

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

## **OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2015**



Cars and Members from the Lower North Island Branch on the recent Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival Run

## **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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## EDITOR'S STUFF

This month's report will be a short one for me (I hope). For some reason October seems to have passed slowly, but there has been a lot happening to keep me busy outside of work hours. The number one priority was the Vintage Car Club Swap meet. Being the secretary for the event kept me very, very busy in the evenings, most of them spent on the phone, or on the computer keeping up with emails and sorting various bits of information that would be needed over the weekend.

This year we were treated with



fantastic weather, and it has turned out to be the best Swap Meet for many, many years. Not only did we get a lot of people through the gates, we also had probably the best display of vehicles and machinery we've seen for a long time. Fortunately my work on the event is now nearly all done, so I can now start to relax a bit.

I'm looking forward to the All British Day happening over the weekend on 1st November (which I'm also involved in running), and then I can really start taking it easy again. The day before Swap Meet (Thursday 8th October) I took our veteran Wolseley in for its VIC and VIN. It was booked in for 1.30pm, so I arranged a day's leave to get that done, along with a few other jobs that have been hanging around for a while, including getting the caravan out and giving it a quick clean before taking it to my Swap Meet site. By 1pm I had the veteran loaded on the car trailer ready to go, and headed off to the VINZ station near Christchurch Airport. Although I had checked the car fully, I have to admit to being a bit nervous about what the outcome would be. In the old-car circles you hear many horror stories about difficulties people have going through the re-registration process, so I was expecting to come away with a list of items to attend to. On arrival, I found the testing station was packed with cars, trucks and campervans, so the first mission was parking the car and trailer somewhere where I could unload the veteran and actually get it inside the building. I went inside and was directed to the gentleman (and yes, he was a gentleman) who going to do the inspection on my car. He suggested I unload it on the road outside of their exit point. This worked out well, and what was even better, was that he then asked me for all the paperwork I had for the car so he could access the records while I was busy doing the unloading. Now, I was fortunate in that the veteran had already been through the process in 2004 when it was restored by the late Charlie Black, and despite registration lapsing in 2009, they still had all the details in the NZTA system. I also had an updated copy of the VCC statement of authenticity and a receipt for the purchase of the car, which speeded up the checking somewhat, so by the time the car was off the trailer and reversed into the checking bay most of the paperwork was out of the way.

When the inspector returned, he asked me if the VIN plate was attached to the car still, so I was pleased to be able to tell him it was still riveted to the firewall. "That being the case then", he said, "all I have to do is check the wheels aren't going to fall off, that it has

## Editor's Stuff - continued

brakes, and that the lights all work". He then got busy and spent a good 10 minutes checking everything under the car (particularly all of the steering mechanism, suspension joints and brake rods and connections). He told me had marked 3 bolts running through threaded yolks on the handbrake mechanism that could have lock-nuts fitted to them (which has now been done), but he was very happy with everything generally and was very satisfied that the "wheels wouldn't fall off". Next were the lights, which were all working, and then a brake test which consisted of a Tapley meter test which we were able to do inside the building. He then told me I could put it back on the trailer, and by the time that had been done that he would have the last of the paperwork finished – and it was. It was all very straightforward. The only thing I can't work out is why they had to issue a new set of number plates, given the VIN plate is unchanged. Perhaps it's got something to do with the actual registration number expiring and disappearing out of the system, rather than the VIN number? I wasn't going to hang around and ask questions anyway! So, the short story is, the veteran is now registered, warranted and roadworthy.

Other than that, my involvement in the Swap Meet and the All British Day have kept me busy this month, so I don't have a lot more to report on.

## Colin Hey

PS: We had an All Blacks themed day at work last Friday, in preparation for the big game on Sunday morning 1<sup>st</sup> November (NZ time). I took the 6/90 to work early and parked it at the start of our car park with paper silver ferns stuck on the side of it. Everyone thought it was pretty cool!



Well Done The ALL BLACKS!!! ....and commiserations to our Australian friends.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members,

First of all I am your National President for the next year and wish to thank you for your support for the Club and to me. My position is made easier and rewarding through the continued support and involvement of the committee who were all re-elected at our National AGM on the 10th October in Christchurch. This year the Committee Meeting was held on the Saturday afternoon in "The Bishop Room" at the Christchurch Branch



clubrooms and spares shed followed with a meal at the Hornby Club and then the AGM. Many of us met up earlier on a sunny day at the Swap-meet at McLeans Island which was good. The Hornby Club is a very busy place but they got our meals through very efficiently. We held our AGM in a meeting room that ended up being next to a disco bar so it was a bit noisy. However thanks to the Christchurch Branch for organising the day etc. I know that they had difficulty in finding a venue for the meal and AGM. Comment, I think it would be nice if we could have some social time with those local members who have come along for the evening.

There were 30 members at the meeting which included John Mallia President of Victoria State in Australia, who is a frequent visitor to NZ. As I said earlier all positions stay the same and I thank them for their continued support for the club. The meeting was privileged with the nomination of 3 new Life Members. They are Ray Willoughby, Eddie Bishop (Christchurch) and Bryan Stansbury (Nelson). I, we thank these members for their Stirling work for our members and club. I also recognise their wives, Wendy, Nancy and Gaylene, respectively, for the assistance that I know they will provide. Formal presentations will be organised by their branches in the near future. Some discussion on the Subscriptions was held and was confirmed it be \$50.00, break down is \$30.00 to national and \$20.00 retained by the branch, to be reviewed in two years' time. A full breakdown of the Subscriptions etc is well explained by the National Treasurer in a report from him in this edition.

Feel free to call me if you wish on this or anything else.

A report from Noeline on the National Rally indicates and appears that everything is on track.

I wish you all the best for your summer activities and events and seeing that I am doing this report on Saturday, GO THE ALL BLACKS.

Gordon Duthie

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

Friday 27th November 2015

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi fellow Wolselevites,

This month has been very busy with a trip to Christchurch to the National AGM and the Canterbury VCC swap meet. Thanks to Colin and Jenny & Matthew for their hospitality.

The AGM was great to catch up with the South Island members. The highlight was the confirmation of two life members.

Congratulations to Eddie Bishop, Ray Willoughby and Bryan Stansbury.

The swap meet was fantastic for a car enthusiast with 650 sites to visit. While walking around with John Mallia from (Melbourne) we got interviewed by a TV3 film

crew. This was a good publicity for the Wolseley Car Club I was told.

The following weekend was spent on the computer updating all the membership lists. The next weekend was Labour Weekend and our son Jeremy arrived from Brisbane. He posted on Face book that said

"There is a BBQ at The Olds on Friday night EVERYONE Welcome" This put Raewynn in a spin I can tell you!

I managed to get Wednesday off work and Jeremey and I did some tramping on Mount Egmont. On the Friday I managed to get some housekeeping done and also sorted out the BBQ, so we were set for Friday Night! It went well with about 20 People turning up (phew). A great time was had by all.

Last weekend was the "Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival" we had six Wolseley's one MG and one Modern plus drivers and navigators turned up to a run around a few gardens in glorious sunshine. The evening meal was at the Stratford Club and Brunch on Sunday at the Taranaki Historic Village before leaving for home.



Enjoying a coffee break along the way – Winton Cleal is on the left

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT TO NATIONAL AGM

The year started with the AGM in Fielding. Following the AGM, the name change came in to effect for the Manawatu club to Lower North Island.

This was to reflect the area our members come from and has been very positively received. I sent out a newsletter regarding receiving the "Wolseley Word" by Email only.

We now have 22 members receiving it only by Email only, Thank you.

This saves on postage and printing for the magazine.

In the last 2 month I sent out the magazine to all the email address that I have, this is additional to the hard copy. So if you want a colour copy please contact me with your email address.

This year we had an increase in the subscriptions this is the first increase for many years which will help the running of the club.

The membership numbers have been steady we have 150 members plus partners.

The National Rally is in Hamilton 28<sup>th</sup> Feb -5<sup>th</sup> March next year please make an effort to attend these are fabulous Wolseley moments.

Raewynn and I attended the Australian National Rally in Corowa. It was an interesting Rally.

We enjoyed the rally in John Mallia's 18/85 so much it lead me to buying one from Stephen & Janice Belcher.

It was great to read about "Bishop Room" it looks very impressive and I am sure it will be well used. Looking forward to see it when I am at the AGM.

The Car Register will soon be Emailed out to all members this has taken a couple of years to put together and will take some time to keep it up to date but it has been fun and the end product looks good.

Michael Kruse.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Auckland

## **Auckland Branch News:**

October saw our National Annual General Meeting held in Christchurch and it was interesting to read other Branches reports. Members attending events seem to be the same as other areas and it is trying to find suitable events that are different in order to satisfy members' tastes.

Last month we attended an event hosted by the Rover Car Club on Wednesday evening 21 October 2015 for a presentation by Smith & Smith Autoglass at 7.30 p.m. with a power point presentation. This proved to be quite enlightening and gave the full history of glass from sand to the finished item.

We welcome back Hans Compter to our Club. As members will know Hans has a large selection of lovely motor vehicles.

Members are reminded to get their Rally entry forms in. We are closing off registrations in early January 2016 and will then be sending out the final details with an invoice to those registered. We do have several Australians coming over for the Rally.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Auckland, continued

## **Coming Events:**

Saturday 7 November and Sunday 8 November 2015 - Weekend trip up North. Meet at Te Hana at 10.30 a.m. on the Saturday and bring or buy your lunch. First we will be visiting the Maungatapere to visit the Packard & Pioneer Museum. This takes around two hours and the cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. From there we have planned a visit to the Quarry Gardens in Whangarei prior to our stay that night at Ngunguru. The Tutukaka Coast Motor Lodge situated at 2015 Ngunguru Road Ngunguru seems to be offering a reasonable rate and their telephone number is (09)434-3840. On the Sunday we are going to Hans Compter's Museum. We will then look around Whangarei and have lunch before returning home.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 - Cambridge Swap Meet from 7a.m. to be held at Lake Karapiro Domain.

Sunday 22 November 2015 – Christmas dinner and Mystery Film at Westwind Theatre at 5.30 p.m. for a 6.00 p.m. meal. The address is 177 Riversdale Road Avondale. As members will know this is always a good event. Please advise Noeline 278-3944 on or before 18 November of attendance for catering purposes.

Sunday 13 December 2015 – Visit the Warbirds Visitor Centre and drive to Hunua Falls. Meet at 1.30p.m. at Warbirds Hangar, Harvard Lane (main entrance off Hamlin Road, Ardmore Airport, Papakura. Park outside the hangar but avoid the runway. There will be a guided tour from a Warbird Volunteer. Library and huge collection of model aircraft + various 1/1 scale Warbird military aircraft. There is a mezzanine floor viewing balcony. Then off up the Wairoa River Gorge on some classic country roads to the Hunua Falls. Back to Auckland via the Hunua Gorge and maybe a drink at the Jolly Farmer Pub Drury.

**Sunday 7 February 2016** – **Galaxy of Cars & Swap Meet.** Once again we will attend this event which always proves to be popular. The show car and driver are free; adults \$12, children 5 to 15 years \$5. All show cars are required to be on site by 9.30 a.m. Swap meet starts at 7.30 a.m.

Regards, Noeline Billing



Three rather sad 6/110's recently purchased by the Christchurch Branch

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - continued

## Lower North Island Branch News:

Hello fellow Wolseley members.

As Michael mentioned in his report we have been rather busy for the past few weekends with the Christchurch swap meet, Jeremy coming home and the Lower North Island Garden Run this past weekend. I have also been trying to do a bit of gardening getting our vegetable patch sorted. I am hoping most of the colder weather has past and that the sun will keep shining for a while.

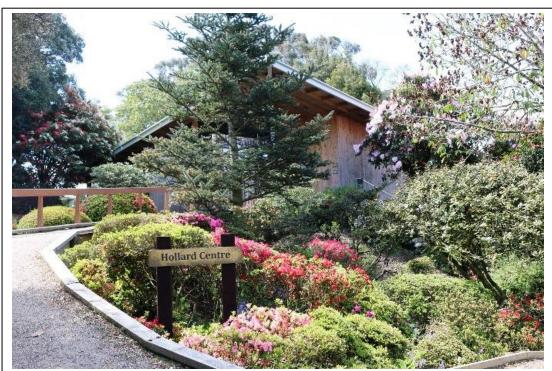
The weekend that has just gone was a great weekend spent enjoying the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. We had beautiful weather to walk around some of the beautiful gardens in the region. We had a great turn out and everybody I am sure had a great weekend.

Our next exciting event will be on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> November. This will include a visit to a Wellington Ferry Kaiahari and a dinner cruise on the Sweet Georgia. Please note that any Wolseley car club member is welcome to attend this event. This will be our Christmas event this year as well as the Mort Andrews run. I hope that we have a great turnout by members.





Kind regards Raewynn have a nice month



One of the beautiful gardens visited on the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival Run

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Lower North Island Branch, continued

## **Coming Events:**



## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm Visit to the Ferry, and Dinner Cruise

Programme still to be confirmed will contact member's with any changes.

- 1/ 1.30 pm to about 3.30 Ferry visit Interisland ferry terminal.
- 2/ 4 pm Possible WOLSELEY inspections and Judging in hopefully fenced off area on wharf weather permitting
- 3/ "SWEET GEORGIA" CRUISE for dinner and fun we will meet at 5.30pm at a bar close by and board at approximately 6pm.
- 4/ After "Sweet Georgia" Visit WELLINGTON CITY at night optional
- 5/ Sunday Morning : Morning tea at BRONWYN and HUGH'S 42 TIRETI RD TITAHI BAY
- 6/ other activity to be sorted for people that live near and don't need to head off a long way to get home
- 7/ This is the Christmas function for the club and the Mort Andrews Run.

Please confirm numbers or any queries to Raewynn or Michael 067539743 kruseco@xtra.co.nz

All Wolseley Car club members are welcome to attend.

### **Other Events**

## Sunday, 14 February 2016 – British Car Day, Trentham

It's the 30th anniversary of this event. Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, 10am.

## Sunday, 8 November 2015 - Southward's Car Museum Auto Jumble

From 8:00am, Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu (turn off at new roundabout). General admission \$10, sellers' plots \$10 including driver (passengers \$10). Preferential parking for visiting classic cars.

## Saturday, 12 December 2015 – Lake Ferry Excursion

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Ferry Excursion, organised by the Sunbeam Car Club. Meet by the Fell Museum in Featherston at 11am for an 11:30am departure to Lake Ferry.

## Sunday, 31 January 2016 – Wheels with Attitude

Dannevirke A & P Showgrounds, Neptune Street, 10am-2pm.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS, Nelson-Marlborough Branch

## Nelson-Marlborough Branch News:

It was nice to be honoured with life membership of the Wolseley Car Club.

Thanks to the members who nominated and voted for me.

Our Branch had an evening meal out where our President Olie Ried presented me with my Life member Badge.

On the home front I had to fit a new engine mount and rack boot to my 18/85 land crab for a W.O.F. Thanks to Ray Willoughby for his fast service in supplying parts. I had to remove rack and have it re-bushed cost \$255.88.

Getting it out was not too bad, but refitting it was a nightmare. The two bolts on the drivers' side were hard to get at. Got it back together, and had a wheel alinement done - \$70. It drives real nice now.

Regards

Bryan Stansbury.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS, Christchurch Branch

## Christchurch Branch News:

It was a busy month for the Christchurch branch over October. First up was the Swap Meet and National AGM, which kept a number of our Idlewood team busy preparing for both. As you may have seen in the last two newsletters, it was decided that we should purchase a site at the Swap Meet and run a garage-sale set-up selling any items members were able to donate. Graham Quate offered to organise it, and Idlewood on working bee days became the collection point for an almost overwhelming selection of car parts and other goods. It included many generous donations of very saleable items, particularly some old petrol and garage memorabilia donated by Allan Francis which was obviously going to be very popular. The weekend before Swap Meet everything was loaded onto Graham's large trailer and into and onto his J-Bedford truck, so it could be transported 1km down the road to the VCC grounds on the Thursday afternoon. So with a few helpers on board, this is exactly what happened. However what the team wasn't banking on was that there were some buyers on hand when they arrived to set up, who happened to spy the garage memorabilia in Graham's truck. Consequently, the bargaining began immediately, and by the time the team left Swap Meet with everything in place for an early start the next morning, they already had around \$1,500 in the kitty.

The next day (Friday) was really busy as well, with plenty of sales and around another \$1,000 made. Graham was indeed thankful for the many good saleable items that had been donated. The team packed up after a busy and very social day, with many members both local and from other parts of the country calling in to say hello, with some even stopping to help for a while, giving Graham a bit of a break every now and then to have something to eat or to have a quick look around the Swap Meet himself. Saturday proved to be fairly slow, as all of the 'good stuff' had been sold, so Danny O'Malley and John Mallia (John

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS, Christchurch Branch, continued

was visiting from Melbourne) stepped in and began the hard bargaining with any passerby who looked like they might have any sort of cash on their person. As Graham put it, they started selling icebergs to Eskimos. Apparently they even sold a set of golf clubs to someone who admitted to already having two sets at home!

That night we had the National AGM at the Hornby Club. Unfortunately for us, they had a visiting band playing that night, so first there was a long queue to get through for the meal, and then we found that the meeting room was quite noisy. In the end, we got through the meeting without any problems, although it did prove to be a rather late night. The highlight of the night was to see Eddie Bishop and Ray Willoughby awarded with life membership for their great services to our Branch and to the Club. They were indeed surprised and delighted with the award, and we were pleased as well, as the committee had kept it secret for a few months. Life membership was also awarded to Bryan Stansbury for his services to the Nelson Branch. The meeting also acknowledged their wives — Nancy Bishop, Wendy Willoughby and Gaylene Stansbury, as they each have played a huge role in the help they have given to support their husband's passion, and also for providing plenty of practical assistance to the club themselves as well. Well done and a big thanks to all six of you!

Sunday at the Swap Meet was very quiet, and our gun sales team cracked into action, this time requesting donations for the left-over stock. At the end of the day there was very little left. The car parts that were left over were donated to the Vintage Car Club spare parts shed, and the few items left over were taken back to Idlewood to be dealt with later. All up nearly \$3,000 was raised – a terrific result! Thanks very much all members who donated



Picnic time at the All British Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November

the goods – it was really appreciated.

Our run for the month was the All British Day, organised by yours truly. This year the finish destination was Clarkville Domain, just 10 minutes north of Christchurch. A great turnout of cars, and a good turnout of members and friends of members as well. We had a great day – perfect weather, enjoyed a nice run in the country before arriving at the domain, and a had a very social

afternoon as well.

This month has also been an active one at Idlewood. Ray Willoughby has managed to purchase three 6/110's for spares – part of the estate of the Claude Moffat's late brother who recently passed away. Needing to make room for them has seen us have a bit of a clean-out of almost dismantled spares cars at Idlewood, with a 4/44 and a 16/60 now sent off to the scrappie less all of their good bits. This month's mission is to collect two of the 6/110's and get them put away at Idlewood for us to deal with later. Never a dull moment!

## **Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:**

## Saturday 14th November - 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 15th November - Run to Terrace Station Open Day

Meet at the West Melton Hotel car park at 10.15am for a run to the open day at Terrace Station, Hororata. Bring a picnic lunch to have on the lawn or in the woodlands. There is a \$5 entry fee per person, which will go to the Terrace Station Charitable Trust. For more information, see <a href="www.terracestation.org.nz">www.terracestation.org.nz</a> This is a great opportunity to visit a special and historic property.

## Sunday 29th November - Visit to Michael Churnside's, Rangiora

Michael is an avid MG collector, and will show us around his collection after we have a picnic lunch in his garden. Not to be missed for those interested in gardening or old cars (or both). Meet at the Belfast Hotel at 11.00am for an easy cruise out to Rangiora. Bring your lunch with you.

## Sunday 6th September - Inter-Club Christmas Outing, Orton Bradley Park

The Canterbury Daimler Enthusiasts Club Inc is holding its annual Christmas outing at Orton Bradley Park on Sunday 6 December. They are again inviting other car clubs to join with them that day and have reserved an area big enough to cope with a good turnout. If you want to drive "in convoy" with us, we depart Princess Margaret Hospital at 11.15 a.m. or people can make their own way to the Park to arrive about 12 midday for a prelunch drink. The area reserved is at the end of the road near the toilets.

Entry to the park costs \$5 for adults and \$1 for children, payable at the entry kiosk. Also bring a small Christmas gift each to share (worth less than \$5 please).

Be self-sufficient with seats, tables etc and organise your own lunch including hot water. BBQs are allowed, but dogs are not (it is a working farm).

## Saturday 12th December - Working Bee at Idlewood

The final event for 2015. More details next month.

## Southern Regional Branch

Greetings from the Deep South. Hope your weather is better than what we have been getting lately. Wind, wind and more wind and when you're working outside most of the day, it makes for a tiring day. Well this month has really flown but for me the highlight was attending the National AGM in Christchurch on Saturday 10th. Left home (Invercargill) on Friday morning 9a.m and headed north with Barbara and Christina on

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS, Southern Regional Branch, continued

board as well. An uneventful trip up, just took our time and enjoyed ourselves. It was also a test for our new addition to the fleet (mainly for my transport to and from work) a 1999 Ford Escort! (well at least it's British!!) Found our accommodation (thanks to borrowed GPS) and went looking for something for tea. Westfield mall 5 mins walk from hotel, at food court found a counter called Royal Roast. Choice of roast chicken, beef or pork with all the trimmings...\$13 a head...it hit the spot! Back to hotel where I almost instantly was asleep. Saturday morning up refreshed...breakfast and coffee and a visit to a friend of Barbara's...then lunch, now to find Mcleans Island Road. Had a look around the swap meet, caught up with local members on the Wolseley Club stand and all too soon had to head for Idlewood for committee meeting. Was real good to catch up with familiar faces again and get stuck into business. Back to hotel to freshen up and then down to Hornby Club for meal and AGM. Boy, what a line-up waiting to order a meal. But, no problem, soon everyone was tucking into a beautiful meal. AGM got off to a late start and a lot was discussed, but I'll leave that for the 'higher up' office bearers to report. What was fantastic was to meet some more people and put faces to names. Great to meet Ray and Wendy Willoughby, Simon Verkerk, Eddie Bishop and an Aussie visitor (I'll get some stick for not remembering his name..I should have taken notes!) and of course catching with ones I've already meet.. Michael and Raewynn Kruse, Paul and Noeline Billing, Colin, Jenny and Matthew Hey and Allan Francis plus some other Christchurch members Thanks to all for making Barbara and Christina welcome...it was a fairly long weekend for them, especially Christina....it was a long Saturday night! Sunday morning meant gassing up and heading for home...girl was back to school Monday so early start. Another nice cruise home with a couple of stops on the way. Firstly at Hinds Garage (always wanted to stop there)..Bumpers for our Mk1 Mini talked about and can be ordered from there at very good price. Christina has always wanted to see the Moeraki Boulders so a refreshment stop was in order. Coffee and cheese rolls consumed and in the words of Willie Nelson.."On the Road Again".

Quick visit to friends at Mosgiel for comfort stop then home, arriving in time to see last 5 laps of Bathurst race. Thank goodness I had taken Monday off as well....I needed it. Motivation has been recharged and with nights staying lighter for longer the visits to the garage after tea have resumed so progress is underway again but on two cars now. My son Jonathan has decided to join the group who are on my case to' get those cars on the road' and wants to help, so some 'father/son' time coming up. Looking forward to it. He is going to start on the Mk 1 Mini but will be also helping on the 16/60. Watch this space. Once again thanks to the Christchurch crew for your hospitality, we will be back for a holiday and spend a bit longer than 2 1/2 days.

Regards from down south Bryan Kelly



## A Mystery Bus Trip to Idlewood – By Wendy Willoughby

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September dawned bright and sunny – thank you mother nature – as I prepared to take my "Bishopdale Friendship Group on a mystery bus trip that was to end up at Idlewood. I had told them it was a half-mystery trip. How can you have a half-mystery trip? Well, the first half was to be a visit to a "Hand Made Studio" run by our own member Pat Boyle. It is described as a craft co-operative for people with disabilities. There, they learn to use weaving looms which will eventually create fabric that will be used for quite a lot of different articles.

We met at the Bishopdale Shopping Centre car park aat 10.00am to board the 20-seater Lamb and Hayward funeral director's free bus which is used to take not-for-profit groups on outings. Don, our driver, took us first to "Hand Made Studio" where the ladies were thoroughly impressed with what they saw, and with the people who were happy to talk to us and tell us what they were making. Pat gave a talk to explain what the members do. It is a place you come away from feeling good.

We got back on the bus just before 11.30am to make our way to Idlewood. I had only told the group we were going on the West Coast Road to throw them off the track, and our driver Don took us on a cook's tour to confuse them as well.

Ray was waiting at the gate at Idlewood with our 15/50, so Don knew where to turn off the road. I told the ladies I was taking them out of their comfort zone and things were going to be a little bit rustic. When we pulled up at the clubrooms, I pointed out the portaloo for those who had a need to use it. I had arranged for Nancy Bishop and Judith Penny to come and serve the food, which Nancy and myself, with input from Judith, had prepared. The tables and chairs had been set up in the workshop area where tarpaulins had been put on the floor to keep everything neat and clean. First hot and cold drinks were served, and then we had lunch while Ray told the reason we (the Wolseley Car Club) had established at Idlewood.

After lunch the chairs were moved over to the grassed area where the sun was shining. Here I tested their brains with a quiz, and we played the old game with things on a tray that you then have to remember when the tray is taken away. I tried it with a twist, taking only six things off, then bringing back the tray and asking what had been taken away. They had to write down the items – not as easy as you think. I had put the games together just in case it rained and we had to stay under cover in the workshop.

I also told them I had a surprise for them at 2.00pm, which Ray had organised. He had arranged six Wolseleys so that everyone could take a ride in a classic car. Stuart Penny, Eddie Bishop, Anthony Dacre, Ray, Tony Shanks and Pat Boyle all pitched in to help with their cars. Pat had his hand-controlled car which intrigued those who went in his car. They all went for a run, taking in the new road around the back of the airport which none of them had been on before. When they came back they were rapt — "I've never been in a classic car before, did you smell the leather?"

After another cup of tea and some eats, they all boarded the bus to go back to Bishopdale with words like "That was a great day out, with wonderful food."

My thanks go to Nancy and Judith who did all the hard work on the day, and to the guys as well for their cars. A good day was had by all.

Wendy Willoughby.

## Why We're Wolseley Wise Part 3 – by Russell and Kaye Harris

On one of our many trips back from the river the car suddenly stopped dead – we cruised gently to the side of the road and sat wondering what the problem might be. Not being at all mechanically minded I thought a local farmer might be able to help. Sure enough and several hours later he isolated the problem to the fuel pump. He took me into Geraldine where we bought a new one, had it installed and managed to get home many hours later than intended. A week later, having had our original pump repaired, I took the 'new' fuel pump back to the garage and received a full refund. What great service from a local business! Another occasion we lost a wheel off the caravan – a few days before I had changed a tyre and obviously not tightened the wheel nuts enough so as we were motoring home the caravan gave a slight jolt and the wheel rolled passed us!

In 1983 when returning home from one of our many trips, we were grinding our way up the Hope Saddle when we noticed a hot burning oil smell. On reaching the top we stopped and investigated and found oil was dripping from the air filter onto the exhaust – not a good sign. We made it home by frequently topping up with oil but the next morning when I went out to start the car to take it to the mechanic – nothing, the engine had seized! So at 112,000 miles a lot of money was spend and with the help of the late Bill Williamson the Wolseley kept going.

From the river we would often continue north and spend a night or two at Hanmer Springs. There I would park the car under a shady tree and spend the afternoon giving it its annual polish - what better way is there to relax? Our wanderings eventually lead us to Nelson, the Sounds and Blenheim. While travelling north in 1988 we ran into some particularly bad weather and on arriving at the motor camp in Blenheim discovered the car had leaked and we had to dry out – talk about a Chinese laundry! Carpets, mats and other sundry items were stretched out over every available fence we could find; it was later that we discovered Cyclone Bola had hit the country badly.

One year we left the caravan in Blenheim and headed for the North Island in the car; we had a great time touring and on our return to Blenheim hitched up and set off for home only to approach the top of the Dashwood pass a few miles south, when suddenly, hot water and steam everywhere! Yes – the radiator gone! What to do? Firstly find a water supply. What do we have that might stop the leaks? A great idea! Pour in oatmeal, hopefully it will plug the holes and enable us to head back to where we came from. It worked a treat along with many top ups; the mechanics had a good laugh! A week later, with a new radiator core acquired from Wellington, we headed home to Timaru.

After many years of working and caravanning in the South Island I resigned my position in the bank and headed to Auckland where my wife and I both enrolled at the University of Auckland to study for a Bachelor of Theology degree. This of course meant we had to shift the household and vehicles north; we travelled in convoy with the 1300 leading the way and the 6/110 towing the caravan.

In Auckland, the 1300 became our commuter car travelling the motorways from our house in West Auckland into university each day. One afternoon we went out to drive home and discovered the car wasn't where we parked it – it had been stolen! Fortunately, a fellow student gave us a ride home and two days later it was the same friend who found our car parked a few blocks away from where we had left it – no damage and all our odds and ends untouched. As the years rolled by rust became a massive problem and the little 1300

## Why We're Wolseley Wise Part 3 – continued

was eventually disposed of and replaced by an Austin Maxi – a great car. In the meantime, my parents, ever growing older, found their Wolseley 24/80 was becoming more difficult to handle and reluctantly after 34 years, sold it and bought a more modern car; I wonder if their 24/80 is still on the road or even owned by some member of the club – I think the registration number was CW3535.

Our Wolseley has been keeping company with three Nissans and a Kia over the years but is still roadworthy and still tows the odd load of firewood home for the winter fires; it doesn't have to tow a caravan any more as we have progressed into a motor home. We are in the process of spending limited money on some re-chroming and general tidying of rust and paint repairs but trying not to over-do it by keeping the car in an as original condition as possible. Bought in 1978 and still going strong – that's why we're Wolseley wise.



## From the Email this month.....

### From Noeline Billing

Paul went to Zebra U Pick (a car wrecker) yesterday in Manukau and said it may be of interest to members to know the following:

1963 Wolseley auto still has upholstery which has been recovered in red vinyl and in the correct pattern and is immaculate. It still has its motor and gearbox. Zebra U Pick is situated at 9 Mana Place Manukau. Anyone who is after a good set of red upholstery for a Wolseley 16/60 should check it out. The website is zebraupickcarparts.co.nz

## From the Email this month.....continued

### From Graham Quate, Christchurch

I would like to thank all those who helped make our stall at the Swap Meet a resounding success. We raised just under \$3,000 which will boost our building fund as we continue to develop our club rooms at Idlewood.

A big thank you goes out to all those that generously donated items for the stall, the response was overwhelming and we were inundated with stuff which I pleased to say enriched the lives of a hundred or so people, leaving only four or five cardboard boxes of unsold items.

A special big thank you goes out to all those willing helpers who did a sterling job. There were lots of laughs and good humour all weekend as we staffed the stall and met many old friends at the meet and enjoyed tall tales from some we didn't even know.

Danny O'Malley and John Mallia (from across the ditch) showed their entrepreneurial skills and I'm quite sure they could and wouldn't be surprised if they have already sold ice creams to Eskimos.

We are doing it all again next year so don't throw anything out that we might be able to sell on our stall. If possible keep it safe and we will relieve you of it about this time next year.

Thanks again Graham Quate

### From Hugh McKenzie (Wellington)

Hi Colin

I read your article in the August / September Word regarding the 16/60 and the not so good seal surface for the rear hub seal.

For years we have been using a repair replacement seal surface which has been extremely successful if fitted correctly.

The unit is called a Speedi-Sleeve By SKF and is a very thin steel sleeve that fits over the top of the worn surface it is very thin and generally allows you to use the existing seal as the seal surface inside diameter hardly alters

Beats having to change an axle housing if there is nothing else wrong with it and the Speedi-Sleeve items for all shapes and sizes can usually be acquired at your local onto it bearing supplier but if you are out of an area that it is hard to get stuff from, I would be



happy to help you here if you can supply me with the required measurements, or look up on the internet on their sizing chart for the number Speedi-sleeve item you require.

All going well the new seal may settle down and seal perfectly and it will be all good. Anyway you have this information for another time.

I am a member of the Lower North Island Wolseley club and live in

## From the Email this month.....continued

Titahi Bay Wellington. I have 1 WOLSELEY 6/110 Mk 1 nearly ready for the road after a rather long period of tidying it up and 3 rather sad donor cars 1 Mk 1 and 2 Mk 11's which have been absolutely brilliant if you want something even as simple as a genuine bolt nut or washer you just steal one of the best looking ones off one of the donor's and you can carry on to the next of a million jobs you seem to have to do to tidy up an old vehicle.

Time just seems to be endless, it will be finished when it's finished as everything takes what seems two to three times longer than you expect, which is a bit different to the truck and marine workshop we run which you can reasonably figure how long things take, as being commercial vehicles you usually only have to repair what's broken and not fix everything else around it that's not quite right at the time.

Anyway hope this helps, I really enjoy reading the columns about people's experience as it helps keep you enthused about getting your own one out there on the road too. Regards, Hugh.

From: **Ronald Mayes** < <a href="mayes@gmail.com">randgmayes@gmail.com</a>>

Date: Fri, Oct 23, 2015 at 5:10 PM Subject: Rotorua Lakefront Car Show

The Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club is holding its third annual car show in January, 2016. The details are:

Place: Rotorua Village Green at the lakefront - the entrance is off Whakaue St, between Fenton and Tutanekai Sts.

**Date and Time**: Sunday 17 January 2016, 9am to 4pm.

**Entry**: Show car drivers and visitors will be asked for a gold coin donation. The proceeds will go to the St John Ambulance Association.

All vehicles of special interest are welcome, particularly veteran, vintage and classic cars and about 200 vehicles appeared at the first two shows. One-make clubs regularly use this event as part of their year's programme. Bring picnic lunches and refreshments, or visit the cafes close by in the Eat Street precinct.

**Contact**: David Tomlinson, telephone 07 357 2712, email <u>dave@tomlinson.co.nz</u> or <u>rotorua@vcc.org.nz</u> for further information, or visit the club website, <u>www.rotoruavintagecarclub.org.nz</u>

Hi Colin. This Wolseley 6/110 1968 needs to go to a good home. Has been in storage for the last 16 years or so. Papers on hold. Car is in Wanaka. Like you to advertise it with offers .must be sold one way or another. Tim LANGTON 09-5231329. 021609651

## From Jock and Judy Dunn, Rangiora

An email was received advising of the date for next year's **Rangiora RSA Classic and Vintage Run – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February** (Waitangi Weekend). Full details next month – Christchurch Branch members please note the date in the meantime. This is always a good event to attend.

## Increase in Annual Subscriptions – Important note from our National Treasurer, Paul Billing

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting, a motion was put and passed that the annual subscriptions be increased from \$40 to \$50 per annum per member. This was the first increase in annual subscriptions for numerous years and was undertaken to ensure the subscriptions were covering the expenses to which they relate. The largest expense increase has been in postage. In the year ended 30 June 2014, the Club incurred a loss of \$2,391. Comparing the subscriptions received to the Club expenses, that related to subscriptions, a loss of \$1,168 was incurred. This loss excludes the expenses related to spare parts activities (purchase of parts, rent, insurance and depreciation) and the 2014 National rally costs.

In 2015 the Club incurred a loss of \$165. In relation to 2015 subscription revenue less expenses to which the subscriptions relate, a loss of \$643 was incurred. These losses have been funded by interest revenue. By spending the interest rather than reinvesting the interest, the buying power of the bank funds is losing value through inflation.

The Committee also sees value in reinvesting funds in having more consumable spares on hand.

The decision to increase the subscriptions by \$10 per member is to cover the increases in Wolseley Word costs and reverse the losses on other membership activities.

## Brits at the Beach, Whangamata, October 8th – 11th, 2015 Scribe:TrevorBurnnand

You will have read the article 'Clippings from the Media' in the last Wolseley Word, page 19, September/October. In this there is a resume of what Brits at the Beach is about and some of the various activities planned (maypole dancing, gurning, Scruffs Dog Show, Sunday Shortbread competition, Brits Bits Used Car Yard) as well as appropriate English music heard throughout the weekend – including A Beatles Tribute, a Vera Lynn covers singer who seemed to pop up anywhere and anytime and The Gee Bees (not a misprint).



This 4 day event was very different from The Beach Hop, which is always held earlier in the year and has predominantly American cars – "big flashy gas-guzzlers". As organiser Col McCabe said, "The British cars are pretty

much original" – they oozed quality. Apparently close on 500 cars were registered. There were 8 Wolseleys present at the event. The Belchers 3 x 18/85s, (Shaun and Adam Belcher came over for the day on Saturday in their grey car), the Cleales 6/90, Jacki and

### Brits at the Beach, continued.....

Ben Wilson in the two tone beige 16/60, Nick Buxeda and Jacky in the green 6/110, an older couple in the blue 1300 but we were unable to catch up with the owners of the white 6/110. Neither Ben nor Nick were club members so we encouraged them to consider joining up.

On Sunday, October 11, Janice & Stephen Belcher, Adele & I arrived at Williamson Park, next to the Surf Club, in Stephen's beautifully restored blue 18/85, there were only about 20 cars ready to leave for the drive to Pauanui which surprised us. Maybe some people had needed to return home before Monday? Off we went in convoy on day 4, at 8.45, heading north. What a gorgeous time of the year to be out in the countryside! Impressive dark

green pine covered hills contrasting with fresh green paddocks and trees newly leafed.

Pauanui is a small beach town created back in the '60s. It has an airstrip, a shopping centre, a surf beach, it is mainly holiday homes with some permanents. It is



directly opposite the Tairua Township and separated by the estuary channel. A catamaran ferry connects the two townships which are about 100m apart. It is surprising who you meet these days, one of the members of my local Kiwanis Club of St Heliers was there walking his dog, he said it was his second home!

When we arrived at about 9.15 there were about 30 cars already parked in the shopping area. Just a quick look in the shops, time to buy a raffle ticket, a survey of the assembled cars, of course, then the coffee shop called. (Best date scones ever). We invited Winton and Ruth Cleale (black 6/90) to join us and we had an enjoyable chat, including recalling the weather during the 2001 Coromandel Rally and their breakdown south of Whitianga. After much talking and walking around the cars, the "Car of the day" was selected by the organisation and the award made - this went to a red Jowett Jupiter. More mix and mingle amongst all of us car enthusiasts.

As Stephen was keen to get back for "the Bonnets Up" Show, we headed back to Williamson Park in Whangamata. The winner of this was a dark blue Triumph TR6 and later on in the afternoon the overall winner of "Car of the Show" was announced - a red Lotus Elan +2, google www.britsatthebeach.co.nz for that and other photos.

Talking to Winton Cleale about his W 6/90, he said he thought he was overfilling the sump and was suspicious of his dip stick and also that his engine was a transplant from a Morris Isis. Well as it turned out a Morris Isis was there and comparisons between the two dipsticks revealed that Winton's dipstick was from the original Wolseley 6/90 engine (as

### Brits at the Beach, continued.....

the transplant didn't have one), and further inspection showed that the dip stick tubes were of different lengths, a simple file mark on Winton's dipstick solved the problem.

It must be added that the Isis owner got a lot of comment, having a name of an international terrorist organisation!

The final event of the weekend was a presentation "The Brits Job Tour-2", May 2016, a 24 day tour around England driving your own new hired Mini, including accommodation and entry to 18 major attractions. Anyone interested contact <a href="www.thebritsjob.com">www.thebritsjob.com</a> or email <a href="www.thebritsjob.com">us@thebritsjob.com</a>

The dates for next year's event are September 29 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Put this date in your 2016 calendar. This is an event well worth attending.

As a foot note the event raised \$1200.00 for the Whangamata Gymnastic Club, well done Whanga!

Next month – an account from Stephen Belcher

## **Buy and Sell**

This Wolseley 6/110 1968 needs to go to a good home for a comprehensive restoration. Central Otago car which has been in storage for the last 16 years or so. Needs repainting and re-upholstering, new window rubbers etc, but is very sound, and is running. Is automatic but does not have power steering. Reg on hold. Car is in Wanaka. Open to a



realistic offer - must be sold. Tim LANGTON 09-5231329. 021609651

## For Sale - Classic Car Steering Wheel Covers.

Quality reproduction hand-made 1940 to 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. Good value at \$63 each. Phone Roger Honey on 06 8684846 or 0274780872. email rohoney@clear.net.nz (Club Member)

## **Tyres for Sale**

Dunlop C49 6.40 x 15.

Four have run 2000 miles – 8+ mm tread, one never been

run -9+ mm tread. Complete with tubes. Authenticate your classic Wolseley. \$1000.00 the lot plus freight.

Contact Joe Barker Ph 03 308 2936

<u>6/110 for sale – Mk1 manual (3 speed + OD)</u>. Good going order, registered with WoF, some spares included. Contact Russell Poppe on 03-304-7127 or 0274-372-178, or Kevin Poppe on 06-327-7578



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

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