



Vintage Minor Register

Incorporating Pre-War Prescott
and Pre-War Shuttleworth



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History in the making. Part of the Minor lineup at our inaugural VMR Prescott in 2003. From left to right, Brian Maeers' brace of 1929 tourers, his SV 2-seater, the 1930 saloons of Ken Martin and Simon Hodgins and the Hoggs' 1929 tourer. How many of these cars will be at PWP 2018? (Gracefoto)

Enter Pre-War Prescott and our Summer Rally [here](#).

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Welcome

Welcome to the May Newsletter. With just over two months to our Summer Rally, and with the spring Magazine away to the printers, all focus right now is on planning for the big weekend. Of course, Pre-War Prescott is a massive undertaking, but so also is the Sunday Navigation Rally and parallel Scenic Tour which both take several months to develop and refine. Pre-War Prescott 2018 will mark our tenth visit to the hill in the last 17 years - a milestone not to be missed!

Pre-War Prescott and our Summer Rally, Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd July

Rally entries are just approaching the hundred mark with 8 Minors already booked in and many more anticipated over the next couple of months or so. 24 MMM MGs have already entered, including 6 M Types, plus 6 Hornet specials and a wide array of other fine vintage and pre-war machinery. You can track the entry list as it grows on a daily basis [here](#). As of today, [266 climbs have been allocated](#), so they are going fast. You have been warned!

The good news is that we have met the deadline to pay for the hill rental in full by 21st May. Thanks to everyone who entered early, enabling us to meet this hard BOC requirement.

We have a special guest joining us this year. When Tim Mugford, now 87, completed his National Service in the fifties in Wales, he ran a 1932 Minor saloon VO 7974. Sadly, this Minor seems to be among the vast majority that have not survived, so we are [appealing for any owner of a 1932 saloon](#) to enter and take Tim up the hill at Prescott on Saturday. Please let me know if you can help.



[Tim Mugford with his 1932 saloon VO 7974.](#)

In other news, this year, we are hosting a gathering of [Riley RM Roadsters in the Orchard](#) as the model celebrates its 70th Anniversary. Being just post-war, these cars are not eligible to take part in the hillclimb, but we have arranged with the BOC for them to drive the hill as a cavalcade at the opening of the hill after the lunch break. So far, eight examples have entered and we are expecting more. The RM Riley was considered by many as the last British car built in the true vintage tradition.



[Riley RM roadsters at the National Rally in 1984](#), where for the first time there were seven roadsters together. We already have eight booked in for Prescott! (image courtesy Rod Sterland)

Here's the weekend itinerary:

- Friday Evening** Informal Reception at [Ye Olde Hobnails Inn at Little Washbourne](#) (OS 150/991332). All are most welcome from opening time onwards. Meals will be served until 8-30 p.m. Fine ales until late!
- Saturday** Pre-War Prescott at Prescott Hill. Gates open at 9 a.m., first driver briefing at 9-30 a.m., hill opens at 10 a.m. Lunch break from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., hill closes at 4 p.m.
- Saturday Evening** After the hill closes, awards will be presented at the Prescott Clubhouse, followed by a Party and buffet/BBQ with live music, presented once again courtesy of Mike Dowley & Co.
- Sunday** Navigation Rally and parallel Scenic Tour. Starting at Prescott at 8 a.m. where bacon butties and hot drinks will be available.
- There will be a lunchtime pub stop and the day will conclude once again with cream teas at Stanway House where the gravity fountain will be launched for us. Results will be announced and a variety of awards will be bestowed.
- Sunday Evening** In the evening there will be a farewell run out to [The Shutters at Gotherington](#) (OS 150/959296) to conclude the weekend. Good food and ales aplenty.



You can enter either or both days online [here](#). A printable entry form can also be found at the foot of this Newsletter if you would prefer to enter by more traditional means. Simply print it off and pop it in the post to John Hicks who is once again anchoring the postal entries this year.

This year we are celebrating two Centenaries - the [Centenary of the Armistice](#) and the Centenary of the founding of the Royal Air Force. To mark the former we are inviting all [1918 and earlier veteran and Edwardian cars to join us COMPLETELY FREE](#). Entrants will receive a free Paddock pass, a free climb and a free Commemorative Programme. Please help to spread the word to those who may be interested. The cars will take pride of place in the Paddock in front of the tents and trade stands where we parked the cyclecars last year. [Cyclecars](#) are also most welcome again this year.

To celebrate the [Centenary of the Royal Air Force](#), we have a number of displays being prepared including WW1 Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force artifacts and memorabilia. The local RAFA will be displaying a unique 50-foot long RAF Centenary tapestry in the Clubhouse and the Royal British Legion and the Lincolnshire Lancaster Association will be displaying various artifacts.

Once again we will be holding our traditional [charity auction](#) during the lunch break, so are asking everyone to bring along and donate their unwanted quality spares and automobilia. With the demise of Hereford Vintage Auctions, we will be reverting to our traditional auction where 100% of the proceeds from donated items will go to the RAF Charitable Trust. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

And once again, we will be joined by a small number of [supercars](#) as course cars that we will use to convey the Air Cadets up the hill and offer runs in them to all as raffle prizes. They are not pre-war cars, but the consensus is that they do not detract from the general pre-war atmosphere of the day and they help us to raise funds for the [RAF Charitable Trust](#).

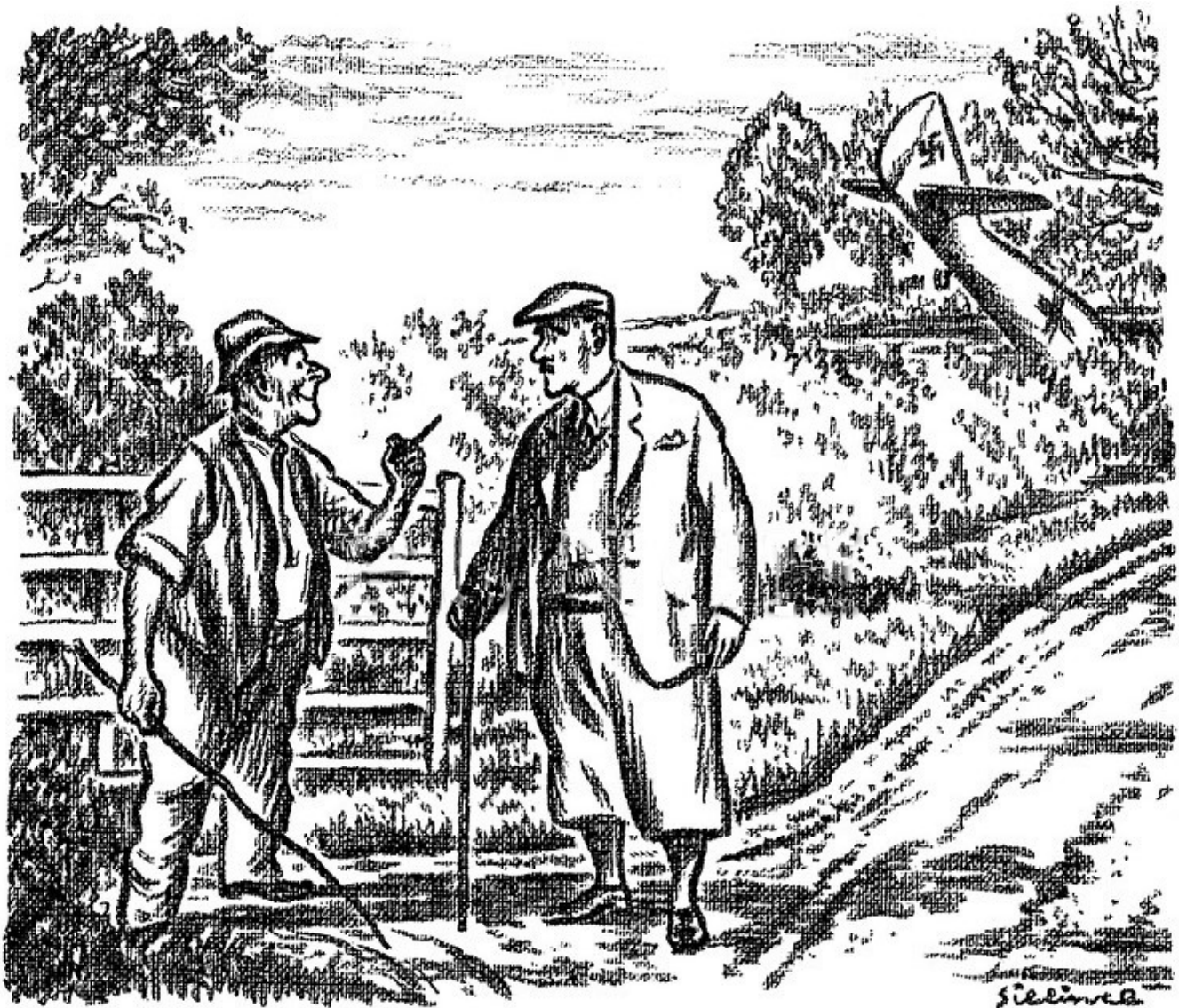


As in previous years, if you are planning to attend, be sure to [book your local accommodation](#) RIGHT NOW, because the Cotswolds get very busy during the summer months. And of course, [camping](#) will once again be available all weekend in the Orchard at Prescott where full facilities are available. The cost is a very reasonable £5 per night, payable to the Bugatti Owners' Club office at the hill. Just pop in to their office some time over the weekend to settle up – like the rest of the weekend, it's all highly informal!

A list of suitable local accommodation may be found [here](#).

A note on [marshaling](#). Pre-War Prescott cannot happen without not only the Prescott marshals who manage the hill for us, but also about 30 of us who man the gates and the VMR marquee in pairs and two-hour shifts during the day. The entry form asks whether entrants would be kind enough to volunteer a couple of hours of their time on the day, and so far, we are up to 16, so we do need another 14 bods to make the day work smoothly. So if you have not entered yet, or if you have but would like to volunteer, please consider doing so, and remember that there is **FREE BEER** for those who marshal at the Saturday evening party!

[Register members](#) enjoy a **£15 discount** on their Prescott entries, so becoming an esteemed Register member is a tremendous way of supporting the weekend in particular, and the Register in general if you cannot make Prescott. Although Minors and M Types remain the mainstay of the Register, we now warmly welcome all those cars that survived the War and have a rapidly growing and widening membership. So if you receive this Newsletter but have not yet joined, this would be the perfect time to do so. Just use the form below or go to www.vintageminor.co.uk and sign up online. The Pre-War Prescott website ([here](#)) and the Summer Rally web page ([here](#)) have been updated for 2018. The entry list can be checked at any time [here](#).

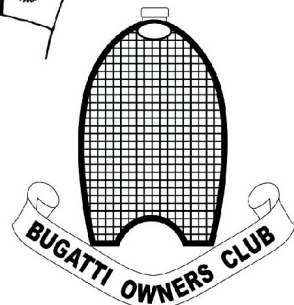


[“Prescott hill? Go down past the Messerschmitt, bear left and keep on past the two Dorniers, then turn sharp right and it’s just past the first Junkers.”](#)

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CROSSOVER COURSE 1132 Yds..

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Subscriptions and Membership

2018 subs fell due on 31st December last. Thanks to all of you who have renewed. As of today we have about 40 subscriptions outstanding. If you are one of those, please attend to this small but important detail. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, drop me an e-mail and I will check for you.

You can pay by cheque, or by paying directly by PayPal to vintageminor@gmail.com, or by returning the renewal notice at the foot of this Newsletter by post or by direct bank transfer - contact me for bank details if you need them. Once again this year, the subscription is being held at the £30 rate. Sincere thanks for your continued support of the Register.

The Magazine

Magazine M 165 – the Spring Issue – is now at the printers – slightly late because of our three weeks in Australia where we took part in our Rally at Hervey Bay, Queensland. The issue contains a bumper report on the Hervey Bay weekend.

The issue also contains the next of the popular Technical Topics articles written for us by Peter Hills, this one addressing the restoration of Peter's 1929 Minor vertical dynamo that should be of equal interest to our growing number of MMM members. The issue also contains a major announcement by Peter who is deep in to planning a grand Africa safari in the same car. We look forward with great interest to following Peter on his expedition through the dark Continent next year.

Magazine M 166 is already underway and the plan is to get it to everyone in advance of our Summer Rally. This is a challenging target, so do please send in any and all material, news, etc. without delay.

The 2018 VMR Pre-War Shuttleworth, Saturday 11th August/Sunday 12th August

Very Important Update!

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, while in Australia we received news from the de Havilland Moth Club that the venue for this event has had to be changed. The Shuttleworth Trust announced to the Moth Club that they had double-booked Old Warden on the day with a hot rod rally and so they could not accommodate the Moth Club on the day. Very quick work by the Moth Club resulted in a Plan B which is to gather at RAF Henlow on the same day. RAF Henlow is only a few miles from Old Warden, so anyone who had already booked accommodation will not have a problem.

RAF Henlow is (for the time being), an operational RAF station and therefore anyone entering the station is required to request access in advance, for security reasons. Therefore, any member intending to attend on the day should contact the Register well in advance, providing registration number, type and colour of their car, along with the names of all occupants. I will collate this information and pass it to RAF Henlow in advance of the day.

The good news is that RAF Henlow is a large grass airfield, ideal for Moths and the combined aircraft and car event will be private, and not open to the public, so the atmosphere will be much more intimate than would have been the case at Old Warden. Watch this space for further news.

That's it for May! Do send in all your news for the next issue and for the Summer Magazine.

Thanks,

Ian



Up in Merseyside, Dave Shaw is restoring this vintage Gibson Eccles trailer, but the wheels, which are the same as the early OHC Minor, are in poor condition. Can anyone supply one or a pair of sound replacements? Dave can be contacted at l66dws@gmail.com.

Spares for Sale

For Sale Two pairs of Hardy Spicer adapter plates for the Minor or M Type. Plates are £25.00 each. Adapt the shaft to the spiders. Pair of Morris German silver threshold plates £15.00 each. Pair of bonnet catch plates in stainless steel £30 for the pair. Steel flexible coupling disk between dynamo and camshaft drive £10.00. Clive Hamilton-Gould hga@towerfields.com.

For Sale I have just six Minor/MG clutch thrust bearing left. For sale now, or I can bring them to Pre-War Prescott. £45 + P&P. Peter Hills hills.peterw@gmail.com.

Spares Wanted

Wanted M Type clutch and brake pedals wanted to complete restoration. Please reply to alrothy2@gmail.com.

Wanted I am looking for a windscreen and front bumper for my 1929 Morris Tourer. David Rolfe david@rolfe.org.uk.

Wanted for Hundred Pound Minor in Karachi. Bonnet, front wings, windscreen, both doors, prop shaft, gearbox complete with clutch, set of brake shoes, carburetter, dynamo, distributor, ignition cables, radiator and grille, headlamps, all three pedals, floor boards, hood frame. Faraz Latif, Karachi faraz.latif@ntlexpress.com.



2003 VMR Prescott weekend. **Above** Defending 2002 Navigation Rally champions Ronald and Margaret Hogg pull in to Hidcote Manor. **Below** Batsford House and the Williams Cowley Special.





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2018 Register Subscriptions

Dear member,

Your 2018 subscription to the Vintage Minor Register fell due on 31st December, 2017.

To renew your membership, please remit the sum of £30 (cheques made payable to Ian Grace). Australian members please remit \$Au45, New Zealand members please remit \$NZ50, (all cheques made payable to Keith Montell) to Keith Montell, 178 Hargreaves Road, Steels Creek, Victoria 3775, Australia.

Payment may also be made via PayPal at account name vintageminor@gmail.com, or by direct deposit to the Register's UK bank account. If you would like to pay by direct deposit, please contact the Register for account details.

USA and other worldwide members please remit \$US40 (\$US checks made payable to Ian Grace) to the above address.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Register in 2016 and look forward to your continued association in 2018.

With kindest regards,

Ian Grace

Please detach and return the payment slip below with your remittance.



Please find enclosed my Register subscription for 2018 £ _____

Please send me a copy of the Register's Tenth Anniversary DVD (£25 ea.) £ _____

Please send me a Register car badge (£25 ea.) £ _____

Name: _____

Total enclosed: _____



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Application for Membership

Welcome to the Vintage Minor Register, catering for all pre-war Morris Minors and M Type MG's. Owners of all other pre-war cars are also warmly welcomed. Members receive four quarterly VMR Magazines and monthly emailed Newsletters, access to the Members' Area of the Register's website, discounted Pre-War Prescott entry and other benefits.

The Register subscription is £30 (Australia \$Au45, New Zealand \$NZ55, USA \$US50). English members, please send cheques made payable to Ian Grace to the above address. US members, please send cash or checks made payable to Ian Grace to the above address. Australian and New Zealander members, please send cheques made payable to Keith Montell, 178 Hargreaves Road, Steels Creek, Victoria 3775, Australia. Alternatively, payment can be made by all members PayPal to vintageminor@gmail.com. Or if you would prefer to pay by direct bank transfer, please contact the Register for account details. Members joining after October 1st receive membership the rest of the year and all of the following year for their annual subscription.

You do not have to own a Morris Minor or M Type MG to join the Register – enthusiasm is all that it required!

Your Details

Name

Address

Telephone No.

e-mail address

Your details will be kept on computer file for the maintenance of membership and chassis register records, and the production of mailing lists for Register newsletters and other Register publications. These registers and membership lists will be available to all Register members. If you do not wish your details to be published in the Vintage Minor Register or any related Register publications, please advise.

Your Vehicle's Details

Registration No.

Date of first registration

Make and model

Chassis No.

Engine No.

Body No.

Body Type

If you have a moment, please use the reverse of this form to provide a few notes about your car – history, previous owners, rebuilds, modifications, condition, etc. Can you spare a photograph of your car? If so, please send one in with this application for the Register archives. Your support for the Vintage Minor Register is greatly appreciated.

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Saturday, 21st July 2018

(Please return this form with your payment to the above address by **30th June 2018**)

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 21st July

I wish to order _____ tickets £ _____
(£45-00 per car, including all occupants and free Programme, or £30-00 for VMR/BOC members)

I wish to climb the hill YES / NO

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

(You may pre-book a maximum of **THREE** climbs – in addition to the free one that comes with your entry)

I wish to park my pre-war/post-war/modern car in the Orchard and spectate £ _____
(£25-00 per car, including all occupants)

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

The Evening Forties BBQ and Dance Night, Prescott, Saturday 21st July

I wish to order _____ tickets (£18-00 per person) £ _____

The Cotswold Navigation Rally/Scenic Tour, Sunday 22nd July

I wish to enter the Navigation Rally (£25-00 per car) £ _____

I wish to enter the Scenic Tour (£25-00 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 entering on either day MUST be road legal, registered and insured)

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 above address. 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. Pre-War Prescott reserves the right to alter or cancel the programme without notice.