with a fantastic array of top-class vehicles. I really recommend the Downside classic car show to anyone who might be considering it.*"

In addition to the cars, there will be a cricket tournament with a star-coach, live music, competitions, bouncy castle and face-painting, there will also be a range of delicious food on sale. There is free parking for all visitors, plus a range of activities for all the family.

Visitors will also be able to see behind the scenes with free tours of the Abbey and School available to all.

The gathering of vintage, classic and interesting vehicles is now in its fifth year at the elegant Stratton-on-the-Fosse site. Each year, over 100 cars are on display with vehicles in the past including a 1904 De Dion Bouton, a 1926 Bugatti T23 Brescia, a 1936 Squire, a delightfully unrestored 1926 AC Sociable, and a 1911 Stanley Steam Car.

If you have a vehicle that you would like to register for the event, please contact Sarah Kerr (skerr@downside.co.uk) or call 01761 235194.

The event takes place on the Mendip Hills, close to the Somerset/Wiltshire/Dorset border, just south of Bath and Bristol.

Tickets and further information can be found at
www.downside.co.uk/carnival2018
and tickets can also be purchased on the day.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

High-res images, logo and poster can be downloaded here: <https://we.tl/hDmWW5Hasx>

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About Downside Abbey and School - www.downside.co.uk

Downside Abbey is situated on the Mendip Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is home to a community of Benedictine monks, based in Somerset for over 200 years. Downside Abbey Church is dedicated to Saint Gregory the Great and it is a Minor Basilica; it is also the largest of the Neo-Gothic style churches built in this country after the Reformation, and was described by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as "*the most splendid demonstration of the renaissance of Roman Catholicism in England. If ever there was an excuse for building in period forms in the twentieth century, it is here*".

Downside School is one of England's oldest and most distinguished Catholic schools. It is an independent, co-educational, boarding and day school for pupils aged 11-18. Founded in 1606 in Douai (in France), the School is now housed in magnificent buildings at the foot of the Mendip Hills, twelve miles south of the City of Bath.

Downside is a strong academic school. Outstanding examination results are a priority. Everyone is encouraged to aspire beyond their academic expectations and the School has a thriving academic life with pupils going on to the top universities in the UK, the USA and Europe. Importantly, Downside also aims to educate young people through a Christ-centred curriculum to develop as future leaders in 21st Century society.

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