

# A New Year's Message for 2021

The committee would like to send you our very best wishes for the New Year and hope that you were able to enjoy Christmas as much as possible. We especially wish you a healthy New Year and hope that your family & friends remain free of the virus.

Who would have thought we would begin another year in this way? We have been unable to meet for the last nine months and the current restrictions mean we have no idea when normal meetings and events will be able to begin again. But we must remain determined that they will!

We are not alone in this dilemma and daily we hear of cancellations and delays to events and arrangements which would normally mark out our monthly calendar throughout the year.

We hope that our thriving club will not be one of the casualties of the pandemic and the committee want members past and present to know that we will do everything we can to maintain our membership and in so doing, the interests of all who have put so much into the club over the years.

In the absence of an AGM last October the members of the committee remain as a 'caretaker committee' until such time as we can safely meet again. As a club we have been unable to raise funds for the charities we would normally support and this is doubly regrettable at this time when most charities are more in need than ever. Hopefully, we aim to resume this as soon as it is possible to do so.

We are aware that members may be thinking that, as the insurance element cannot currently be used, and this is certainly true, they have no need to expend the money for the club membership. However, in order for us to maintain the club as it is, certain expenses need to be paid, such as the printing of the membership cards etc and annual fees are due to maintain our place within the Association of Vintage Clubs. With this in mind can we ask you to consider renewing your membership for the coming year by post, not forgetting the stamped, addressed envelope? This will ensure that when the restrictions are finally lifted or at least eased, the club will be able to pick up where we left off in March 2020.

Hoping it won't be long before we can all meet up again. Take care and stay safe!!

MDTEMG committee, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021