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Great Passion



The Masters Racing Series, in partnership with HGPCA and Arbuthnot Latham Bank, is holding its first joint historic motorsport event at Donington Park on 6-7 May. The weekend will be titled 'La Grande Passione' and, over the course of 12 races, a series of outstanding grids will see 240 racing cars take to the track, covering 50 golden years of GP and sportscar racing.

Highlights include the **HGPCA** races for pre-'66 and pre-'61 Formula 1 cars, plus F1 cars of the 1970s in the **Grand Prix Masters** event; **Le Mans** cars from 1965-74 in the **World Sportscar Masters** and – always popular with spectators – a host of **Touring Cars** from the 1960s.



The organisers promise plenty of spectator access to the cars, many of which were driven in their time by such legends as **Moss, Fangio, Hawthorn, Clark, Hill, Brooks, Surtees, Brabham, Hunt, Fittipaldi, Stewart, Rindt, Reutemann, Beltoise, Cevert, Bonnier** and **Peterson**. Specific cars include the **ex-Phil Hill Monza GP-winning Ferrari 246**, a gaggle of early **2½-litre Coopers** and the **ex-Jacky Ickx 1970/71 Ferrari 312B**. There are also plans to bring two Italian-based **Niki Lauda-era Ferraris** never before seen in the UK.



There should also be **Lola DFV** and **Porsche 917**, a rare **Ferrari 3-litre prototype**, **March DFV** and **Alfa T33**, not to mention **Chevrons**, **Lola T70s** and **GT40s**. In the **Gentleman Drivers** race, expect to see **SWB Ferrari 250s & 275s**, **Aston Martin Zagatos**, **lightweight E-types**, plus **Cobras** and **Bizzarrinis**, while the David and Goliath contests of the **pre-'66 Touring Car** race should find **Lotus Cortinas** out-braking mighty **V8 Ford Falcons**, with **Mini Coopers** and **Hillman Imps** nipping nimbly past on the inside.



Tickets cost £25 in advance for the two-day weekend or £15 per day at the gate. Children up to 15 years get in free. Call the ticket hotline on 01332 819 527.

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