



LEAVING A
LEGACY
❑ AT BROOKLANDS ❑





Hugh Locke King opens
Brooklands, the world's first
purpose-built motor-racing circuit

1907

S F Edge sets the world 24-hour
record of 65.905mph average,
which stands for 17 years



A V Roe trials the Roe I
Biplane on the track

1908

REMEMBERING BROOKLANDS MUSEUM IN YOUR WILL

Since 1907 extraordinary people have been making their mark at Brooklands in the fields of Motorsport, Aviation and Engineering. Names like Roe, Sopwith, Hawker, Hewlett, Campbell, Cobb, Railton and Barnes Wallis left legacies that still resonate today, representing the pioneering spirit, innovation and craft that made Brooklands renowned in the UK and across the world.



Will Cook wins the first
Motorcycle Race

Muriel Thompson wins the
first Ladies Race

Tommy Sopwith builds his
first aircraft

Keith Prowse opens the
world's first commercial flight
ticket office

1910

1911

Today, Brooklands Museum celebrates these pioneers and their achievements, keeping alive the spirit of Brooklands and the ground-breaking feats of technological advancement that took place in a small corner of Surrey that was to influence the world. By using their stories we help our visitors understand a cornerstone of Britain's 20th century industrial heritage, and we aim to inspire the next generation of aspiring engineers to pick up the mantle and maintain the UK's tradition of aeronautical and motorsport engineering excellence.



Hilda Hewlett is the first British woman to earn a pilot's licence



Percy Lambert becomes the first person in history to travel over 100 miles in one hour



Harry Hawker flies the first Sopwith Camel

1913

1915

1916

As well as a popular Museum, open for over 360 days every year, we run events that celebrate our history as the world's first purpose-built motor-racing circuit and one of the most productive aviation manufacturing sites anywhere in the world. Through a thriving learning programme we provide opportunities for children, students and older learners to discover more about the stories behind

Brooklands and how the pioneering engineering and ingenuity that drove all the achievements that happened here still resonate in today's world.



Alcock and Brown make the first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight in the Brooklands-built Vickers Vimy – Vimys are also the first to fly to Australia and South Africa

Douglas Davidson becomes the first motorcyclist to achieve 100mph over a flying kilometre

Brooklands Museum receives no regular funding from national or local government and depends solely upon income from our visitors and the generosity of our supporters and sponsors to fund our ongoing programme of events and education programmes as well as the restoration and interpretation of our objects and site. If you have been inspired by the pioneers of Brooklands and the legacies they have left, you might consider including a gift to Brooklands Museum in your Will.



Kenelm Lee Guinness takes the Land Speed Record to 133.75mph in the 350HP Sunbeam – the third time the LSR is set here after Hémeury (1909) and Hornstead (1914) on 200HP Benzes

Brooklands stages the first ever British Grand Prix

1919

1921

1922

1926

HOW TO HELP

If you would like to add a pledge to your existing Will you only need to add a codicil in favour of Brooklands Museum Trust Ltd. Please contact us if you would like us to send you a codicil form or alternatively download one from our website: www.brooklandsmuseum.com

If you don't have a Will, now could be a good time to consider making one. It is the only way to ensure that your treasured possessions are distributed in accordance with your wishes while protecting your family and friends. Although it is possible to write a Will by yourself, it is advisable to use a solicitor as there are various legal formalities you need to follow to make sure that your Will is valid. You may also need legal advice for more complicated matters. A solicitor can also advise you about how Inheritance Tax affects you.



Beatrice Shilling is awarded a Gold Star for a lap of over 100mph on a motorcycle



John Cobb secures the ultimate Outer Circuit record at 143.44mph in the Napier-Railton

1932

1934

1935

The Graham Dawbarn-designed Aero Clubhouse opens

How does a gift to Brooklands Museum affect your Inheritance Tax (IHT) liability? Whilst each person needs to look at his or her own situation, some short examples will illustrate the impact:

Fred Ford has thoroughly enjoyed his regular visits to Brooklands and has decided to give a legacy of £5,000 to the Museum along with gifts to his other favourite charities. On his death his family, after the usual zero rate allowances, will be paying IHT at the current rate of 40% but all his

gifts to charity are entirely tax free. In this way the Revenue in effect contributes £2,000 towards that legacy and the family forgoes the remaining £3,000. Such unusual generosity from the Revenue does encourage one to consider some charity gifts in one's Will.



George Bulman flies the first Hawker Hurricane

Dame Ethel Locke King opens the new Road Racing Circuit designed by Malcolm Campbell

1937

Noel Pope sets the ultimate motorcycle Outer Circuit lap record of 124.5mph on a Brough Superior

1939



Barnes Wallis, designer of the 'Bouncing Bomb', becomes head of Research and Development at Vickers

1946

Bill Bentley is using another exemption whereby if you leave 10% of your 'net' estate to charity then the IHT rate reduces from 40% to 36%.

Bill has been a regular volunteer at Brooklands Museum and has rather more assets in his estate than Fred Ford. He is keen to give £35,000 to the Museum to assist with the completion of his favourite

project. Since this represents 10% of his estate after the normal zero rate allowances, the tax rate on the balance of his estate will be reduced to 36% from 40%. Of the £35,000 gift the Revenue in effect pays £26,600 and his family forgoes a mere £8,400. This makes Bill smile!

Warning: These calculations will differ in accordance with the extent and details of your estate so please rely on your Solicitor or other adviser to do the sums in your case. Remember also that tax rules do change and the relevant regime is that which exists at the date of your death.



John Cobb sets a new World Land Speed Record of 394.19mph at Bonneville, and is the first driver to exceed 400mph, in his Brooklands-built Railton Special

The Vickers Nene-Viking is the world's first jet-powered transport aircraft

A Vickers Viscount is the first turbine-powered airliner to carry passengers on a scheduled service

'Mutt' Summers pilots the first Vickers Valiant on its maiden flight

1947

1948

1950

1951

Gifts can be specified towards particular areas or objects of interest or can be unrestricted, allowing the Museum to focus on its particular priorities. All gifts are welcome, and will be marked with a plaque in our Memorial Garden or at another appropriate area in Brooklands.

A gift of one of your possessions is another way of making a donation. Over the years we have received some wonderful historic cars and other Brooklands artefacts which enrich our collections. Recently a Delage 15-S-8, part of the team that won the 1927 British Grand Prix, was gifted to us through the amazing generosity of its owner who wanted the car to remain on show for the public to enjoy.



George Edwards hosts the first Anglo-French design meetings for Concorde

'Jock' Bryce pilots the prototype Vickers VC10 on its maiden flight

The Brooklands Society is formed

A BAC 1-11 is the last new production aircraft (of 18,600) to be built or assembled and flown at Brooklands

1961

1962

1967

1971



PLEASE CONTACT US

Brooklands Museum Trust is grateful for any legacy gift, regardless of the value, but it helps us if we know of any plans you may have to help us with a gift in your Will. If you are happy to do so, please contact the Fundraising Department, in confidence, to discuss your plans. We understand that any pledge will only be a statement of your current intentions which may change as life moves on.

If you would like to receive further information about making a charitable gift in your Will or other ways you can help support Brooklands Museum, please contact the Chief Executive's Office: call 01932 857381 ext 243, email tnewbery@brooklandsmuseum.com, write to the address below or visit our website www.brooklandsmuseum.com

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The Wellington 'R for Robert'
is rescued from Loch Ness
and returned to Brooklands

1985

Brooklands Museum Trust
is formed

1987

The Sultan of Oman donates his
VC10 to Brooklands Museum

The Museum acquires the
Napier-Railton

1997



Brooklands acquires
Concorde G-BBDG 'Delta
Golf', which is restored and
opened to visitors in 2006

The replica Vickers Vimy is
donated to Brooklands Museum

Barnes Wallis' Stratosphere
Chamber is re-opened
after restoration

2004

2009

2013

