



# Millmore's Garage



The picture shows Millmore's fleet of vans at the front of their garage at the top of Ventnor's High Street about 1947. Which of the personnel standing for the camera are the regular drivers is unknown, but there is one woman among them and one serviceman who stands to the far right. The lower picture is a view of the garage taken in the early fifties when a new forecourt and kiosk had been erected, including three smart new petrol pumps.



The Millmore family came to Ventnor from Cowes in 1929. The garage business was started by Matthew Martin Millmore straight after the 1939-45 war. He had previously been running carrier vans daily between Ventnor and Ryde. The High Street garage proved successful and was soon expanded with the help of sons Alan and Joe Millmore. However, in February 1958, Joe Millmore, who had been workshop foreman, took passage to Sydney, Australia. He suffered from fibrositis in his back and it was thought that the warmer climate would be beneficial. He already had a sister in New South Wales: Mary Millmore (later Sheehan) who

had emigrated some years before. The Millmore family became very active supporters of Holy Trinity Church, where Matthew Martin was a churchwarden for over 30 years and his wife Rose Ellen a Sunday School Superintendent. Matthew died in 1972, aged 77 and his wife in 1982 aged 90.

*Ventnor & District Local History Society: Michael Freeman, from files in Ventnor Heritage Centre, especially those of the late Fay Brown.*



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