



# MORRIS MATTERS

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### MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB WESTERN CAPE





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## EDITORIAL by Cristina Jones



We say good bye to 2017 with our last issue of the year. You will find articles and photos on our recent events: Killarney, Prince Alfred Hamlet and D'Aria as well as the usual and valuable technical notes plus a bit of humour and nostalgia. A big thanks to all members of this Morris Minor family for their response, advice and contribution towards this magazine. Have a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the coming year. Many blessings and safe holidays.

<b>ADVERTISING IN MAGAZINE</b>			
<b>Full page</b>	<b>R 1,200 per year</b>	<b>Two lines plus photos once off</b>	<b>R 100</b>
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

It is that time of the year when we reflect on the past twelve months in our Club's life. We've had wonderful events during the year - the drives we took to George, a visit to the vintage Burger Fair Road House and drive to Melkbos afterwards, Father's Day in the Elgin valley, the trip to the West Coast Nature Reserve, the Classic Car Show at Killarney, Prince Alfred's Hamlet, where Owen Gush won the 3rd prize for the best maintained interior and exterior, plus engine compartment of all veteran car being judged, were all highlights. The prize consists of 2 nights' accommodation for up to 6 friends at the Die Kloof, self-catering cottage on Koelfontein Farm, Prince Alfred's Hamlet. Home visits in the Clubhouse were, Christmas in July, Open Bonnet Day, as well as the "P" party and braai, which, judging by the photos taken, have been a ball!



We gained 16 new members: Peter and Bernita Blease, Werner Calitz, Emma Carpenter, Johan and Susan Dahms, Simon Gasson, Helen Goldenbogen, Gareth McConkey, Willem and Anneline Nel, Ian and Su Pretorius, John and Janet Swift, Willie van Eck and Llewellyn and Courtney Buckley. We lost Philip Trotman's wife, Daphné, who was a former secretary, to cancer – our hearts go out to Philip. Donata van der Merwe was in a very serious car accident and is still recuperating, but is doing much better, thanks to the help and care of Charl Cilliers.

2018 is the Morris Minor's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone the whole year round. We will have more events at the clubhouse, which will also serve as fundraisers, as we are now fully in "2020 Rally mode". In January, attending Timour Hall is a definite must, as well as the George Car Show in February. In March 2018, the Johannesburg National Rally will be attended by me, Ron Clark, our Vice-Chairman, Richard and Bertha Laubscher, Owen and Sandy Gush, Peter Albert and Yvonne Bootcov, Johan and Amanda Bruce.

I want to thank all the members who helped us during the year, be it with donations, their time in helping us organizing events, attending those events, which in my opinion, are the core of our club. Thank you for those who wrote articles and provided photos of the various events. A special thank you to our Editor, Cristina Jones, who is doing a stellar job.

A huge thank you to my outstanding Committee, who put in many hours of their precious time to attend meetings and who really work hard in their respective portfolios, to make the Club the success that it is.

I would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!!!** May this coming year bring many blessings to this wonderful Morris family.

Morris greetings.

Frikkie Muller

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Llewellyn Buckley** to the family.  
May you enjoy many long and happy Morris years!



## GET WELL

We wish a speedy recovery to **Sydney Young**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>3 December</b>                   | End of Year function at Riebeeck Kasteel.                    |
| <b>9 December</b>                   | Air show at Langebaan Airbase (not an official Morris event) |
| <b>15 December</b>                  | Boston Craft Market (not an official Morris event)           |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2018</b> | Timour Hall, Plumstead                                       |
| <b>10/11 February 2018</b>          | George Car Show  |
| <b>18 February</b>                  | AGM  |
| <b>18/22 March 2018</b>             | Johannesburg National Rally                                  |



More details on each event will be sent by e-mail closer to the date. Please contact Charl (082 471 5528) or Donata (083 258 4853) should you wish to attend any of the above-mentioned events.

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES for 2018

### Notice the new Subscription Rates:

Full Member	<b>R 250.00</b>
Full Member + Spouse/Partner	<b>R 300.00</b>
Senior Citizens (over 65 years)	<b>R 200.00</b>
Senior Citizens + Spouse/Partner	<b>R 250.00</b>
Students (<25 years)	<b>R 150.00</b>
Country Members: (Living more than 100km from Cape Town)	<b>R 160.00</b>
Overseas Members	<b>R 160.00</b>

Subscription Fees include **R50.00** National Rally Levies determined by the National Body. New applicants must pay REGISTRATION FEE (Compulsory) of **R50.00**. **Membership badge is included.**

**Bank:** Standard Bank

**Branch Code:** 050 704

**Account name:** Morris Minor Owners Club

**Account no:** 27 119 3093

**PLEASE NO CHEQUES. PAY CASH OR BY EFT TO SAVE THE CLUB BANK CHARGES,**

Please notify Bertha Laubscher of change of address or e mail so you can be sure to get all notices.

**PAYMENT DUE end of MARCH. A re-joining fee applies after that.**

## BIRTHDAY LIST

DECEMBER			
Dylan Birkett	4	Melanie Buchanan	7
Janet Swift	4	Amanda Bruce	18
Gawie Hugo	5	John Carne	20
Claire Hoffman	6	Bernita Blease	28

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

## RECENT EVENTS

### KILLARNEY 2017, 15 October, by Mitford Roberts

My alarm went off 4.00 am, stumbled out the bed, made breakfast and got ready to leave by 5.15 am in car packed. Off I drove to Killarney and being the only soul on the roads, arrived at 5.30 am. I was the only one besides Security. At 6.50 am Malcolm arrived, had a briefing, signed for our bibs and off to our designated points.

Cars started arriving from about 6.30 am. 23 Morris! Later I was relieved by Richard, taking over our watch, the Club had arrived in convoy and we started setting up our 3 gazebos. This was all done while grey clouds were building up and slowly edging towards the race track.

All hell broke loose round 9.30 am, wind picked up, clouds rolled in and Boy, did it rain! Not a chance of staying dry, it came in horizontally, wetting everything in its path! Charl saved the day, brought out a bottle of Mickey Mouse juice, most welcome to ward off the cold. Have to add, during all this we managed to do some serious sales in the rain, there was lot of interest in the available books.

We decided if by noon/1.00 pm was still raining, to call it a day. By noon, the rain stopped, the skies cleared, and the show got going, the public appeared, model aircraft took to the skies and we started drying out.

This has proved to be a very popular show in Cape Town. The





monster trucks and stunt bikers drew a lot of spectators, performing the most amazing feats with many stalls offering different cuisines.

We officially packed up around 4.30pm. By 5.00pm were ready to make our way home. A day well spent. We can only look forward to 2018 clear skies plus full dams and a relaxing day round the circuit.

### **PRINS ALFRED HAMLET KULTUURFEES, 21<sup>st</sup> Oktober, by Bertha Laubscher**



Op die 21e Oktober het die altyd teenwoordige 'core' groep oudergewoonte by die Engen Winelands garage bymekaar gekom vir koffie voor ons vertrek na Prins Alfred Hamlet. Dit was 'n lifelike dag.

Die Wesson-egpaar en al hul helpers werk hard om hierdie skou suksesvol te maak. Elke jaar bring hul iets anders op die program en



elke jaar verhoog hulle hul standaard. Dit is die moeite werd om soontoe te gaan en ek wil ons lede aanmoedig om dit te ondersteun. Vanjaar het elke motor 'n sak appels by die toegangshek gekry en ons is in geen onsekerheid gelaat oor hoe welkom ons is nie.



Die middelveld is oopgelaat vir aktiwiteite en rondom was 'n klomp stalletjies nl kos, koffie, geskenke, kunsuitstalling ens. Daar was 'n klomp ou trekkers, nuwe plaas implimente was indrukwekkend, enjins, ou motors, 'n pragtige ou geel brandweerwa, assimileerder ens. 'n Musiekgroep het gespeel, die polisie was teenwoordig te perd, die kinders het 'n afgebakende area gehad waar hul veilig besig gehou is, die rieldansers het hul passies gewys, 'n karate groep het hul sport gedemonstreer en mnr Wesson self het kommentaar gelewer oor elke motor wat 'verby gemarsjeer' het. Mev Wesson het die hele dag tussen die feesgangers rondbeweeg, persoonlike aandag gegee.



Wat hierdie skou baie besonders gemaak het, was die vier vliegtuie wat in formasie oor ons gevlieg het en hul vaardighede gedemonstreer het. Hulle was puik. Daarna het twee valskermers uit 'n ander vliegtuig gespring en in die middel van die feesgronde kom land. Ons het letterlik soos vinke gehang om hierdie skouspel op video vas te lê.

Richard, iemand van die MG motorklub en twee manne van die Weskus Oumotorklub het die motors beoordeel. Owen&Sandy se pragtige morris het die 3e plek gewen. Hul geskenk is 'n 2dag verblyf by Die Kloof Koelfontein.

Ons het oudergewoonte onder die gazebo gesit en klets. Mitford het boeke en regalia verkoop. Hierdie skou verdien om op ons Morris kalender te wees en ek wil almal sterk aanraai om dit te ondersteun.

## D'ARIA DRIVING SKILLS, 19 November by Gerda Muller

Full of anticipation we embarked on our trip to D'Aria.... the anticipation came from me (not Frikkie!) because...I don't drive Morris! I had a traumatic experience in 2016 when we used all 3 of our Morris to transport French tourists from Cape Town to Boschendal. My allotted Morris had a flat in the parking garage where we assembled and all the "experts" fixed the tyre to enable me to drive again, to be able to earn my money for the day. Not even 5 kilometres further, on the N1, disaster struck again. Another flat! Frikkie and I swapped Morris, he fixed the tyre, and off we went again. The seat of my now "new" Morris was too low, I could barely see over the steering wheel, the gear lever vibrated quite noisily at any speed, so conversation with my passengers was out of the question. I had to hold onto the gear lever the whole way and pretty much drove with one hand to Boschendal. We arrived save and sound, but I was scarred for life.



Being a "bok vir sports" I decided that today is the day – I'm going to participate in the Driving Skills for the first time. Frikkie had to show me how to start the car (I forgot what I did the previous time) and warned me that the brakes were low (quite the confidence booster). Paul Hoffman, Peter Weddepohl and his son Paul, who were the judges, were very sympathetic and encouraging, ensuring me it will be a piece of cake. For the first test I had to stop as close as possible to a white pole, which I thought I did expertly, until I heard Paul muttering that the pole is too far away from the door.

Next, I had to make a wide turn into a "parking bay" and stop the car in time not to knock over another white pole. Easy peasy I thought. I felt the car going over a bump, but hey, it's a paved parking lot – of course it would be uneven.... or not! I drove over a very important marker!

Now I had to reverse into another parking lot, same scenario, which I also did, in my opinion, quite well. Didn't knock over any white poles, so kudos to Gerda!

The last test was to stop the car on a bull's eye with a pointy thing fastened to the bumper. I had cheerleaders spurring me on, people clapped, and I felt sure that this is it... I'm ready for Top Gear.

After what felt like 50 cars completed the test (by now I realized that aforementioned cheerleaders were actually cheering everyone on) we were done and now we could go off to the main event:

Food!

Johan and Ria von Waltzleben pulled out all the stops. Starters, venison potjie, chicken potjie, 2 salads and dessert, loving prepared specially for us. They also surprised us with a lucky draw – Santina Harrison won a bottle of wine, and Andrew Riggs won Lindt chocolates.



I was in my happy place... wonderful friends, nice food, great wine, ambience, the works.... until it was time for the prize giving. Emma Carpenter won the prize for the best female driver, Malcolm Jones best male driver. Bernita Blease won a boobie prize because her car ran out of petrol at test number 1 and then ... oh woe is me....my self-esteem was shattered, my heart broken, my confidence trampled: I won the best boobie prize of all.... over a 1000 points, whereas the winner got 300 points!

As we used to sing as kids “Nobody loves me, everybody hates me, I’m gonna eat some worms....”

## FOR SALE

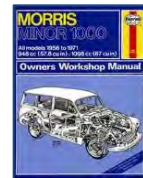


Morris Minor 4 door, 1963 model, 1000 cc, grey interior. R40 000 neg.  
Phone 082 267 3398 (Frikkie Muller)

## TECHNICAL

### TECHNICAL TIPS - PART 4 compiled by Richard Laubscher

I thought it best to end the year off by pointing out the results of not maintaining our Morris Minors - not only the exterior and interior, but also on the mechanical side. The results are as follows:



1. Some people, when restoring their cars, glue the front carpets to the floorboard. That makes it difficult and sometimes impossible to do maintenance work or to remove components, unless the carpets are cut and taken out. Some upholsterers are aware of what should be done, and a person should rather contact them for professional and quality work.
2. With reference to **Newsletter Volume 30 No 4 of November/December 2016:**

To establish the condition of your engine, check the cylinder head, rocker shaft torques and make sure that all the adjustment bolts and lock nuts are in a good condition, especially on the intake and exhaust system as they tend to loosen. Valve adjustment should be done every 6,000 miles. From time to time there will be a difference in valve clearance, because there is friction and heat on your cylinder head. There are 2 ways of setting valve clearances – the lengthy workshop manual way, or the easier valve rock way. I normally recheck all valve clearances twice. Regular replacement of spark plugs (every 6,000 miles) will avoid any carbon build-up, which results in loss of power. It is imperative to use the correct grade of plugs; otherwise engine performance and fuel consumption are bound to suffer. Hence the reason why a major engine tune-up is recommended.

3. In our Newsletter Volume 31 No 2 of March/April 2017 I commented on **galvanic corrosion** and what it can cause. Attached are photos of what can be observed externally, as well as internally. If you see corrosion at the thermostat housing & water pump pipe connections, watch out for the following:



**Starting to deteriorate.**

**At the end of its life.**



**After 5 years with galvanic corrosion wire connection protection fitted.**

4. In our Newsletter Volume 31 No 4 of July-August- September 2017 I discussed brakes. I have seen many substandard modifications to the standard brake system. One such a modification is lining thickness after bonding - if it's undersize, it's virtually impossible to adjust it any more. Another big problem is that very few or none of the brake service companies that I know still carry parts for veteran cars. The result is that if you approach them for pipe flaring or obtaining the correct pipe nuts, they cannot help or will get it somewhere else for you. Uninformed technicians not familiar with veteran cars might fit old pipe nuts to newly made up pipes with a disastrous effect. They normally wedge out externally at the point where they meet with the pipe flared section and won't enter or exit the fittings and cylinders they. The only way to get them out is to cut the steel pipe (see photo) or force it out. Either way, fittings and pipes will have to be renewed. **Ferobrake in Epping is your answer for this problem.**





## WHAT'S IN A NAME? by Gerda Muller

I've always toyed with the idea of writing an article about what Morris owners name their Morris, and why. I started asking around... some names made sense, like Mitford Roberts's **Dorris**, rhyming with Morris, or Frikkie's **Smokie**, because it smokes when you start it. He bought **Clare** from Clare Gardner, and **Amber** from a girl named Amber.

Su and Ian Pretorius call theirs **Puff Puff**, because Ian is a train enthusiast. Andrew Rigg's children surprised him with **Outop** for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bobby Moore is "driving **Miss Daisy**" and Malcolm Jones calls his **Alice**. Bertha's yellow Morris is **Jorsie** and Richard's "rad rod" is called **James**. Willem Nel (who bought our Clare) now renamed her **Doorsie**. Alastair van Huyssteen's Morris is Liefie Mk2. Norman Penfold named his Morris **Morrie**.... duh!!!

There are people who know instinctively what the gender of their cars are the minute they get into the car for the first time, such as Emma Carpenter, whose Morris is definitely male... called **Monty** - and her Mini, definitely female, is called Maggie. Tony Harrison drives a yellow convertible... appropriately names **Poached Egg**... not sure what gender that is! His mother Santina, calls hers **Olivia**, because she is olive in colour. Llewellyn named his Morris **Mumsy**, after his mom – good boy Llewellyn!

Sandy Gush told me that they wanted to call their Morris Lady Di, but heard that there was apparently another Morris called Lady Di – well, I keep the database and I know of no other Lady Di.... that's it... it's been decided – I now name you **Lady Di Gush!**

Sharon Clark named their Morris **Betsy**, after her favorite doll when she was a little girl, named Betsy-Lou. Peter Blease named his **Makie**. Charl owns so many vintage cars that he could only come up with one name so far – his orange Mini is called **Oros** – puh-lease, Charl!

I just saw on Facebook of a man who bought a Morris and he was asking if people named their Morris and if they could maybe make some suggestions. His registration is number is JMF624GP and here's some of the suggestions they came up with:

- GP stands for General Practitioner, so call him Doc.
- Jim because of the first two letters JMF.
- One lady said "I've had cars with names, and cars without names. I know this might sound weird, but if you ask them they will tell you their own name. Just try it - the name will pop into your head!
- Meisie, because she's a South African girl.
- Maurice, because it's obvious.
- Precious, because she is!
- someone said he looked like a Percy
- Geppetto (also because of the GP in the number plate)

Some people just started telling their own stories and names: Earl, Nellie Bell, Nora, Shrek, Sylvia, Tom, Mintie, Winky Dink, Myrtle, Eugenie, Darcy, the Mighty Moggy, Matilda, after his grandmother. One man called his Muttley, as there are so many unoriginal parts on it! Another said his Morris belonged to Mrs Mick and because she is arty, he called his Morris Morriarty! Mrs Miyagi is another cool name.

If there is anyone out there whose little gem has a cool name, please let me know. Who knows, we might decide dress them up appropriately next time!

## REGALIA



### AVAILABLE STOCK

CAPS	R 65.00
CLOTH BADGE (round)	R 20.00
CLOTH BADGE (rectangular)	R 15.00
PENS	R 25.00
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CARDS	R 15.00
BUMPER BADGE	R 150.00
CAP BADGE	R 35.00
STICKERS	R 20.00
FLAGS ENGLAND	R 30.00
FLAGS UNION JACK	R 30.00
STALK FLAG	R 20.00
STEERING COVER	R 85.00
FRIDGE MAGNETS	R 20.00
T-SHIRTS	R 40.00 / 60.00
LRP ADDITIVE	R 120.00
30 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MUGS	R 115.00
GOLF SHIRTS	R 145
TIMING COVER METAL GASKET	R 100
VARIOUS BOOKS	PRICE ON ITEMS

Sometimes these car shows  
can be a bit tiring!!



Bertha



Ron



Ian & Su



Peter

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREPARATIONS WHEN GOING ON LONG TRIPS** by

Richard Laubscher

### **Things to do:**

1. Change engine oil & filter. Use a 20W/50 multi grade oil.
2. Check air cleaner
3. Check gearbox (SAE30)
4. Diff oil levels 80/90 axle oil
5. If brake pedal is low, adjustment might solve the problem.
6. Adjust hand brake.
7. Check brake fluid level. If brake fluid reservoir is nearly empty, get it seen to immediately.
8. Grease all nipples (front suspension and prop shaft, and handbrake cables)
9. Torque cylinder head & set valves, refer to workshop manual. Fit new gasket & seals.
10. Oil distributor, generator and SU carburettor dashpot.
11. Check V Belt & pulley condition.
12. Check water pump bypass, other hoses & clamps and replace if necessary.
13. Check radiator condition, add coolant and ensure that 2 fan blades are fitted.
14. Check for oil leaks, water & petrol leaks and repair where necessary.
15. Replace distributor points & condenser, set timing & check timing advance if necessary.
16. Check condition of water pump & generator play. If noisy, repair and replace.
17. Check condition of petrol & choke cables and accelerator return spring.
18. Check battery & generator. Max voltage should not exceed 14 volts when revved up.
19. Check the drive shaft for too much play in the universals.
20. Check tyre condition as well as pressure (spare wheel tyre pressure 0.5 bar higher.)
21. Check play on front wheel bearings, suspension and tie rod ends.
22. Wheel studs & nuts in good condition?
23. Check the condition & adjustment of clutch control linkages for wear and spring tension.
24. See if all lights & wipers work effectively.
25. Check tightness of steering wheel, as well as lower steering rod column bolt.
26. Check for clutch slipping. If yes, replace.
27. Check engine & gearbox mountings



### **SPARE PARTS & TOOLS TO TAKE WITH:**

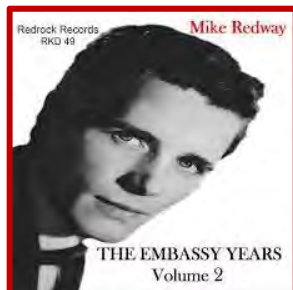
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Lead replacement for fuel  
Fire extinguisher  
12 Volt coil  
Thermostat, thermostat housing & gasket  
Gasket maker (sealant)  
Torch  
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## MORRIS MINOR IN SONGS

In the 80s Morris Minor featured in two songs:

### Mike Redway – Morris Minor



Label: Button Records – BTN 101

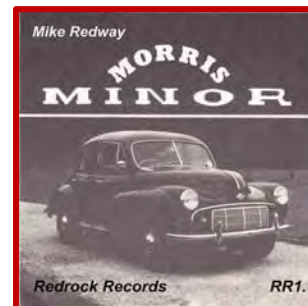
Format: Vinyl, 7"

Country: UK

Released: 1981

Genre: Pop

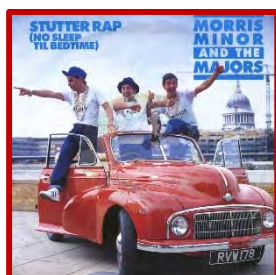
Mike Redway, composer, singer, actor, born in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. He



made a career as a backing singer for the likes of Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey, The Beatles and many more and even sang on a Bond film, *Casino Royale* (1967), starring Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress and David Niven. Between 1962 and 1967 he made over 80 records for the Woolworths "Embassy" label. He's even had a number one hit outside the UK and created some of the most memorable jingles in advertising. He also wrote a musical: "Seriously Dead". He formed his own production company, Redrock Music Ltd, producing 'library music', used by advertising companies to find jingles.

Watch his video "Morris Minor" in You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BY5vA06vVps>

### Morris And The Minors – Morris Minor Song



Label: Pacific (6) – MINOR 1

Format: Vinyl, 7", 45 RPM, Single

Country: UK

Released: 1989

Genre: Electronic, Pop

Style: Disco, Novelty, Synth-pop, Parody



Morris Minor and the Majors was a British band. The stage names of the group were "Morris Minor", "Rusty Wing" and "Phil Errup" (real names for Tony Hawks, Paul Boross and Phil Judge).

As a result of the popularity of the song, a TV series was created in 1989, titled *Morris Minor's Marvellous Motors* written by and starring Hawks. On the show the fictional band leader attempted to maintain his pop music career while running an automotive garage.

Their *Stutter Rap* parody on the Beastie Boys *No Sleep Til Brooklyn* sold over 240,000 copies reaching number three in the UK charts in 1988 and number one in Australia for six weeks.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find it in YouTube.

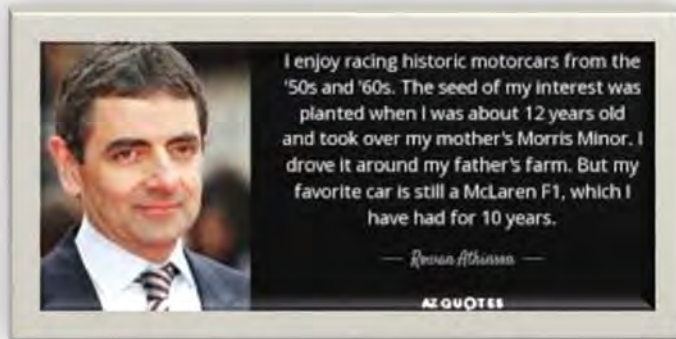


Malcolm at the London Motor Museum admiring a Morris Minor (August 2017)



One of Sir Alec Issigonis' phrases

Rowan Atkinson



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
2018