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- To promote interest in Wolseley vehicles.
- To arrange social functions for the purpose of promoting the objectives of the club.
- To promote and encourage the efficient maintenance of members' vehicles.
- To render technical assistance to members.
- To produce a newsletter regularly as a vehicle for the exchange of owners experience, technical information, the sale and exchange of cars and spare parts, or any other matters of interest to members.
- To maintain a library of information on the history, maintenance, repair and modification of Wolseley cars, to be available to members.
- To maintain a central register and stock of spares which may be established to assist members.

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## EDITOR'S STUFF

The last month flew by, and it doesn't seem as though I've achieved a lot on the Wolseley front. With Matthew now working most of Saturday, we haven't really achieved a lot more on the engine re-build for his 1300, but with the car still running pretty well at the moment, it doesn't really seem to matter too much that it's only gradually going back together again.

Although I could theoretically get stuck in and get it put back together myself, I think it's important that he's around to give a hand and do as much of it himself as possible.

We've now got all the front end of the engine together, but there's still the head to go and the flywheel and clutch end.



Matthew at work on the 1300 engine

We've had to turn our attention to the club car the last week or so, as it blew the head gasket when Matthew took it into town for a WoF a couple of weeks ago. Fortunately he made it home Ok, but was naturally concerned about the amount of 'smoke' coming out of the exhaust when he got home. I had a quick look at it when I got home and found it was really only running on 3 cylinders, and the 'smoke' coming out of the exhaust was really just water vapour. Lifting up the bonnet, we

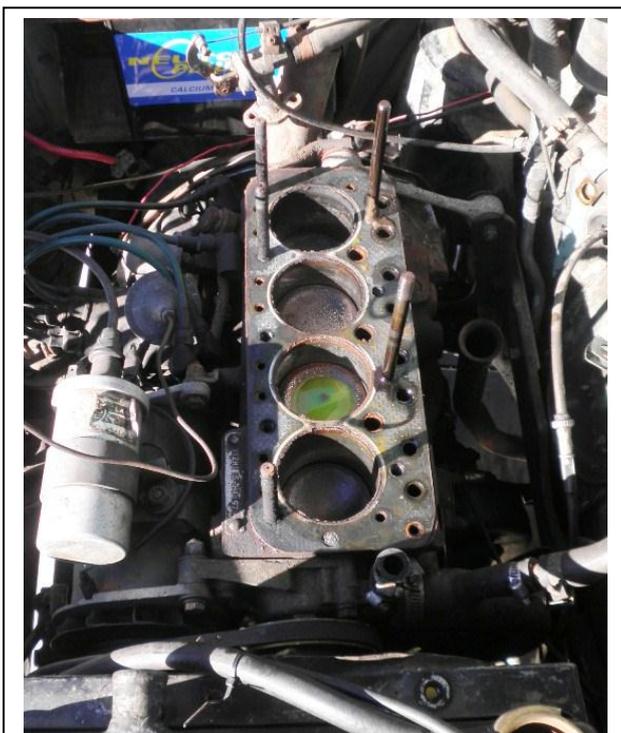
could see steam coming out of the back of the head as well, so it was pretty clear what the problem was.

The weekend before last we pulled the head off, and sure enough, water and antifreeze was sitting on top of no.2 piston. We've now stripped the head and found it's got a couple of quite bad cracks, so we've picked up a spare one from the spares shed and will get that machined up next weekend and get it all put back together again.

To be honest, I thought the motor had gone slightly off-song after the trip to Timaru a few weeks ago (see the story in last month's newsletter), and was half-expecting it to develop

## Editor's Stuff - continued

into more of a problem, but I hadn't checked to see if it was just a tuning problem or something a bit more serious. Anyway, it's good that it's happened now – that way we can get it sorted properly in time for the National Rally when one of our Australian guests will be able to use it.



The club's 1300 with the head off – water can be seen sitting on no.2 piston.

At the moment, the only Wolseley I've got registered and warranted is the 6/90. I had a blitz on them all during January when I was on leave, so consequently the warrant's expired on most of them during July. With the National Rally coming up in February, I don't want to have to have them all running out of WoF again in January, so I've decided to wait until we're into late August and September before I start running them through again. That way they will be ready to go for the rally, and I can loan a couple of them out to our overseas friends.

After last month's newsletter went out, I got feedback from a couple of people which made my day. The first was an email from the new owner of the Wolseley Wedge which I mentioned in the last issue had been sold on Ebay. His email came less than 24 hours after I

emailed the newsletter out to everyone! It had been forwarded to him by a Wolseley Register member who had been sent a copy, and he couldn't believe that the story had gone to the other side of the world. Anyway, it turns out the Wedge is in the very good hands of a Wolseley enthusiast. He tells me that it's a good car, but it is a project which he will get onto soon. Already he's looking for a pair of rear hydrogas displacers – they don't seem to survive well on UK cars – I presume they go rusty in their cavities in the rear of the body.

The other letter was from Raymond Mayes, the secretary for the NZ Vanden Plas Owners Club, which is reprinted later in the newsletter – you can read that one for yourself.

Another correspondence item I received this month was a quick email from Stephen Belcher in Tauranga. He finally has his 18/85 on the road legally, after a true Mega-Restoration which has frustrated him and challenged him on many occasions. I could confidently say that this 18/85 would be the best in the world, and Stephen deserves a medal. You will find a couple of photos later in the newsletter – hopefully I'll get some more soon, which will show you just how good this car and the restoration work is. I'm sure it's going to get plenty of admiration wherever Steve takes it from now on, as it's just perfect! Well done Stephen, and well done Janice for allowing him the time and money to get it done, and for no doubt encouraging him along the way.

That's all I've got time for this month if I want to get the newsletter out on time, so I will finish there. Enjoy the month ahead!

Colin.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

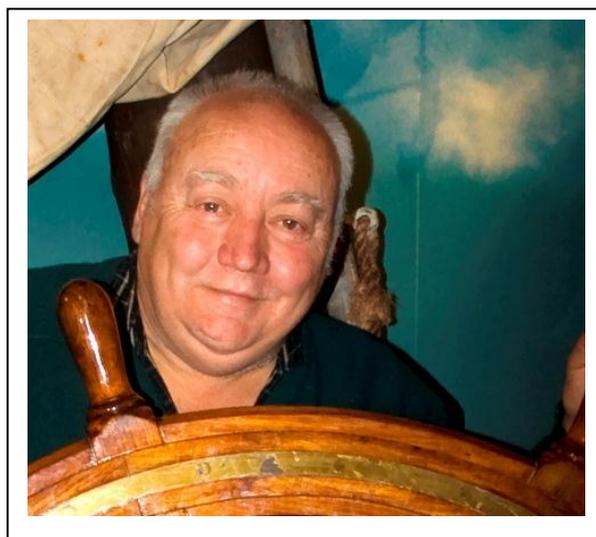
Hello Members, we are getting well through winter now down here - in fact conditions feel and look more like August - September. Many of you will have attended your regions AGM's over the last month to make your contribution towards the Wolseley Club and the events your region organizes throughout the year. I wish your committee well and look forward to meeting up with many you at the Nat AGM in October at Christchurch. I also extend a warm welcome to any new members to the club.  
Safe Travelling,  
Gordon Duthie.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is not a lot to report this month, so my report will be short.

Just a note to members renewing your subscriptions – please make payment to your Branch secretary, not to me or to the National Treasurer. Also, if you are paying subs and your National Rally deposit at the same time, please write out two cheques, as the funds need to be banked into separate accounts. The Christchurch branch now have a dedicated National Rally account, which will receive payments and spend funds for the rally alone. Remember that subs need to be paid for by the end of September at the latest, after which the benefits you receive as a member will come to an end. National Rally deposits should be paid as soon as possible so that planning can be firmed up.



## Notice of National Annual General Meeting

Here are the details for the National AGM, to be held in Christchurch in October:

The meeting will be held on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, at 7.00pm, at the Papanui RSA on the corner of Papanui Road and Harewood Road. This is the same weekend as the VCC Canterbury Swap Meet at McLeans Island, Harewood.

The meeting will be preceded by dinner (which is optional), at 5.30pm sharp – cost will be around \$23 per person.

The National executive committee meeting will be held the night before (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October) at the home of Allan & Betty Francis, 19 Richard Seddon Drive, Northwood, at 7.30pm.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT and AGM notice - contd

One important item on the agenda will be the updating of the Clubs' constitution, which is currently being reviewed to ensure it properly reflects the present operation and interests of the club.

The latest update we have is a 1996 issue, and a copy will be reproduced in the last four pages of this newsletter so that everyone can have access to it. You are invited to read it and make any suggestions for change to me before the end of September. Please note that if any changes are to be made, they will need to be discussed at the AGM this year, and then a motion to change put during the year so that they can be voted on at the 2014 National AGM. It's a bit of a process, but necessary.

Have a good month.

Winton Cleal

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Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Correction! I am sure the name Landcrab was given by the Australians not to the elegant BMC ADO16 1100/1300 range (Wolseley Word, July 2013), but to the Austin/Morris 1800. The Pininfarina styling of the original Morris and Austin 1100 versions has long been regarded as possibly the best work they did for BMC and indeed the cars look just right from any angle. Badge engineering took a little away from the purity but even the Vanden Plas Princess 1100 with its heavy grille still looks well balanced (I am a little biased, having been gazing lovingly at my example for 44 years..) The 1800 was styled in-house and didn't quite make it compared with other cars of its size (you can't beat the Italians for styling flair) but I must admit the Wolseley version has its attractions and the one prototype Vanden Plas car, built from a Kimberley body, still draws attention.

Comment: I note mention made in the July issue of tempting Wolseleys for sale in the UK. I would be very wary of buying a car of any age from Britain as serious bodywork rust problems can create enormous worry and expense for a new owner. An example: a year or so ago a Vanden Plas Princess 1300 was advertised in Classic and Sports Car magazine at a fairly high price. It was described as "absolutely original, very low mileage and just like new - new bodyshell fitted in 2005!" (my explanation mark.) Sills and wings are regularly replaced on many cars but there is often a lot more rust lurking deeper in the bodywork.

Praise: as an editor of movie makers, model railway and car club newsletters over many years I am aware of the difficulties editors can have in getting material and producing their publications. I look forward to receiving each issue of the Wolseley Word, which must be one of the best club publications of its type in the country. Newsletters and magazines are the lifeblood of clubs with far-flung members and the quality of these can make or break a club. The Wolseley Word can be relied upon to offer an interesting balance of technical and social articles and Colin Hey's editorials are eagerly read - they offer a fascinating snapshot of his family's home, working and motoring life. Keep contributing to his magazine - your club has a treasure at the editors' desk!

Ronald Mayes,

Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, Vanden Plas Owners' Club N.Z.

## Auckland Branch

### News:

Our Branch held its Annual General Meeting last Sunday 28 July 2013 which saw the return of our President Claude Moffat, Treasurer Trevor Burnnand and Secretary Noeline Billing. Our committee has lost three members with John and Carol Lee shifting up North and Andrew Stone relocating to Dunedin. We had a good attendance with Stephen, Janice and Adam Belcher from Tauranga also attending.

An evening being hosted by the Rover Car Club on Oils is to be held at the Onehunga Club which is situated in The Mall Onehunga. We have been invited to this along with the Triumph Car Club.

### Coming Events:

1. **Tuesday 20 August 2013 for a talk on Oils** by a representative from Anglomoil at the Onehunga Club, 303 The Mall, Onehunga at 7.00 p.m. This is being hosted by the Rover Car Club and supper will be provided.
2. **Sunday 25 August 2013 Visit to Te Puke Looking Glass Garden**, 558 Te Puke Quarry Road, Te Puke and afterwards to view some stationery engines. People are to meet there at 10.30 a.m. which will mean an early start from Auckland to be there in time.
3. **Sunday 22 September 2013 Visit to Waingaro Hot Pools**. Meet at the Carpark alongside the Caltex Garage at the Bombay Motorway off ramp at 10.30 a.m.
4. **Sunday 29 September 2013 - Branch Committee meeting** at Paul and Noeline Billing's place at 4.00 p.m.

Regards, Noeline Billing

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American Management...

The Americans and Japanese decided to engage in a boat race. Both teams practiced hard and long to reach their peak performance levels. On the big day they felt ready. The Japanese won by a mile. The American team was discouraged by the loss. Morale sagged. Corporate management decided that the reason for the crushing defeat had to be found, so a consulting firm was hired to investigate the problem and recommend corrective action.

The consultant's finding: The Japanese team had eight people rowing and one person steering: the American team had one person rowing and eight people steering.

After a year of study and millions spent analyzing the problem, the consultant firm concluded that too many people were steering and not enough were rowing on the American team. So as race day neared again the following year, the American's team management structure was completely reorganized. The new structure: four steering managers, three area steering managers, and a new performance review system for the person rowing the boat to provide work incentive. The next year, the Japanese won by TWO miles!

Humiliated, the American corporation laid off the rower for poor performance and gave the managers a bonus for discovering the problem

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – AUCKLAND, contd

### Bay of Plenty Event:

**THE SUNBEAM CAR CLUB WAIKATO BRANCH INVITES YOU TO THE BRITISH CARS BOP RUN FOR AUGUST**



**WHEN: August Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

**WHERE: Looking Glass Garden**

**558 Te Puke Quarry Road (Follow signs from SH2)**

**Parking:** Come down the drive to the house, or, up off the road

In what might be your last chance to see this nationally significant garden, Gail and Cedric Blaymires invite you to see it when the massed daffodil plantings are hopefully at their peak.

Bring stout shoes to do the garden justice. Hopefully Cedric will have his garage open to display his collection of stationary engines.

Bring your picnic lunch and a gold coin for entry.

For more information contact:

Ian Gerrard 07 549 2884

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Manawatu

### Manawatu Branch News:

There was a good turnout of Wolseley club members for our run to Horowhenua on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We met up with the Morris enthusiast club at the quarter acre cafe, Manakau, because so many people turned out for the day a lot of people went to the Ohau cafe for their lunch.

After our meal we had some time to spare, so Michelle and I did a little shopping in Otaki

for some clothes for Elsie, the little ones grow out of their clothes so quickly. Once that was sorted went down River Bend road to see the Studebakers.

What a large collection of Studebakers there were to see, I never realised that Studebaker was such an old marque. They had a video of all these Studebakers out on a run somewhere. We watched this while we had the very nice homemade afternoon tea



Studebaker collection near Otaki – superb!

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Manawatu, continued

which was provided with our entry fee.

All the years I have driven down River Bend road to visit my parent and never knew this great collection was there to be seen.

Our second visit was to Levin to see Graham Smyth's, cars and vast collection of old Hornby trains.

The cars have been in the family since they were first purchased. There was a Morris 1000 a Jaguar MkII and MkV (I think). We then went inside to the most amazing collection of old Hornby trains that anyone is likely to see. Floor to ceiling shelves of wind up and electric Hornby trains, there was even a model like I had when I was child.

Graham's layout was a double deck with a pastoral scene for the top and underneath where I

was standing it was a station, mail bags etc. all stacked up on the platform waiting for the next train to collect them.



Graham Smyth's amazing Hornby Train collection

I went outside to have a look at the cars the club members had come it for the day. There was a little orange late 30;s open topped Morris that the owner has used since he bought it in 1980, an old series II Morris 12 which was absolutely original, worn paint, scuffed running board where a thousand feet had used it to clamber in and out, wrinkled worn seats, tired carpets but still going. There was a Wolseley 16/60 which Graham's brother had purchased, sight unseen from off the net somewhere down south, which he drove all the way home to Levin. What a find!. The car looks like it has never been used, it is in such good condition.



16/60 owned by Grahams' brother

It is not often we see that many cars in original condition together on a club run.

A big Thanks to Winton and Ruth for such an interesting run and thanks also to the club members who came from afar to make the run a success.

Mary.

## Coming Events:

### ATTENTION MANAWATU BRANCH MEMBERS:

I am your club captain for the next year and I am keen to get people out on runs again. I will email you to let you know what is happening and also send out reminders. However, I only have approximately half of the email addresses of members, although I don't expect everyone will have them.

Can you please let me know your email address on [fincle@icloud.com](mailto:fincle@icloud.com). Or if you don't have an email I will telephone you but I will need to know your number. Please advise me on 04 293 3369.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Ruth Cleal

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## Nelson/Marlborough Branch

### News:

Our Branch had its A.G.M. on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July. We had three members attend and two apologies.

Officers and committee stay the same.

At the meeting Ollie Reid thanked members who helped sort out her stored Wolseley parts.

We have had all of our members pay their subs so thanks to them for being prompt – it is good to have them out of the way already. With our life member it brings our membership to 7.

So far we have two members attending the National Rally in 2014 . It would be good to see a few more from our Branch attend as it is not far from here, and it will be lots of fun. I have been to over 6 of these Rallies and they are great and a good chance to make new friends and meet people with the same interest.

### Events:

**Our next outing is Sunday 1st September 10am at the Rover Car Clubs' All Makes Day at Pidgeon Valley, on Father's Day. The cost is only \$5.00 a car for entry.**

Regards

Bryan Stansbury.

# Christchurch Branch

## Christchurch Branch Chairman's Report for 2013

Another 12 months have gone by since my last AGM report, and it's hard to believe where the time has gone. Have we got anything to show for it – indeed we have!

The year has been very successful in many ways. We have finally closed out our 25+ year association with 399 New Brighton Road. A sad moment for me personally, but something of a triumph for our branch as we finally left the horrors of the earthquake behind and became even more firmly established at Idlewood. In the end, we left very little behind – even bringing some damaged stock with us in case it turns out to be of some use to someone in the future. Our last container from there is on our 'to do' list to clean out and re-sort sometime in the future, but it's on site and roofed-in, and now a permanent fixture. Idlewood has now proved its worth as a multi-use venue. We've hosted two clubs there for a social end to events. Our Christmas party was held there. It garages our branch's Wolseley 1300 out of the weather and provides an indoor workshop for repairing cars and dismantling others. It's where our excellent and well-ordered spares are stored securely, and it's where members can gather to improve the facilities and enjoy each other's company, cars, and good stories. Even the grounds are now looking as neat as a pin, and the planted shrubs and plants are taking hold and growing, even surviving a long hot and dry summer thanks to lots of care and watering.

All of this hasn't happened by itself, and we all recognise and thank the few who regularly turn up mid-week and potter away building, painting, planting and generally tidying up. Believe me your hard work is recognised by us all, and greatly appreciated.

We've had some really good events this year, generally with good turnouts and to some interesting places and events. It's good to know that people are even quite happy just to go somewhere to a domain to give the Wolseley a run and to sit around and share a simple cuppa with others and spin a few good yarns. It's encouraging to notice that there are less about earthquake and rebuild woes nowadays, but the chance to take a dig at insurance companies is still not lost on anyone. If we do run out of stories, Danny O'Malley can be depended on to get things going again.

One decision made last year was to take on the Wolseley 1300 donated by Ray Willoughby as a car to loan to our members if required. Matthew stepped up to take on the role of custodian, and has looked after it since then. Has it been a good decision? It's certainly been used as intended, as Simon Verkerk will testify, and it's done a good few miles on 8 different events during the year. After visiting the set of No Petrol No Diesel in June, the importance of keeping this car running and useable was reinforced, as it has been pretty well immortalised in the film. Unfortunately its latest venture into North Canterbury last weekend revealed a slight weakness – it blew a head gasket and it's now in Wolseley hospital at West Melton. I'm hoping that time will allow a bit more renovation later in the year so we can loan it out for the National Rally next year and make someone proud to be able to enjoy it. I recently contacted the producer of the film to obtain some more copies of the movie, and he was delighted to know it was still going and being used and enjoyed – even improved.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch, contd...

A significant challenge for our branch in the coming year will be the running of our next National Rally in Methven next February. Allan will give us an update on registrations later in the meeting, but I'm aware of many who have indicated they will be coming but haven't yet sent in their registration form. It will be a very well attended event, and will see the largest gathering of Wolseleys and Wolseley enthusiasts we have seen for many, many years. A great programme has been put together and we will visit some interesting places, but most of all, it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends old and new from around the country and from overseas. I'm already looking forward to next year's AGM when I'm confident we will be able to look back and remember what a great event it was.

The spares side of the club has once again been extremely well managed by Ray, and his report will no doubt spell out the key role he plays in keeping our cars on the road. I am extremely pleased to be able to inform you that despite indicating his intention to stand down as of this AGM, both he and Wendy decided that it would be good to carry on for a bit longer, so we have got a temporary reprieve. We are on notice, but we are extremely relieved and grateful that he has agreed to continue in the role for now. Any of us who purchase spares know that his can-do attitude will come up with either a part or a suggestion of how or where to get it if he isn't able to supply it. Unfortunately he is now finding that some of his reliable suppliers are now no longer able to supply parts or are going out of business altogether, so it is a continual challenge for him to keep stocks in hand, or even to reliably replace them at a price that is comparable to the same part he has just sold.

Before finishing I would like to thank our committee for their efforts during the year. All have played a part in keeping the branch running in some way, and all have been willing to take care of something if asked. Our committee meetings are something I really look forward to, as we deal with the necessary business to keep the branch running, then spend some time getting the newsletter ready to post out to everyone. An aim for this year is to get more sent out by email – not to replace the printed copy (as this will still be sent to everyone who wants in that format), but to allow everyone to enjoy it in full colour and to get it the day it's finished.

Lastly it is left to thank all of our members for their on-going support of the club and our events during the year. It's very, very encouraging to have recently seen some cars out on events that haven't been out for a long time, and I hope that this year will flush a good many more out, especially as we count down to the National Rally in Methven.

### **Branch News:**

Because of the time of year, it's been fairly quiet this month, but we've still managed to fit in a productive working bee, a run into North Canterbury, and of course our branch Annual General Meeting.

At the working bee this month we decided to offer a hydrolastic maintenance day, after a request to help pump up the suspension on a 1300 that one of our branch members (Simon Verkerk) was wanting to purchase. The conscientious owner was reluctant to part with the 1300 with the suspension almost completely flat on one side, so we thought we'd do our

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bit to get the car back on the road, which would also seal the deal and allow Simon to purchase it.. The spares division now has a hydrolastic pump, so we decided to open the offer to any of our member's cars needing the ride-height adjusted. We ended up doing four cars altogether –

Wayne Stansbury's 18/85, Ray and Wendy Willoughby's 1300, the car that Simon now owns, and then for good measure, we also pumped up the club's 1300 to the correct height as well. It was a most successful operation, with all cars now looking level and trim, and along the way we found the possible source of a leak on Simon's car – only requiring a joint tightening up to hopefully effect cure (seems to have worked just fine). As anyone who has tried to find someone to do this

work lately will testify, the current fee for a pump-up job is around \$80, and even then they are reluctant to do it, so it we can assist members to do it for just the cost of the fluid (which we can still readily purchase) then it's got to be good. Meanwhile others carried on with the good work of sorting and storing parts.



Ray's car (front) and the club's car after a hydrolastic re-set.



Simon Verkerk's newly purchased 1300

Our run this month was a combined run with the Morris Owners Club and the Mini club, and we were lucky to score a perfect day for it – nice and sunny with hardly a breath of wind. The run took us north to the SH7 turnoff at Waipara using as little of SH1 as possible, which was fortunate as some of the very early Morris 8's needed to travel at a pretty sedate pace. I admired the enthusiasm of their owners who were more than happy to soak up the miles and the countryside at around 40mph with cheerful waves and smiles as we went past them. We travelled through Rangiora and Sefton and then skirted around the west side of Amberly to come out at the

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Mudhouse Winery, before heading inland again towards the Weka Pass and Waikari. From there we turned back east to drive through the rolling farmland towards Scargill, where we all met again at the local domain. It was great to have three 'new' cars on the run – the red 1300 now owned by Simon Verkerk, and two very nice 6/110's – one owned by John and Julie Davison, and the other by Jock Dunn.

Jock's car (which by sheer coincidence used to belong to John Davison) has recently been repainted in its original two-tone green colour, and looks just great. A total of 10 Wolseleys took part altogether, making it one of the better showings we've had this year. As mentioned earlier, the weather was perfect at the domain, and we were as warm as toast sitting in the sun enjoying lunch and talking about putting



John and Julie Davison's 6/110 Mk2 at Scargill

Wolseleys and the world right again. I happened to mention that I now know of three lovely 6/110's and one 6/99 all painted two-tone green, and how it would be great to see them all together in one place – maybe it could happen at the National Rally??

By 3pm it was time to head home again, so gradually everyone departed, having enjoyed the best of a mid-winter day that North Canterbury could offer.

The last fixture for the month was the Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Sydenham Community Centre. The meeting was pretty routine – a mixture of wrapping up the year gone, and preparing for the year ahead. Some good reports were given by Allan Francis and Ray Willoughby, and also by Matthew who reported on the club car. This and Ray's report will be given in the next newsletter. You will notice in my report above that the 1300 has suffered a blown head gasket, but repairs are in hand at our place, and it should be up and running again in a couple of weeks.

Our branch committee has stayed the same this year, however the vacancy left when Stuart and Judy Penny moved to Nelson has now been filled by Simon Verkerk, who brings some more youth and plenty of enthusiasm to the committee. In fact, he shows so much of the latter trait that he was awarded our Most Enthusiastic Member trophy this year. We awarded our Most Improved Car to Danny O'Malley who has put a Wolseley Eight back on the road, and also spent a lot of time and money on the 18/85 he purchased off Eddie

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch, contd...

and Nancy Bishop, making a very good car even better. The Chairman's award of the Higgins Trophy this year went to Ray Willoughby for his service to all members over the years, and particularly for his dedication towards getting the spare parts service re-established at Idlewood after the move from New Brighton Road.

Under general business we discussed the following:

- the forthcoming National Rally (it's going to be a good one!);
- the coming National AGM planned for VCC swap meet weekend in October (notice is elsewhere in the newsletter);
- insurance issues – we have just taken out Public Liability Insurance to provide cover for accidents such as a fire starting in our facility, amongst other things;
- we are planning on running a couple of working bees at Ray and Wendy's when the weather starts warming up to give them a hand to carry out some necessary maintenance on their house once earthquake repairs are out of the way;
- and finally, the urgent need to get the club website up to date (this was raised by a member at the meeting who had been looking for information about the National Rally).

It was a productive meeting, finished off with a good supper. The only disappointment on the night was going home afterwards to watch the Rugby Super-15 semi-final replay, and watch the Crusaders let the Chiefs win by one point! Good job though the Chief's won the final last weekend!

As for other branch matters, it's great to be able to report that Betty Francis is now out and about again – she made it to the North Canterbury run and to the AGM – good news indeed.

Also some news about the 'Wolseley 1300' Traveller which was advertised for sale about 3 issues ago by Alex Sutton in

Waihi. The car was purchased by Christchurch Jowett enthusiast Vic Morrison, and sent south on a truck. Vic wasted no time in getting it up and running and it's now registered and warranted and back on the road again. Hopefully we'll see it soon (perhaps at Idlewood this coming weekend?), and will be able to bring you pictures in next month's issue. On another note, Wayne Stansbury is on the lookout for a replacement steering rack for his 18/85, after a bad leak has developed from the one

on his car. If anyone has a good one (either manual or power-steer), then give him a call on (03) 980-7508. Maybe the steering rack didn't appreciate its close mate the hydrolastic unit being pumped up at the last working bee?

Have a good month. Colin.



Jock Dunn's newly repainted two-tone green 6/110 Mk2

## Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Working Bee at Idlewood**

Arrive any time after 9.00am – come to help, buy parts, just chill out and have a yarn or solve your Wolseley problems over a cuppa. Morning tea provided, bring your lunch if you want to stay a bit longer.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Afternoon Run to Waddington**

We will visit two properties in Waddington – at the first we will see a newly-built scale model traction engine and the workshop in which it was created, and then a local garden. The run will leave from the Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 1.30pm. Please bring afternoon tea, and a donation for the property we are visiting.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Working Bee at Idlewood**

#### **For your diary:**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**: Display of vehicles at Ferrymead Heritage Park from 9 a.m. Includes free rides and entry. A Radio Ferrymead notified promotion. **ALL** makes of Morris origin including MG, Wolseley, Riley, Austin and Morris are welcome!

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**: Annual BMC Rally. This year gather at The Peg Hotel @ 10 a.m. for a competitive run to Ohoka Estate with prizes.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - visit to Snuggle Inn, Giles Road, Clarkville. We have booked in for an afternoon tea. A run will be put together, finishing there.

**October 13-14<sup>th</sup>**: VCC Swapmeet, Cutler Park.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**: All British Day from VCC grounds at Cutler Park. This is a picnic run, from 10 a.m. Leading the all British fleet will be Wolseley, Riley, MG, Austin and Morris.

#### ***Special Notice:***

The **Morris Owners Club** and the Morris Centennial Committee have put out a call to support the **Morris Centennial Dinner**.

Confirmations must close this Friday 9th August. This is the well-planned August 17th celebration consisting of a grand spit-roast 3 course Centenary dinner by VCC's well reputed Sword family, accompanied by the mellow voiced entertainer "Henare" at VCC Cutler Park Main Hall. This is a 'once-only' opportunity; it can never happen again!

It promises to be a great night out. Cost for the dinner and a full night of entertainment is only \$35 per head.

Final Confirmation of bookings absolutely and necessarily deadlined to this coming Friday August 9th.

Anyone wanting or able to attend please contact Colin Hey on 359-8737.

## Southern Region Branch

### News and Coming Events

Our local AGM was held on Sunday 8th July at the South Otago VCC Clubrooms in Balclutha. We had 11 members in attendance and after our lunch the meeting commenced. After the elections of officers a few names have changed for the positions in the branch.

They are as follows:

President	Bryan Kelly
Secretary/ Treasurer	Bill Obers
Committee	Stuart Milne
	Evan Currie
	Gordon Duthie(as immediate past president)
Branch Delegate	Bryan Kelly / Bill Obers

The Bert Govan Trophy for 2013 was awarded to Gordon and Beryl Duthie for the work Gordon has done for the club both locally and nationally for a number of years and for all Beryls support. This was a very popular choice.

Forthcoming events in our region are

Auto Spectacular 19th October 2013 Dunedin

Motoring Madness Maitua

Crank Up Day January 2014 Edendale

South Otago VCC Clutha Rally 9th November 2013

A suggestion was made that we consider rotating the AGM location to different locations in the branch area. These could include Balclutha, Gore, Roxburgh and Mosgiel . We hope this would encourage more members to attend. I intend to contact and ask members for feedback.

On my own cars progress - things are going along at a steady pace with the new tyres fitted and repair panels now welded in place. Now the finishing work can go ahead a bit quicker. With the days staying lighter longer more time in the garage is in the future.

Regards from the Deep South  
Bryan Kelly



George and Pauline Strong with their immaculate Wolseley Hornet Mk2 taken at our AGM. This wee car was Pauline's before she met George. George claims that the Hornet is the dowry that came with Pauline.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Southern Region Branch

### Chairmans 2012-2013 Annual Report to Southern Region AGM.

Dear Members

It's been quiet year for this region. Many of you I know are involved with other car clubs and participate in other events in your districts.

The clubs attendance at the Dunedin Auto Spectacular 1st September 2012 was excellent and very worthwhile. Many visitors to the event admired the cars and remanicse their past memories of those cars they were involved with in the past. New members and connections were also gained.

The theme was Golden Times and we represented it well with gold balloons streamers ribbns etc. Cars on display were John McAdams 6/90, Bill Obers 16/60, William Buists 4/44, Gordon Duthies 6/110 and Colin Winters 1900 delivered by Gary and Judy.

I, as Southern Region representative and Bill Obers as National Secretary attended the 2011 national AGM which was held in Feilding. I was re-elected National Chairman. Bill's three years plus one as National Secretary had concluded but was nominated to lead a review on the Wolseley Club's constitution.

The 2014 National Rally is based at Methven 23rd - 28th Febuary. Beryl and I will be their and I hope that many of you can also attend and enjoy this rally organised by the Christchurch Region.

Thanks to Bryan Kelly for supplying reports to the Wolseley Word.

Thanks to Bill Obers for his job as Secretary.

Thanks to the committy members for their representation and to all of you who parade your Wolseleys in attending events around the district.

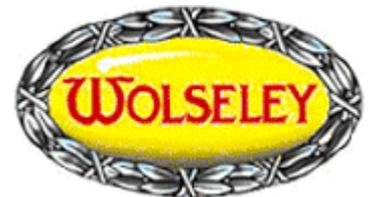
Thanks also to Beryl for her back-up and support.

This is my last Chairmans report so I wish the incoming Chair and committee he very best. I wish you all good health, safe travels and success with any restoration work.

Gordon Duthie.

## National Rally News

### 2014 National Rally Methven, South Island, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014



Ski Time ,Methven who are our principal accommodation providers, have advised that they are starting to have limited rooms of some types available due to the number of bookings for the rally. The message is, book now if that is where you would like to stay. If you are unable to get suitable accommodation there, try:

Methven Motels & Apartments 197 Main Street Ph 033029200

[WWW.methvenmotels.co.nz](http://WWW.methvenmotels.co.nz)

Mount Hutt Motels 205 Main Street Ph 03 3028382 [WWW.mthuttmotels.com](http://WWW.mthuttmotels.com) Email [mounthutt\\_motels@ xtra.co.nz](mailto:mounthutt_motels@xtra.co.nz)

Both these Motels are walking distance to Ski Time. Be sure to mention that you are booking for the Wolseley Car Club National Rally.

## National Rally News - continued

As of one week ago there are 24 Rally entries, and they are still coming in. Please, if you intend going to the fill your entry form in ASAP, it will help the rally committee plan the activities and catering. Next month we will probably set a closing date for registrations so we can start firming up details such as meals and outings.

If you need a registration form or you want more information, enquiries can be sent to Colin Hey, email [c\\_hey@xnet.co.nz](mailto:c_hey@xnet.co.nz) , phone 03 3598737, or Allan Francis, email [allan.betty@xtra.co.nz](mailto:allan.betty@xtra.co.nz), phone 03 3237559.

## Buy and Sell

### For Sale

**Wolseley 6/90 Series 2** – a part-restoration project that has had around \$6,000 invested in it. Bodywork has been done but not painted in top coat. Due to health reasons I have to give the project up. Second car also available with this one, but it's very rusty. Contact Anthony Dacre on 0274350657

**Austin Westminster A99 / A110** - it's grey and black in colour, has the 2912cc 6-cylinder engine with a 4 speed floor change manual gearbox and o/d. It came from Taylorville on the West Coast - it was partly owned by one of the Pike River mine victims. It has not been running properly for quite some time but the engine has been regularly turned over by hand. The interior is in aged condition but could be recovered and used again ....., this car can be rebuilt but I can't do it due to medical reasons. I'm asking \$800.00 for it and can assist with transportation of it to the new owner for an extra fuel cost. Please contact Harry on 0221 623 405 .

**Wolseley 1300 Auto** – has been on Trademe but not sold as yet. Engine and box work, but it's been sitting for years and is only one step from the fire gate of a Chinese smelter. If anyone is interested please contact Sid at Upland Motors, Ngongotaha on 07 332 3837.



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**INTERPRETATION**

In these rules, unless inconsistent with the context, words importing the plural number include the singular numbers and words importing the masculine gender include the female gender.

**TITLE**

1.0 The name of the Society shall be; The Wolseley Car Club of New Zealand (Incorporated), hereinafter referred to as "The Club".

**OFFICE**

2.1 The registered office of the Club shall be situated at the residence of the Secretary/Treasurer, or at such other place for the time being as shall be decided by the Committee.  
2.2 Notice of every change of situation of the registered office shall be duly sent to the Registrar.

**OBJECTS**

3.1 To promote interest in Wolseley vehicles.  
3.2 To arrange social functions for the purpose of promoting any of the objects of the Club.  
3.3 To promote and encourage the efficient maintenance of members' vehicles.  
3.4 To render technical assistance to members by means of:  
(a) A newsletter which may be published regularly as a vehicle for the exchange of owners experience, technical information, the sale and exchange of cars and spare parts, or any other matters of interest to members.  
(b) A library of information on the history, maintenance, repair and modification of Wolseley cars, to be available to members.  
(c) A central register and stock of spares which may be established to assist members.  
3.5 To accumulate capital by means of subscriptions or otherwise for the purpose of creating a reserve fund to be used solely for the purposes of the Club.  
3.6 To establish and control branches of the Club in various areas and at such times and circumstances as may seem expedient.

**MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 **Classes of Members**

Membership shall consist of the following classes;

- 4.1.1 **Full members;** persons owning a Wolseley car and/or is interested in furthering the objects of the Club. All privileges of full membership, including voting rights and eligibility for committee and council positions, shall be extended to the spouse or partner of a full member, with the exception of supply of club newsletters.  
4.1.2 **Family members;** persons who are members of the immediate family of those eligible for full membership. (These shall pay 50% of the normal sub.)  
4.1.3 **Junior members;** persons aged 15 - 17 inclusive (50% sub.)  
4.1.4 **Honorary members;** persons who have performed some service to the Club or to whom for other reasons it is expedient to extend membership.  
4.1.5 **Life members;** persons who have contributed greatly to the Club and approved as life member on the recommendation of a branch delegate according to rule 4.2.1.  
4.1.6 **Overseas members;** persons being members not residing in New Zealand. (These shall pay 50% of normal sub.)

4.2 **Election to Membership**

4.2.1 Each application for membership of the Club must be proposed by a full member. Election to full, family or junior membership shall be by a simple majority vote of the Branch Committee. Election to honorary or life membership shall be by unanimous vote of the National Council and approved by members present at the next AGM.

- 4.2.2 The applicant shall be notified of his election (or otherwise) and if elected shall be issued with a membership card, a receipt for his subscription, a copy of this Constitution, notification of his classification and the name and address of the Branch Secretary of the area in which he lives.
- 4.2.3 If the applicant has not been elected the Secretary shall return the subscription.

#### 4.3 Termination of Membership

Membership of the Club may be terminated only as set out below:

- 4.3.1 The member submits a resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Branch. The Branch Secretary shall inform the National Council of the resignation. Resignation shall not absolve a member from the obligation to pay any subscriptions or other monies owing to the Club at the time the resignation is submitted. The Branch will take all reasonable steps to recover monies owed.
- 4.3.2 Membership is withdrawn by the National Council for any breach of this Constitution, or for conduct bringing the Club into disrepute.
- 4.3.3 Membership is terminated by the Branch Committee for being more than one year in arrears in the payment of subscription.

### BRANCHES

- 5.0 The membership of the Club shall be grouped on a geographical basis into branches. The number and location of branches shall be decided by the National Council, which may at its discretion wind up a branch and allocate its members to other branches.
- 5.1 Each branch shall hold its Annual General Meeting as early as possible in each financial year.
- 5.2 A Branch Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members present and eligible to vote and valid proxies.
- 5.3 The Branch Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary, and a Treasurer and such other persons as may be elected by the Annual General Meeting. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. A quorum at a meeting of a Branch Committee shall be 4 committee members or one half of all Committee members, which ever is the greater.
- 5.4 A Branch Committee may at any time call an extraordinary general meeting of the Branch and shall do so within thirty days of the receipt of a requisition in writing stating the purpose of such a meeting signed by at least one third of the members of the Branch.
- 5.5 A least thirty days notice of each general meeting of the Branch shall be given in writing to each member of the Branch. A quorum at a general meeting of a Branch shall be six members or 10% of the members of the Branch, which ever is the greater, provided that if the number of Members of the branch be less than twenty five a quorum shall be one quarter of the members.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL

- 6.0 The national governing body of the Club shall be the National Council which shall consist of representatives of each Branch appointed by the Branch Committee.
- 6.1 Each Branch shall be entitled to appoint one member to the National Council; each Branch with more than twenty five members shall be entitled to appoint one or two members to the National Council.
- 6.2 Each Branch shall appoint its representative to the National Council at, or as soon as possible after, the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. Members of the National Council shall hold office until their successors are appointed, but shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 6.3 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a National Executive Committee, hereinafter called a Council. The Committee of the Council shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and a delegate from each recognised branch of the Club, all of whom shall be financial members of the Club. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members if they deem it necessary and to fill any vacancy on the Committee which may occur during any period between Annual General Meetings. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person if necessary. The Secretary, Treasurer and Editor will hold no voting rights. The Quorum for the transaction of business at Committee Meetings shall be four.
- 6.4 The National President or any two members of the National Council may summon a meeting of the National Council at any time. At least thirty days notice in writing shall be given of all such meetings of the National Council.
- 6.5 A resolution in writing approved and signed, or assented to by letter or facsimile, by all members of the National Council shall be valid and of the same effect as if it had been passed at a meeting of the National Council duly called and constituted.
- 6.6 The National Council shall have power to call a general meeting of the Club. At least thirty days notice shall be given in writing of such a general meeting.
- 6.7 The National Council may by resolution supported by a majority of the Council make rules for the

administration of the Club, provided that such rules do not conflict with this Constitution. Alterations shall require the support of a majority of the members of the Council.

#### **VOTING**

- 7.0 Only members whose subscriptions are not in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or in any poll of the Club.
- 7.1 Voting at meetings of the National Council and of each Branch Committee shall be by show of hands. Voting at general meetings shall be by show of hands unless a resolution for a ballot is adopted by the meeting.
- 7.2 Proxy votes shall be accepted at National Council, Branch Committee and general meetings provided that a duly witnessed notice of appointment of a proxy has been lodged with the Secretary before the start of the meeting.
- 7.3 In the event of an equality of votes at any meeting, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

#### **FINANCE**

- 8.0 The annual subscription and other fees for each class of member shall be determined by the National Council and be approved at the AGM. The subscriptions paid by members of a Branch, shall be funds of that Branch and not of the National Council. In the event of the winding up of a Branch, the funds of that Branch shall be transferred to the National Council or other Branch as determined by the National Council.
- 8.1 The National Council shall have power to impose a levy on Branches. Such levy shall not exceed sixty percent of the subscriptions payable to the Branch.
- 8.2 The National Council and each Branch Committee shall have power to open bank accounts which shall be operated by any two of three persons designated by the National Council or Branch Committee.
- 8.3 The National Council, and each Branch Committee shall have power to own real and moveable property, invest surplus funds, and borrow money in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- 8.4 The financial year of the Club including all Branches shall commence on the 1st day of July and terminate on the 30th day of June of the following year. A statement of the accounts of each Branch shall be forwarded to the National Secretary, and the National Council shall forward to each Branch a statement of its accounts, within thirty days after the end of each financial year.

#### **CHANGE TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

- 9.0 This Constitution may be altered only after approval by the National Council and by a ballot of the members of the Club, conducted by the National Council.
- 9.1 A copy of any proposed alteration shall be sent to each member of the Club at least sixty days before the closing date for receipt of ballot papers.
- 9.2 Any alteration shall be effective only if approved by two thirds of the ballots returned, and shall come into effect at a time determined by the National Council.

#### **COMMON SEAL**

- 10.0 The National Council shall provide a common seal for the purposes of the Club which shall be in the custody of the National Secretary who shall affix it in the presence of two members of the National Council to such documents as the Council shall direct.

#### **DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

- 11.0 The Club shall not be wound up except by special resolution passed in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and if upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among, members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other Club, or Society, having objects similar to the objects of the Club, at, or before, the time of dissolution, and in default thereof the same shall be disposed of in such manner as shall be directed by a judge of the High Court of New Zealand.

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