

Glorious Goodwood

With the holiday season in full swing, all roads led to Glorious Goodwood - as the time-honoured meeting ~~exerted its ^{magnetic influence} ~~tradition~~~~ ^{cast its spell} on all followers of the Turf...

So they converge on this beautiful setting on the Sussex Downs; the holiday-makers from the nearby coast and the stay-at-home Londoner - all hoping to enforce their own credit squeeze - out of the Bookies...

And the opening race ~~from~~ the Craven Stakes, favoured the punters. There's well-backed Double Red - with T. Carter up, hitting the jack-pot by three lengths...

~~Goodwood~~ ^{yes!} - Goodwood combines the holiday spirit with top-class racing...

Two-year old fillies in action in the Molecomb Stakes - and watch ~~La~~

La Fresnes swerve and interfere with Bar Palariva...

La Fresnes won by a head; but the Aga Khan's filly got the verdict on an objection. The Punters raised no objection - Palariva was odds-on.

Among the race-goers ^{were} ~~was~~ the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. The course has had a long and happy Royal association. in fact, the Queen's great-grandfather, Edward the Seventh, once described it as a "garden-party with racing tacked on!"

The day's big event was the Steward's Cup - a six-furlong dash - and there they go - dashing for the winning post.

A field of twenty-six, and the Northern hope, Roman Vale, led all the way except where it mattered most. Billy Rickaby brought King Bruce at top speed to win by a head... DOWN ?

So, to owner Mr Walter C. Tarry, goes £2,700 in prize money, and memories of a Glorious Goodwood..