

Pre-War Prescott, Saturday 20th July, 2013

Newsletter Number Two

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Wait a minute – that’s not a pre-war car! (Well, not until the *next* war...) Read on!

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the second Pre-War Prescott 2013 Newsletter, which is being assembled with just **FIVE WEEKS** to go to the big day!

We already have a tremendous pre-booked entry of some 135 Edwardian, vintage and pre-war cars, and a number of one-make Clubs and Registers have really stepped up this year by fielding some mouthwatering collections of their marques. We’re beginning to organize areas of the Paddock by marque/club. A map will be sent out with your tickets (around the end of this month) and the gate marshals will also help you find your friends on the day. There will also be discrete signs planted in the grass, but of course Clubs and Registers are most welcome to display banners, sails, or whatever they wish as well as erecting a club tent and so on. We want the clubs to feel that they are holding their own event – within the bigger event that is Pre-War Prescott.

The entry list currently includes the following:

Austin 7's	13
Bentleys	5
MMM MG's	22
Vauxhall 30/98's	4
Morris Minors	12
BMW's	8
Wolseley Hornet Specials	5
Alvii	7
Rileys	7
Morris Specials	3
MG TA's	5
MG D Types	3
Aero Minx's	3

Other entries received so far include New Carden, Talbot, Rolls Royce, Lea Francis, Frazer Nash, Sunbeam, Hotchkiss, Singer, Morris, ABC, BSA, Hadfield Bean, MG 18/80, Standard, the **SU Carburetter Company's** Skinner Triangle Special – and possibly an Austin K9 communications truck!

So what's that sexy new Jaguar XF doing on the front page? This could be **YOUR CAR FOR A WEEKEND** later in the year! Cheltenham Jaguar main agent **HA Fox** has most generously offered this car for a weekend, to be auctioned at lunchtime in our no-reserve auction in aid of our designated charity – the **RAF Charitable Trust**. The Jaguar will be on display in the Paddock during the day.

Last year, with the help of **Hereford Vintage Actions**, we experimented with the auction, asking entrants to bring along sundry spares and automobilia to be auctioned for the charity. This resulted in a lively and frequently hilarious half hour of frantic bidding, at the end of which you helped us raise a very creditable £674. So this year, we are going to experiment with expanding the idea, offering more than just spares, etc. (although we DO want you to bring those along again this year!). The Jaguar weekend is just one such lot, and more intriguing offerings are in the pipeline. For example, the RAF CT has donated a pair of complementary passes to the Guest Enclosure at the **Royal International Air Tattoo**, Fairford for the Sunday immediately after Pre-War Prescott (Sunday 21st July). These passes will not only give the winning bidder full access to the Tattoo, but also access to the prestigious and exclusive RIAT Staff Enclosure.) And just in literally half an hour ago are two complimentary tickets to the British & Midland Hillclimb Championships at Prescott on Sunday 1st September, donated by the **Bugatti Owners Club**.

If you, your company, or anyone you know might consider donating similar lots to the above, then your offer would be very sincerely appreciated.

As mentioned above, entries are already well up on last year, but the good news is that we still have capacity for more! We have space in the Paddock and we still have about 70 climbs available, after making some judicious re-arrangements with the Prescott Marshals. And of course, there is plenty of space for spectators, camping, trailers, mobile homes, helicopters, etc. in the Orchard!

In past years, we have offered Free Beer chits to all who marshal over the weekend, and these have traditionally been redeemable at our weekend's Farewell pub meet on Sunday evening. But since only a few of the marshals are able to make the Sunday evening meet, we're changing the arrangement this year. We're offering free **Bacon Butty Breakfasts** with hot tea and coffee in the Paddock before the hill opens on Saturday morning. So all of you who have very kindly offered to help marshal for us for a couple of hours on Saturday will be getting your Bacon Butty Breakfast chits along with your entry tickets, etc. I can tell you from first-hand experience that our caterer **Exemplar Solutions** does stupendous bacon butties, which have proved highly popular in past

years, and they will also be available in the Paddock for sale throughout the day and on Sunday morning at the start of the Sunday Navigation Rally and parallel Scenic Tour. Very handy if you don't have time to grab breakfast in your B&B!

The Sunday Rally and Tour route has now been set and will take us on an approximately 60-mile route around the Vale of Evesham, circumnavigating Bredon Hill in the process. As mentioned, we'll be starting in the Prescott Paddock on Sunday morning, lunching at a couple of pubs along the route, and ending up at Stanway House where the owner, Lord Wemyss has very kindly offered to run the gravity fountain for us – twice – once at 3-30 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. (it takes 90 minutes to pump all the water to the top of the hill to re-charge the system). If you have not seen this fountain in action, you are in for a wonderful sight. At over 300' it is the highest gravity fountain in Europe.

Between the two fountain displays, we'll be taking tea, computing results for the Navigation Rally and presenting various awards. The route itself will be taking us to a number of fascinating locations with wartime, motoring and aviation themes. In particular, the 2013 rally marks the 80th Anniversary of the Gilg and Kay expedition – in a 1933 Morris Minor – from Liverpool to Capetown, which included the first ever crossing of the Sahara by a light car. Cameron Gilg's family will be on hand on both days. On Saturday they will be exhibiting an amazing selection of Expedition artifacts at Prescott – including photographs, maps and Gilg's actual Expedition diary which the VMR is serializing – day by day – on their website at www.vintageminor.co.uk. And on Sunday, they will be assisting with marshaling along the navigation rally route. If you are entered, or plan to enter the Navigation Rally (and we still have a few spare places), then you will require OS Landranger Map 150 (any edition). If you are booked or plan to book for the parallel Scenic Tour, then the map is not a prerequisite because all Tourists will be given a Tour Handbook at the start which includes full route instructions as well as a wealth of interesting information relating to the various points of interest that we will be visiting. In addition, the Navigation Rallyists will each be given a sealed envelope at the start, which contains the same explicit route instructions – just in case they get hopelessly lost or simply give up! For those in the competition, they must hand back their envelope – still sealed – to the Finish Marshal at Stanway House.

So, what else? Well, don't forget the informal reception at the **Shutter Inn, Gotherington** on Friday evening for early arrivers and a farewell run out to the same hostelry Sunday evening. Everyone most welcome. And we still have tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ and Swinging Forties Night with **Fiona Harrison**.

And it is probably worth mentioning that **Pre-War Prescott 2014** is already in the planning stage! The date will be Saturday 19th July (we intent to always hold PWP on the third Saturday in July). And you may already be aware that next year marks the Centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. So, in order to mark the occasion, we plan to send out a special invitation to owners of Edwardian cars, that is, cars that survived the First World War – adding a new second dimension to 'Pre-War Prescott'!

So – if you haven't entered already, here's what you need to do – without delay. Online entries including online payment can be made via **the Pre-War Prescott website** (www.prewarprescott.com). Alternatively, you will find an entry form below which can be posted to Frank Ashley with a cheque. Tickets, final instructions, etc. will be posted to all pre-booked entrants at the end of June. Would club secretaries please pass this information (and/or this Newsletter) along to their members. (You WILL be able to simply turn up on the day and pay at the gate, but it is unlikely that any climbs will be left by then!) Finally, keep an eye on the Pre-War Prescott website for further news updates and look out for the final Newsletter which I will send out in early July (Jayne and I travel to the UK from Seattle on 12th July). And please simply reply to vintageminor@gmail.com if you have any questions whatsoever about the weekend.

See you soon!

Ian Grace



Above Philip Milne-Taylor has entered his 1933 Riley 9 Brooklands prototype replica.
Below Nick Lees has entered his 1938 Riley Sprite, seen competing here at a verdant pre-war Prescott.



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(Please return this form with your payment to the above address by **30th June 2013**)

Name, address, tel. no., e-mail: _____

Vehicle make, model and year: _____ **Registration number:** _____

Pre-War Prescott - Garden Party and Day of Untimed Climbs, Prescott, Saturday 20th July

I wish to order _____ tickets £ _____
(£30-00 per car, including all occupants)

I wish to order _____ climb tickets in advance (£5-00 per climb) £ _____

(In the event of oversubscription on the day, those holding advance tickets will receive priority on the hill)

I wish to park my post-war/modern car in the Orchard and spectate £ _____
(£10-00 per car, including all occupants)

I would be willing to marshal at Prescott for 2 hours: YES / NO

The Swinging Forties BBQ and Dance Night, Prescott, Saturday 20th July

I wish to order _____ tickets (£15-00 per person) £ _____

The Cotswold Navigation Rally/Scenic Tour, Sunday 21st July

I wish to enter the Navigation Rally (£20-00 per car) £ _____

I wish to enter the Scenic Tour (£20-00 per car) £ _____

I wish to order _____ Navigation Rally/Scenic Tour cream teas (£6-00 per person) £ _____

I would be willing to marshal on the Navigation Rally for 2 hours: YES / NO

(Note: ALL vehicles competing in the Sunday Navigation Rally/Tour MUST carry current tax and road insurance.)

I enclose a cheque payable to Ian Grace for: £ _____

Tickets for all the above activities and Final Instructions for the Navigation Rally will be posted to entrants in advance of the weekend. Full accommodation details for local hotels and guesthouses may be found on the Pre-War Prescott website, or can be provided on request to the Register at the above address.

The Small Print

All information on this entry form is given in good faith at the time of publication but may be altered due to unforeseen circumstances. We regret no refunds can be made. Pre-War Prescott reserves the right to alter or cancel the programme without notice.