



Shelsley Walsh Saturday 25th September 2027



Pre-War Prescott to become Pre-War Shelsley

You may have read that the Vintage Minor Register submitted a very generous offer to the Bugatti Owner's Club's President and Council for a reinstatement of Pre-War Prescott next year.

I have to tell you now, two weeks after the Council meeting, the offer has not been responded to.

However, through the good offices of a very good friend of the Register, the Midland Automobile Club has offered us a date – Saturday 25th September 2027 – which I am delighted to tell you that I have accepted.

As you probably know, Shelsley Walsh is a truly historic motorsport venue. The M.A.C. introduce Shelsley on their website thus, "Shelsley Walsh was first used on 12th August 1905 when the Midland Automobile Club had to find an alternative venue to Sun Rising Hill near Stratford upon Avon. Since then the Club has run hill climbs at Shelsley Walsh, making it the oldest motor sport event still held on its original course. The start line, the corners, the views are essentially the same, making it a jewel in the crown of hillclimbs."

We visited Shelsley for our Vintage Picnic last year and I was impressed by the range of features and facilities the venue offers – the historic paddock sheds, the working water mill, the excellent Courtyard restaurant, the manor house and church, all set in the beautiful Teme Valley and surrounded by miles of quiet lanes and sleepy hamlets (not to mention welcoming pubs!) that are ideal for our Friday and Sunday road runs.

So, Pre-War Shelsley 2027 is GO!

Clearly there is much initial work to undertake to establish the day (and the weekend), but the ball is rolling and more details will be announced over the coming months. But for now, please be aware that the inaugural Pre-War Shelsley will very probably be the biggest and best pre-war motoring event of 2027. The much-loved and unique Pre-War Prescott relaxed atmosphere we have enjoyed over fifteen visits to Prescott since 2003 will be very carefully preserved, while the weekend will encompass numerous new aspects and opportunities.

Pre-War Shelsley will continue the tradition of hosting numerous other vintage and pre-war car clubs and registers under the 'umbrella' of the main event. I would therefore warmly invite representatives of those clubs that have enjoyed meeting at Pre-War Prescott in the past to let their members know.

I would also like to note that 2028 will mark the Centenary of the Morris Minor, the M.G. 18/80, but perhaps most significantly the M.G. Midget. So the second running of Pre-War Shelsley in 2028 will host the biggest gathering of M.G. MMM and T Types since before the War. You have been warned!

Pre-War Shelsley 2027 may be 18 months away, but the clock is already counting down and I am sure you will understand that the inaugural running of a weekend of such significance will benefit enormously from the planning time available and also help our international visitors to start their forward planning.

Ian Grace
For Pre-War Shelsley



A recent Pre-war Prescott, this row is mainly M.G.s, just one out of five rows of mixed sports and race cars.