

It has been a year since I last sent out a newsletter – my ambitions to produce two a year have not been achieved! The aim of the newsletter is to remind us that there is a Register and to some extent, or other, it is active! Throughout the year I have been sent various pictures and articles and emails for which I thank you and – which you will find covered below. Keep on sending them! Aside from the newsletter and website trying to generate some esprit de corps amongst our Rover 8 ownership cohort there is the opportunity of an actual meet see below, I hope to see you there !

Pre-War Prescott, Saturday, 20th July 2019

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

For the last 20 or so months I have been thinking of trying to get together a gaggle of Rover 8's. Sadly as I am working I haven't really the time to organise any event. However, Paul Cooper has previously suggested that Pre-War Prescott would be something we could attend en-masse and I therefore urge you to do so. Paul Cooper has written an article reviewing last year's event. I will ask the organiser to see if we could get parking together in the Orchard. If you would like to attend please sign up by **googling Pre-War Prescott or email Ian Harris at vintageminor@gmail.com**. The event is managed by the Vintage Minor register. If you are going do let me know so we can organise an informal picnic or pub meet at the event. Editor

A Rover 8 at Pre War Prescott - 21st July 2018

This event, organised and hosted by The Vintage Morris Minor Register, has grown in popularity over the years as a relaxed and friendly gathering of pre-war cars, of any make, at The Bugatti Owners Club Hill Climb venue near Cheltenham. An annual event, run in aid of The RAF Charitable Trust, attracts several hundred cars with dates ranging from 1902 up to the outbreak of WW2.

Having attended previously with a friend in his MG, we decided to enter the Rover 8 in this years event. The engine was reassembled in May this year following work to hopefully rectify problems with aluminium piston "pick up" which had obviously occurred over the years. I had only managed 180 running in miles since reassembling the engine, and since it was potentially still a little tight plus given the extreme temperatures of 25-28C, 82-88F in real money, it was decided to run without bonnet sides on the day.

Prescott is a pleasant 25 mile run from our home near Stratford on Avon, on arrival participants are directed into the Paddock with spectator's cars and moderns parking in the Orchard. Included in the entry fee is one run up the hill, extra runs can be purchased at £5 a go. The hill is fully and professionally marshalled although runs are non-competitive and not timed. No crash helmets, racing suits or other nonsense is necessary and as many passengers as the car can take can be carried. All drivers and passengers though, do have to attend a safety briefing before making a run.

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On our run, and trying to keep the revs at a reasonable level, we went all the way up the long course in second apart from a quick change down to first to round the hairpin at Pardon bend.



It is difficult to describe the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at this meeting, many have said that it resembles a VSCC Prescott meeting of 50 years ago. It is very much a family affair with picnics etc. The Clubhouse is open, there are a few auto-jumble stalls, food and coffee bars etc.

Quite a few of the smaller Clubs and Registers organise their own gatherings within this event and the Vintage Minor Register are happy to accommodate them. Perhaps food for thought for a future Rover 8 Register gathering at some point?

PWP is always on a Saturday, and the VMR also organise a separate scenic Cotswold Tour the following day. Next years event is on 20-21 July. – Paul Cooper

Engine rebuild

The rebuild of the original engine for BS9213 currently being supervised by Stuart Keeping is going well with variously innovative parts sourced from here and there – more to follow no doubt from Stuart – below a picture of the rather damaged oil pump drive.



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Ray Beach with his dog Flora acting as navigator on an autumnal run



It's great to get pictures of owners out and about in their cars - here is Ray with his faithful companion out last October.

Car wash in Suffolk – Editor's car on last years Suffolk Tour

Alternatively for a summer run – try the Suffolk Tour organised by the VSCC - it was a relaxed affair – I even had time to go to the car wash !



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A Rover 8 from East Germany and a Rover 8 Wanted !

Over the last few months I received the following email which I thought might amuse and interest. *'Hello! In the early 2000s I repatriated a very original (and very surface-rusty) 1924 Eight four-seater tourer from East Germany. Eventually I sold it to a cabinet-maker in Wiltshire, who I believe used it as his daily driver for a year or two until a valve burned out. I\'d love to see the car again – can you help put me in touch with the owner? I\'m afraid I don\'t know the registration, because it wasn\'t UK-registered when I had it.'*

The above email came from Mark Dixon who is deputy editor at Octane magazine and the car he mentioned I believe belongs to Nick Holgate, a lovely original four seater. Mark is now looking for another Rover 8 and if you are thinking or parting with yours he can be contacted at mark@octane-magazine.com or **M** +44 7885 625627

CAR NEWS – R8635 a 1922 model is still for sale through Bramshaw Bespoke Vehicles, in Hampshire for £19,995

Parts Wanted/Offered

Parts Register – the Editor is trying to put together a list of spare parts which could be offered to other register members if a price can be agreed. If you have any parts **that you are happy to sell or gift, please contact the editor with details. In contrast – if you have a part which you need also let the editor know and we can see if we can match the requirement.**

Technical Help

If anyone is wanting help regarding technical issues on their Rover 8 we can suggest the following contacts.

Ray Beech 01256 763 834, Stuart Keeping 01258 841316 who have kindly volunteered to help answer any queries or questions you may have.

Register of Cars

Currently there are about 40 cars known to the register – not a great survival rate given the thousands produced! However, the positive news is that there are a number of cars which are being re-built or have been recently re-built. The Secretary is attempting to update the register so if you come across a Rover 8 in hidden away parts let us know. We are also attempting to contact everyone on the register to get updated details and email addresses – **IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THIS BY EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT ME – mark@oghmapartners.com**. We will be updating the list of register members and sending this out in due course.

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