

CHELMSFORD MOTOR CLUB

The Preston 2012

1st & 2nd December 2012

Sponsored by Preston's Garages, Writtle, Chelmsford

The 34th running of the *'One and Only'*



East Anglian Air Ambulance



The Preston

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Cover: Last year's winners: Simon Harrison & Paul Bosdet. Photograph courtesy of Andy Manston [M&H Photography]

Previous Winners now known as 'Prestonaires'

2011	Simon Harrison	Paul Bosdet	Subaru Impreza 2WD
2010	Ian Ainsworth	Richard Hage	Proton Coupe
2009	Andy Baker	Adrian Gladwin	Peugeot 205
2008	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	Rover 214
2007	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	Rover 214
2006	Martin Betts	Richard Hage	Ford Escort MkII 2100
2005	Steve Monk	Pip Clode	Toyota Corolla GT
2004	Simon Harrison	Paul Holmberg	Ford Escort Mk II 2000
2003	Steve Webster	Roger Hage	Subaru Impreza
2002	Andy Baker	Lee Burgess	Peugeot 205
2001	Steve Webster	Roger Hage	Subaru Impreza
2000	Martin Payne	Alan Ogden	Audi 100
1999	Malcolm Russell	David Howe	Opel Manta
1998	Martin Self	Martin Smith	Toyota Corolla
1997	Mike Biss	Cath Woodman	Vauxhall Nova
1996	Sarah Harmer	Cath Woodman	MG Maestro
1995	Mike Biss	Cath Woodman	Vauxhall Nova
1994	Pete Gregory	Pete Tilling	Vauxhall Astra
1993	Dave Taylor	Jim Bowie	Mazda 323
1992	Mike Biss	Adrian Gladwin	Opel Ascona
1991	Dave Taylor	Jim Bowie	Opel Ascona
1990	Paul Wright	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort Mk I
1989	Brian Henderson	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort 2000
1988	Brian Henderson	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort 2000
1987	Dave Taylor	Dave Senior	Ford RS2000
1986	Mike Biss	Roy Hurst	Vauxhall Astra 1300
1985	Mick Shotter	Pete Turner	Ford RS2000
1984	Donald Fowler	Andy Berry	Sunbeam 2000
1983	Tony Wardle	Tom Bigwood	Ford RS2000
1981	Ian Rowles	Herman Ruijsenaars	Ford Escort RS2000
1980	John Powell	Bernie Baker	Opel Kadett GTE
1979	John Barlow	Nigel Booth	Ford Escort 1600
1978	John Powell	Bernie Baker	Ford Escort BDA

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The Motor Sports Association (Mr Ian Davis & Mr Simon Fowler)

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Forestry Commission (Ms Nicky Russell) and Forestry Liaison Officer (Mr Robin Hernaman)

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The owners, agents, managers, tenants & staff of all private property incorporated into the event route

The Management & staff at the all Rest Halt venues

All residents along the event route

All marshals, other officials and volunteer helpers

Andrew Manston (M and H Photography)

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the thirty fourth running of the '*One and Only*' Preston, sponsored as always by Preston's Garages Ltd of Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex. In keeping with the last 14 years, this year we will once again be supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity.

This year we would also like to welcome all new 'section' sponsors who will provide an added dimension to some of our more welcome regular sections and are also instrumental in helping us cover the cost of organising this event.

Using the continued approach of evolution not revolution, the format will not be significantly different although it will be improved based on the very positive and constructive competitor feedback received from last years' event. We would like to think that the 2011 Preston was in many respects the best the current team have organised and have used the learning experience to hopefully try and run the 'perfect' event. Perhaps impossible considering all the aspects that could affect the event but the nonetheless it is still our objective.

The team have been very busy over the past few months seeking new land to use and at the current time we anticipate all venues will only be used once only. We are sad to see the loss of a Preston favourite but this is due to the state of the tracks not the landowner refusing use. As last year we are seeking to use some 20 miles of Forestry tracks and rides which is the prime reason why we have had to increase this years' entry fee to £120.

As usual 'The Preston' will start from the East of England Ambulance workshops on the A11 at Barton Mills and as last year we will finish Elveden Estate restaurant. The Elveden Estate is one of our supporting landowners so it will be good to return some 'income' for their support for the traditional full English breakfast. Trailer parking will be available at the finish venue. In keeping with other Chelmsford events, this years entry fee includes one free 'on event' photograph courtesy of Andy Manston (M&H Photography).

The route itself will continue to be highly challenging, with the accurate timing used in previous years. The occasional horrendously overgrown narrow bits, numerous bumps, yumps and thumps, puddles you can lose a car in and the infamous Preston mud and in contrast to the previous two years there will be no snow or hard surfaces, after the wet summer we have had mud is surely guaranteed. Furthermore, if all goes to plan some of the 'roughest' Preston whites will not be used this year. All this will be within a twenty-mile radius of Elveden, Suffolk, around 200 miles in total with 3 petrol halts. There will be 22 sections with the 'mileage that counts' amounting to approximately 140 miles and as ever about 80% of that will be un-surfaced.

The Preston is a 'navigational rally' and as such the navigator will have a significant role. To aid navigators we will once again provide relevant maps in A4 size, as this is a lot easier to manage with the rough tracks that we will be using.

As always you are all advised to prepare yourselves and your cars in the traditional 'Preston way'. Regulars will know what this means. If you are new to the Preston, everything that you've heard, and more, is true!

We require that all entrants carefully read and fully understand these Supplementary Regulations, especially SR 8 (concerning entries). Get your entries in quickly as they are sure to be in great demand as usual. Please note that Final Instructions will be published on the CMC website only, and not sent by post. Also, please note as this event is on the 1st/2nd December you must have a current tax and also proof of MoT (if applicable). We will not be undertaking internet checks to confirm this. It is your responsibility to produce the MoT and you can tax a car weeks in advance of the expiry date.

As always we need many marshals, so if you cannot compete please contact Craig Marven, his contact details are given later in these regulations. Marshalling is a vital role for any event but the Preston requires about 100, so you will be very welcome and very much appreciated. Those of you intending to enter, please try hard to get some friends to marshal.

Whatever your role, we look forward to welcoming you all on the big night!

Brian Jaggs, Clerk of the Course, on behalf of the Organising Team

Skoda going well in 'Preston country'!



Skoda World Rally Car



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Supplementary Regulations

1. Status

The Chelmsford Motor Club Ltd. will organise a National B navigational road-event on 1st – 2nd December 2012 starting at Barton Mills, Mildenhall, Suffolk and finishing at the Elveden Estate, Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk. The event is sponsored by Prestons Garages Ltd. of Writtle, Chelmsford.

2. Jurisdiction

The event will be governed under the General Competition Rules, Standing Supplementary Regulations of The Motor Sports Association Ltd. (Incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any other written instructions the organising club may issue for the event.

3. Authorisation

MSA Permit Number: 73478

DOE Authorisation Number: TBA

4. Eligibility

The event is open to crews of two persons (in an eligible vehicle), who are:

- a) All fully elected members of the organising club
- b) Members of the member clubs of the AEMC, ASEMC, ASWMC and EMAMC

5. Proof of Membership

All participants must produce a valid club membership card & competition licence [R5.2.1-2], which will be inspected at signing-on. [H 22.1.1-4] Participants who are not in possession of a competition licence must produce a valid application form with two passport sized photographs and pay the relevant fee before being permitted to start.

6. Championships

The event is not a round of any championships.

7. Details of Event

The Start is at East Anglian Ambulance Workshops, Milford Service Area (A11), Barton Mills, Suffolk, MR (154) SW 726½739. The Finish is at The Elveden Estate, A11 Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk, MR (144) 822½802. Total mileage will be approx 200 miles on all classes of road (a high percentage being unsurfaced); the route will be divided into 4 legs. Fuel requirements for each leg will be advised at the Start.

Scrutineering will commence with the noise test at 18:30 hours, followed by main scrutineering. Participants must report to the noise test first, at 18.30 plus their 'start number in minutes'. Participants not signed-on one hour before their due start time may be excluded. There will be a compulsory briefing for all participants at 21:15 prompt. Crews will start the event at one minute intervals at 22:00 + car number.

This time schedule will be confirmed in the Final Instructions.

The Final Instructions will be published on the Chelmsford Motor Club website only (chelmsfordmc.co.uk), on Sunday 25th November 2012. These are deemed to be part of, and carry the same force, as these Supplementary Regulations.

The event will contain Standard, Transport, Regularity and Neutral sections on private land and the public highway. Cars will be identified by their registration number, and by 'start number' stickers supplied by the organisers.

The route will traverse O.S. Landranger maps 143, 144, 154 and 155 (latest editions) although these are NOT required as the road book, issued at MTC1, will carry high-quality colour extracts of these, reproduced under licence, marked comprehensively showing all necessary route details and more. This marking will be done by the Clerk of the Course personally, who is an experienced road rally navigator. You may transfer this to your own maps in your own style but we think this will be unnecessary. Map 144 may be useful however as much of the route is on this map.

In addition to the requirements of the GRs, participants are advised that for the sake of maximum possible safety, given that much of the event traverses rough unsurfaced roads, the organisers think it wise to use, and recommend the use of, a vehicle fitted with safety equipment such as a 'roll cage', 'bucket' seats, 'harness' seat belts etc., to carry suitable fire-extinguishers, and mobile cellular telephones for communications in the event of emergency. Competitors will be required to carry water and a cloth/sponge to ensure that lights, number plates and windscreen are clean when travelling on all public highway sections of the route.

8. Entries

The maximum number of entries is 65, plus 5 reserves. The minimum is 40. Should this figure not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the meeting.

The entry fee is £120 this includes two breakfasts, full-colour map road-book, and free 'on event' photograph, courtesy of M & H Photography. Chelmsford Motor Club will also be donating £10 per entry to the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity.

Entries open on Saturday 6th October 2012 and will only be accepted if submitted on either the on-line (chelmsfordmc.co.uk) or via the paper entry form. Entries will only be accepted with payment in full. Payment can be made by cheque, by bank transfer, or on-line with PayPal. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. Any entry received prior to the above date will be returned, unaccepted; i.e. postal entries received before Saturday 6th October 2012 or entries delivered by hand before 09.00 hrs on Saturday 6th October 2012 will NOT be

accepted. Entries close at 12.00 on Saturday 24th November 2012 or when 65 entries have been received and accepted, whichever is sooner. The first 60 entries received with full payment will be automatically accepted, the remaining 5 entries will be at the organisers discretion. All entries must be submitted on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Late entries (received after 12.00 on 24th November 2012) may be accepted at the organisers' discretion, and subject to an increased entry fee of £130. Accepted entries cancelled before 12.00 on Saturday 24th November 2012 will be refunded less an administrative charge of £5. A refund of the entry fee after this date will be at the organisers' discretion and after reduction of all costs incurred.

9. Classes

The event will consist of three classes as follows:

- a) Experts: Either crewmember having finished in the top 5 of a similar or higher status event.
- b) Semi-Experts: Those crews not eligible for classes a) or c).
- c) Novices: Neither crew member having won an award other than a team, marque or finisher's award, on an event of National B or higher status.

10. Awards

These will be as follows:

Overall	1st Driver	The Preston Trophy & replica
	1st Navigator	The Cowing Trophy & replica
	2nd Overall	Two awards
	3rd Overall	Two awards
	4th Overall	Two awards
	5th Overall	Two awards
Semi-Experts	1st Semi-Expert	Two awards
	2nd Semi-Expert	Two awards
	3rd Semi-Expert	Two awards
Novices	1st Novice	Two awards
	2nd Novice	Two awards
	3rd Novice	Two awards
Spirit of the Rally	Spirit of the Rally Trophy (donated by Dave Taylor)	
Total Commitment Trophy	The Ray Heathcote Trophy	
Best Chelmsford Motor Club Driver	The Bernard Ward Trophy & replica	
Best Chelmsford Motor Club Navigator	The Eileen & George Trophy & replica	

Other awards may be announced in the final instructions at the organisers' discretion. Participants may win more than one award, except for first overall. All named trophies remain the property of The Motorsport Club of Chelmsford Ltd. and are retained for eleven months, or until such time as the Club requests their return. Awards will be presented at the end of the event as soon practicable after the results are declared final.

11. Officials

The officials of the event are as follows:

Clerk of the Course	Brian A Jaggs, 20 Mayne Crest, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 6UB Tel: 01245 468763 (h) 07977 051241(m) e-mail brian.jaggs@blueyonder.co.uk
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Stewards	Mike Biss, Matt Fowle, Richard Nel
DSO	Gordon Milbank
Results Officer / Timekeeping	Tony Michael
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Barham and Nick Pope
Chief Timekeeper	Tony Michael
Public Relations Officer	Gordon Milbank
Equipment Officer	Geoff Lobb

Please do not phone officials after 9pm.

12. Results

Provisional results will be announced in accordance with H35 and R15. Protests must be made in accordance with H 35.1.6-7 and C 5.1 and C5.2. Final results will be posted within seven days.

13. Route Definition

Time cards for the whole route will be issued at signing-on, together with petrol halt details, and time schedule.

Route information will be issued to all participants in the form of a Road Book at MTC1 at their scheduled time. These documents will enable participants to comply with R 14.1 and R 33.1. Participants will be required to make up lateness at the rest halts and possibly at other points along the route, as indicated in the Road Book and / or Timecards. Manned controls will be preceded by a board approximately 50m from the control location. In the event of a control or passage check being unmanned, it will be replaced by a code-board, which should be entered in the appropriate space on the time card. Code-boards at TCs automatically convert them to passage checks. It is the responsibility of the crew to correctly record all code-board letters.

14. Give Way Junctions

At all junctions so notified to participants, the car must have ceased forward motion *within* a 3m distance *prior* to the white line (or where the white line would normally be positioned). Judges of Fact will be on duty at some Give Way junctions to ensure compliance.

15. Timing

Timing will be from marshals' clocks using the scheduled time system, as per R 12.2.1 and R 12.2.2). Timekeepers will be judges as per R 24.7. There will be four types of sections as follows:

STANDARD:	As per R 10.2	NEUTRAL:	As per R 10.3
REGULARITY:	As per R 10.4 & R 11.1	TRANSPORT:	As per R 10.5

All Regularity sections will contain one Intermediate Control at which participants are required to stop to record a time.

An electronic time logging system will be used, requiring competitors to carry, and make available when required, equipment provided by the organisers. This equipment is considered as part of the time card and must be returned to the organisers with the damage declaration.

16. Boards

The following boards will be used during the event:

'NO'	To define a barred route.
'Q'	To define the start of a Quiet Zone.
'Q'	To define the finish of a Quiet Zone.
'!	To warn of an unmarked hazard.
'->'	To advise keeping right.
'<-'	To advise keeping left.
'Control'	To define the entry to a time control, passage check, or secret check.

Arrow angles will be as the drawing R 29.

17. Modifications of GRs

All GRs of the MSA apply as written except for the following, which are modified thus:

- (i) It is a condition of entry that participants carry any advertising material so supplied by the organisers.
- (ii) Competitors will be required to display competition plates.
- (iii) The organisers reserve the right to establish undisclosed checks during the event for the purpose of observing maintenance of time schedule and route.
- (iv) Controls will open 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the first car and close 41 minutes after the scheduled time of the last car. Maximum permitted penalty-free lateness will be 30 minutes & 59 seconds at all controls (i.e. 'OTL' time is 31 minutes).
- (v) Participants will be required to reduce lateness at any fuel / rest halts,
- (vi) To be classified as finishers, both crew members must report to each main time control and the final finish control within their time limit, and in the car in which they started.
- (vii) 4WD vehicles are not permitted even if reduced to 2WD unless the vehicle body is a conventional saloon or hatchback body shell, vehicles with turbo-charged or super-charged engines are not permitted. In the event that clarification is required please contact the Clerk of Course whose decision is final.
- (viii) All vehicles must have a fully protected driver/passenger compartment with conventional roof, doors etc and wings to cover wheels as opposed to mudguards. In essence, they must give the external appearance of being a standard road going car as anything else may give the wrong impression to landowners and residents along the route who have been told the types of vehicles that will enter.
- (ix) 'Sun-strips' bearing any writing or markings WHATSOEVER will not be permitted on either front windscreens or rear windows of participating vehicles; PLAIN 'sun-strips' (i.e. with no writing or markings whatsoever), are permissible.
- (x) 'Gas-discharge' lights are not permitted. 'Under-body' lighting (such as neon) of any kind is not permitted except in the engine and boot compartment for use whilst stationary.
- (xi) All participants must carry an 'OK / SOS' board and 'spill kit'.
- (xii) Cars must display a current tax disc and where applicable a current MoT certificate must be produced.
- (xiii) All participants are required to carry water and a cloth/sponge for cleaning lights, number plates and windscreen.**

18. Penalties - The fails system will apply, modified as follows:

(e)	Arrival before scheduled time at any control	1 Fail
(h)	Arrival before due time at a Regularity control	1 Fail
(i)	Driving a neutral or transport section with number plates	1 Fail
	and lights that are not visible as per the Road Traffic Act	2 nd Offence Exclusion
	or a dirty windscreen or rear screen that <u>may</u> impair driver vision.	
(ii)	Entering a Black spot	Exclusion

19. Photographs

The official photographer for the event will be M&H Photography www.mandh-photography.co.uk

Proofs will be sent out with the final results.

20. Scrutineering & Noise

Cars will be tested for noise, roadworthiness, eligibility and vehicle regulations [J 5.17]. At least two noise checks will be established in accordance with R 4, one of which will be at the start of the event. Cars exceeding 98db at 0.5m at 2/3rd max engine rpm will be excluded. [J 5.18] Parts of the silencing system of a temporary nature will not be allowed.

22. Damage Declaration

Having finished or withdrawn from the event participants will be required to complete and sign a Damage Declaration form, supplied by the organisers. Any information given will not incur a penalty, but failure to hand a duly completed form will be penalised with exclusion. **Participants will not be classified as finishers unless the declaration is submitted at the final time control along with their time card** (inside the finish venue). Those who do not complete the event are required to forward their completed declaration and timing equipment (R 15.1.3 and R 40.1.4) to the Secretary of the Meeting within 72 hours of the finish of the event.

23. Judges of Fact

Judges of fact will be defined at the start of the event, and will adjudicate in accordance with R 24.7-10. All signed-on marshals will be judges of fact, expressly for checking cleanliness of lights, number plates and front and rear windscreens on transport and neutral sections and can therefore apply the penalties in 18(i) above.

24. Driving Standards Observer (DSO)

The official DSO will be identified by means of a plain white decal on each side of the car. In accordance with the GRs of the MSA, they will be deemed a Judge of Fact, and a DSO as per R 24.7-10. With regard to the former, and at his absolute discretion, the DSO shall be empowered to exclude participants, either by immediately withdrawing their TimeCards and instructing him/her not to proceed, or by informing the Clerk of the Course at the earliest practical opportunity.

The DSO shall exercise such powers in respect of any participants employing auxiliary lights in a Quiet Zone (other than in conditions of fog or falling snow), undue noise, damage to vehicle, speed, or failing to stop at a give-way junction, or the wearing of crash helmets on the public highway, or any behaviour deemed detrimental to good public relations during the event.

25. Insurance

All participants must have adequate insurance cover for this event. The Club has applied to Lockton Companies International Ltd for a Blanket Cover Note. This will provide participants who need to use the Scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event. The basic rate for the Event (before any loadings) will be £20.00.

New applicants wishing to use the Scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Lockton Companies International Ltd Declaration:-

- ◆ **Over 21 and Held a Full Licence for at least 6 months**
- ◆ **Not more than 1 fault accident in last 3 Years**
- ◆ **No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence**
- ◆ **No physical or mental disabilities**
- ◆ **No other material facts to disclose**

If able to comply with all points above simply sign on Signing On Form for Insurance - **No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.**

If unable to comply with any of above points complete the Declaration Form itself and forward either to the Club or direct to Alexander Forbes prior to the Event to allow sufficient time for Letter of Acceptance to be issued. **Faxed copies are acceptable**

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Tel 0161 828 3300 Fax 0161 828 3335

26. Reconnaissance

If you are seen on **any** private land used on this years Preston whether driving or otherwise , you will be refused a start with no refund and will be reported to the MSA. If you are not sure what is public and what isn't then DO NOT RISK IT. We feel we must take a firm stance on this as a huge effort goes into organising the Preston and we will not tolerate anyone jeopardising any part of it. We have alerted the landowners to this potential problem.

MARSHALS ENROLMENT FORM

An event of this nature needs many marshals.

The Preston in particular needs a great number.

This year, as usual due to the demanding route, we will again need this number.

If you would like to marshal, please complete this form, or phone the Chief Marshal.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to assist in marshalling on *'The Preston'*

Number of people expected: _____

I / We have experience of the following: (tick as appropriate)

Manned passage checks: _____ Time controls: _____

I / We HAVE / HAVE NOT a suitable vehicle for 'white' roads (delete as applicable)

I / We are prepared to marshal for ENTIRE EVENT / FIRST SECTION / SECOND SECTION

(Delete as applicable – please, please do the whole night if you can, thank you 65 times).

Chief Marshal:

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