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# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

# AUGUST – SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2017



Spring Fashion - this rather sad looking 1300 has found its way into the Cashel Street Mall window of Ballantynes Department Store in Christchurch.

#### **OUR CLUB OBJECTIVES:**

- To promote interest in and use of 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

Apologies to everyone for this newsletter being a two-month edition. From what I hear, many of our members took part in the 'Daffodil Rally' on 27th August organised by their local branch of the VCC. This was a fundraising event for the Cancer Society, with all proceeds being donated to the various regional branches, and it was extremely successful, raising around \$20,000 nationally for the society. I volunteered to organise the event for our branch of the VCC, and we had a



really successful day, and a great turn-out of over 400 vehicles of all types, makes and models. For our event, I organised a series of runs that left from our clubrooms and grounds at McLeans Island at 10.30am, and then returned there in the early afternoon for lunch and a display. Devonshire teas were put on in our clubrooms – and there is a story of great generosity that goes with that, that I must mention.

One of our VCC members was going to make the 250 scones for the Devonshire teas, however he unfortunately ended up in hospital in the week leading up to the rally, and very reluctantly had to withdraw his offer of help 5 days beforehand. I was wondering how to overcome this as it was getting too late to organise another group to do this at short notice, and after a bit of thinking I wondered if I could get a local bakery to make them instead. It was then I remembered that one our own members, Ian Scott, owns and runs the Lyttelton Bakery, so I called him on the Tuesday in a bit of a panic to see if he could help. "Leave it to me" he said, and I collected 250 freshly baked scones on the Saturday afternoon. There was no charge! Thanks Ian – we sold them all, and that effort alone would have raised over \$1000 for the Cancer Society.

Everyone genuinely seemed to have enjoyed the day, with no complaints, and a few good suggestions received on how we could do even better next year, as it now seems it will be an annual event. If anyone is interested, there are some great photos on the web taken by VCC member Brendon Eason – go to: https://vcccanterbury.wixsite.com/home/gallery The Daffodil Rally kept me very busy for most of the month, and with Swap Meet approaching as well, there hasn't been a lot of time left for pottering in the shed. A good tidy-up was achieved, however, as I hosted the Veteran Car Club boys on 6th August for a garage raid and it forced me to rearrange things a bit and clear off a rather over-cluttered workbench, finishing a couple of small jobs on the way.

The garage raid was a very enjoyable day. We had a great social catch-up at our place and it was good to be able to dust off the collection and have it on view. There was lots of interest in the 1909 Wolseley Siddeley, even though I'm sure most of them have seen it out and about in the past when it was owned by Ron and Helen Duckworth.

After morning tea at our place, we travelled across town to another member's place (Dave Backhouse), who is in the early stages of restoring a veteran BSA car. Dave also has an

#### Editor's Stuff - continued

automotive machining business, specialising in white-metal bearing work, and he had parts set up in many of his machines showing the various stages of the process. It was good to see there is still expertise around that can capably tackle this type of work, and with Dave's son now following in his footsteps, it should be around for some time yet. Our last stop for the day was at another member's house to check out his 1898 De Dion – an older restoration which unfortunately suffered an accident, and has been re-built for the second time by a new owner. The same gentleman had also built his own electric car (built into a 1990's Ford Telstar, which has now been on the road 11 years), and was about two-thirds of the way through building a quarter-scale traction engine from scratch. He showed us how he had designed the various parts on his computer, 'printed' them in plastic media on a 3D printer, and then took them in to be cast in metal at a local foundry. For large parts, they were printed in sections, then glued together to make the one large part – all very clever, but pretty simple really. I think this is one of the best part of garage raids – seeing what projects people are in the middle of, and finding out how they overcome various problems. The day was finished off with a simple BBQ and cake lunch – all very

social and particularly friendly. Also during the month I took delivery of a very nice original 4/44 from Ron Finucane in Te Aroha, who decided to sell it on after missing an Austin 7 Special he owned before it, and decided to piece together another one. The 4/44 is a relatively low mileage car, and still has a completely original interior in very good condition. The car originally belonged to the Avery family in Palmerston North, so



My first viewing of the 4/44 after it arrived from the North Island, through the fence at the carrier's yard.

some of the Lower North Island members will remember it. Ron has owned it for about 3 years, and during that time has been busy on it mechanically, with a lot of maintenance work completed recently to ensure it (hopefully) remains reliable for a long time. It drives really nicely and is tight and rattle-free, and has the best and easiest column gear-change of any of the 4 column-change cars we own. Ron had a go at re-painting it recently, but It really needs a professional job to make it sparkle again, so I've booked it in for a re-paint which should happen about November, all being well. This 'finishes??' the collection, as the shed is now full.

During the month Matthew's 1500, the 6/99 and the 6/90 and the 12/16 Veteran have had trips to the WoF man, and most weekends we've had at least a couple of the cars out for a run, whether it's to one of our own Wolseley Car Club events or to a VCC event. Matthew's Hornet also had a bit of a polish-up, as it was displayed at this month's VCC noggin as part of a display of 4 Mini variants (the other Minis will be a ute, a Riley Elf, and a Cooper S. Will maybe include a photo next month.

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#### Editor's Stuff - continued



It's great now that the weather is warming up a bit, and working out in the garden or the shed, or getting the old cars out is now becoming a bit more inviting again. The weekend before last Jenny and I and Matthew also headed off to the Autospectacular in Dunedin to catch up with the Southern members - now a highlight on our calendar and something

we particularly enjoy. Matthew took his 1500 down and put it on display, and had a completely trouble-free run down and back. Jenny and I had to leave on Friday evening, so took the modern down.

Have a good month. Colin

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi members,

After what I thought was a good winter at winter time we are into spring and a pleasant change in weather conditions. I was working in the Wanaka and Arrowtown area last week and the blossom was just starting to show and the countryside showing a nice fresh green look about it. So it's time to get out and about in the Wolseley again. I know many members are at various stages of restoration or maintenance work on their cars, I hope this is going to plan and this is the season you are able to get it out and enjoy your car.



I take this opportunity to report the conclusion of another year of the Wolseley Club with the National AGM in Christchurch the weekend 7th October.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - continued

It is always good to meet up with delegates from around the country and the local members. The Auckland Branch is going through a challenge at the moment while they reestablish a committee. Claude Moffat and Stephen Belcher have been doing a ring around of members to gauge their needs and expectations of their branch and club nationally with good success. The Auckland membership is widely spread with many members working on their cars to get them on the road again. The re-establishment of a full committee in the area is going to take time with some assistance and support from the Lower North Island and National Executive. It would appear that from the ring around and the contacts I have had is that members in that area really look forward to the Wolseley Word, it is very important to them and they feel connected to the club as a result. I look forward to the AGM and the discussions that will be taking place assisting the Auckland branch. I do ask of Auckland members if you could be of some assistance or have a request to the Club to please contact Claude, Stephen or myself, this would be appreciated. There are a lot of good people in the branch who will have a little time to give in support I'm sure. Noeline Billing has retired from the committee along with Ray and Caryl Chappell. Noeline has held the Auckland office for a long time and along with Paul have committed a lot of time to the branch and indeed to the Club over all. Thank you. The rest of my report is to offer thanks to Colin Hey and his committee for the production of the Wolseley Word and Ray Willoughby and Graham Quate along with other club members for running a valuable spare parts department. I also need to acknowledge the Manawatu spares shed and the Lower North Island Branch members for preserving car part for the club. A special thanks to Paul Billing for his financial expertise as the Clubs National Treasurer. A special thanks goes to Michael Kruse our very able National Secretary for his work and the way he responds to requests etc. All of those I have mentioned along with the other Executive members have been of great assistance to me the members and the club nation-wide. I thank you all for your membership and involvement in your branches.

Regards to you all.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,

This month I receive the renewal membership forms from the branch secretaries for me as National Secretary to collate and update the Master membership list and the Car Register. I have noticed the enthusiasm of new members is great and the thirst for knowledge is very refreshing. This is one new members email correspondence with me:

" Looking forward to joining up with your team of people to share your outings and knowledge. I have just purchased a 1965 6/110 MII. I will be the



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## SECRETARY'S REPORT - continued

second owner from new. The car is in good solid condition mechanically but will need a respray. Sadly the registration has lapsed and it will need to be revinned. Inside will need the wooden door trims re-lacquered and the same with the pul-out trays in the back seat. Other than that it shouldn't need much work at all to get it back on the road. Will be great to get a list of contacts for members that have their own area of expertise eg, tyres, engine gearbox /transmission, interior. Totally love English cars - I have a passion for Morris minors also."

We have had many Emails since the first one and I have been able to put him in touch with members with a great deal of knowledge to help him get his 6/110 on the road again.

This reminded me that this is why our Club exists. So keep the passion and take your Wolseley for a drive this weekend or spend some time in the shed getting on to that restoration.

Happy Wolseleying Michael

# Notice of National Annual General Meeting Saturday 7th October, 7.30pm, Papanui RSA.

The 2017 National Annual General Meeting of the Wolseley Car Club NZ (Inc) will be held on Saturday 7th October, at the Papanui RSA, cnr Papanui Road and Harewood Road.

The meeting will be preceded by a buffet meal at the RSA, to which will commence at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend – cost is only \$28.00 per person for a 3 course meal. The AGM will commence after the meal in the same room.

The AGM will commence at 7.30pm. All members and partners are encouraged to attend and have a say in the running of the club. The meeting will be kept as informal and social as possible – there are a number of our members attending from all around the country, so this is a great chance to catch up.

It would be appreciated if those intending to have dinner could contact Stuart Penny on (03) 313 4454 so he can have an idea of numbers attending.

Deadline for next Wolseley Word: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Auckland Branch Auckland Branch News and Events:

If you have already read the Chairman's message, you will be aware that the Auckland branch is in limbo at the moment, awaiting decisions to be made at the national AGM. In the meantime, events are still happening in the upper North Island – the next significant one being Brits at the Beach in Whangamata over the weekend of 7th and 8th October. There is some information about it below sent in by Trevor Burnnand and Janice Belcher. We would also like to welcome new member Garry Lovell who has a Wolseley 6/80.



## Brits at the Beach, Friday 6th Oct to Sunday 8th Oct 2017.

This is a celebration of all things British, cars, bikes, food, fashion, music and culture. Now in its 4th year, Brits will be held this year in Whangamata on the Coromandel Peninsular. For further information either contact Trevor or Adele, 09 575 8915 or 0274 587 327 or Stephen or Janice 07 576 3773 or 021 169 0162. General information available on the www, Look under Brits at the Beach, Whangamata 2017.

# Wanted:

Photos of your Wolseley, your restoration project, or just good photos of an outing you've been to with the club. Please just email them to me at: heywolseley699@gmail.com

or post hard copy to me to 34 Rossington Drive, West Melton 7618. Please provide me with a simple caption. If you can pen together a quick story to go with it, so much the better.

# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Lower NI Branch Lower North Island Branch

A short note of our activities recently to go with the photo of all of us outside the Farriers Hotel Masterton (below). The Lower North Island branch held a run in conjunction with the Wairarapa VCC Cancer Society Variety Run from Martinborough to Greytown, then on to Carterton, finishing in Masterton at the Farriers Hotel. The run took us through a meandering cruise of country roads with a continuous stream of modern to vintage cars. Five vehicles turned out from the Wolseley Car Club: two 6/110s belonging to Ivan & Mary McCutcheon and Ray & Loris Whitcombe; Winton and Ruth Cleal in their 6/90; Andrew & Michelle & Else Thompsonin their Sunbeam Rapier, and Hugh & Bronwyn Mckenzie in their new toy, a Nissan 350. The day finished back at Ray & Loris's for afternoon tea just out of town. It was a great day and thoroughly enjoyed by us all. Regards Ray Whitcombe



# Lower North Island Branch Coming Events:

- Brits on the Beach October 6,7, and 8<sup>th</sup> October (see details in Auckland Branch)
- National AGM October in Christchurch Raewynn was elected by the AGM to attend as LNI Delegate.
- Keringa Park, railway run 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Horopito run/Smash Palace to be organised for next January 2018
- LNI/Auckland run for later in the year
- Christmas cruise end of year Hugh

The last two events will be organised for end of November, inviting Auckland members to attend. Hugh is the organiser of this. Hugh is also going to organise a working bee at the shed, this will be a working bee only a committee meeting will be held at another time and day.

Regards

Raewynn

# **Nelson-Marlborough Branch News:**

Our Branch held its AGM on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. We had 3 people attend and two apologies. The Committee has stayed the same, so we will continue to tick over the way we have been in the past 12 months. We still have two members to pay subs. Our branch membership stands at 5 without these two.

Hopefully all members will join Philip and myself and attend the National rally, the planning of which is progressing well.

Regards Bryan Stansbury.

# **Christchurch Branch News:**

As you will have read in my Editorial report, I was quite involved in organising the VCC Canterbury Branch Daffodil Rally. Several of our own members turned up, including Eddie and Nancy Bishop (24/80), Simon Verkerk (16/60), Stuart and Jude Penny (16/60), Danny and Sharon O'Malley (Ford Escort van), Bruce and Jan Parker (6/110), and Matthew Hey (1100), and Anthony Dacre (Rover – I think) and possibly others that I didn't see during the event. It was a great day, even if I do say so myself, and although it was a lot of work and a bit stressful getting it organised, it was well worth it. A special thanks must go to Ian Scott from our club, who due to one of the VCC members falling ill 5 days before the event, baked 250 scones for the Devonshire Teas sold on the day, at no cost. They all sold, and were a big hit with everyone who purchased them. The first weekend in September a few of us attended the annual Amberley Rock'n'Wheels event, which despite a bitterly cold and drizzly day, still attracted a total of around 150 cars – once again, a big cross-section, although typically more American and Australian muscle cars. We took the club shelter and put it up with two sides closed in, but even that

didn't keep all the coldness out, so there was some incentive to go and have a look around



Display at the Amberley Rock'n Wheels event on a rather dull day – missing is Bruce and Jan Parker's 6/110

the few swap-meet sites and all of the cars as a distraction. The food on sale was good – the local Lions club ran a great BBQ which was doing a good trade given the weather was so cold and people were looking for something hot to eat. By 2pm it was pretty

well over, so on the way home Simon Verkerk, Matthew and myself stopped off at the Station Café in Rangiora for a coffee and a bit more food - it was warm in there and a good way to finish off the day.

Our monthly working bee was held on 9th September – once again a good turnout, with a few more jobs taken care of. Danny O'Malley brought the "No Petrol, No Diesel" 1300 movie car out so I could pump up the suspension a bit. It needed a boost because he's fitted all the paraphernalia into the boot of it to make it once again run on water (as it was in the movie). Danny can recite all the technical details off by heart now, so it's all set for a busy round of show'n'tell at car shows coming up this summer. I'm sure it's going to attract lots of attention! We didn't tell him, but we put a couple of gallons of water from the tap at Idlewood into the tank, as we're sure it's going to make it go a lot better than the water he sources locally at Leeston, where the nitrate levels are on the increase! We heard he made it home OK.



Danny O'Malley's water-powered 1300

The next day Idlewood was booked for an 80th birthday party for Ray Willoughby, with

friends and family enjoying a catered lunch in our pleasant surroundings. The weather started off perfect, but as we ate lunch the sky opened up and it bucketed down. With tables set up in the garage though, everyone stayed dry and the festivities continued well into the afternoon, and everyone had a great time. Ray cut the cake accompanied by Wendy and his grandchildren, and a very fitting cake it was too, with a six-"eighty" iced into the top of it. Congratulations Ray and many happy returns. On 17 September the BMC rally was held (finishing in Darfield), and then last weekend (24th September), a small contingent attended the North Canterbury Classic Tour organised by Trevor Stanley. Only 43 cars in total attended, despite the weather being near perfect. Possibly the relatively small turnout was due to the early start and



Idlewood - the perfect venue for a party!



Ray cuts the birthday cake

the fact that daylight saving had just begun, and it was another event centred on Amberley so soon after the last one? Or maybe everyone was still hung-over from the election results the night before (I DON"T THINK SO!!)? Jenny and I didn't go, as it was the first run for the season for the Veteran Car Club, but from Trevor's follow-up email it sounds as though those who did attend had a really good day.

Also last weekend, Allan Francis was presented with his 25 Year Award from the VCC, and Jenny, Matthew and I and Eddie and Nancy Bishop were there to see it happen. Congratulations Allan! Six VCC members were presented with their 50 Year badges, and 3 with 60-Year awards – most of them still quite active in the VCC. It was good to see everyone recognised in this way.

Coming up, our branch will be attending the Annual Oxford Mens' Shed event this coming Sunday (1st October), and then the big weekend – the VCC Swap Meet and Display, and our National AGM the following weekend on 6th, 7th & 8th October. Details for these can be found in the coming events section that



Allan Francis receives his 25 Year badge at a VCC function

follows, and in the Notice of AGM elsewhere.

# **Christchurch Branch Coming Events:**

#### Sunday 1st October - "Spring into Oxford Classic Car Show"

Organised by the Oxford Men's Shed, this annual event is well worth attending – hundreds of cars on display (including new vehicles), and lots of craft and food stalls to make the day interesting.

For those travelling from Christchurch, please meet at the Belfast Hotel car park at 9.00pm, and for those north of the Waimak, please pick us up at the XXXX as we travel past around 9.30am.

The event is held in the Pearson Park Oval (entry off Bay Rd, Oxford). See flyer on Page 16 for more details, or go to:

http://www.americanclassiccarclub.co.nz/resources/americanclassiccarclub/Images/Spring %20into%20Oxford%20Flyer.pdf

## Swap Meet 2017 - 6th, 7th and 8th October

This year our club is once again displaying our Wolseleys at the Vintage Car Club Swap meet at McLeans Island. We have an allocated space for 6 vehicles on each day of Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October, but there is some over-flow space if we exceed that number. All display vehicles and drivers are admitted into the VCC grounds free of charge – any passengers must pay the normal entry fee of \$5. Any member interested in displaying their car please contact Colin Hey so we can plan our display space accordingly. He will also send instructions and a map of the venue.

Even if you can't display your Wolseley, make sure you visit Swap Meet – it never fails to impress (and exhaust) those who spend a day checking out all the selling sites.

# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Social Dinner & National AGM, at Papanui RSA

Please see notice on Page 8.

## Saturday 14th October - Working bee at Idlewood

9.00am onwards, with morning tea provided. Come and find a job that you are happy to do, come and collect any parts you need, or just come for the company and a chat. The branch Committee meeting.

#### Sunday 29th October - Canterbury All British Day.

Always a popular event for British vehicle owners, with around 200 vehicles taking part in an easy, relaxed event. Meet at the VCC grounds in McLeans Island Road – arrive any time from 9.30am, but be there no later than 10.30am for the briefing before the run begins.



Bring a picnic lunch with you. Entry fee is only \$10 per vehicle, with all proceeds going to Van Asch Deaf Education Centre. This year the runs finish at Kirwee

Reserve/Showgrounds, and the day will conclude with a prizegiving at 2.30pm. The event will be run wet or fine.

A good turnout from our club would be great, as one of our members organises this event.

#### For your Diary:

## Sunday 26th November - Rolleston.

This inaugural event promises to be one of the biggest displays for car enthusiasts seen in the recent years – around 500 vehicles covering the full spectrum of the movement are expected to be on display. More details will be provided, but please mark this date in your diary and keep the date free.

# Southern Region Branch News and Coming events:

Greetings from the Deep South. Well one thing we can say is the weather has really improved in the last month. The days are staying lighter longer which helps the mood when you head to the garage at nights. Not a lot to report this time round but to say our display at the Dunedin Autospectacular on the 16th September was another good one. Those also able to stay into the evening also enjoyed a meal together at the Law Courts Hotel that evening after the show. Full report on said display next edition of the Word. Two car show dates given to Fergus recently worth putting in your diary:

- Kaitangata Car Show ......4th November
- Taieri Wings & Wheels.....11th February 2018

Hope to see some you there. Regards Bryan



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# Sunday 1st October



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# Wolseley Club National Rally, Marlborough 2018 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Update # 3

The big news this month is that the Rally Programme has made huge steps, thanks to lots of ground work and phone calls made by Gordon Duthie, with help from our 'man in the region', Bryan Stansbury. Bookings are now in place for most of the venues we'll be visiting and activities we'll be undertaking during the week, as well as lunches and dinners most days.

This has also meant that we have a good handle on pricing, and it at this stage we are confident that we can keep costs to around \$350 per person for the whole of the week's activities. By next month we'll be able to notify the final price.

The Rally bank account is now operational, and we can now accept payment of deposits and begin to pay deposits ourselves where we need to for venues we'll be visiting. The provisional Rally programme is now as follows:

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March Springlands Tavern, 3pm Registrations, Meet'n'Great n Drinks. 6pm Evening Meal. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Yealands Family Wines, 10am, Video 10minutes, Drive the White Road through the Vineyard. Car and Group Photo, followed by Lunch. Afternoon: Possible visit to Lake Grassmere Salt Works Return to Blenheim Via "Redwood Pass". Gravel Road 3.30pm Visit Basics Auto Spares, in Renwick, or, Casual afternoon, **Evening Meal? Springlands Tavern** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Drive to Picton, Historic Edwin Fox Ship, Picnic lunch to take and have on site. Drive Queen Charlotte Drive to Havelock, "Slip Inn" for afternoon tea, Afternoon, Return to Blenheim, **Evening Meal? Springlands Tavern** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> The Vines Village, Sea Chest, Sounds Reflections, Chocolate Brayshaw Park and VCC rooms Factory, Lunch Brayshaw Park, Car-mar-ama and Group Photo if need be. Evening Meal (venue TBC)

#### "Marlborough Meander" Wolseley Club National Rally 2018.

#### National Rally Update – Continued....

<u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></u> Afternoon tea	Drive to Nelson, Early start departing Blenheim 8am, World of Wearable Arts (WOW),Car Display, Lunch, Buy your own, then on to Hoglund Glass, @ 2pm At "Top House Historic Inn" via Top House Road St Arnaud.
	Return to Blenheim via Waira Valley. Fish n Chips Night, Buy your own.
<u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. Knights of the Sky WW1 Dangerous Skys WW2 Omaka Classic Car Museum, followed by Lunch Afternoon Wine Tour, or Boat Trip on the Taylor River. Evening meal, Prize Giving at "Springlands Tavern"
<u>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Breakfast and depart.

Please note that when booking your accommodation in Blenheim, the preferred venue is the Cherylea Motels in Nelson Street, which has affordable accommodation and enough room to accommodate everyone. You will need to book 6 nights from Sunday 4th to Friday 9th March inclusive.

With only 6 months to go, time will start to disappear quite quickly – especially as we get into summer and club activities begin to pick up again.

If you require more information, do not hesitate to drop me an email or give me a call – contact details are inside the front cover of this newsletter.

Regards

Colin Hey

# FROM THE IN-BOX

From: Louise Higgins [mailto:Imhiggins@hotmail.co.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 29 August 2017 1:45 PM

To: kruseco@xtra.co.nz; westgaz@xtra.co.nz; claudemoffat@hotmail.com

Subject: Wolseley Car Club Can anyone help

Hi Michael, this request is from a new member of the Wolseley Auckland Club. Could this be put in the next news letter as Garry Lovell is looking for help to transport two motors from Nelson. Any help from anyone I'm sure would be much appreciated.

Garry Lovells email address is: westgaz@xtra.co.nz

ph: 027-4422065

Many Thanks

Louise Higgins

Auckland Member.

## FROM THE IN-BOX - continued

#### From: "Graeme Cramond" <poppacramond@gmail.com>

#### Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:18 AM

#### Subject: Wolseley 6/80

Hi Noeline, you may be able to help me. Years ago, 1969 about, I had a classic Wolsely 6/80. It was black with leather seats and woodgrain dash and trims. I cannot remember the plate number but I have been trying to find out where it might be. I would love to buy it back. Failing that, do you know of anyone that may have a 54 6/80 for sale?

Thanks,

Graeme Cramond.

#### Mike Johnson <mrjohnson@vodafone.co.nz>

Aug 4

Hi Ray

Many thanks for your battery feedback. I was persistent and with support from Driscoll Motors eventually managed to get the 12V commercial grade battery on my Wolseley 6/110 replaced within the 2 year guarantee.

The Battery Cell in Petone (who were initially non co-operative) finally told me the suppliers name and location in Seaview for Ultra batteries.

Despite an initial resistance from the battery supplier in Seaview, they followed my instructions and undertook a Specific Gravity and a Discharge test . The Ultra failed its discharge test in about 2 seconds. Close examination showed that my lead antimony 665 CCA battery had buckled plates on one cell.

I was running for almost 9 months with only 5 good cells. Fortunately with 6 screw caps it is possible to see the plates and verify that they are all covered equally with electrolyte.

Only having 5 good cells was probably a factor in causing my starter motor to fail in December 2016 and for a regulator to fail a few months later due to burning of its contacts.

Technical reasoning from the customer helped to achieve a successful outcome. Without back up points from another 6/110 owner I doubt whether I would have been able to convince the supplier to do these additional tests.

CCA testing of batteries (commonly done these days) does not necessarily stress a battery sufficiently to consistently establish its real condition. Other Wolseley Club members may be interested to read the above story.

Thanks again Ray.

Regards, Mike Johnson, Lower NI Club member 92

## 1910 A3 Wolseley-Siddeley project changes hands

A 1910 Wolseley-Siddeley project stored in a garage for 60 years changes hands and moves from Nevin Gough's (Mosgiel) to Vaughan Cooper (Havelock North) for ongoing restoration. Both axles had been looked over and minor items (bearings etc) replaced by Nevin in the past. Most parts including brass ware were handed over by Nevin and of note the chassis was in very good condition, and like the axles, shows little wear and tear. The rear drive train is similar as corrosion is the major factor.

The car had been stored by Nevin's father (Lindsay) since the mid 1950's and had previously been converted into a saw bench circa 1940ish. It had been in a fire while stored by the Gough's and damage had been done to the wooden wheels which need replacing. Missing were the front springs, drive joint, gearbox and the change lever. The later have been added to the project by the Nevin. Body parts from (maybe) an Argyll make up the projects compliment.



Since the journey north the chassis has been straightened, blasted and repainted, and missing front springs manufactured by Archers of Rotorua. New bushes and new shackle pins have been made and fitted into the front and back springs by Pete Johns (H/N), including the rear mounting shackle pin (part of chassis) that needed re-metalling. The wooden wheels were taken

down to Vern Jensen to work his magic and create a new set including new rims. These have been completed/delivered and

look most professional. Most parts (off the chassis) have been blasted and painted and they have been re-attached along with the front axle which needed new U-bolts. Progress has been made in making a mock-up of a body including the front seat. The

'Argyle' front seat was put together with screws, braces and string to bring to life what it could look like. From this a drawing was made to craft the actual front seat – now in progress.

The engine and gear box have been completely dismantled, cases bead blasted where appropriate, and given a professional wash. Both sump and bottom of the gear box are badly pitted (gearbox has holes) and these will be repaired with "Belzona" but more on that later.

We (meaning Pete Johns) are



progressively repairing the rear drive shaft and joint, and front of gearbox drive train where there is a missing joint.

The project is moving on multiple fronts and while most parts are there, they require some considerable work to resurrect. Not unlike trying to make a teenager out of one of us older people as a comparison. Having grandchildren in two different ends of the world is also time away from the project.

The radiator has LC 720 painted on it and if anybody has any information on that registration Vaughan would be grateful to receive it. He can be contacted at: vaughanc@clear.net.nz

## **The Lees' Restoration Project**

Below are photos of my 1968 MKII 6/110 in the latest stage of restoration. I have owned the car for 34 years and I am the third owner. It was once my only car during a stage in the eighties when I was poor, single and trying to make a career. Now I am poor,



major work is needed.

At first we tinkered with the problems. The engine still had reasonable compression, and most systems were working well enough considering the age and the fact that it was all original. But oil was spurting out from all crevices. My kind mechanic Andrew spent some time checking and found more problems each time he looked. He tried to let me down easy, but finally had to tell me that the only options were to sell the old girl as is, or do a major upgrade of the engine. What do I do?

Time to get advice. So I asked around and all the advice was to throw the old girl away. So I kept asking for advice until I found an opinion that I liked, a totally ridiculous approach considering I am an accountant. Actually the decision came from my three children.

married and have finished my career, so early this year I decided to try and fix an oil leak that had existed for some time.

Actually, the oil leak existed when I first bought it off a mate. "All Pommy cars leak – you'll be OK" he reassured me.

Sadly, over the years the leak became several leaks despite regular maintenance and repairs from time to time. Despite the efforts of many generous mates who donated time helping me keep my stately car on the road, things finally started to deteriorate late last year.

I drove the 6/110 back from my son's place in Hamilton one day only to see the temperature going up and performance dropping. I knew that this was not a good sign, and things were going to end badly. After nursing the old girl back home, I had the local Mechanic check it over and give me the obvious news –

#### The Lees' Restoration Project – continued...

I held a snap poll (excluding the wife or course). I asked my three children "do I throw the old girl away (not the wife) because it is worthless, or do I spend a gazillion bucks restoring the 6/110 and it will still be worthless." I also asked the question: "When I eventually depart from this planet, will someone look after my beautiful car?" The answer was unanimous. "Dad – please don't throw our car away!"

That was the answer I wanted. I negotiated with the wife about the proposed restoration, and she accepted that it was a fine idea considering the massive projected increase in value of the vehicle, and that this fine work of art would be in high demand in the future. If any club members meet my wife at the National Rally, I would be very grateful if you could back me up on those projections (happy to buy you a wine).

I got Andrew on the job. We removed the engine for the first time since it was assembled in 1968. Sadly that revealed more issues and it was obvious that much work was needed. Apart from the radiator, everything is original. Again friends came to the rescue with advice and assistance.

So.... Here I am. The engine has now been fully reconditioned. I personally have stripped, cleaned, rustproofed and painted all original engine bay parts. Ray from the Parts Warehouse in Christchurch has been very helpful – thanks Ray. Carbs and master cylinder have been reconditioned. Wiring is next. The engine is with Andrew waiting for me to complete a paint job on the engine bay and do some minor rust removal. The plan is the have the old girl back on the road by mid-September. The next project will be restoration of some of the wood panelling on the doors, all new carpet and door trims. Upholstery is good but I might get excited and redo in leather as it is currently original vinyl (any advice?)

I am excited about seeing my project come to life again. A huge thank you goes to Peter Pitcon, Brian Connelly, Colin House, Trevor Hart, Peter from Noukahou, Graham Guy, Andrew the mechanic, Ray from Parts, and my ever supportive wife.

Graeme Lee

5 September 2017

#### **Buy and Sell**

**Wanted** – rear window chrome surround and fittings for a Series 3 6/90, and also a complete heater assembly. Contact Derek Brehaut, phone 03 324 4450.

**For Sale: 1958 Wolseley 15/50**, Excellent mechanical condition Rust Free, Interior needs a little T.L.C. In regular use Reluctant Sale, Too many cars. \$5250 Phone 06-329-4009, Steve Finch

**1961 6/99 auto for sale** - is in Dannevirke . Has been parked up since 2001. Registration on hold. Rear window is not there. Some rust in LH sill and door. Not sure of motor condition. Upholstery in good condition. \$2500, contact Ivan McCutcheon, Phone 06 3746326 Email windrode@clear.net.nz. More photos on our club web site.



## Buy and Sell - continued

**Wolseley Car Club window sashes for sale**. Please contact Ivan McCutcheon, email windrode@clear.net.nz Ph 06 3746326 They are \$20 each plus \$3 postage.

**Wolseley 16/60 Wanted:** I am on the lookout for a very good 16/60. Ideally, I would like an immaculate one as my last one some years ago was perfect. This is maybe a tough order, but at my age - I don't like to work on cars - just enjoy them. I had a great time with my last 16/60 and in some way have regrets I ever sold it, but I'm hoping there will be one out there I can replace it with. Willing to pay the right price for a good car. Kind regards Bill Noordanus (Christchurch). Contact at: willem33@xtra.co.nz or contact Colin Hey who can pass on more contact details.



#### Wolseley 6/80 for sale

This unfinished 6/80 is owned by Ross Jackson, Waikato area. He is unable to finish the restoration, which is about 90% finished to a very high standard, and needs to find a new home for it, as finishing it and storage costs are outside of his means now (quote to complete restoration professionally is about \$7,000). Really just interior door panels and final interior assembly required. There is also a spares car available. Willing to negotiate from a very low price. Contact Ross at: sagoj@xtra.co.nz



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