



Frank and Thelma at Pre-War Prescott in Frank's much-campaigned 1929 M Type that he had owned until recently for over sixty years. PG 1045 is an early example with chassis number 2/M333. The new owner is Tim Milvain, the BOC handicapper and marshal.

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Dear Ian,

Birthday greetings to you; we hope that you have a good one and manage to blow out all the candles in one go.

The days are slowly getting longer and signs of spring are starting to appear, and I am looking forward to my next target event which is the ACOC dinner at the beginning of April. I have decided that this is the best way to manage the remainder of my life rather than sitting at home wondering how much longer do I have and I do believe this approach, coupled with a change in my medication regime, is helping my total health to be better. Hopefully PWP will become a target in due course.

At present I am immersed in a project for the Morris Register to write up a piece about the club's trophies and their history. As you might gather this has involved a great deal of reading of past Journals and Morris Monthly, and of course it is very easy to get distracted and read other stuff, and in doing so I came upon a piece by a chap named Leslie Sneyd who, besides being a successful trialist, took a Minor over a couple of the difficult Italian passes and attempted a track in the Lake District in a Morris 14, borrowed from the works, but was unsuccessful. If you wish, I will re-find it and copy it to you.

I'd also like to offer my congratulations on the award of The MMM Register's John Kidder Trophy to you; well-deserved for all the tremendous effort that you put in throughout the year to make PWP happen, bringing together a consistently large MMM group, not just of one make cars, but of one register of that make and with a good proportion of overseas entrants.

Best wishes to you both, and if you are over before PWP it would be good to meet up.

[Ed. Frank, thanks for the very kind words. Jayne and I, and I am certain, all of the Register members wish you all the very best in every way. And we do very much hope to see you again at Prescott in July.]



Frank and Mike Dowley share a moment at Pre-War Prescott.



Above Frank's impressive collection of scrutineering chits gives some indication of his tremendous motoring career in his M Type. **Below** Frank, the late Bev Hicks and Chris Dunster – VMR Prescott 2010. All three were instrumental in founding the Morris Register in the late fifties.

