

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

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Merv and Marylin Wayne's lovely 6/80 at a recent Christchurch Branch event

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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NATIONAL AGM NOTICE Saturday 12th October 2019

The 2019 **National AGM** of the Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc will take place in Christchurch on Saturday 12th October, the same weekend as the Canterbury Swap Meet.

The meeting will be held at the Papanui RSA, entry off Bellvue Ave, or off Harewood Road about 20m west of the Papanui Road intersection.

The evening will start from 5.00pm with a social time (bar will be open) and at 6.00pm with a meal (approx. \$20 per head) – we need to provide numbers for this, so please advise Stuart Penny by email or phone (03 313 4454) if you will attend.

The Annual General Meeting will begin at around 7.00pm. You do not have to come to the meal, but we would like as many as possible to come to the meeting.

Apologies to Michael Kruse, email kruseco@xtra.co.nz

Remits to be put to the AGM

As discussed at the Wolseley Car Club's (Christchurch Branch) Annual General Meeting on Sunday 28th July 2019

PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION 1

"That a new position on the National Executive Committee be created, to be titled Promotions and Publicity Coordinator".

OBJECTIVE OF REMIT

To give license to a skilled person within the club to market and promote the "Wolseley" movement and the benefits of Wolseley Car Club membership in different medias that would gain exposure to the public in the modern world we now live.

This would include coordination of or undertaking the Webmaster role, any other written and social media, parts promotion (sourcing, availability and despatch), and regional branch activities. This would assist to combat flagging membership in all Branches and generally boost interest in Wolseley motor vehicles as a useable and collectible asset.

PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION 2

"That the first year of annual subscription for new (joining) members of the Wolseley Car Club NZ (Inc) be \$10.00, and the fee for subscription renewals after the first year be \$30.00, as identified in Section 4 in the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

These fees for subscription are the amounts payable only should the member elect to receive the publication of the "Wolseley Word" electronically - if there are members who wish to receive a monthly 'hard copy' of the publication, the new member and annual subscription will remain at \$50.00 per annum".

OBJECTIVE OF REMIT

To incentivise and encourage all owners of Wolseley vehicles, particularly younger people and members of other motoring clubs, to join the Wolseley Car Club, and for all current financial members to continue renewal of membership going forward. The club's biggest expense is printing and distribution of the Wolseley Word, so by sending this electronically, substantial annual savings will be possible which will offset the reduced subscription fee. In effect, there may be some subsidisation for the first year of membership, but this needs to happen to try and grow the membership base of the club.

EDITOR'S STUFF

The past month has been well and truly taken up helping get this year's Swap Meet up and running, and by the time everyone gets to read this newsletter it will either be happening or it will be finished. Personally, I just look forward to the Sunday evening knowing that we've got it all over and done with for another year. It will also be good to have the National AGM once again, and to catch up with those from our own club who do travel to be in Christchurch for the same weekend. Now the weather is getting warmer it's time to start enjoying the open cars again. The Hornet Special got its first run for the season at the BLMC rally, which was a very pleasant day out.



There is a bit more news about that in the Christchurch Branch report later in the newsletter. I've also had both of the veteran Wolseleys out of the shed and fired up – both started easily despite not having been run since June. The 1909 car (Duckworth) needs a couple of small jobs done, as we're taking it down to the VCC National Veteran Rally in Timaru at the end of October. The main thing I want to do is fit a hand throttle to stop it from stalling when it's cold or warming up. It has to be able idle very slowly when it's warm so the engine slows enough to change gear easily, but with the idle speed set to enable that, it won't idle when the engine is cold. I bought an old-style Bowden cable motorcycle choke control lever off Trade Me that I'm now part-way through fitting up to sort that problem out. After we do Timaru, we'll leave the car in the trailer down there, and collect it two weeks later to take to Clyde for the Single and Two-cylinder Veteran Run in Central Otago. We may yet leave it in Oamaru on the way home for our combined Wolseley Car Club run with the Southern Region members in Oamaru for the Heritage Weekend in November.

Unfortunately there has been no progress on securing a new cylinder head for the 1500



Unsuccessful attempt at repairing the Derrington head. The top section was cut open, but this still didn't allow enough room to gain access the full length of the crack.

race car. The US supplier keeps giving me excuses that they are still waiting for the foundry to cast the next batch of 20 (which they apparently already have 18 orders for), but this has been going on for 3 months now. Meanwhile the race season has started, so it's a bit frustrating not having the car going, as I've missed two events already and am becoming adrenalindeprived! It's also good to 'support the cause', as there are

fewer and fewer entries in the historic and classic classes nowadays.

EDITOR'S STUFF - continued

Last week I spent the week away on the West Coast doing our annual drive-over of the state highway network, so we drove the whole 800-odd km (most if it in both directions) getting our work programme for next year and the following 3 put together. The weather was perfect for most of the 4 days we were out there, and I couldn't help but think how nice it would have been touring along the whole of the West Coast in a classic car, stopping off maybe in Westport, Hokitika and the Glaciers for at least a night in each on the way. An open car would be even better, provided the weather was reasonable for most of the time. It really is stunning scenery, and would have to rate as one of the best drives in the world. Must add that to the bucket list. It's days like that that I feel very privileged to work for NZTA and get to do things like that, but doing it in a classic and in our own time would be just magic.

Later in the newsletter is another episode of 'Gary Goes to the Autospectacular'. It's not very PC but it is funny even if I do say so myself, so I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing it.

Have a good month, and get those Wolseley wheels rolling. Colin

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

Friday 1st November 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi members,

I am at the moment putting together my annual report for the Nat AGM in Christchurch this weekend. It will be in the next issue of the Wolseley Word. I am looking forward to meeting up with everyone at the the swap meet and or at the AGM. In my last report I showed photos of my cars engine bay before painting and after the new 6/110 engine, all painted and in place. I am very pleased with this engine after the work I did fitting the sleeves the Ivan had machined into the



leaking oil galleries that leaked oil into the water. I have taken it to Milton with the caravan in tow for warrants and away to Waikouiti with the South Otago vintage car club on the opening run that I organise for the club every year. We were very lucky with the weather on the day which was sunny considering that two days before there was snow down low on the hills and very cold. There is no oil in the water so fitting the sleeve's has worked very well. There is a shudder in the clutch which I am going to have to deal with.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - continued

about time with our cars coming up keep in mind the stories and photos and send them to Colin for the Wolseley Word. We would like to hear your stories.

Thanks to all of our members for their support.





Engine bay being refurbished while the engine was out (left), and now all put back together again, new engine installed.

renewed your membership get it done as October is the last month you will receive the Wolseley Word if you don't. Contact the club representative for your area inside the front page of the Word or if not sure contact National Sec or Myself. Take care on the roads, for us.

If you haven't yet

Enjoy the Spring, Gordon Duthie

SECTRETARY'S REPORT

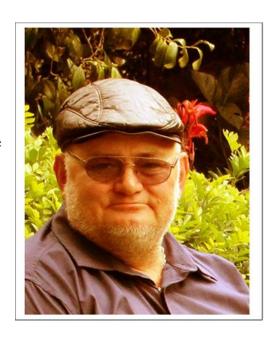
Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,

The National AGM is this weekend October 12th in Christchurch if you can get there it would great to see you. I have been gathering reports and getting ready for the trip. It will be great to catch up with everyone.

Reawynn & I have been putting the finishing touches to the North Island Wolseley Garden run. Driving around the gardens for a second time to check the accuracy of the instructions. It is very easy to make one little mistake and get everyone lost. So, we are endeavouring to make it accurate as possible. Gordon is working hard with Lee Brehaut to get the web site up and running again.

I wish to thank Ray for all his hard work and effort with the national parts shed over the years. All the best to Colin and Nick who have stepped into this role.

Happy Wolseleying Michael Kruse



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS

North Island Region

Hello Wolseley friends

Hello folks, recently I sent out the registration form for the Garden run being organised in New Plymouth, hope members are able to make this event and come to the club Christmas Dinner. Michael and I have driven around twice and have planned a great day for everybody's enjoyment, we do need your forms by Friday 1st November so we can advise





the restaurant of numbers and know how many lunches we need.

Juts on another note Michael and I love to watch the older crime programmes and movies and a Wolseley always seems to pop up as a Police car, I thought I would look a few of these cars up on the internet for interest's sake. I am sure a lot of you have seen Wolseley's in the older programmes that you have watched.

A mid-1950s Wolseley 6/80 used for police publicity work.

A 1956 Wolseley 6/90 in service with London's Metropolitan Police Force.

Another Metropolitan Police Force car, this time 1965 Wolseley 6/110 MkII automatic photographed in Trafalgar Square.

That's all from me this month and please consider coming to the Garden Run.



Regards Raewynn

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island Region, continued

The Auckland Rover Car Club would like to extend an invitation to Wolseley Car Club members to join them in the following event:

Saturday 30th November 2019 – Movie evening and roast dinner at Ryders, at 177 Riversdale Road Avondale.

Meet from 5.00 p.m. for dinner at 5.45 p.m. prior to a movie. Cost is \$35.00 per adult which includes the roast dinner, dessert and movie. This is always a popular event. Please advise Noeline Billing 9636516 or 0274531049 of your attendance no later than 24 November 2019.

Also, don't forget the **Bay of Plenty Swap Meet**, to be held at 29 Cliff Road, Tauranga, on Sunday 3rd November, 7.00am to 2.00pm

ART DECO WEEKEND 2020 A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM HBVCC



Come to Napier and join the HBVCC for Art Deco Weekend 2020 from February 20th -23rd. Kindly sponsored again this year by Euro City Ltd

In 2020 the Featured Group will be an A-Z of

Motor Vehicles. We are aiming to have a motor vehicle representing each letter of the alphabet. This may be a make or model. There will be a mixture of cars, commercials and motorcycles. Also we expect a mix of veterans, vintage and PV's... manufactured in UK, Europe and USA.

We currently have several cars coming in 2020 that have not been to ADW before. These include NZ's second Duesenberg, our first L29 Cord, and a Stutz to name a few.

We are still looking for a "Napier" vehicle to represent the letter "N". I am also trying to find the owner of the Willys Knight roadster circa 1929-31 era that has the unusual paint design on the doors. We would also like to get leads on vehicles or vehicle models starting with letters Q, U, X, Y, Z. Please email any leads or ideas to stevetrott@xtra.co.nz asap.

For 2020 the annual rally is again on Friday and we plan to have a touring run plus a picnic lunch at a great lunch venue. On Saturday we will have the morning tea and car show and popular choice at the HBVCC clubrooms, followed by the grand parade. Sunday events include a breakfast surprise at the HBVCC clubrooms and the Gatsby picnic in the afternoon. There are many other ADT events to choose from on Friday and Saturday nights. Come and join the other 180 plus club eligible vehicles we expect to enter the 2020 Event.

Go to the HBVCC website for an Entry Form. (www.hbvcc.org.nz). Entry forms for 2020 are available now. Accommodation in Napier is already filling up for Art Deco Weekend so book now to avoid disappointment. We suggest you plan to arrive in Napier on Thursday 20th so you can attend the Dinner at the Clubrooms that evening. We have prizes for the best dressed couples again this year.

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STEVE DONOVAN stevedon@xtra.co.nz

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - NELSON BRANCH

Reg Nicholson took me to our AGM at Bryan Stansbury's. Our Committee remains the same. I am President, Bryan Secretary/Treasurer and the Committee is the rest of the members. We stopped on the way home for photos of his smart newly painted 1948 Wolseley 18/85 with new upholstery.

Ollie Reid



Christchurch Branch News:

Both of our last two working bees have been wet days, so it was a bit difficult to do some of the more "outdoor" tasks. The September one was spent sorting through our numerous parts books, locating the most up-to-date versions with all of the hand-amended notes and superseded parts numbers listed inside of them. The aim was to get these put into the main bookshelf in No.1 container so they can be referenced by either Nick or myself when we go looking for parts there. We will keep spare copies for each model aside for now, and eventually we may be able to offer surplus ones for sale to members.

At the working bee last weekend (5th October) we concentrated on sorting out a load of scrap metal to be taken away, and the trailer was soon filled with enough to make the first trip to the scrappie. Unfortunately Graham Quate had the misfortune to drop a crossmember on his foot, and broke his big toe rather badly. He is now recuperating at home with his foot in plaster, but has already seen the bright side of it, in that he can now justify sitting on the couch watching Bathurst all of next weekend. Perhaps a timely reminder though that we must not take some of the tasks we do as volunteers at our spares sheds too lightly, and be careful out there.

While all of that was going on. the engine mounts on Mike Dickison's 1300 were also replaced in readiness for getting the car back on the road again. The lower RH side one had fractured right through the middle of the rubber section, also causing a split in the

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, continued

front upper mount, so it was a job that needed doing before progressing with any more work. We also checked the whole car out for rust, and only found a very small blister in the drivers' side lower front guard just behind the wheel arch (a very common place), and none any where else on the car, so it is a very sound example indeed. Mike is going to replace the brake master cylinder and the rear wheel cylinders next, and then it can be properly road tested and hopefully taken for a WoF.

Our one run for the month was the BLMC Rally, this year organised by the Morris Owners Club. Forty cars took part in the run, which this year left from Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30 in the morning. The full run took everyone up to the Summit Road from there, and carried on through to Gebbies Pass to Greenpark and Lincoln, eventually finishing at the Vintage Machinery Club grounds in McLeans Island, right next door to our own Idelwood. Some of us took a slight short-cut and an easier route through Halswell, around the Old Tai Tapu Road to Tai Tapu and then Lincoln, to carry on with the instructions there to the VMC grounds. The weather was absolutely perfect – warm with a very slight NW wind, and we had to search for a bit of shade at the finish. On the day the VMC were having their big public open day, so there were 100 or so tractors out on display, lots of bits of machinery and engines running, and all the sheds were open with displays of models and all sorts of stuff. It all finished with a grand parade at 2.30pm – not too many spectators except the VMC members themselves – but it was a good day out and great to share it with our like-minded BLMC enthusiasts. Our thanks to the Morris Owners Club (especially Tony Becker) for organising it, and for this year expanding it from it's previous BMC status to include all of the BLMC cars. This of course meant that Rovers, Triumphs, Jaguars and Daimlers could also take part, although in reality anyone in a classic car of any make would have been welcome to take part. Any excuse to get an old car out on a run is a good one!



The BLMC run finish point at the Vintage Machinery Club – most marques were represented.

And now for some member news and gossip. First of all, huge congratulations to Eddie and Nancy Bishop who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family last

weekend. This was kept pretty quiet, but Eddie confided to me that he was having trouble writing a speech to give at the function and needed peace and quiet to get it done, so finished it off at Idlewood after we'd all gone home after the last working bee. We all know how much the pair of them do for our club, and I'm sure this is only a fraction of what they have achieved over their 60 years together, so well done both of you. Eddie was telling me they even got a letter from Jacinda and one from the Queen, so someone high up the chain obviously appreciates their hard work over the years!

For those who avidly watch Wolseley listings on Trade Me, you will probably have seen a Wolseley Hornet (Mini) and a 16/60 listed by Dutton Garage in Christchurch, for \$18,990



and \$19,990 respectively. These are both cars from Danny O'Malley's collection, somewhat reluctantly traded to down-size his collection to a more manageable size. As Danny says, they are both low-mileage unmolested examples that would be almost impossible to replace, hence Dutton's asking price. For those of us who restore or even do serious maintenance work on our classic cars, we will be aware that it doesn't take long to spend lots of money keeping them on the road, let alone

bringing them up to anything like original condition. If anyone is interested in either of them, call Dutton's and have a chat to them.

Meanwhile Danny still has the 6/90 Police car and the "No Petrol No Diesel" Wolseley 1300 movie car which runs on water, plus still a very comprehensive collection of other cars, so he's quite happy and not quite ready for the sanitorium yet (his words, not mine). Colin Hey

Christchurch Branch Coming Events:

Saturday 14 September - Working Bee at Idlewood

Our usual working Bee at Idlewood. Everyone is welcome to come along to help with spares or maintenance, collect parts, or just socialise. From 9.30am at 771A Mcleans Island Road. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch if you want to stay on for the Committee meeting at 12.30 after lunch – all welcome.

Sunday 29th September - BLMC Rally

This year organised by the Morris Owners Club. Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.00am. A scenic run will depart from there, finishing at Keating Park (Vintage Machinery Club grounds), McLeans Island Road, where a large open day will be happening with lots to see and do. Please bring a picnic lunch. Cost is only \$5.00 per car, which covers the cost of Keating Park. This run has been extended to include all BLMC variants, including Rover, Triumph and Jaguar, so it should be a good outing.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch, continued

Weekend of 11th, 12th and 13th October - Swap Meet Display

We will be looking for Wolseleys for the display, so please contact Stuart Penny and let him know if you can assist. Days and times will be to suit you, but it's quite safe leaving your car there overnight (security is provided by the VCC). Note that we are not having a selling site this year – just the display.

Saturday 12th October - National AGM and Dinner

The evening will be held at the Papanui RSA, entry off Bellvue Ave, or off Harewood Road about 20m west of the Papanui Road intersection.

The evening will start from 5.00pm with a social time (bar will be open) and at 6.00pm with a meal (approx. \$20 per head) – we need to provide numbers for this, so please advise Stuart Penny by email or phone (03 313 4454) if you will attend. The AGM meeting will begin at around 7.00pm. You do not have to come to the meal, but we would like as many as possible to come to the meeting.

Sunday 27th October - Club outing to the Innagural VCC Grasskhana event, VCC grounds, McLeans Island

Meet at in the VCC grounds at 11.00am to watch the inaugural running of a VCC grasskhana event there. If you're a VCC member you will be able to take part, but just being a spectator should be a bit of fun. Bring a picnic lunch with you and a chair. After the event is over we will go to a café or pub nearby to finish the day off. This is labour weekend, and if it is wet the event will be held the next day (Labour Day, Monday).

Saturday 9th November - Working Bee at Idlewood

Sunday 10th November - Canterbury All British Day – mark this date in your diary now so you don't miss this event. The runs start at the VCC grounds – arrive there between 9.30 and 10.00am – the run finishes at a country domain not far from town. Entry fee is only \$10 per car, with all proceeds going to Van Asch Deaf Education Centre. Bring a picnic lunch. The event will be held wet or fine.

Weekend of 15th, 16th and 17th November (Show Weekend) – Weekend trip to Oamaru Heritage Festival. See separate notice on Page 19

Other Christchurch-Based Events

Saturday 19th October - Car Show, Cashmere Green, Dyers Pass Road,

This is a fundraising event organised by the Cashmere Residents Association, and they have asked if we can provide 4 cars for the display. Cars will be on the park area beside the old stone Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 10.00am to 4.00pm. (total to be over 100). If you can help, please contact Stuart Penny. Gold coin entry for spectators

Southern Region Branch Report News and Events:

It seems as soon as I finish one report another one is due. Time has a habit of catching up on you or maybe it's because I'm getting older!

Not much to report this month but a reminder if anyone is interested in the weekend trip to Oamaru Friday 15th - Sunday 17th November please let Fergus Sime or Colin Hey know. At this stage I don't even know if I can make with work being extremely busy. Boy I can't wait till I semi retire next year!

On 7th September the Southern Region displayed at the very popular annual Autospectacular show in Dunedin. After missing out last year, we were determined not to miss out this year. And as expected, once again a huge success. The show just gets better and better. No wonder there is a waiting list of people to fill any gaps if others pull out or are unable to make it. But make it we did this year, with five cars on display. From Christchurch we once again were pleased to welcome Colin, Jenny and Matthew Hey with Matthews 1500 and Colin and Jennys 1933 Hornet Special. The other Colin and wife Judy Winter joined in with their 1100 plus I finally got to attend in our own car the 16/60. Left us one short and Mary-Jane Sime (with some coaxing from Fergus) kindly bought her Austin Westminster (Iris) along to round out the display. Big and grateful thanks to all and other members who called in to support the display. Fergus was saying some folks after looking at the Westminster, said they had owned an Austin Cambridge and he could show them the 16/60 and explain the differences between it and a Cambridge. And this is what made this year a bit different I feel. People seemed to be spending more time looking at and showing more interest in the 'bread and butter' cars and not the 'flashier'ones. At least that's what I noticed. Maybe because that's what they can relate to more.



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – SOUTHERN REGION, contd.





Spreading the word at the Autospectacular – (from left) Judy Winter, Gordon Duthie, Colin Winter and Fergus Sime. Photos from Bryan Kelly.

That's about all folks Regards to all Bryan

Here are some dates of future car shows:

- 19 October Riverton Car Show (see poster on next page)
- 2 November Kaitangata Car Show
- 17 November Mataura Car Show

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Southern Region, continued

• 24 November Otago Hospice Charity Cruise

Some of these I have more details on. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested and want to go and/or enter.

Thanks.

Fergus



Special Notice Regarding Spare Parts

As has already been communicated in the past, at the end of July Ray Willoughby retired from the role of Spare Parts Coordinator. The role is for the foreseeable future going to be taken over by Nick Stevenson, with help from Colin Hey.

From now on, if you can, please email spares requests to the following address:

wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com

If you want to talk in person to Nick or Colin, the phone numbers are as follows:

Nick Stevenson: 027 431 5661 Colin Hey: 021 883807 or 03 359 8737

Please note that both Colin and Nick have day jobs, so please, if at all possible, make your phone calls during the evening, after 7.30pm and before 9.00pm

REGALIA SALES AND LIBRARY LOANS

For any Wolseley Car Club regalia (caps, shirts, badges, books etc), and for any Wolseley-related books or technical information, please contact Danny O'Malley on 03 3244421 or 021 498 162.

Danny is currently doing an inventory of current stock and is thinking of running some specials on some stock that has been sitting around a while. Look out for a list in later editions of the Wolseley Word.

Danny can also provide copies of handbooks, workshop manuals, and parts books for most Wolseley models, either to loan or photocopies. Some general information Wolseley-related books are also available to loan – please just ask him.







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.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT OAMARU Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November 2019

An invitation is extended to all members (especially Christchurch and Southern Region members) to attend a weekend in Oamaru from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November. The weekend will be very relaxed. Friday will be the travel from home day, and we will meet on Friday evening for dinner and a social time.

On Saturday morning the North Otago VCC Swap Meet will be held, so we will visit that first thing in the morning; later morning is free for you to choose something to do yourself.

We will meet again and then view the Grand Street Parade at 12pm, and then have a run somewhere local (TBA) in the afternoon, meeting again for dinner that evening (possibly a BBQ).

On Sunday we will visit the Victorian Fete in Oamaru's Victorian Precinct from 10am, and people will be able to leave that when they wish to travel back home again. For more information on the full weekend Heritage programme, please go to: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/932434 7bc64dee043c46bda2d5b28b17889706.pdf More details will be provided in the next Wolseley Word, but in the meantime if you would like to attend, please get your accommodation sorted asap, as it is rapidly filling up.

For those Southern Region members who intend to go, please advise Fergus Sime; for Christchurch Branch members or anyone further north, please contact Colin Hey.

Gary Goes to the Autospectacular (again) By Gary Mannequin

It had been two long years since my last excursion to the Dunedin Autospectacular. In fact I hadn't been out of Number 3 Container at Idlewood since my last visit to Dunedin in 2017, as there are not many occasions in Christchurch that warrant an outing, especially nowadays that there is no Classic Car Show there any more. Consequently I was feeling a little bit left out, stuck down in my shared office at the back of the container, plastic bag over my head to keep the dust off, and with that mangy old white tea-shirt on that's getting a bit grubbier with every year that goes by. Still, I'm not one to complain – I just stay quiet in the knowledge that one day once again I'll get to head off on an outing of some sort that few other mannequins ever get to be part of. That's one advantage of not ageing – time is on my side!

At the August working bee and committee meeting the container door was open, and I overheard Colin Hey saying he, Jenny and their son Matthew were heading down to Dunedin once again to meet the Southern Region Branch members and to display their cars at the Autospectacular event there on 7th September. Last time I went, I stole the show riding on board Colin & Judy Winters' 1900 Wolseley, so I was kind of hoping that once

again I'd get to go and be the centre of attention. I also heard that Danny & Sharon O'Malley were going to take their recently purchased Bentley down there – Danny was planning on doing a few minor modifications to it in the motel car park there. Allan Francis was also intending to go. Sadly, at the end of the meeting and working bee the container door was shut, and I thought I'd been forgotten about once again.

However, on 31st August I heard some cars pull up outside. It was Nick Stevenson and Colin Hey, who had called into Idlewood to sort some parts out for some dude down south, and sure enough, the container door opened, Colin walked in and roughly picked me up and shoved me face-forward into the rear seat of his Ranger. "Your shirt's a bit grubby, Gary", he remarked – "never mind, we'll find something a bit tidier to put over it and you'll look pretty cool". It was my lucky day – off on another adventure!

Well, I didn't know it at the time, but I was to spend the next 5 days face-down in the back of his bloody truck. He parked it in town for two days in a row in the sun – Jesus it was hot in there! I tried to get the voice-controlled phone in is truck to dial 111, but it wouldn't work – it obviously doesn't understand my Mannequin Blah Blah Blah accent! But on the Thursday night things took a turn for the better. The Ranger was backed up and connected to a large trailer, and I heard the rumbling exhaust of the Wolseley Hornet Special being driven into the trailer, and the clatter of ratchet tie-downs being used to secure the car in the trailer.

The next day at 8.00am, the Ranger was opened, and a couple of overnight bags were biffed in beside me, one for Jenny and one for Colin. I hoped there was something amongst them for me, as I didn't want to have to go on show in that grubby white tee-shirt. Even going nude would have been better than that!

With the door open, I saw Matthew arrive to collect his maroon & beige 1500. He checked the oil and water one last time, as a couple of nights earlier Colin & Matthew had been busy replacing a frost plug in the engine. Tools, a fire extinguisher (needed for the Autospecatcular show, but good to have on board just in case) and other things were stowed in the boot, and we were ready to go.

Jenny locked the front door of the house, and I heard Colin say to Matthew "you follow me, and I'll keep an eye out in my mirror for you". Well, I might only be a mannequin, but I'd sure as hell not want to take one of my eyes out and put it in a mirror! Then I think I understood what he meant. Blah Blah Blah is a much simpler language!

So off we went. The plan was to have a first stop in Ashburton for fuel and coffee at the BP station there. Leaving West Melton, we were soon onto SH1 in Rolleston, and heading south. Cruising along at 90km/h we were making good time. Soon though, I heard Colin say "I wish Matthew would keep up with me – I can't see him in my mirror any more!" So we stopped in Rakaia and waited for him to catch up. About 5 minutes went by, and Colin said "something has happened, I'd better check my phone". Sure enough, there was a message from Matthew. "Lost power and stopped. All sorted now, and on my way". About 5 minutes later Matthew pulled up behind us. He said one of the wires to the coil had come loose. Obviously it had been bumped when they were replacing the frost plug (it's hard to find good mechanics nowadays), but it had been easy to track down, as Matthew had noticed the rev-counter had been fluctuating just before the engine cut out. From then on Colin made Matthew travel in front.

Soon we were in Ashburton. The Ranger and the 1500 were both refuelled, but I got nothing. But I didn't mind – us mannequins can live on fresh air! Colin got talking to the

owners of a big beautiful dark blue 1932 Lincoln who were also refuelling there. It was left-hand drive, and had recently been imported from the USA where it had been bought at an auction. They were also going to the Autospectacular, where their car was to be part of the Packard Club display. Pity they didn't have a foxy-lady mannequin on board – I maybe could have swapped cars and chatted her up – I'm sure she would understand Blah Blah Blah.

We set off again, next stop was to be in Oamaru for lunch. The weather was cold and a bit showery, but we made good time again, and arrived there right on 12pm. Finding a park for the Ranger and transporter close to town was a bit of a mission, but we found one close to the old railway station and Colin & Jenny & Matthew walked to a café for lunch. I was left to guard the two cars, but there was absolutely no sign of any trouble. Oamaru looks to be a very clean and safe town, after all, it hasn't changed since 1970.

Soon the three were back again. Colin checked the Hornet was still tightly tied down, and Matthew made sure that the coil wire was still tight, and that there were no oil or water leaks. Everything was fine, so we set off again.

Soon we were heading along the coast at Moeraki, then up into the hills and over the Kilmog, and down and into the cold but beautiful city of Dunedin, arriving there about 3.15pm. Compared to Christchurch, it looks old and complete and traditional. It's like stepping back in time, and reminded me of the good old days I spent dressed in suits and flash shirts and trousers in the Hays department store in Christchurch, years before the earthquakes.

The place seemed very busy – students everywhere, and quite a bit of traffic around. We drove straight to the Edgar Centre in Anderson's Bay, where already many people were arriving with their cars to be put on display inside the building. Colin found a place to unload the Hornet Special in the car park, and he and Matthew drove around to the other side of the building to get the cars inside. Colin & Judy Winter were already there, this time with Judy's Wolseley 1100, and already had it in place on the area set aside for the Wolseley Car Club display. The 1500 and the Hornet were put in place, and Colin (Hey) came back to the Ranger so he could take the trailer a short distance to Forbury Park raceway where it was to be stored for the weekend.

Soon we returned to the Edgar Centre, and unloaded the rest of the gear for the display (including me). I was bundled inside by Colin, and was amazed at what I saw. So many beautiful cars – classics, vintages, American and Australian muscle cars, exotic and supercars, hot rods, military vehicles, trucks, and even motor cycles – every type of automotive interest was covered. Back at the Wolseley Car Club display, Gordon and Beryl Duthie and Fergus & Mary-Jane Sime had arrived, and everything was being put in its final place. I was dressed in a jacket, a fur-lined driving hat, jeans and gloves, and put inside the Hornet Special as the driver. I was right in my element there – I was set to go places, and was already keeping an eye out for some equally well-dressed doll so we could take a ride and maybe Blah Blah together later that evening!

By 6.00pm most of the cars had arrived, although we still had gaps for 2 cars that would be filled the following morning. All of the Wolseley club members then disappeared to the Cobb and Co. restaurant in the old railway station, and I'm told had a great evening together catching up and talking all things Wolseley. As has become a bit of a tradition, the women sat at one end of the table, and the men the other. This meant they could talk about their partners and the things that annoy them without them hearing. The women said

they just loved the men being out in the shed all night because it meant they could watch the soaps on TV and eat as much chocolate and drink as much wine as they liked. The men said that they liked going to the shed every night to work on Wolseleys and drink beer and give their wives enough free time to do the dishes and the ironing – something like that anyway! I just stayed in the Hornet Special at the Edgar Centre and kept watch all night,



Here I am in my element, at the Autospectacular

pretending I was a 1930's sports car racer, making Blah Blah noises. I didn't find a welldressed doll, but the time passed quickly. Before I knew it, it was 7.00am on Saturday morning, and people were arriving to dust off cars and finish setting up displays before the public began arriving.

Fergus and Mary-Jane arrived in their beautiful Austin Westminster, having spent a late night giving Iris (the car) a wash and clean to make her look her best on the club stand. Then Bryan Kelly and his life-long mate David Mosley arrived, having driven his 16/60 all the way from Invercargill that morning (I think they left Invercargill at 4.00am) to put the car on display also. So with 5 cars – all different models – we were looking pretty good. Throughout the day lots of people stopped to have a close look at the cars, and to say hello. There were lots of "our family had one of them" stories, and lots of people checked me out in the Hornet to see if I was real. Of course I was – did they think I was a bloody human or something!!

There was also a mini swap meet running inside the stadium, and Danny O'Malley soon found a few shiny things to take home so he could screw them onto his Aston Martin. Colin & Matthew struggled back to the car carrying a 6/99 cylinder head that someone no longer needed as a boat anchor. At first I thought it was an old radio, because I heard Colin saying it had new valves in it. As I said earlier, Blah Blah Blah is a much simpler language!

At 2pm some of the club members left to go and check out progress on Gavin Turner's Wolseley Hornet Special. Apparently restoration is now underway, and I overheard that the car has good bones and a great provenance. Apparently it's a different body to my ride – Gavin's is a Eustice Watkins-built 4-seater, whereas the Hey's is a 2-seater and was built by Swallow. Gavin has planned out the restoration, and is looking forward to getting right into it.

The group returned at 4.00pm with time for one last look around before prizegiving at 4.30. Alas, no prizes for our club, but we could be proud of flying our banner and once again making an appearance in front of thousands of members of the public. It was a great

show, and I was proud to be part of the display, even if all of those dumb humans couldn't understand a word of Blah Blah.



Gavin Turner's Hornet Special restoration just getting underway

I was once again packed up and undressed in public (boy, that's humiliating) and this time thrown into the back of Matthew's 1500. It's not a bad ride either, by the way! The Hornet and the 1500 were taken back to the motel, and the tiny hood was put on the Hornet to close it in for the night in case it rained (and it did!). That night many of the members went out for dinner again, this time to the Harbourside Grille, in downtown Dunedin. I was

told I wasn't allowed to go because I wouldn't eat my dinner and I'd just speak Blah Blah Blah all night. Well, those that did go did eat all of their dinner (because it was so jolly good), but what did they speak – yes, Blah Blah Blah all night! They seemed to have enjoyed doing it though, so what was the problem?

The next morning the Hey's were up pretty early. Colin dried off the Hornet, and then had a visit first from Colin Winter, who returned his National Rally trophy so it could be taken up north next year for the next National Rally in Wairarapa (I wouldn't mind going to that either, by the way). Next John Macadam called in to drop off some books he'd bought for Colin at an auction a couple of months ago. One was a 1920's book with some pretty cool pop-up pictures of a 1915 Wolseley in it.

Following the visits, Colin drove the Hornet to Forbury Park, with Jenny following in the truck and Matthew in the 1500. The trailer was moved out of the locked compound, the Hornet loaded inside it, and we headed for home.

We made good time heading north, this time with a tail wind, making the going a bit easier. We stopped in Oamaru and had lunch with Derek and Lee Brehaut at their new home in Oban Street, on the south side of town. What a lovely place they have there, and Derek has a great shed too. He recently added a large bay to one end of it, and has his hoist and machinery in there. On the hoist is the fully restored body of the 6/90 he's working on, and things are



Derek Brehaut's 6/90 making great progress now

going back on and in it at a great rate of progress. This car is going to be just like brand new when it's finished!

At 2pm we bid our farewells to Derek and Lee, and headed for home. A good, easy run, arriving back in West Melton at 5pm. The Hornet Special was unloaded, and Colin took it for a 15 minute run before putting it back in the shed.

One more day stuck in the Ranger, and then the next night I was returned to Idlewood to be stuck in that bloody No.3 container with a bag over my head again. I hope I won't have to wait another 2 years before the next outing!

Gary Mannequin

WELLINGTON TO WAIRARAPA WANDER 8 – 14 MARCH 2020 WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NZ NATIONAL RALLY – UPDATE #4 (repeated)

Entries for the Rally have been rolling in over the last couple of weeks, and we now have 30 people coming, five of whom are from Australia.

We note that the entry form did not ask for the registration number of your rally vehicle. This is a requirement to gain entry to the Spitfire hangar at Ohakea, which is a security area. Could you please advise us by email of your registration number. If you are bringing a rental car, we will make arrangements for you to park outside the airbase and be a passenger in another car.

Our first evening meal in Masterton will be at the Wairarapa Vintage Car Clubrooms in Clareville, which is about ten minutes' drive south of Masterton. It will be a smorgasbord meal and time will be allocated to look over the spare parts shed.

We will be at the AGM in Christchurch in October, and look forward to meeting everyone who is there.

Winton and Ruth Cleal, Rally Coordinators

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Note: A copy of the registration form is on the rear page of this newsletter – if you have misplaced your original copy, please use that one.

Something to file away under useless information!

From Bryan Kelly

While travelling home from Christchurch, I noted the direction indicators appeared to flash fairly quickly as if a bulb had blown somewhere. Checked over but all going ok. Thought I'd check it out once home. Maybe it's me reading too many English car magazines but I remember reading in one of the trouble-shooting columns in one a similar problem. There are two different but similar in appearance flasher units. One is used for later model Minis, 1100/1300s, and others that are fitted with a front mudguard indicator therefore three bulbs per circuit (not counting flasher in dash or column), the other flasher unit is for two bulbs per circuit e.g 16/60, 6/110, early Minis etc. They are marked From Bryan Kelly accordingly so worth checking. Changed the one in the car with a spare from my Minis parts box and - success! Normal speed acquired.

Buy and Sell

For Sale – Wolseley 18/85 Series III, 1947. A good going car, restored around 1990 and used regularly since. Dark green, very smart body and interior, in very presentable condition overall. Brakes have just had a re-fresh, and the car has a current WoF and Registration. For definite sale, \$8,000, or possibly interested in a trade for a 1500. Contact Chris Hengst (member), Ph 03 313 8683. The car is located in Rangiora.

1939 Wolseley 25HP Series III Sedan - The car located in Cambridge, it has been in a shed for the 25 years that my Father and I have owned it. It was going to be our project but family/ life have got in the way and we would really like to see in on the road with someone else. It has very little rust and



the reason there head was off was that it has a blown head gasket. All the parts that were taken off for the head are there and stored, and I believe that the two front seats are there but not the rear. It has a sunroof, wind down 3/4 windows in the rear, all the winders work. The chassis rolls well and can be easily pushed. Really needs to be inspected, many photos available on request.

Looking to get somewhere around \$4000. Don't want much more, its just about seeing it back on the road. Contact Nick Roberts, Ph 021762789.



"Well Merv – we'll cut the body off along this line, and it will be the perfect truck for Idlewood...."

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