A sensational drive by Chris Beighton and Patrick Watts in the 'TT' took the LM '8' Tiger to a 7th finish place; best since 2002!

Nigel Tipping providing a 'go fast' valet. Chris had moved in to 6th by 1st corner – Madgewick, then went after Cheever's Cobra

Holding 6th for 7 laps Chris had a small spin going after the Hill Maserati Tipo.

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Despite the rain's best efforts the Goodwood Revival still dazzled as did the '8' car in the hands of Chris Beighton & Patrick Watts.

THE big race of the weekend is the RAC Celebration TT. This year it was dominated by a Shelby Cobra Daytona coupe driven by former Indy 500 winner Kenny Brack and eight times Le Mans winner Tom Kristensen. No surprise there though given a massive US$2mio budget, a brand new re-build and 30 hours practicing at Brands Hatch. The field had a great race without it; plenty of close racing with little pushing and shoving this year.

The race started with a damp but drying track and shortened by 15 minutes. Brack soon built up 20 second lead but not before Chris Beighton had moved from a grid start of 10th (9th after Berger crashed his Cobra drive) to 6th. Bar a spin around lap 7 Chris ran with the leaders maintaining 8th position right into a rain storm that engulfed the circuit at half way.

On Lap 14, Patrick Watts took over from Chris and came out of the pits at 14th approx. I think it fair to say that pretty well everyone on that track slowed up in the face of gusting torrential rain but not Patrick and over the next 4-5 laps he took the Tiger back up to 8th and had the race run its full length in those awful conditions I am sure the team would have finished in the top 5. Whilst Brundle in the Ferrari with a sublime driving display took 2nd place, I recall the commentator saying that Chris Beighton in the Tiger was shaking up the big boys, and in my view the second half belonged to Patrick Watts. Not surprisingly I also feel the team definitely deserved the Drivers of the Day award!