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Friday 15th to Sunday 17th July 2022

Enter using the Entry Form at the foot of this Update or online at:
(http://prewarprescott.com/?page_id=161)

Update 16th June 2022

Hello everyone,

Pre-War Prescott is just a month today! In view of this, I didn't want to wait until the July Newsletter (due out 1st July) to provide you all with an update, as Jayne and I fly to England on the 8th July, and by then we'll really be getting down to the wire.

So you will find below all the latest news and important information necessary to help the day (and the entire three day weekend) go as smoothly and as enjoyably as possible.

Entries, Ticketing and Final Instructions

First and foremost, entries remain OPEN and we have a reasonable number of climbs still available. This is because about 80 entries rolled over from last year because of Covid, and many of those entrants now find they are unavailable this year, have sold their cars, tempus fugits, etc. As of this morning, with a month to go, we have 185 cars entered for Saturday and 348 climbs booked. I was going to throttle down the number of bookable climbs to just the free one that comes with the entry, but I don't think this will be necessary – at least for now. So everyone can still have at least two climbs of the hill, and, as mentioned before, we always hold back a few tickets for the day so that those of you who, for various good reasons, cannot make a go-no go decision until the day have a chance of picking up a climb or two at the VMR Marquee in the morning. You can simply turn up on the day and pay at the gate.

As for tickets for the weekend, these are all enveloped here in Seattle and ready to ship in bulk to the UK for onward posting in the next few days. So, expect your tickets in about two weeks. If anyone is traveling and needs their tickets sooner, do let me know and I will make alternative arrangements.

Included in the ticket envelopes is a sheet giving a link to the Final Instructions for the various weekend's events, but I may as well repeat it here. It is as follows:

http://www.vintageminor.co.uk/Final_Instructions.html

The link takes you to four links for the four individual weekend events:

[The Friday Scenic Tour, Friday 15th July](#)

[Pre-War Prescott, Saturday 16th July](#)

[The Cotswold Navigation Rally, Sunday 17th July](#)

[The Cotswold Scenic Tour, Sunday 17th July](#)

It is very important that everyone who has entered any of the four events open the links and read, mark and inwardly digest the contents!

The running 2022 Summer Rally weekend Entry List can be found online at:

http://prewarprescott.com/?page_id=547. I would be most grateful if everyone would check the accuracy of their entries – particularly all of you who requested to have your 2021 entries rolled over to 2022 and let me know if they are still meet your needs.

Late Entries

As we have been doing this for ten years, we've got pretty good at accommodating late entries. If you are going to enter close to the weekend, please e-mail me (at vintageminor@gmail.com) with your entry details and I will do my utmost to sort you out. If it is too late to post tickets, they will be held for you by the gate marshals for collection when you arrive.

Entering on the Day

You may also wish to simply enter on the day. You can do this by paying at the gate, but entries on the day do not receive the free climb.

Spectators

This year we are expecting a large number of spectators and they can either pre-enter using the Entry Form or pay on the day at the gate. Entry is £10 per person, with free parking and under twelves are free.

Friday

The Friday Tour

Now in its second year, this year's Friday tour is all set to be a great day out in the high Cotswolds.

We will gather at the [Royal Oak at Gretton](#), starting at 8 a.m. where refreshments and fresh bacon baps will be available before heading out. Each tourist will be provided with an informative Tour Handbook which will include clear and detailed route instructions. The route will take us eastward up onto the Cotswolds tops where a special Register Ploughman's lunch is being put on for us at the Hook Norton brewery, but you will need to pre-book these through the weekend's Entry Form (copy at the bottom of this Newsletter). There are alternative options to take lunch at nearby pubs or at the Cotswolds Distillery's [Still House Café](#) which will be our last stop before the brewery visit.

In the afternoon we will be visiting the [Diddly Squat Farm Shop](#) (which needs no introduction) and the impossibly romantic [Donnington brewery](#).

The route will conclude at the [Plough at Ford](#), a venue which we frequented many times in the early days of the Register's Prescott events. You may pre-book cream teas at the Plough – again via the Entry Form. And in the evening, we will be holding our traditional Reception at the [Gardners Arms at Alderton](#), just north of Prescott. If you have any questions about the day (or the weekend in general), please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Pre-War Prescott

Pre-Registering for Pre-War Prescott

This is a **VERY** important reminder for those who wish to climb the hill on Saturday – INCLUDING any passengers.

For all who wish to climb the hill on Saturday (drivers AND passengers), you will need to obtain a MSUK Clubman license at <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>. It is free of charge and easy to obtain. Once you have it, **print it out (or have it on your phone) and bring it to Prescott on the day** – you will need it if you wish to climb the hill.

Once you have obtained your license, you will also need to **pre-register for the day with the BOC** using this link: <https://forms.gle/qagqFhy1oewkvECg9>. (Note that there is no acknowledgement sent by the BOC.) Do come back to me if you have any problems with or questions about either step.

Camping for the Pre-War Prescott Weekend

Repeating from the previous Newsletters, an important word about camping at Prescott over the weekend. Camping will be available all weekend in the Orchard – from Thursday night to Sunday night inclusive. And, unlike recent years, camping should be booked through the Register and not through the Bugatti Owners Club. I don't want to complicate matters by adding camping to the already 2-page entry form, which is already out there anyway. So if you wish to camp or bring your camper van, just let me know (vintageminor@gmail.com) and I will sort you out. Fees are £15 per night for campers and caravans, tents £10 per night. No extra charge for trailers.

IMPORTANT - Additionally on camping, please be aware that the Peugeot Sports Club of the UK (PSCUK) will be holding their day at Prescott on Sunday 17th and I am co-ordinating with them to ensure all goes smoothly over the weekend for both clubs. Some PSCUK members will be camping over the weekend and we will need all campers to pitch their tents or campers at the **BACK** of the Orchard – that is anywhere between the farm in the lower corner and the bridge at the top of the Paddock, and **NOT** along the stone track across the bottom of the Orchard, between the Bugatti Trust building and the farm. This will allow the PSCUK staff to stake out the main area of the Orchard on Saturday evening for their spectator parking requirements for Sunday.

The Austin Seven Centenary

The Austin Sevens are the featured marque this year as we mark their **Centenary**. I am hoping to run a cavalcade up the hill in the lunch break and also I'm offering **FREE** spectator entry to anyone arriving in a Seven. These spectating Sevens will be gathered together in the Orchard. We are expecting a large number as the main Centenary event starts on the following Monday at Moreton-in-Marsh where over **TWELVE HUNDRED** Sevens are entered!

The Charity Action

This traditional auction, run in aid of the RAF Charitable Trust will take place as usual in the lunch break, in front of the VMR marquee. **Please bring along any surplus quality items of automobilia/memorabilia and drop them off at the Vintage Minor Register marquee in the morning** and please plan to join in the auction during the lunch break. 100% of the proceeds will be passed on to the RAF Charitable Trust, the Register's nominated charity.

The Charity Raffle

Plans are also being made to assemble a range of tremendous prizes. Each pre-booked Pre-War Prescott entry comes with a free £5 raffle ticket (make sure you bring it with you on the day!) and additional tickets will be available on the day. If you think you might have a suitable prize to offer, please get in touch – your contribution will be greatly appreciated. The draw will take place directly after the Charity Auction in the lunch break. Last year, many great prizes, including the Tiger Moth flight, went unclaimed because the winning ticket holders were AWOL! These were then auctioned off to the highest bidder. You have been warned!

The Best-Dressed Competition

Colin McLachlan and his friend Barbara have kindly offered to organize this again this year, and the winner will receive the beautiful pewter quaich that they donated to us and also a miniature to keep for ever. We do encourage, but do not require entrants to sport period dress to add to the occasion, and you may return home with a trophy for your efforts!



Your target for 16th July – Prescott! We are honoured and highly delighted to be able to bring you the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's fabulous Avro Lancaster PA474 once again this year. Three bombing runs are timed to commence at 1415 hrs precisely. 2022 marks the 80th Anniversary of the first Lancaster bombing operation, when on the night of 10th March 1942, 44 Sqn Lancasters attacked Essen from RAF Waddington. 44 Sqn was the first RAF squadron to convert to the Lancaster.

Children Climbing the Hill

Here is the wording from the Bugatti Owners Club:

‘Children in open cars or convertibles with soft top erected must be over 16 years of age and over 135cm tall. Children in closed cars or convertibles with hard top fitted must be over 12 years of age and 135cm tall to sit in the front, and over 2 years old and with suitable child seat to sit in the rear. Very young children are discouraged as they are not able to support their own neck in an accident. All children also need to have a parent or guardian sign their indemnity form on the day.’

Saturday Evening

After the hill closes, everyone is warmly invited to the Shutters in nearby Gotherington for a pint and a meal. If you would like to book a table for dinner (recommended), please call them on 01242/300100.

Sunday

The Navigation Rally

Entrants should take a look at the Final Instructions (link above). You will need OS Landranger maps 150 and 163 (any edition will do). The start is at the Royal Oak at Gretton (as Friday) where hot drinks and bacon baps will be available. We recommend you arrive as close to 8 a.m. as possible and plan to be away by 9 at the very latest. There is no need to plot the whole route before you depart, but rather, we recommend you 'plot and bash', plotting each section of the route as you go. This will save you a LOT of time on the road and give you time to enjoy the various clue stops along the way

The whole Navigation Rally is designed to be a bit of light-hearted fun, with no pressure. Each entrant will be provided at the start with a sealed envelope containing explicit route instructions (the same wording as in the Scenic Tour Handbook), so if you do get stuck, you can seamlessly transfer to the Scenic Tour.

The Scenic Tour

This will follow the same route as the Navigation Rally, and as just mentioned, please arrive between 8 and 9 at the Royal Oak where you can pick up your Tour Handbook. Because the route follows the Navigation Rally route, I'm afraid I cannot divulge any more! As with the Friday Tour, if you cannot make the start, just let me know and I will forward you an e-mail copy of the Tour Handbook, so you can jump in at any point in the morning.

Sunday Lunchtime Arrangements

This year, we are planning something very different from the usual Sunday pub lunch. We are planning a Vintage Picnic! This is being organized at the hidden and seriously delightful [Colesbourne Park](#) in the heart of the Cotswolds. We will gather on the formal lawns in front of the house.

Here is what you need to know:

You can bring your own picnic or you can pre-order sumptuous vintage picnics and refreshments from [Revills Farm Shop](#) in Defford. These picnics will be collected from the farm on Sunday morning so will be crisp, cool and fresh. You place your order, and your picnics will be awaiting your arrival at the Park. The Picnic Menu and ordering information is available [here](#).

Immediately adjacent to the Park is the Colesbourne Inn and also the very special Old Rectory restaurant for those who do not wish to picnic. If you wish to take up one of these alternative options, you should pre-book lunch as follows:

[The Colesbourne Inn](#) (50 covers currently available)

[The Old Rectory](#) restaurant (25 covers currently available)

Fuel will also be available at the Gulf station in Colesbourne on Sunday if your car also needs a top up.



[A Tiger Moth's view of the hidden gem of Colesbourne Park, the lake, arboretum and church.](#)

That's about it, I think. But if you have any questions regarding the weekend or need help in any way, do get in touch.

Cheers,

Ian and Jayne

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Please use this form to enter any of the weekend activities. Print it off, fill it in and post it to the above address with your remittance. Alternatively, you can enter online at http://prewarprescott.com/?page_id=161.

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

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

(Entry is open to all veteran, Edwardian, vintage and pre-war cars, plus some post-war cars with pre-war styling, such as M.G. TD, TF, Morgan, Alvis TA21, etc. If in doubt, please contact the VMR at the e-mail address above.)

The Friday Scenic Tour, Friday 15th July

A relaxed day, starting at the Royal Oak, Gretton (OS 150/015305) with hot drinks and bacon baps available for purchase on the morning, visiting various places of historic or scenic interest along the route. Lunch will be available at the impressive Victorian Hook Norton 5-storey tower brewery and should be pre-booked below. The return run in the afternoon will conclude at the Plough at Ford (OS163/088294, east of Toddington on the B4077). In the evening, we will gather at the Gardeners Arms at Alderton (OS150/998334) for our traditional Informal Reception.

I wish to enter the Friday Scenic Tour (£40-00 per car, including all occupants) £ _____

I wish to order _____ Ploughman's buffet lunches (£15-00 per person) £ _____

I wish to order _____ optional brewery tour tickets (£17-50 per person) £ _____

I wish to order _____ afternoon cream teas at the Plough at Ford (£6-00 per person) £ _____

Pre-War Prescott - Garden Party and Day of Untimed Climbs, Prescott, Saturday 16th July

A day of socializing and untimed climbs at this storied hillclimb venue in the glorious Cotswolds. Full catering will be available all day, or you may wish to bring a vintage picnic. Gates open at 8-30 a.m., climbs commence at 10 a.m. and the hill closes at 4 p.m.

I wish to order _____ tickets £ _____

(£60-00 per pre-war-car (or £45-00 for VMR/BOC members). Your entry fee includes all occupants, one free climb, a free Commemorative Programme and a free £5 raffle ticket.)

I wish to climb the hill YES / NO

I wish to order ONE additional climb (£5-00) £ _____

(Additional climbs may be available for purchase on the day, depending on demand)

I wish to order _____ spectator tickets (£10-00 per person) £ _____
(Free parking and children 12 and under free)

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

The day will conclude with a convivial evening at the Shutters at + the Royal Oak at Gretton (OS150/016305) where **FREE BEER** will be provided for those who helped marshal during the day.

IMPORTANT - MSUK Clubman Licenses and Pre-Registration with the Bugatti Owners' Club

For Pre-War Prescott, drivers climbing the hill and all passengers (aged 18 and over) wishing to climb the hill will require Motorsport UK RS Clubman licenses (or higher competition licenses). These are free of charge, last for 12 months and can be applied for at: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>.

Drivers AND passengers MUST also bring printed copies (or an image on your mobile phone) to Prescott on the day in order to receive your hillclimb wristband, which is required to access the start line.

Once you have your license(s) drivers AND passengers will also need to pre-register for Pre-War Prescott with the Bugatti Owners' Club, using a link to be provided by the Bugatti Owners' Club before the weekend. The link will be announced at www.prewarprescott.com before the weekend.

We understand that, for a variety of reasons, not everyone can commit to entering Pre-War in advance of the day. If you cannot commit in advance, you WILL be able to arrive on the day, enter at the gate and then register in the BOC office. However, we strongly encourage everyone to enter in advance if possible in order to avoid pressure on the BOC staff on the day who will be very busy checking licenses and issuing wristbands. Entries at the gate will also not receive a free climb or raffle ticket.

Tickets for those driving the hill will not be sent out without completion of online pre-registration with the BOC.

The Gloucestershire Navigation Rally/Scenic Tour, Sunday 17th July

This is our traditional day in the countryside with the Navigation Rally (not too serious!) and the parallel Scenic Tour, visiting a variety of places of historic or scenic interest and concluding with cream teas at the outstanding Jacobean Stanway House, courtesy of Lord Wemyss, where results will be announced, awards bestowed and concluding with a private demonstration of the fabulous 300-foot gravity fountain.

I wish to enter the Navigation Rally (£40-00 per car) £ _____

I wish to enter the Scenic Tour (£40-00 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

The weekend will conclude with a farewell evening at the Shutters Inn, Gotherington (OS163/959297).

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.

Please note that ALL vehicles entering the weekend MUST be road legal, registered and insured)

Full accommodation details for local hotels and guesthouses may be found at:

<http://vintageminor.co.uk/Summerrally2022/Accommodation%20list.pdf>. Camping will also be available in the Prescott Orchard. If you wish to camp at Prescott, please contact the Bugatti Owner's Club at 01242/673136 to book.

If you have any questions about any of the weekend's activities, please do not hesitate to contact vintageminor@gmail.com. Your question may also be answered on our FAQ page at http://prewarprescott.com/?page_id=559.

Thanks for entering!

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. The Vintage Minor Register reserves the right to alter or cancel the programme without notice.