

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

# **JUNE - JULY 2014**



Shaun Belcher and his 18/85 on top of the world at Turoa Skifield.

### **OUR CLUB OBJECTIVES:**

- 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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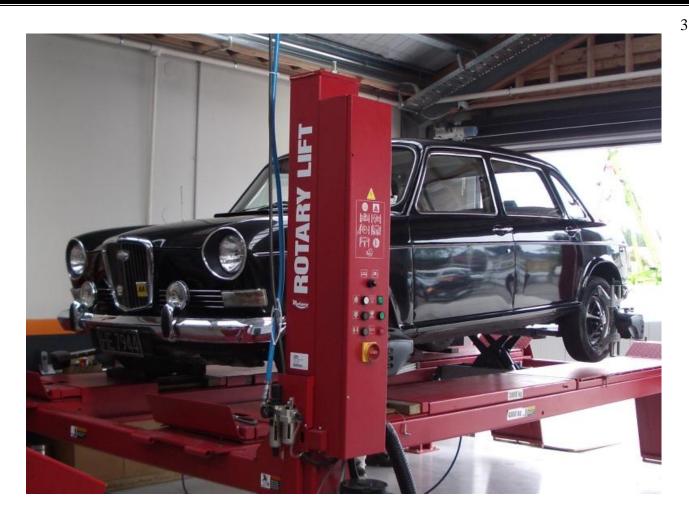
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### EDITOR'S STUFF

It hasn't been a particularly productive month on the Wolseley front during June, as clearing out my mother-inlaw's house has had to take precedence. We have moved her twice before in the last 5 years, each time trying to reduce the amount of 'transferred' goods, but this time it is a matter of reducing the contents of a 3bedroom house down to virtually nothing, now that she has gone into a rest home. There are plenty of family heirlooms to deal with, and with only Jenny and her brother to deal with



them, getting it all sorted is a slow process. Fortunately we have been able to leave a lot of the furniture in the house (which is being kept for now as a rental property), so at least that hasn't had to be split up or otherwise disposed of.

My Trademe account has been loaded up lately, trying to sell of a number of unwanted items, but in all honesty it's much easier just giving things away to family and friends and the Salvation Army, all of whom can use them. By the time it's loaded into Trademe, they take their whack (which is no longer cheap), you deal with stupid questions and freight, pick-ups and delivery, it's hardly worth the trouble. It also bites when you try and sell items that thousands were paid for only a few years ago, and are now only worth in the hundreds. We are definitely a consumer society. I guess the only other option is a garage sale, but again it's a hassle, and we're not keen on having all and sundry calling in and poking around.

I've been doing a bit of a parts search for engine components for the Wolseley 8 over the past couple of weeks, with some success. Ray was able to supply both head and bottomend gasket sets, and also has undersize big-end bearings. A trip to the Morris 8 Tourer Club spares shed last Saturday also proved fruitful as I've discovered that Series E Morris pistons may be able to be used. The Series E uses a piston with a shorter gudgeon-pin to crown height, but uses a slightly longer con-rod to make up the difference. The bore, stroke, and crank and cam journal dimensions are all exactly the same between the two engines. I have a web address in the UK that can supply pistons and bearings for Series E engines, so once I am sure that indeed Series E pistons can be used, hopefully everything I need will be able to be sourced.

Allan Francis and the information he has been able to find for me out of old parts books and catalogues has been really, really useful. The club library and his own personal collection of information is a real bonus – a pity that more do not make use of it. Matthew recently had a week off work during which he had 3 main priorities. The first was to spend some time getting his 1500 back together again (partially achieved), the second was just to have a break from the long hours he's been putting in at work (fully achieved), and the third was to finally sit his full drivers licence test (also achieved). He's been running on a restricted licence for about 4 years now, and it was one of those things

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that just kept getting put off. He went and had a drive with an instructor just to check he had the test criteria sorted properly, and got a few useful tips to get him through the final hurdle. I've been told in Christchurch only 50% of applicants pass their full licence first time around, so I was a bit unsure how he would get on, especially with the verbal identification of hazards that are required nowadays. In the end, he had no problem, and now has the bit of plastic to show for it. Not only would it have been a pain finding the time to sit it again, it's also expensive! Sarah is now following in his footsteps. I have often wondered why Wolseley never made a station wagon, and this question came up again this week after I received the picture below from Bryan Kelly with his Southern Region report. It's also topical again now, given that Vic Morrison has decided to let go of his Wolseley "Traveller". Maybe the reason had something to do with the Wolseley generally being targeted more at the 'executive' level than the 'blue-collar worker' – after all, what use would an 'executive' make of a station wagon? This marketing strategy was obviously not developed in a time when 'executives' wanted to have a vehicle they could take skiing on the weekends, or carry the pram or dog (or both) in the back. It's not as if it would have been hard to engineer – just slap on a different front panel in the bodywork stage at the assembly line, add a couple of badges, a bit of wood to the interior, and it's done. Perhaps our British friends (who will be reading this about the same time as you) can throw some light on this topic. Also, how about a model name for a Wolseley station wagon? Perhaps a Wolseley 'Wanderer', maybe 'Warrior', or even just 'Estate'? I'd have one in my collection if they made one – it would certainly be useful at my stage of life! Have a good month. Colin



The photograph Bryan Kelly sent me – a modification that makes a 'practical' Wolseley

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

# Hi Members, **Club stuff first.**

With AGM's coming up it can be difficult to entice new people to fill committee positions. Sometimes this is because many people are unsure of the job they are taking on or they see that the task is to big. People become members of our club for many reasons. Many of those members have abilities and initiatives that given support and guidance will get a lot of enjoyment doing things for the club. Much satisfaction is gained through being involved with like-minded people as many of you who hold committee positions know.

To assist potential committee members gain confidence in positions they may be interested in, they need to read through the "Hand Book of Responsibilities for Elected and Appointed Members". I initiated this last year and with much input from committee members arrived at the present Hand Book which was accepted and passed at the National AGM last year in Christchurch. It's

intention is to give structure to the club and to provide confidence and direction to existing and newly elected and appointed members. It provides clear direction for any position a person may hold, and 'Organizational Structure' for up line support and guidance.

National Secretary Michael Kruse is going to Email a copy to all members with an Email address. Branch Secretaries may print off copies or request the booklets from Michael for those who don't have Email. These need to be made available at your Branch AGM and to any one being approached or being nominated for club positions.

For a vibrant club to continue into the future, then the promotion of new people is always needed. I thank any of you being approached for your consideration and involvement.

### Now Other Stuff.

Recently a group of us from Lawrence went to the Richardson's Truck Museum in Invercargill. Those of you who attended the Great Southern Rally will know what this place is like. It displays 200 plus trucks and many other items.

This time there was a display of very early model Ford cars. One is a replica of the first Ford car made called a Quadracycle which was built in 1896 using bicycle wheels and a tiller for



steering. I was intrigued with the size of the fuel tank for the size of the car. It seemed very large along with the 1/2" fuel feed pipe.



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The other that took my fancy is the 1904 Ford which is beautifully restored to a high standard. Compared to the Wolseley 1900 the wheels seemed quite small but the structure of the car was very similar. There was also a nice we Wolseley stationary motor on display.

### **Steering Wheel Cover.**

Reading through the Beaded Wheels Mag I came across an ad for steering wheel covers. As most of you know Wolseleys are made solid but when it came to making the steering wheel, they got a bit skinny on it. So I called the number (06 868 4846) and got Roger Honey. As it turns out Roger is a member of the Wolseley Club.

He and Yvonne have a 1969 1300. The steering wheel photo in the Beaded Wheels is in their Wolseley 1300. After getting some measurements I ordered a Charcoal coloured one. It arrived today so I fitted it. It looks and feels very good as the photo shows, thanks Roger.

The winter hasn't been too bad down here, there has been some very cold days, a few frosts and a bit of ice on the roads etc but that's winter, isn't it.

### Take care, Gordon Duthie

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Wolseleyites, We are deep into winter now with rain and blustery wind. We are going to Wanganui on Saturday for a "Wolseley Weekend", with the highlight being a trip up the river on the Waimarie a paddle steamer. Also an evening meal with likeminded people and a look at two car collections on Sunday morning.

Our 6/90 Restoration is going well with the engine nearly complete. Last weekend I put the pistons in and rebuilt the oil pump and got the sump on.

Our club AGMs are coming up



soon so please think about putting your name forward for office as it is VERY rewarding. The "Hand Book of Responsibilities for Elected and Appointed Members" was put together by Gordon and is very valuable to assist with organisation of our club. A copy can be made available to anyone who wants one – please contact your branch secretary or myself if you would like to be sent a copy.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT - continued

Now, for the story of our National Rally Number Five - 2011 Ballarat, Victoria Australia.

We picked up John Mallia's 6 /80 Wolseley to use for the Rally. It was great to drive, with a powerful newly reconditioned engine.

The first night we found we were without a room at the motel we booked months before. John stepped in and organised a motel a few miles away in "Gisborne " so that was sorted. The next day caught up with Alan and Betty Francis and attended Gisborne Vintage Machinery Annual Rally and Tractor Pull Day. This was totally unplanned and was a great day out with steam trains, tractors, vintage cars and machinery and lots of craft stalls. We travelled to Ballarat and settled in and caught up with all the "Wolseley Family" at the local golf club. The rally days included a visit to Sovereign Hill an Outdoor Museum telling the story of Ballarat's first, fabulous gold rush decade following the discovery of gold in 1851.

Covering 25 hectares of former gold mining site, Sovereign Hill's exhibits and interpreters did reveal diversity of the heritage collections and stories of gold rush days. Also we had trip on a 1950's Railcar From Daylesford to Musk. We dropped off the 6/80 at John's place and travelled to by train with Colin and Matthew Hey back to Melbourne.

Cheers Michael Kruse



Cars and members at the Ballarat Rally

Deadline for next Wolseley Word: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014

# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS Auckland Branch News:

Your committee held a meeting last week and have been making plans for the forthcoming months. More details in next month's issue.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our Branch annual general meeting being held on Sunday 20 July 2014 at 2.30 p.m. at the Committee Roomof the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall.

Please remember that if your Wolseley is not on the road at present you are still more than welcome to attend any event in another vehicle.

# **Coming Events:**

**Sunday 20 July 2014 – Auckland Branch AGM** – This is to be held at the Committee Room of the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall at 2.30 p.m. This Hall is situated at 138 Main Highway Ellerslie on the Corner of Main Highway and Arthur Street in Ellerslie. Reserve this date on your calendars – a good turnout would really be appreciated

Regards Noeline Billing

# Manawatu Branch News:

While there's not so much happening on the car enthusiast's calendar presently, there is still plenty happening within the Club. Working bees at the Ashhurst parts shed are steadily bringing the shed into workable order – although, with the amount of spare parts received recently, it has felt like taking one step forward and two steps back but we are getting there. There is still a ways to go, so keep up great work people.

We are delighted to have had two of the Branch's trophies recently resurface – these were Best Enthusiast and Best Car. The trophies have been out of circulation for quite some time. So long that we could barely even remember what they looked like let alone who they had last been awarded to! At the last meeting, there was discussion around the future awarding of these trophies and it was decided that the Best Enthusiast trophy would be awarded at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, however, that was brought forward to the Midwinter Dine-out held last weekend, on 28 June. Congratulations to Lance Fitness for winning Best Enthusiast! Lance is one of the newer members of our Branch but has always shown a can do attitude, which is much appreciated. It was decided the other trophy for Best Car would be recommissioned as the Mort Andrews Memorial trophy and will be awarded to the best car at the Mort Andrews Memorial Rally to be held on Labour Weekend. Guidelines as to the criteria for winning the trophy are to be discussed and decided at a future meeting. Formerly, this trophy was awarded in a concours d'elegance

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but the general feeling of the meeting was that they wanted something more open and flexible.

Last weekend's run in Wanganui was very successful (see article following). I wasn't able to be there for the whole weekend but I did enjoy the trip the river on the paddle steamer – had a ball, especially watching the delight on my little girl's face as she enjoyed her first ever ride on a boat (after getting over the initial fright from the loud whistle).

Our next meeting is our Branch AGM, to be held at The Woolshed in Sanson, on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. An item of special business is on the agenda regarding a remit for the renaming of the Manawatu Branch. Given that our branch covers the area from Wellington up to New Plymouth and across to the east coast including Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay, it is thought that the name "Manawatu" does not accurately represent the Branch. As usual, the meeting will be followed with a meal at the venue. We look forward to seeing you all there!

In the meantime, stay safe and warm! Regards, Michelle

### Wanganui Weekend - 28 & 29 June 2014 - by Mary McCutcheon

We left home on a cloudy fine day – us in the 6/80 and Michelle in her Sunbeam Rapier. We arrived at Wanganui to a beautiful clear fine day. There was a craft fair/market on at

the quay so we had a look around and I bought a few books whilst we were waiting to join the Paddlesteamer Waimarie for a two hour cruise on the Whanganui River. When boarding, Elsie was chosen to write a message for the carrier pigeon, which was released from the deck when we got upriver. It was a lovely trip up the river. Very high tide the river was running quite swift, which made the old girl work quite



All participants ready to disembark on the Waimarie

hard. Elsie spied a couple of "crocodiles" and "sharks" (drift wood) in the water. On arriving back, Alexander the pigeon was waiting for us, and we collected Elsie's message. From there we went and had a look at the No.12 Wanganui tram, which has only been running for approximately three weeks.

After looking at the tram we went for a drive up to the Drurie Hill Tower and Elevator

overlooking the city. After that, some went out to Castle Cliff. while we headed down to Kowhai Park to take Elsie for a ride on the train and to play on the playground. Following that, Michelle headed back home and we headed to the motel to book in. Later, after the evening meal, Lance Fitness was presented with the trophy for "Best Enthusiast", and Winton presented Ivan with a drawing of the 6/80for work done on Winton's 6/90.

The following day we went out to Ed Boyd's collection of cars. Although he doesn't have as many as the last time we visited. what he still has was a lovely collection to view. They started a Maxwell car up – the first time in over 20 years it had been running – and, amazingly, it coughed and spluttered into life. From there, we went next door to Ian Chamberlain's. Ian has a Model T truck organ. He



On the river. Above are young Elsie, Michelle Thompson (standing) and Mary McCutcheon. Below (from right) Garry Wall, Steve Finch, Ivan McCutcheon, Heather Wall, and a crew member.



also had a Reo with a scale replica parked alongside it. Before heading back to town, Ivan, Michael and Lance went around to Charlie Bernsten's place to have a look at a 6/80 and see what sort of condition it was in. What should have been a 10 minute visit stretched into quite a long while. Charlie had a very nice Model C Ford up on the hoist. By the time we got back to the Quay, most had had their lunch and ride on the tram and had gone home.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable weekend. Thank you to Ruth and Winton, and everyone else involved.

Mary McCutcheon

# Manawatu Branch Coming Events:

### Saturday 26 July – Branch AGM:

11.00 am at The Woolshed Café, 2861 State Highway 1, Sanson. Please advise Secretary Michelle Thompson if you would like an item on the agenda for discussion and any apologies. A really good turnout would be appreciated.

### Sunday 7 September:

Meet at Carterton for Daffodil Day. Pick daffodils at local farm and visit craft and produce stalls with picnic lunch or café an option.

### Labour Weekend : Mort Andrews Memorial Rally

An overnight rally is planned with a visit to the event at Keirunga Park Railway in Havelock North. A trophy will be awarded for the best car at the rally so get polishing your pride and joy (Wolseley of course). More details to come. Organiser Michelle Thompson tel. 06 374 8430.

### Saturday 15 November:

Run from Feilding to Cross Hills Garden Country Fair, Kimbolton. Over 140 high quality gift stalls for early Christmas shopping. Café or picnic lunch and stroll through 18 acre rhododendron and azalea garden.

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

**2-5 October** Brits at the Beach, Whangamata

Contact: Ruth Cleal tel. 04 293 3369 or fincle@clear.net.nz

# Nelson-Marlborough Branch News:

Our A.G.M. is on Sunday July 13th at 113 Whitby Rd Wakefield,1.00pm. As our Branch has a small membership of 8, please try and attend. It is your club and we need your input and support. Bryan Stansbury

### Subscriptions for 2014-15 are now due.

If you didn't receive your renewal form in the last newsletter, please contact your branch secretary.

# Christchurch Branch News:

Given the time of year, there has been relatively little happening, as we really do tend to go slightly into hibernation mode. One would think that rather than heading off on runs, we will be busy beavering away indoors in our sheds and garages, but somehow they just are just not that inviting at this time of year. I think it's got something to do with the temperature.

We had a good working bee this month – a very good turnout that saw some maintenance attended to, and a bit more tidying up in the containers. Most of all, it was a beautifully warm and sunny day, and our morning tea session went on for at least an hour. Someone mentioned that we weren't really getting a lot done, but indeed we were. Not only were we solving world problems, we were also doing what good mates should do more often – enjoying a bit of comradeship. Let there be more of it – everyone agreed! It was really good seeing Eddie Bishop turn up to say hello, and to see him up and mobile again now that he's had his hip operation. He was still very much in the recuperation mode, but is certainly glad to have it all behind him now. Nancy says he's a most reluctant patient, and she's still trying to keep him reigned in a bit – I'm sure that won't be easy. Also back from his overseas adventure was Danny O'Malley, so with him and Allan Francis there, it's no surprising morning tea went on so long. The pair of them had lots of good stories to tell about their travels along Route 66. It was also good to see new member

Ian Scott turn up to do his bit. The following day we had our monthly run, this time heading for the Darfield Glentunnel



Four of the eight cars at Glentunnel. From left is the Barker's 6/110, the Scott's 6/110, Matthew Hey's 1100, and Danny & Sharon O'Malley's 18/85.

area. We had originally planned to go to the Homebush stables and museum, but this had to be put off after a phone call from the owner advised that with heavy rain earlier that week, and the very cold temperatures that were expected that weekend, they had decided to close the facilities for the winter. A 'Plan B' was quickly put together by Danny and Sharon O'Malley, which changed the venue to the old church and café in Glentunnel instead.

Our run assembled in the West Melton pub car park at 1.30pm, and with about 7 cars assembled, we decided to get underway. Danny was to lead the way, so he and Sharon hopped into the 18/85, reversed out of the parking spot, and then the car stalled and wouldn't start again. As Danny says, breaking down on a club run is always best, as there is always about 5 people who are keen to sort it out, and they are there instantly. Not like calling the AA nowadays and being told they will be there in about an hour! Anyway, the

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problem was very soon found to be in the carburettor dashpot, where there was just enough carbon build-up to prevent the piston rising and falling as it should. With that cleaned out, the car started instantly, and we were all underway in no time.

Our first stop was Darfield, where it was agreed that a look through the second-hand shop should be undertaken. It was here that poor Simon Verkerk was next to discover a problem with his 1300. On his way back to the car, he noticed quite a bit of oil splashed around the drivers-side front wheel arch, and on closer investigation, found that it wasn't only there, it was also sprayed around under the bonnet. The engine was fuming like a train! If you cast your mind back a couple of issues, you may remember that I had recently carried out an overhaul of the cylinder head for him. I had noticed at the time that the rest of the engine was looking pretty worn, and said to him at the time that he might find that it would start using a bit more oil now that the compressions would be considerably higher again. It seems that this was an understatement, and I'm picking now that it's probably got broken rings or lost a chunk out of the side of a piston. It had already survived a trip to Timaru and back, but obviously Darfield was to a post too far. Rather than risk travelling on to Glentunnel (another 20km from home), Simon opted to go to the local garage and top up the oil, and head slowly for home. He did make it OK. Needless to say, we're working up a plan for a complete engine overhaul now, and I already have a short-block done and ready to go.

Continuing out to Glentunnel, we soon arrived at the old church café. We found that they had been expecting us (thanks to Danny and Sharon) and had extra scones and cake on hand for us, and had turned on the heaters in the lovely old church where we could all sit

around a table (note: NOT the alter!) and once again solve more world problems and hear more about Route 66 - this time more of Sharon's perspective (it was slightly different)! There were lots of laughs, and never a dull moment. It transpired that the operation of the café is something some of the members of the church are doing every weekend as a fundraiser normally there is enough



Enjoying afternoon tea in church – from left, Ian & Leanne Scott, Tony & Cecily Shanks, and Eddie Bishop (Nancy Bishop is obscured behind Eddie).

room for patrons in the small church lounge next door, but for larger groups they open the church, which is worth visiting anyway. About half an hour after we arrived, we were joined by Joe and Judy Barker, who had come up from Ashburton to join us in the 6/110. Unfortunately they went straight to Homebush, and when they didn't find us there, they decided to go home the long way, which fortunately goes through Glentunnel. Seeing our

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cars parked outside the church they soon worked out where we were, and joined us. The lesson for us was that we need to communicate any last-minute changes better. It was near on 4pm when we finally left for home. Already the dew was forming on the cars, and it was time to turn headlights on for the trip home. It was, after all, nearly the

shortest day of the year. It was great to have new members Ian and Leanne Scott along on their first run in their lovely 6/110. They have purchased this car off a former member, and it really is a nice example. It has been sold with the distinctive personalised registration of "OREMUS", which is Latin for "Let us pray". Read into that what you want, but judging by the

condition of the car,



Ian Scott's 6/110 Mk2 with its distinctive registration plate.

there is no real need to do that each time it is taken out! I think Simon could have done with the plate on his car that day!

Jenny and I took our 6/90 on this run, and I really did enjoy it. It was a good social run, and there is something really, really nice about cruising along in the 6/90 in open countryside, nearing dusk, in cool air, with the heater on keeping our feet warm. Coming up this month we have a mid-winter lunch over at She Café in Governors Bay, and our AGM on 26th . The lunch will be a good one – Simon Vererk's mother works there and will ensure we are looked after well. More details are in the coming events section below.

I would also encourage everyone who can to come along to the AGM. Don't feel as though you will be under any pressure to be on the committee or asked to do something you wouldn't want to do – we really just want to focus maybe on how we've done over the past year and on one or two objectives for the coming year, and to have everyone's input into any decisions we need to make. As always, a good supper will be provided, and the meeting will not go on too late.

# **Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:**

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 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.

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## **Christchurch Branch Coming Activities, continued:**

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Mid-Winter Run and Lunch, She Café, Governors Bay.

Lunch will be at the She Café in Governors Bay, where the food is guaranteed to be great and the outlook down the harbour is spectacular. Cost will be around \$20 to \$25 per person. **RSVP required no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** to Colin Hey (ph 359-8737 – please leave a message if you get the answer phone, or call Simon Verkerk on 0211154789. A copy of the menu can be emailed if required (contact Colin). Meet outside Princess Margaret Hospital at 11.00am for an easy run to Governors Bay and lunch, which will begin at 12.30pm. Note: you do not have to bring your Wolseley.

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Branch Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be held in the usual venue – Sydenham Community Centre, Hutcheson Street (off Colombo Street opposite Sydenham Park), starting at 7.30 sharp. Good supper provided – we would like to see as many there as possible please. If you have anything you would like to see discussed on the agenda or wish to pass on an apology, please contact Allan Francis on 323-7559.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Working Bee at Idlewood

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Run heading around Kaiapoi /Ohoka area.

Finishing at the Kaiapoi Golf Club for lunch (roast meal costing \$10 per person). Meet at the Belfast Hotel at the start of the northern motorway at 11.00am. Details next month.

### For your Diary:

**Annual B.M.C. Run will be held on Sunday September 14th 2014**. Starting point is The Vintage Car Club Grounds, Cutler Park from 10 a.m. (or earlier) for 10.30 a.m. departure. Expect up to 100 miles including places of wider interest. The usual social picnic lunch gathering will be a part of the day.

Organised by Tony Becker from the Morris Owners Club (S.I.) Ph. 03 3322239 or 027 4466964

# Southern Regional Branch News:

Hello from the Deep South once again. First things first and importantly our branch AGM. This year it will again be held in Balclutha, at the South Otago Vintage Car Club rooms in Crown Street. We'll start about 12 noon so bring some lunch and coffee, tea, sugar and milk will be supplied plus Barbara and myself will supply some fresh scones and her famous (well in our house anyway!!!popular with our visitors!) mini bacon,e gg and

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cheese pies for afters. AGM will get underway at 1p.m. Any questions or queries, please ring myself 03 2164586 / 0212624316 or Bill Obers 0274 321776.

Once again a big thanks to Stuart Milne for arranging this venue for us. We had intended to move our AGM around different venues and this will probably happen next year with either Gore being the preferred choice, then again Dunedin or Mosgiel could be an option depending on what members think. Let us know your thoughts.

An interesting thing happened at the garage the other week (old saying I know). While taking our everyday car for it's new WOF I observed another customer getting into a heated discussion with the WOF inspector. The car in question was an early 60s Ford and to be honest looked in reasonable nick but it could have done with a damm good clean. A wash brush hadn't been near it for quite a while. The discussion was over the fact that under the dirt and crap on the lower left front guard and left sill was...RUST..and quite bad. The owner of the Mk 2 Z car was adamant the inspector had no right to brush and wipe the dirt away to see how bad the rust damage was. End result, one Mk2 owner went away with a fail notice, and that was obvious he was unhappy with the way the old girl was driven out the drive and up the street. Call me fussy if you want, but whenever I take any car for its WOF, I clean it inside and out. I also pre-check for obvious faults like a bulb out, wiper blades a bit sad, horn not working ... you know what I mean. And really if your tyres, brakes, wheel bearings etc are borderline you know they need replacing before the inspection. Things like making sure the boot is clean and access is there to check the spare wheel is secure, inside the car is cleaned, seat belts accessible(and working properly). I also give under the guards a good hose to get any dirt off and then the whole outside gets a good scrub up. The impression given is that someone cares about the car whether it be an older or newer model. I have had it remarked to me that very point.

Progress on 'Winnie', our 16/60 is rolling along sure and steady with weekends about the only chance I have to get to her lately. Long days at work has stopped visits to the garage on week nights at the moment, but working away slowly but surely things are getting done. One thing I have only just noticed is her front bumper. It appears to the wrong one. According to my factory parts manual the bumper fitted to her at present is for a 15/60. It is about the placement of the over-riders. If I leave it as is, it will interfere with where I want to put my 60s accessory fog lights. 16/60 over riders are lined up with the front panel lines just about under the parklights/indicators, whereas 15/60 are halfway between the grille and parklights/indicators. With Wolseley front bumpers having a distinctive v shape in the bumper for the grille, no other Farina style model (Morris, Austin etc) will fit. I'll put up with it for now, but it's one more thing to put on the 'to find' list. Yeah I know, I've been called fussy..but hey, she's my old girl and that's the way I want her to look! Anway, enough of my ramblings, I'll wish all branches the best with their AGMs and sign off with regards to all....Bryan Kelly

### 24/80 Update, by Steve Finch

A shortish report this month, the rust repairs are complete & hopefully a new coat of paint/ primer or undercoat ! There have been no more dramas or amusing incidents to report. It was very tempting to go up the road for a mile or so in 4th gear but without doors, a bonnet, bootlid or windscreen -could have been an expensive test run if our friendly Ashhurst Police had spotted me.

The front suspension and steering was the last thing to check not a part of the car I enjoy working on, getting a bit long in the tooth to be under there. Would'nt a hoist make a difference. I said a while ago to my mechanic friend who does our W.O.F and anything on the moderns, that if I won Lotto I'd buy one and he said NO you wouldn't you would pay me to do it and he is probably right. Anyway after a lot more hours than I had estimated everything is re-assembled and looks and feels O.K. --I hope that the inspector thinks so. On a more sombre note some of you know that Dave Keech has been experiencing significant health problems over the past couple of years. Lyn has recently found that she is unable to give him the care that he needs and he is now in a rest home - "Westella Homestead" Feilding. It seems only a short while ago that he was taking an active part in Club events. We don't know what is around the corner --- do it while you can!

### FOR SALE

### For Sale - Classic Car Steering Wheel Covers.

Quality reproduction 1940/60's style vinyl covers with foam backing for driver comfort, made to measure with a choice of colours. Includes stitching cord, a bodkin and fitting instructions. The diameter of your steering wheel and its rim required. \$56.00 each including freight.

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Photo shows one of Roger's steering wheel covers fitted to Gordon Duthie's 6/110.

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