



# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

# **OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2017**



This recently restored 1951 6/80 has been purchased by new member Peter Tyson, and now resides in Whakatane.

## 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

October and November are always busy months with plenty happening, and it's now good to have them over and done with, meaning an end to the organisation of some of the bigger events I'm involved in. And now December is virtually here – yikes, the year has almost gone! The biggest weekend was in October with the VCC Swap Meet, which this year combined with the national AGM for our club in Christchurch. It's always a mammoth task organising the

swap meet, and it's good that the



Canterbury Branch of the VCC has a great team of members willing to put in the hard yards and pull it all together each year. Unfortunately the weather didn't go our way again this year, which was very disappointing. We had a fine and warm day on the Friday, then that evening the rain set in, and stayed for the rest of the weekend. Luckily there was still a steady stream of people coming through the gates on Saturday, but by the end of Saturday about 50% of the site holders had packed up, and those that remained packed up and left early on the Sunday. The swap meet grounds were muddy in many areas, there were puddles everywhere, and the mood was generally pretty down-beat. Matthew and I managed to take a very quick walk around the selling sites late on Saturday, and it was a shame to see many sites with their goods sitting exposed to the weather. We didn't really see anything that we felt needed to come home with us.

On the positive side, Kay Stott had her 4/44 for sale on my site, and at \$7,000 it attracted quite a bit of attention, and had sold by early afternoon on Friday. It was purchased by Paul Ware, who also has a Wolseley Eight and several other BMC-related classics. The VCC spares shed (which is all under cover) did a record trade for the weekend, and overall, financially, the weekend was still a success. Personally, I also purchased an early veteran radiator (probably a 10HP circa 1910) from a site not far from my own, and later on the Saturday was also offered a number of mechanical spares for the 1909 10HP we own, by Ron Duckworth who restored and owned the car for many years before the person we bought it from. Although they were not cheap, I could hardly refuse them, and they are good insurance if the car ever has a major mechanical episode in the future.

Our 1909 10HP (now nicknamed "Duckworth" after Ron Duckworth who restored it) is now registered and warranted, and was out on the road for a longish test drive before using it on our first event recently. I have just started to find my way through the gearbox. Only being two-cylinder, it's much slower on the road than the 12-16, and sits comfortably at around 20 to 25mph, which I guess was a pretty reasonable pace in 1909. The best way of changing gear seems to be to 'feel' your way through the gearbox – unlike the 12-16 which simply requires good timing. The gear lever goes in a straight line through 1st to 3rd (reverse is straight back), with a neutral position between each gear. So far, I've found it best to de-clutch between each gear, and then let the gears gently bind together so you

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get a feel for when they can be meshed together, and then push a bit harder when the time is right. With a huge flywheel it takes some time for things to slow down or speed up, so nothing happens quickly, and nothing can be rushed. Once in top gear it's just a matter of letting it build up speed until it gets to its sweet spot, and then sit back and enjoy the scenery as it rolls slowly by.

During the first weekend of November, Jenny and I took it down (in a trailer) to a Pioneer Motoring Group rally in Clyde (Central Otago). This was an event only for one and twocylinder veteran cars, and we really enjoyed it. We successfully completed all the runs, which was the challenge we set ourselves. After some fine-tuning following the Saturday outings, the Sunday runs were particularly enjoyable, and it was great to be motoring with the 15 other



Grandma and Duckworth together at Galloway, just out of Alexandra.

cars (and one motorcycle) all travelling about the same speed – most with no hood or roof (we only had one very brief shower), and all contending with a lack of power (running straight into a howling nor-wester whilst running ever-so-slightly uphill was a battle for everyone). As usual, I've come home with a small list of improvements to make, but nothing got broken and it's still running well, so I was quite happy with that. It was especially good to spend a lot of time with Colin and Judy Winter (and their daughter and partner) who were motoring the 1900 Wolseley ("Grandma") – and yes, I found it hard to keep up with them!

Over the past few months I've noticed our Mk1 1500 not really being it's happy self – it seemed to be down a bit on power, and it would not start cleanly from cold – first running only on 2 or 3 cylinders from cold for a few seconds before settling down and becoming OK. Matthew also complained about it when he drove it into town for its WoF a couple of weeks ago. I had also noticed a bit of condensation inside the rocker cover, so I suspected there could be a problem with the head gasket, so last weekend Matthew and I decided to investigate. We removed the spark plugs to do a compression test, and sure enough, there was a little bit of green coolant sitting on top of the pistons in cylinders 2 and 3. After removing that, the compression test showed it was down 30lbs in those two cylinders, so it's going to be a head-off job to investigate and sort it. It always amazes me how robust the BMC B-series engine is – it can have a fault like that, and show no signs of overheating, and still run relatively well. In fact, they can be absolutely shot and using

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copious amounts of oil, but still start and run like there's nothing really wrong. Little wonder they stayed in production for well over 20 years.

Late in October we also had the All British Day (which we organise), and it was an excellent one this year, even if I do say so myself. Beautiful weather, a superb venue (Kirwee sports reserve), and a big turnout of around 170 cars made the day a great success. More about that in the branch report later.

Also later in this issue (see pages 17, 18 and 19) is the latest update for the National Rally, and a copy of the registration form. I am aware that the motel in Blenheim has now filled up with Wolseley people now, so there are obviously more people coming that we currently have registration forms for, so if you are coming and you haven't yet sent your entry form to me, please do that as soon as possible. Planning is going really well, and the programme is pretty much locked in now, so it's going to be a good one.

Have a good month – the next issue will be out immediately before Christmas, and it will be the last one for 2017. Where has the year gone?

Best regards

Colin

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi members,

A new financial year is well under way for the club with the National AGM being held in Christchurch 7th October. All positions carry on as before so I thank those committee members for their time and commitment. As Michael has said in his report the Auckland Branch is joining with the Lower NI Branch and it is hopeful that Claude and Stephen with others can put together a subcommittee to organise social outings and and send information and photos to Colin for inclusion in the Wolseley



Word. The Lower NI committee has got a large area to now manage so the more the Auckland area can do to support them the better it will be for all members.

The Club has not done any advertising for new members in recent years, yet we still have new members joining, so we are going to place an ad in the Beaded Wheels magazine and see how this goes.

Beryl and I had an interesting drive to the AGM, as I was looking out for Richard Waugh who bought Dave and Mira Sole's 6/110 some time ago. I thought he lived in Herbert but couldn't find him there so carried on to Oamaru. As we came into Oamaru we saw the Wolseley parked in the Countdown car park so called in and parked by it until Richard

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arrived. We were only there for a short time and a Trustpower meter reader came over and looked at the car. He used to own one and talked about the pleasure he had with it. Richard arrived and discussions continued. Richard had thought of selling the car but in

the end decided to keep it and do some tiding up, mechanical and paint work which he is doing at the moment. We also found out he lives in Maheno just south of Oamaru and called by on our way back home. Beryl and I stayed at Allan Frances along with John Mallia. Thanks to Allan for the two nights and good company. It was worrying to hear Allan became very ill a couple of weeks later get well soon Allan! Thanks to the Christchurch Branch Members for coming along to the AGM



and for arranging the venue at the Papanui RSA. After the AGM we went on to Blenheim and revisited many of the places we will be visiting during the National Rally. I am well through with the preparation which is challenging some of my time. Motel accommodation at Cherylea is now virtually full, but there is a large unit that a group may wish to book which could work out well. If Cherylea is unable to accommodate anyone else, Middle Park Motels (email: middle-park@xtra.co.nz) are another option for you. They are approximately 400mtr away from Cherylea and Springlands Tavern. Safe motoring, Gordon Duthie.

> Deadline for next Wolseley Word: (a shortened edition before Christmas) Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 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.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,

This month we went to the National AGM in Christchurch. On arrival we were picked up at the airport by Matthew Hey, then went to the VCC Swap meet at Cutler Park. A massive venue with lots of car parts and memorabilia for sale, swap or to haggle on price about. The only issue was it drizzled all day and a coat was needed. The stall holders were great and most of them kept their stock in a tent or under cover, so there was still lots of things to look at.

I purchased a book, 50 years of the "Mini" for \$5.00 which I thought was a bargain. Raewynn added to

her collection of green glassware. It was a pity we only arrived in Christchurch on the Saturday as I was told Friday was fine and it was very busy.

In the evening the AGM was held in the Papanui RSA. All of the Executive were reelected to their positions. A Remit from the Christchurch Branch on substantially reducing subscriptions was discussed. The general consensus of delegates present was to leave the subscriptions as they are. The Auckland situation was discussed and Gordon updated the AGM - the Auckland branch will officially no longer be administered from Auckland and will become a social association only. All funds will be deposited into the LNI bank Account, and LNI will take over the administration side of Auckland club. Claude is trying to organise a social group in Auckland. It is likely that that the LNI will change their name to North Island Branch of the Wolseley Car Club NZ (Inc). Gordon acknowledged all the work that Noelene and Paul have done for Auckland. An Update on the National Rally based in Blenheim followed - the accommodation filling fast, so it's important to book accommodation asap.

A copy of the minutes of the AGM can be sent to anyone who would like to see them – please email me.

The weekend ended with a long flight home - 5 hours waiting in Wellington Airport and getting home at 10.00pm. Thank you to the Hey family for the hospitality.

Finally, a special note regarding email addresses managed by Vodafone:

Vodafone is going to pull the pin on a number of email addresses - the list I was given is everything ending with the following:

vodafone.co.nz, vodafone.net.nz, ihug.co.nz, wave.co.nz, quik.co.nz, pcconnect.co.nz, paradise.net.nz, clear.net.nz, es.co.nz.

Apparently after November they will no longer work, so if you have any of the above please contact me kruseco@xtra.co.nz with your new Email address.

Happy Wolseleying

Michael



# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island Branch North Island Branch News and Events:

Hi everybody! Hope this report finds everybody well and looking forward to the summer months where we can get out more in our cars. I am writing this report jut after we have returned home for a cruise to the Fiji Islands - we had a wonderful holiday and a great rest. The last time I reported was prior to going to the National AGM in Christchurch. This meeting was well attended with all branches represented. You will find discussion on remits etc. in Michaels report. I would however like to talk a bit more about what is happening with the club in Auckland and joining with the Lower North Island.

- We will organise a meeting to talk about name change of our branch to "North Island Branch" of the Wolseley Car Club and to discuss how being the whole of the North Island Branch of the Club will work.
- Michael and I are happy to do the administration of the club but would not have time to organise events etc., this will be for the club captains and other members.
- There will be a social committee set up for the Auckland members.

My idea was to have a meeting prior to the Sweet Georgia event, but I do realise that everybody is busy this time of year so if this does not work out then the beginning of the year sometime.

To start the ball rolling, Bay of Plenty and Auckland members had a great weekend at Brits at the Beach – a great catch up with members and their precious Wolseleys: Hugh and Bronwyn, Stephen and Janice, Trevor and Adele, Harry and Gay Sutcliffe and their friends. They report that it was a real treat to catch up and travel with a group of enthusiastic members and fellow Wolseley owners; a nice social time too. They visited Grahamstown, after leaving Whangamata for an hour's drive to Thames, in a group run. This was the last time Brits at the Beach it will be held in October, next year will be February, making it easier and a much warmer time of the year.

Club cars were 16/60, 6/110 Mk1, 6/90, and 1300. (Editor's note – photos will be in next month's edition)

That's it from me for now but please call or email if there are any concerns.

Regards – Raewynn



# **Coming Events (Upper North Island):**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December - An invitation to Wolseley Car Club members in the Auckland area from the Rover Car Club of Auckland:

**Sunday 10th December 2017 – Christmas Dinner & Mystery Movie** at 177 Riversdale Road, Avondale. Meet at 12.30 p.m. for meal starting at 1.00 p.m. followed by a movie. Cost is \$30.00 per person (cheaper for children under 12) which includes dinner, dessert

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and movie). Please contact Noeline 2783944 with numbers no later than **3rd December** 2017.

# Special Advance Notice for the 2018 Auckland Brit & Euro Classic Car Show.

This year's event is set to be the biggest to date, with close to 50 classic car clubs and 750 vehicles expected to join in the free fun.

Registrations are now open and we would like to invite the *Wolseley Car Club members* to register. Please note, we would welcome all registrations by 14 February 2018 and we look forward to receiving your registration soon.

Many thanks

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# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island Branch, contd Upper North Island Coming Events, continued:

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Far North Autospectacular, Eastern Rugby Football Grounds, East Street, Taipa

See flyer on page 12 for more information

# Lower North Island:

- Horopito run/Smash Palace to be organised for next January 2018
- LNI/Auckland run to be organised
- Working Bees and committee meetings still to be organised.

Sunday  $21^{st}$  January 2018 - Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show – see below for details



# **Nelson-Marlborough Branch News:**

Planning for the National Rally is now more or less sorted. Our day in Nelson will be Thursday  $8^{th}$  March, so for any branch members that are not able to take part in the full rally, this will be your best opportunity to see the cars and people and perhaps join in for the whole or part of the day. Remember that it is not too late to register for the whole Rally yet – just get the entry form filled out and sent away.

Also note the date for the VCC Swap Meet and display – Saturday 17th February

# **Christchurch Branch News:**

Top of mind at the moment is a few of our members who are not well. Allan Francis was recently in hospital for about three weeks with a very bad case of pneumonia, and was recently told that if he had not been as fit as he was, he may not have survived! From the early part of his hospital stay, and with no close family in Christchurch, our club members stepped in to not only check on how he was getting on, but also to help in lots of practical ways. Allan is now back home and gradually getting his strength back, and he has asked me to pass on his sincere appreciation to everyone involved. He also mentioned that the help and care he received in both Christchurch and Burwood Hospitals was absolutely first class. He is particularly pleased that he has been given the all-clear to be able to drive again.

Others who are in our thoughts are Judith Penny (who is undergoing hospital treatment), the two Dunn brothers (Jock and Colin) who are both very unwell, and Cecily Shanks is also struggling to make it out to events presently. Our thoughts go out to you all. Over the past couple of years Chris McLeay has been busy working away on his Wolseley 1300, and I had the privilege of getting an advanced viewing a couple of weeks ago to provide an insurance valuation. In short, the car looks absolutely stunning – it has had a

beautiful two-tone metallic green paint-job professionally applied, and Chris has made up a very classy custom-made interior, trimmed in leather that wouldn't look out of place in a Rolls Royce. He's made a fantastic job of it all, and once he has WoF and a couple of other jobs out of the way, he's looking forward to to giving it some serious use. It's certain to turn heads at any events he takes it to.

On the activities front, the Swap



Chris McLeay's 1300 – nearly ready for the road.

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Meet this year turned out to be almost a total washout, although those who did make it out there on the Friday were treated with one nice warm day of 'shopping'. As always, it was as much a social occasion as anything, and it was good to catch up with friends and members from all around the country (including John Mallia who came all the way from Melbourne again). The bonus this year was that it was our turn to host the National AGM again, so there were a number of members from all around the country to catch up with again. Our club display once again attracted a number of cars, and although we didn't win

any of the display prizes, we had a good cross-section of models on display. Special mention must go to Danny O'Malley who trailered the 'No Petrol – No Diesel' movie car out there, and set it up as it was displayed on the movie promotional poster, complete with a water-cooler bottle on the roof. I can see it's going to get a lot of mileage at shows in the next few years. The National AGM on the Saturday night of Swap Meet weekend was well attended, with around 25 people present for the dinner and the meeting.



Gordon Duthie, Michael Kruse and John Mallia at the Swap Meet, taking shelter from the rain in the caravan,

It was a good, straight-forward meeting, with only the remit proposed by our branch really causing some interesting discussion. In the end the remit (to substantially reduce subs to try and encourage new members) was lost, and instead it was decided to promote the club through national publications (especially the VCC Beaded Wheels magazine) for 12 months. Some good, positive, discussion was generated, and everyone was happy with the outcome. Congratulations to Gordon Duthie, Michael Kruse, and Paul Billing, who remain on as our President, Secreatary and Treasurer respectively.

The Canterbury All British Day on 29th October was a very good event this year, and about 10 members turned up and flew the Wolseley flag. Perfect weather helped ensure a good turnout of around 170 cars – as usual a huge variety of makes and models attended. The runs this year finished at the Kirwee Sports and Recreation grounds – a large, sheltered and manicured park with excellent facilities, which was ideally suited to the event. It's also reasonably close to Christchurch, so it wasn't too far for everyone to head back home again. This year the event raised just over \$1,000 for the Van Asch Deaf Education Centre, which was a pleasing outcome. Next year will be the 30th Anniversary of the event, and planning is underway to make it a really big event that will attract a turnout that will exceed the 350 vehicles that attended event number 1 back in 1988. The date will be Sunday 28th October 2018, if you want to mark it on your 2018 calendar now.

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On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November we made a visit to the Raspberry Café in Tai Tapu, and around 20 of us enjoyed a very rich afternoon tea sitting around a table on the veranda there. Unfortunately it was a very busy day there so by the time we arrived, a couple of the more popular choices on the menu had run out, however there was still enough of a selection to keep everyone happy. It certainly was a pleasant place to spend an hour and a half on a sunny afternoon.

Last Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> November) the Rolleston Motofest was held – a new event which turned out to be huge. Nearly every car club in Christchurch had it in their calendar, as well as

other 'motor' related clubs from all around the district, and well over 500 vehicles turned up on the day. Our club was represented by several members, all of whom really enjoyed the day. It looks like it's going to be back again next year.



Coming up, we have one more

Some of the Wolseleys on display at the Selwyn Motofest – Graham Quate's 10, Bruce Parker's 6/110, and Matthew Hey's 1500.

event of our own, and another all-comers event, to finish off before the man in the red suit arrives. On 3rd December, there is Trevor Stanley's annual Christmas run, leaving from the Woodland's Café, near Leithfield. This year the distances are reasonably short -57km in the morning, and 23 in the afternoon, so not too taxing on the old machinery! Again, details are below for anyone interested.

Finally, to wrap up the year properly, we're having our own annual Christmas 'do' again at our very own Idlewood on Saturday 9th December. The format will be the same as it has been in the past – the day starts with our normal working bee, then a light BYO lunch, then we clean up and crank up the BBQ for the Christmas party in the afternoon. See all the details below.

Before finishing, we would like to welcome new member Patrick Byone to the club. Patrick has recently purchased a 6/80 from up Amberley way, which it turns out was one Bill Williamson and Eddie Bishop spent an enormous amount of time on for a past member, only to find the car was sold a short time later. It has since been through a couple of owners outside of the club, but it sounds like it is still in good condition. Welcome aboard, Patrick.

# BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, contd Christchurch Branch Coming Events:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Working Bee at Idlewood, followed by our Christmas Barbeque for Members, Partners and family. The final event for 2017! The working bee will get underway a bit later than usual at 10.00am, mainly with the aim of having a tidy-up around the area before the Christmas break. We'll break for a light lunch at 12.00pm (please bring your own), and then about 3.00pm we'll clean up and get the BBQ lit and prepare for a shared tea. There will be plenty of time for anyone to travel home and return later if needed, and for those who can only make it for the afternoon (including wives/partners/family) please come when you can – we will be eating from

about 4.00pm. The sausages will be provided – **please bring your own drink**, and a salad and a dessert to share. It will be on wet or fine – if wet we'll be having it in the garage.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Trevor Stanley's Christmas Picnic Outing.

All the preparatory work has now been done, so we can bring you up to date. This year, given good weather, is going to be a beauty. It's divided into two sections broken by lunch. The event departs from Woodland's Café, corner Ashworths-Beach Road & SH1, Leithfield way.

Registrations from 9.15am to 10.45 am. \$15 per vehicle includes a free NZ Classic Car magazine. Depart in your own chosen time.

We take a drive through a huge new retirement village where the ??? residents await eagerly for us. You will be amazed too! Later in the morning we visit a world renowned private garden in the country. We stop here to lunch in the grounds. Coffee/tea cart & toilets will be on site. (In 43 years or classic car event organising, this is only the second time we have lunched in private gardens). Kms in morning run is 57.

Afternoon run takes us to a private collection of days-gone-bye, relating to the district we will be in, built up over three generations of the same family. For the ladies especially, the interest may lie in a new purpose-built little cottage, showing the collection of vintage and classic prams and dolls.

Final finish is back at the Woodland's Café, where you must be present with your numbered route sheet to be in the chance to win one of many dining vouchers, some complete with chocolates and a bottle of wine. Kms in the afternoon run is 23. Be there or be square.

Trevor & Lorraine

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PS. Please look up our Facebook page, North Canterbury Classic Tour. At last count 378 had 'liked'. Our goal is to see that increased to 500 by end of year. Tell others about it, like people you know with vintage/classic/rare/unusual etc etc vehicles. Thanks to all.

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#### New Years Day at Little River.

This annual event, first thought of many years ago by Annabelle Bain, has become a real destination event for car clubs as well as individuals, and massed invasions by assorted Fords were not quite what was had in mind when the event originally started at the Hororata Pub carpark about 20 years ago. Clearly it fills a need in the motoring calendar, and with a Jazz band tootling away in the background, is always a pleasant way to spend New Years day.

# Southern Region Branch News and Coming events:

Greetings to all from the Deep South. As I'm writing this it is 22degrees and clear blue skies. Here's hoping summer is here or nearly here. Perfect weather to be working on our cars or taking them for a drive. Alas, I'm doing neither as this report needs to be done! At least the garage is open and 'Winnie' is looking at me and making me feel guilty but she'll get some attention later in the day. My brother is due to come around and deal to the front outriggers later in the day, so work is continuing...if slowly.

Our annual display at the Dunedin Autospectacular once again took place on 16th September. Another successful event and plenty of public looking through. Once again our display received plenty of attention with people stopping for a closer look and a talk. Seems older vehicles are still a big attraction for some. Most people commented on days of riding in or owning something similar. See, we're not alone - other people like our cars as well. Cars displayed this year:

The Strong's Hornet Andrew Stone's 18/85 The Duthie's 6/110

Matthew Hey's 1500 Bill Buist 4/44

Actually Gordon cheated and had TWO cars on display...well sort of. Plenty of people spotted the 1/43 model of a 6/110 placed on the dash of his car...I think we could have sold

the model heaps of times! BUT a car did change owners at the show. Andrew Stone wants to concentrate on another project (we won't tell people it's a Jaguar Andrew) so after some bartering with some good humor tossed in, the 18/85 now lives with Colin and Judy Winter. Their collection grows!!! But with some laughing and nonsense going on we got Andrew visiting rights, driving duties if the Winter's need him, and first refusal to buy it back. At least it remains in the club and the Southern region.



Cars on display – the Strong's Hornet is hidden!

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I look forward to next year's Autospectacular and have set the goal of having 'Winnie'

there. The girls are holding me to that, so no excuses accepted.

A notice from Fregus for your calendar next year:

Best of British Charity Motoring Day Dunedin -Sunday 11th March 2018 Further details as they come to hand.....mark it down! Watch also e-mails for a proposed run in maybe December.

Well I'm giving in and gonna go do some meaningful work on a car now (Winnie) so I won't feel so guilty anymore. Regards to all Bryan



The deal is done – Andrew Stone hands over custody of the 18/85 to Colin Winter

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

The Rally Programme has had considerable work done on it over the last month, again 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 all of the venues we'll be visiting and activities we'll be undertaking during the week, as well as lunches and dinners most days.

During the next few weeks we'll be able to notify the final price for participation to all those who have already registered (aiming to get this done before Christmas).

The Rally bank account is now operational, and we can now accept payment of deposits and rally fees. The account details are "Wolseley Car Club", and the account number is 03 1593 0008597 01. (Please be sure to include your name on the deposit).

As mentioned in Gordon's Chairman's report, Motel accommodation at Cherylea is now virtually full, but there is a large unit that a group may wish to book which could work out well. If Cherylea is unable to accommodate anyone else, Middle Park Motels (email: middle-park@xtra.co.nz) are another option for you. They are approximately 400mtr away from Cherylea and Springlands Tavern.

# NATIONAL RALLY UPDATE, continued

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

**Rally Programme** 

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Springlands Tavern,	3pm Registrations,
Bleheim	Meet and greet and drinks.
se s −th	6pm Evening Meal.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	$V_{i}$
	Visit to Yealands Family Wines, 10am Video (10minutes)
	Drive the White Road through the Vineyard. Car and Group Photo.
	Lunch.
Afternoon,	Lunch.
, internoon,	Ron & Shirley Hebbard private museum, featuring a motorcycle collection
	of 140 bikes, and Shirley's collection of Sewing machines, Irons, etc.
	Also Lake Grassmere Salt Works, but only takes 24 people at a time, so not
	everyone will be able to take this option
	Return to Blenheim Via "Redwood Pass" (optional). Gravel Road.
	3.30pm Visit to Basis Auto Spares, Renwick, or casual afternoon around
	town.
	Evening Meal at Springlands Tavern, Blenheim.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Drive to Picton, visit Historic Edwin Fox Ship,
Tucsuay o	Picnic lunch to be supplied, take and have on site.
Afternoon,	Drive Queen Charlotte Drive to Havelock
	Visit "Slip Inn" for afternoon tea.
	Return to Blenheim,
	Evening Meal at Springlands Tavern,
Wednesday 7th	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Vines Village, Sea Chest, Sounds Reflections, "Makana Confections"
	Chocolate Factory,
	Brayshaw Park (Heritage park and VCC headquarters, Parts Shed will be
	Open
	Lunch at Brayshaw Park,
Afternoon,	
	Concours judging, Car-mar-ama and Group Photo if need be.
	Evening Meal at Club Marlborough (buy your own)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
<u>I nui suay o</u>	Drive to Nelson, early start departing Blenheim 8am,
	World of Wearable Arts (WOW), and Car Museum,
	Lunch, Buy your own at WOW.
Afternoon,	
	Visit to Hoglund Glass, Appleby, Richmond.
	Return back to Blenheim options are returning via the same highway you
	came, or via "Top House Historic Inn", Tophouse Road St Arnaud and the
	Wairau Valley.
	Fish n Chips Night, Buy your own.
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#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

	Visit to Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre - Knights of the Sky WW1 aircraft collection, and Dangerous Skys WW2 Collection, followed by the Private
	Omaka Classic Car Museum.
	Lunch (provided)
Afternoon,	
	Wine Tour, or Boat Trip on the Taylor River.
	Evening meal, Prize Giving at Springlands Tavern.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	
	Breakfast and depart.

Please note that when booking your accommodation in Blenheim, you will need to book 6 nights from Sunday 4th to Friday 9th March inclusive.

For those travelling from or south of Christchurch, we are currently arranging an *optional* overnight stop in Hanmer Springs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. From there we can either take the Lewis Pass route if SH1 through Kaikoura is looking unreliable, or go through Kaikoura if all is looking good. The preference is definitely for the latter.

With only 3 months to go, time is disappearing quickly. It is definitely not too late to register, and a copy of the registration form is included with this newsletter.

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: Mary & Ivan McCutcheon <windrode140@gmail.com>

#### Late model SU fuel pump Modification

The later model SU fuel pumps which have the plastic inlet and outlet have a habit of cracking or leaking. There appears to be no-one making replacement parts.

I have machined up some new ones for my 6/110 fuel pump made out of brass. These work well and some people may be interested in knowing about it. My ones won't break or split and will easily outlast the pump itself.



Above new units fitted.



Units ready to fit, with the original old ones at back

#### FROM THE IN-BOX - continued..

The hose connections are a standard brass fitting with 1/8" BSP fitting which are tapped into the hole and then soldered to make sure there are no leaks.

#### 6/80 and 4/44 Dashboard knobs

Found this web site attached to ebay which has the 6/80 and 4/44 's. They have a range of letters on the not cheap at around \$10 each. Some members may be They can be found on this site: <a href="http://www.superdoopercheap.co.uk">http://www.superdoopercheap.co.uk</a>

**Regards Ivan** 

#### From Derek Brehaut <derek@dlbenterprises.co.nz>

#### Hi Colin

I thought I would send an update through before the 6/90 body goes off to the paint shop. Close to a year has flown by since I did the last update on my self-imposed three year restoration of our 6/90 series 111. On the surface it would appear little has changed other than a major review of my initial budget. But there has been progress with the starter motor and generator reconditioned and fitted and a custom exhaust made complete with new flexible sections where the originals were. This has nearly completed the chassis and mechanicals. I mucked up the fitting of a new fuel line, crimping the line where it should have had a bend under the drive shaft, and need to start that again.

The body is now back from the panel shop having had the remainder of the rust removed, the engine bay painted and the front guards fitted. I have managed to mig- weld most of the self-tapper screw holes in the body used to hold the old carpet in place as we were unlikely to use them again. I still need to complete stripping the old paint off a couple of doors and the bonnet along with some auxiliary panels, then it's off to the paint shop. The plan is to have the paint job completed by Christmas (this year). The paint job is going to be as near to the original Swiss Grey as we can get it, unless my painter can persuade me otherwise (and he's trying to). The engine bay has already been done in Swiss Grey, but it can easily be changed.

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knobs for end but are interested.

# FROM THE IN-BOX - continued ...

The upholstery is now underway although this won't be completed until the paint job is finished and the car is nearly complete.

The dash has had a new walnut veneer fitted which is now waiting on some warmer weather to complete the plastic coating and polish. Third time lucky for the veneer on the glove box though, as the first one moved when clamped and the second attempt was not clamped firm enough resulting in a couple of small bumps which could not be flat sanded.

The new wiring loom ordered from England arrived this week but the chrome plating being done here in Canterbury is proving to be an exercise in patience, something I don't have a lot of. Hopefully it will all fall into place as I need it.

In the meantime it's sanding and painting auxiliary parts such as the dash mounting brackets, heater etc. There are still a few things needed as we start the reassembly and I would be grateful if anyone knows where a spare rear window chrome insert could be sourced.

**Regards Derek** 

# **NEW BOOK – WOLSELEY 6/90**

The Wolseley Register has just published a new book - Wolseley 6/90 - A Super Profile. Written by Jeffrey Bridges and Bernie Peal, the book contains all the background and technical information for this enduring model. It is not a workshop manual or a handbook,

but rather a detailed history of the model, it's production changes and specifications – a publication that any Wolseley enthusiast will appreciate especially of course 6/90 owners. There are also many, many photographs and illustrations. Ten chapters supported by several appendices cover the history, specification (including Police livery), development and production of the Wolseley 6/90. Two additional chapters are devoted to the Pathfinder and 2.6 models. The pages contain many colour and black and white images including illustrations from sales brochures, advertisements and modern photographs of cars belonging to Register members.

Our NZ Club has ordered 10 copies, which will hopefully be signed by the author and here very soon. Four have already been sold. Until they are landed we're not sure of the price, but they will be somewhere around the \$30 mark. Please contact Allan Francis (Ph 03 323



7559; email allan.betty@xtra.co.nz if you would like to order a copy.

# **MICHAEL GAFFANEY'S WOLSELEY 618/85**

Last year I purchased a 1968 Wolseley 18/85. I had been looking for a vehicle of the 1950/60 era that I could use on an everyday basis, if necessary. My other old car, a1925 Hupmobile Straight 8 Roadster was not the sort of car to use running down to the local supermarket.

The previous owner of the Wolseley, the late Mr Sullivan had purchased the Wolseley new and covered 124,000 miles. The car had received little use in recent times with just 40 miles covered between the last 2 warrants of fitness.

The first issue was to establish why a new battery was not holding the charge. The culprit was the generator. Then the fuel line needed cleaning out. A new petrol pump and filter was installed and the carburettor cleaned out. The power steering unit was leaking so it was sent up to Auckland for reconditioning and seems to be leak free at present. A number of hoses were replaced and the car was cruising happily at 100k's per hour. In the last month some electrical problems emerged with a fuse continually blowing. The windscreen wipers, indicator lights and dashboard gauges were not working so a trip to the auto electrician saw a new regulator installed and some connections cleaned up which has hopefully fixed the problem. A loose contact inside the indicator switch appears to have



been the problem. The headlights, tail lights and interior lights were unaffected. A subsequent run at night had all systems working so here's hoping. There are other matters that need attention, namely the rear number plate housing is cracked and the gasket is shot. Likewise the rubbers for the rear quarterlights need replacing. Also needing attention is the front passenger window regulator, the windscreen washer pump is not working nor is the

clock battery or the heater tap on the front of the engine block. I will start searching for these items. The interior upholstery is original and in quite good order. The exterior paint work has some blemishes but I prefer to leave as is. Having a car in concours condition does not hold any appeal for me. I prefer the original state. The Hupmobile has been restored mechanically but the bodywork left virtually untouched. Previously I was in the Daimler Car Club and attended their first rally in Nelson in 1980.

While I was not specifically looking for a Wolseley I am pleased with the purchase and an added bonus is the friendly nature of members in what seems to be a well-run club. Michael Gaffaney.

### **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.

**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 For Sale** – Auto, and white in colour with blue interior, in mostly original condition. Reconditioned engine approx. 2 years ago. Bodywork very good. Could could do with some cosmetic work to make it excellent, but on the whole a very tidy and reliable car that can be taken on any event with confidence. Contact Simon on 02111504789 for more details – car is in Christchurch. (Member)

#### 1963 Wolseley 6/110 for sale.

Previously owned by my father (Kevin Poppe), a member of the Lower North Island Branch. It runs well, though I haven't used it for about 5 years. Registration on hold. It has a boot full of spare parts - many of them new, which dad had bought over the years. Car is located in Le Bons Bay, Banks Peninsula. Open to reasonable offers. I also have a 1974 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow for sale if anyone is interseted. Contact Russell Poppe, Phone 03 304 7172.



**Wolseley 12 Parts for sale** - Full working motor, last fired up circa 1986, in dry storage since. Motor, carb, starter (possibly), generator (possibly). (Possibly) means that I will keep these if I have to scrap the motor and other parts. Also:

Gearbox, still attached to motor Front axle Rear axle incl diff Some chrome and wood interior parts too

Will need to pick up from Wellington. Contact Elmar Gailitis, Phone 027 247 2674.



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