2018 Christmas Wishes
Christmas Wishes from the Vintage Minor Register

The warmest of Christmas wishes go out from Jayne and I to all our members, friends and their families around the world. We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. On New Year’s Day, many of us will be taking our cars out for a spin and perhaps a trip to the local, or to one of the many vintage pub meets that will be held up and down the country. (If you do so, please remember your camera!)

It has been another tremendous year for our Register as we continue to go from strength to strength. As 2018 draws to a close, we have a very healthy 263 members, 21 of whom have joined us this year, 15 Minor owners, 2 M Type owners and four with other MG’s. The circulation list for our monthly Newsletters passed the 800 mark recently, the list being made up of members, past and present Pre-War Prescott entrants, plus those who have subscribed for updates through the link on the Pre-War Prescott website.

Our Summer Rally this year was another fantastic weekend in the Cotswolds with just shy of 200 cars in attendance over the two days under sunny summer skies. The gorgeous weather clearly had a beneficial effect, bringing out droves of spectators on Saturday and onlookers on Sunday.

We also had a simply superb Register rally at Hervey Bay in Queensland which Jayne and I were lucky enough to be able to enter with the incredibly generous loan of a Minor tourer from Andrew and Debbie Stewart. Coinciding with our 25th Wedding Anniversary that was celebrated with us by a number of Register members at Amaroo, this was a trip of a lifetime for Jayne and I.

Every year, we lose members who pass on to quieter lanes elsewhere. This year we lost David Roscoe, a staunch supporter of the Register for many years. As one member put it when he heard of David’s passing “It’s news like this that makes you very conscious of the importance of family and friends.” We couldn’t agree more. There is an important reason why our Register and rallies continue to grow in popularity year on year. I believe this happy trend is primarily due to the outstanding members that we have and the friendships that bind us together as a club.

Looking ahead to 2019, we have another super year in prospect. We will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the start of production of MMM MG’s with the M Type and hope to have 90 MMM MG’s assembled in the Paddock at Pre-War Prescott, many of which will be M Types. We will also be marking the Centenary of the founding of Morris Motors Ltd.

Entries for our 2019 Summer Rally weekend are substantially up on this time last year and have just reached the half century. We’re expecting around 240 entries for Pre-War Prescott 2019, and I’m upping the entry limit on the Sunday run to 80 cars. We will have strong contingents from Holland and Germany which will give the weekend a real international flavour.

Jayne and I are really looking forward to the 2019 Summer Rally for two reasons. First, I hope to have our recently-acquired 1933 Maddox-bodied Minor FHC back on the road and shipped from Seattle to England in time to take part. And second, we will be traveling with our two children and five grandchildren – got to start them young!

Looking further ahead to 2020, we will be marking the Register’s 20th Anniversary and there will be announcements regarding how we intend to celebrate that significant milestone in due course.

Finally, there is our ‘Virtual Christmas Pub Meet’ on our Forum. Please take a moment to stop in for a virtual pint and post your Christmas wishes.

But for now, from across the miles and across the globe ... Merry Christmas everyone!

Ian and Jayne Grace
The last collection before Christmas

We wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous and Roadworthy New Year!

Ian and Jayne