



Hello all,

With just two weeks to go to our Tenth Anniversary rally, this Newsletter is totally devoted to our celebration. This Newsletter will also be distributed to those non-members who will be joining us in the Cotswolds over the weekend, so hopefully, as many questions as possible will be answered! If anyone still has any questions after the following, simply reply to this e-mail.

To those various club officials who receive this e-mail, please forward or otherwise publicize to your members – any and all pre-war and/or interesting cars most welcome.

First of all – places and times:

On Friday evening, we will hold our traditional informal Reception at the Gardners Arms, Alderton. And on Sunday evening, our Farewell meet will take place at the Royal Oak at Gretton. The Navigation Rally and parallel Scenic Tour will start from the Paddock at Prescott, lunch will be taken at the Inn for All Seasons near Burford, and we will conclude with cream teas and results at the Plough at Ford. Prescott – gates open at 9 a.m. first climb at 10 a.m. Climbs from 10 to 12 and 2 to 4 p.m. Many of you have already purchased climb tickets – more will be available at the hut near the start line. We have a capacity for about 400 climbs through the day. About 100 have been pre-purchased.

Tickets – entry tickets for Prescott, for the BBQ, for pre-4-purchased climbs, for the Saturday evening BBQ and for the cream teas on Sunday afternoon have all been posted out – those for VMR members who had sent in their forms prior to Magazine M 135 shipping, received their tickets with their Magazine. All others were posted today from Seattle, and should be with you late next week.

If you have your entry form in transit and there is insufficient time for me to get tickets posted back to you (next Monday is the drop-dead date for posting), I will let you know and arrange to give you your tickets on Friday evening at the Gardners Arms or at the gate on Saturday.

Marshals. I will be putting together a marshaling roster for Prescott shortly. If you volunteered to marshal at Prescott on your entry form, I will be contacting you before the rally to let you know the roster. Nobody will need to be on duty for more than 2 hours. We have two gates to man plus the ticket office. We will not have a Register tent to man this weekend. Rally HQ for Prescott will be the ticket hut!

Entry numbers – still well sort of where we'd like to be (i.e. break even!). Of those who kindly sent in their GBP 10 deposits earlier in the years, at least 20 have now fallen off the entry list – most because their cars are not ready!

Since it is now getting very late to send in entries, the best bet – if you want to come along, or know anyone else who does, is to simply turn up at Prescott on the day and pay at the gate. But it would help if you could let me know by e-mail in advance if possible – particularly if you would like BBQ or cream tea tickets – because I need to get final-ish numbers to the caterers next week. I will have some spare tickets in my pocket over the weekend, but obviously we don't want to surprise the caterers with too many last-minute additional numbers.

Now for the Sunday Navigation Rally – to date I have received 16 entries for the scenic tour, but only 6 for the nav rally. Clearly, it is impractical to mount a full nav rally for just six entries, so I am transferring those entries to the tour. Either way, it will be a great day of vintage motoring through some of the most gorgeous Areas of the English countryside, but it does mean that we won't have to place marshals all over that countryside for the benefit of six cards!

So who has entered?

I am currently holding 43 entries for Prescott, but that doesn't include about a dozen Wolesley Hornets which the WHSC is co-ordinating plus about a dozen more potential entrants who have sent in their Declarations and have just been chased. And we also know of several owners who plan to turn up on the day. Beyond that, your guess is as good as mine how many others intend to come along and pay at the gate. But needless to say, if you haven't booked, please do come along anyway, and please also put the word out among your fellow

enthusiasts. Full details of the weekend can be found at [http://www.vintageminor.co.uk/summerrally2010/Summer Rally 2010.html](http://www.vintageminor.co.uk/summerrally2010/Summer_Rally_2010.html)

And I will keep this web page updated if anything changes between now and the event. I will be flying over from Seattle Thursday night, arriving at Heathrow in the early hours and then motoring up to Prescott for the weekend, then returning to the US Monday morning. I'll be able to answer e-mails up until Wednesday evening, 21st July.

It looks like we have at least 20 Minors and M's booked in, and L, and N and a P, and about 7 or 8 Alvii, several Rileys, Austins, several Morris specials from Bev Hicks' Morris Specials Group, several Bean car Club members, Talbot, Chrysler, Ford, Lotus, Vauxhall, F-N, Bentley, 328 BMW, Dodge, Triumph, Aston, Carden, Allard, Alfa, Lagonda, and the aforementioned Hornet contingency – celebrating their club's 50th anniversary – so a great day, and a great weekend is in store whatever happens. And arch VSCC photographer Phil Jones will also be on hand to capture the occasion.

Since we only have the scenic tour to get away from the Prescott Paddock on Sunday morning, there is no rush to be there early – so let's assemble around 9 a.m. and I'll hang a bout a bit to make sure everyone gets away. Lunch will be served at the Inn for All Seasons near Burford, and then we meander through the afternoon to the Plough at Ford for cream teas – and no chaos for me this time calculating results!

Finally, for those so inclined, we will say farewell at the Royal Oak at Gretton on Sunday evening – we there will be the traditional free beer for those who helped marshal over the weekend.

Well, hopefully the foregoing will have answered most of your questions, but if not, then simply hit 'Reply' now and e-Email me back. Otherwise, volcanoes permitting, I'll see you there!

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