

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

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From the driver's seat - 1904 Wolseley, Southward Car Museum

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

Firstly, my apologies for the lack of newsletters over the last three of months. A significant change in Jenny's health has came to light which sidelined us both, and also not only the time I could devote to club matters, but also somewhat altered my motivation to get the newsletter out, despite a significant amount of it being done. This has been also exacerbated by the fact that the landscape for organising and especially publicising coming events has been constantly changing due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, making it very difficult to maintain a current and reliable list of events suitable to publish.

It's been good to see our branch officers keeping members abreast of what's on or off during this



period by emails, as things have changed literally weekly. One example is the local and very popular 'Rock'n'Wheels' event that is run annually north of Christchurch in Amberley in September, which was postponed twice due to COVID, and then cancelled altogether on 27th September because of a severe weather warning. Many other events have now gone by the boards for this year also, including the VCC Canterbury Branch Swap Meet.

So really, the last three months have been pretty difficult to be honest. Dull and grey weather most of the time and short days until recently, and not vey much happening in the way of motoring activities. On top of that the above-mentioned health issues for Jenny. Some of the spare time I have had has been taken up giving Nick Stevenson a hand keeping requests for spares under control, and working my way through the latest draft of the proposed new constitution for the club – a project headed up by Lee Brehaut. Time in the shed has been pretty much limited to keeping batteries charged up, and a few very minor repairs and improvements to a couple of the Wolseleys. The days are now lengthening though and the weather is getting better, so motivation get stuck into some bigger car projects is definitely improving.

Just before Jenny became unwell, we did manage a couple of days on the West Coast. I was over there on business, so with a couple of days of really good weather forecast, Jenny drove over and met me in Kumara, and we travelled down to Franz Josef to have a look around the tourist spots there. We've had a glacier flight on our list of things to do for quite a while, so finally managed to do that – complete with a snow landing at the foot of Mt Cook on a perfect, clear and sunny morning. That was superb, and something everyone should do at least once. That afternoon we did a walk around Lake Matheson with its perfect, clear reflections not failing to disappoint. The next day we did a boat trip out on the lagoon at Okarito (home to the White Heron colony and numerous other birds) – once again a perfect day and a mirror-smooth lagoon, and great hosts on the boat, even supplying a home-made morning tea in a bush setting at the head of the lagoon. I'm looking forward to showing the West Coast off when we have the National Rally there in 2022.

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Over the previous 3 months or so I had been giving a friend (Frank) a hand every now and then to try and sort out a property belonging to his mother that is literally filled with car parts – mostly BMC-related stuff. Frank's hobby was to 'rescue' cars and take them home and repair or dismantle them. Invariably most of them ended up being dismantled, as a better prospect would be found and he'd move onto that. Most of the parts have been stored in garden sheds – the more room he needed the more garden sheds he bought, so there are now 5 on the property all filled to the brim with assorted trim and mechanical parts. His long-term ambition is eventually to be able to purchase a really good 1800 or 18/85 as a keeper. However, for now, dealing with all of the parts he's accumulated has become an issue because his elderly father has recently passed on, leaving his mother living alone in a big old house on a very large section, whilst Frank now lives and works in Dunedin. The time has come to clear the section and sell the house, and move his mother to Dunedin where Frank and his wife can look after her.

There were 5 dead cars on the property (two of them are Morris 1800's which have been there for about 10 years and are still there), lots of body panels that are now so rusty they cannot be used again, windscreens galore, a few engine/gearbox assemblies that have been left out in the weather for years, and lots of timber and other clutter that all needs clearing away. All of this and the garden sheds!

Matthew and I spent about 3 Saturday afternoons there some time ago now. Our first mission was to sort out all of the body panels. Most of them went to scrap, although I was able to pass a few Morris Marina doors onto a friend of mine who is now restoring his

second Marina (he's done a ute with a matching trailer, and is now just finishing a van). He was going to try and get some better window glass and lock hardware from them. The next trip was to deal with the windscreens. There were lots of 1800/Kimberley and 1100/1300 ones which have found a home in our stock at Idlewood. I counted 29 front windscreens altogether, which gives an indication of the



Kimberley 2200 and 1800 engine/gearbox units on their way to Idlewood

number of cars Frank had dismantled on the ¼-acre section over about 20 years! The third trip was to collect two Princess 1800 auto engines/gearboxes and one Kimberley engine/gearbox. One of the 1800 units had been left sitting outside uncovered and had water inside it, so was only good for scrap, however the other one and the Kimberley

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engine were covered with old rubber floor mats, and remarkably, could still be turned over, so they were taken to Idlewood too.

Our next trip there will be to clear a lot of the timber out of the way so we can retrieve the two Morris 1800 Landcrabs. One is semi-dismantled already with little on it that is any good, so we'll probably just remove the hydrolastic units from it and it will go for scrap. The other one is relatively complete but completely rotten, so it will most likely end up in the VCC spares compound, as we do not have any room for it at Idlewood.

The whole exercise has made me realise how important it is to be quite organised with cars and parts stored at home. I think my own set-up at home isn't bad, as most stuff is catalogued, but I need to get it a bit better so it's all easy to for someone else to deal with if the unimaginable happens and I'm not there to be able to do it. It has also reminded me of an article one of the Veteran Car Club members wrote recently about how to ensure your vehicles are dealt with appropriately when the time comes to depart this world. Although slightly depressing to read, it had some really good tips - many about having the right conversations with family and friends and having written instructions in place. I might dig it out and repeat it in a later Wolseley Word.

On a slightly brighter note, I have finally managed to get the 1500 race car back in action, and took it down to Timaru on 5th September to the 'Brooklands' meeting down there. During the first practice session it was going really, really well, until I felt the rear-end twitch a bit coming out of a bend at a fairly brisk pace, just managing to catch it before it became a major drama. Thinking I may have had a puncture, I slowed for about half a lap, then when it started becoming obvious that there was definitely some sort of problem, I pulled off well into the inside of the track, and came to a stop just before the LH rear wheel almost came off, having shed its wheel nuts. Unfortunately this ended the day, as I couldn't source another suitable set locally. And yes, I did check that they were tight when I was preparing the car to take it down, but I should have really checked them again after I went out on the first short run before putting it on the trailer. As it has turned out, some of the nuts were fairly worn in the threads, so a new set is on its way.

During the course of the last few months helping Nick with spares, it's been interesting to be involved in conversations with various members in the process of getting parts for their car. There are a few good lessons to be learned:

Number one would have to be never, never, NEVER buy a car from Trade Me or from auction sight unseen. Get someone who REALLY knows something about old cars and whom you trust to check it out if there is absolutely no way of getting to it yourself. Number two is for those who are not able to do their own mechanical work. Ask around and find a mechanic who is truly passionate about working on old cars and knows what he (or she, as one member has found) is doing, and is genuinely keen about doing the right thing for your car and about doing the right thing for you. Spending \$1000 to put new wheel bearings and king-pin bushes on one side of a rusty and untidy 16/60 worth only \$1000 doesn't make good sense!

Number 3 is when doing a full restoration, don't send all of your chrome to the platers at one time. Some are notorious for losing parts, and one South Island plater recently had a fire, and lost all of one of our members' parts.

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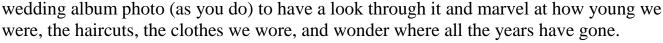
Number 4 is that even though old flexible brake hoses might look OK on the outside, they can collapse on the inside and either make it extremely difficult to bleed brakes, or worse still burst completely or stop one or more brakes working altogether. For a cost of around \$40 each they are worth replacing if it looks as if they've never been touched. It's an easy job on most Wolseleys too. There are still some Wolseleys about that look like they may still have their original brake hoses fitted – they will now be at least 45 years old!

Number 5 is when replacing head gaskets, don't add antifreeze until after the engine has

been run and the head has been re-torqued. Just use water for the initial running – antifreeze will find gaps that don't even exist.

Now on a very bright note, it is encouraging to see our membership growing positively now that we're running a special rate of only \$10 to join the club. It will be interesting to find out what the numbers look like once the scheme has been in place for six months in December. With this initiative, a great new website, and a new Club Constitution to come, I do feel like we're heading in a good direction right now.

Last month, Jenny and I celebrated our 40th Wedding anniversary, and we dusted off our



The photo below is of our wedding cars, both of which we still own. The black 1500 was used to tour the North Island on our honeymoon. It is better now than it was back then, but the white 1500 is in a sad state hoping it might be restored one day. On the day of our anniversary the BMC Rally was held, so we took the black 1500 out for the day. I



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still love my wife, and I still love the black 1500 as well – it's the favourite car in our collection!

Have a good month everyone, Colin Hey.

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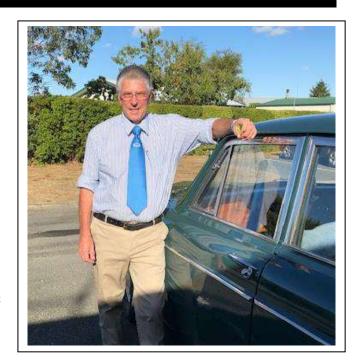
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members.

I am excited to announce that on the 1st of July the new Web Site went live. This has been some time coming and has been facilitated by Lee Brehaut and Site domain, Shane of Clean Creative. A special thanks goes to them and also to other members who have contributed and assisted in many ways. I invite you to open up

www.wolseleycarclub.nz and search through the easy to navigate site. I also invite you to contribute to it with photos and stories. A clubs Web Site is often the first contact public have to a club and I am confident that our site will show case the Wolseley Club in good light. It will be interesting to see what activity



there is within the site and also parts sales and other club enquires that come from it. Members will have by now received the Final Draft No 6 of the Constitution. This is probably not as interesting (no pictures) as the Web Site however it is a necessary document the club must have. Within the document there are many clauses of a legal nature which are required by law to be there. It was because of these needs and the fact the existing one was out of date and needed to be updated to meet the needs of the club today and into the future. It will be presented to the National AGM and passed including any amendments should they be required. A lot of time has also been spent on this by mainly seven members with Lee facilitating it along the way. Branch AGM's have happened or are underway. Delegates to the National AGM. Each branch is entitled to have 1 delegate up to 24 members, 2 delegates for 25 members and over. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Web Manager are there by right. Your delegates are over and above. It is important that people fill these positions and attend so the Executive can operate efficiently. I wish to mention what a great job Danny and Sharon O'Malley are doing with

Regalia, energy and imagination, well done. Great also to see the runs, outings being organised throughout the country.

Note that membership subscriptions are due. For those who have not yet paid, there should be a renewal form for your branch is in this edition.

Make payments to your branch please. Secretary Michael will have more info on this.

That's all from me. Keep warm! Gordon Duthie



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,

I have had a very enjoyable month. I have resigned from my job and am now officially retired. Raewynn is still working and I am the chief cook and house husband!

I also have a lot more time to follow my passion of Wolseley cars. I have been working in the basement on my Hornet and have been enjoying sorting out my Wolseley Room, as I call it.

It was great to see the new

revitalised Website going live, If you haven't seen it you can find it on the web https://www.wolseleycarclub.co.nz/

The southern branches have now had their AGMs, with the North Island Regional one coming on 15th August in Sanson. If you are a NI member and can get there, please attend as the club need your participation.

I have been compiling a list of membership starting dates to be able to reward members with long service to the club. Branch secretaries have been asked to supply a list of joining dates for our longer-serving members so we can get the database up to date.

Below is a photo of a vintage-era Wolseley radiator spotted in the Horowhenua VCC

Spares when we called in during the National Rally in March. You never know what's just waiting out there to be found!

Happy Wolseleying Michael Kruse



REGALIA SALES AND LIBRARY LOANS

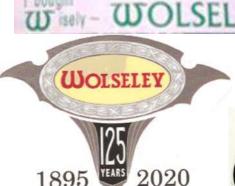
For any Wolseley Car Club regalia (caps, shirts, badges, books etc), and for any Wolseleyrelated books or technical information, please contact Danny or Sharon O'Malley on 03 3244421 or 021 498 162 phone or text.

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

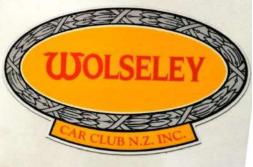
Now in stock:



Rear window stickers as shown on left – "My Other Car's a Wolseley, and "I Bought Wisely – Wolseley" These are \$5.00 each



Windscreen sticker – special design to celebrate 125 years of Wolseley. Limited numbers \$5.00 each



Our very own NZ Club windscreen stickers, also \$5.00 each



A variety of other items, including grille badges, lapel badges, key rings, coasters and fridge magnets.

And not quite last, but by no means least, a brand new addition to stock - a special **pin badge** (for jackets, caps etc) commemorating 125 years of our marque. The first shipment of these has run out – more in transit. Make sure you get

your order in quickly. These are priced at \$10 each



NEW ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH

Fist up, a new release of genuine NZ Postage stamps that can be used as-is to post a letter, or collected. As per the last one, these are limited, and available for \$3 each to members. This time the stamp features the Winter family 1900 Wolseley, now an icon Wolseley in NZ and world-



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wide – the earliest Wolseley in NZ and (I think) the earliest Wolseley privately owned. In the photo used on the stamp, the car is being driven by seven-year old Braxton Winter – the fourth generation of the Winter family to drive the car since it was restored in the 1950's.

Note: every newsletter next month will be posted using one of these stamps, so look out for yours on next month's edition, and save it (or if you are not a stamp collector at all, you can send it back so we can sell it as a fund-raiser for the club).



Also newly produced:

Caps, Tee shirts and Polo shirts. These are only getting made to order:

Tee shirts \$25.00

Polo shirts \$35.00

Cap \$20.00

The caps will be bottle green with

"Wolseley Car Club N.Z." in white across the front. Both shirts are bottle green, and the picture (left) has the emblem that will be embroidered on the top left chest.

Email orders to <u>dandsomalley@gmail.com</u>, with Name and size please.

Wanted:

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

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



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS

North Island Regional Branch News

Another month has rolled around hope everybody is surviving the cold snaps that we are having. Now that Michael is retired, he is getting small jobs around home completed and of course working on his Wolseley's, he is also turning into a Master Chef, mastering the crockpot and the oven, some creations have been invented. He still needs to master a vacuum cleaner, but we are getting there.

Winton and Ruth Cleal (Club Captains) are busy putting together a calendar of events for the coming months and the year, and I am sure that they would love to hear of any ideas that you may have. fincle@icloud.com 0211784253 or 042933369.

Hope everybody has a great month and we will see you at the AGM on the 15th August. I would also like to advise that we no longer have a landline - you can contact us on our cell phones mine – 0272438565, Michael 0276600203 or kruseco@xtra.co.nz.

Regards



Raewynn.

North Island Events Coming up

Hi Everyone

With the current Covid restrictions rearing their head again, we can only hope that will have an ongoing ability to continue our events and looking forward to meeting our Wolseley friends again. It will be possible to run the activities below under Level 2 restrictions, but if there is any doubt, please contact me or the named organiser to check before you travel.

We have been working on getting a programme together for the next 12 months, and this was distributed at the AGM on 15th August, and emailed out to all members after that date. If anyone in the Auckland area is organising a run, please let us know so we can include it. Here is a great event we're planning which is coming up rapidly now:

Friday 23rd October thru to Monday 26th October (3 Nights) - Waitomo Weekend,

We are planning for the club to have a nice weekend away at Waitomo, for Labour weekend Friday 23rd October thru to Monday 26th October (3 Nights).

We've been to Waitomo to check what options we would have to stay, eat and visit. We had hoped to stay at the Historic White House, the grand old THC Hotel, but due to the

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Corona virus situation, they have closed their doors until further notice, and a new lease and manager can take over, I was a little disappointed, as this was the original plan.

But we met the very helpful owners of Top 10 Waitomo Holiday Park ph 0508-498-666, they are kindly holding 10 units, a mixture of Motel 1 & 2 Bedroom units and onsuite units, they are all self-contained, they have priced them all at the same rate of \$170.00 night, on a first in first served basis. So if you would like to use one of the units at Top 10, please phone them directly to reserve, and let me know, if you do so, and are planning to come on the weekend.

You are also welcome to choose your own accommodation if this does not suit. We are aware with a long-weekend bookings fill quickly. So far around 30 people have indicated they would like to go on this event.

Planned activities are as follows:

We are planning to do a privately owned cave tour of Spellbound, or Cave World approx \$67.00

A trip to the Natural Bridge Mangapohue (free) Marakopa Falls and Beach Ruakuri Bush and cave Walk (Beautiful) free

Looking forward to catching up again soon.

Contact Stephen or Janice Belcher 07 5763773 or 021 1690162 janicebelcher2@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM, The Woolshed Cafe, SH1 south of Sanson. Morning tea is being provided.

Winton Cleal



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch.

Christchurch Branch

News and Events

We had a really good outing on Saturday 4th July when we visited Tim Dunningham and Sheryl Hunter's car collection in Purau, Banks Peninsula. This was an outing decided at our branch committee meeting three weeks earlier, following a chance invitation by Tim to call in and have a look at their car collection one day. Because Sundays are a working day for Tim (who is a real estate agent), we had to go on a Saturday, so it was decided we'd combine it with a lunch at the Governors Bay Hotel, carrying on around the Bays to



Inside Tim and Sheryl's large and spotless shed

Tim and Sheryl's house afterwards. There was the option of skipping the lunch and meeting us at Govenors Bay at 1.30, which some took, however those who did have lunch had a very good meal in pleasant surroundings in the historic hotel. The run around the harbour bays took only 20 minutes or so, and after finding Tim and Sheryl's driveway we parked all of the cars on their front paddock. They then took us on a very short walk about 100m down

the road to the large Totalspan shed where they keep their car collection. Although not serious collectors, over many years they have managed to accumulate a very diverse collection of around 15 cars and motorcyles – some as an investment, and others for

outright pleasure. Japanese, British and Australian marques are all represented. After a look around them all, Tim talked about them each individually, explaining how they had come to obtain them, the history of each one as they knew it, and best of all, what they were like to drive or ride. Tim's two favourites cars were his Mk1 Jaguar, which to him epitomises classic motoring (pace with grace) and his MG special – a kit-built special he bought about 18 months ago, utilising MGB running gear,



Wolseleys on the front lawn

which he described as 'noisy fun'. Sheryl's was without doubt the Chrysler Valiant E49 Pacer – a mean triple-Weber engined fuel guzzling lounge on wheels – a machine that turns petrol into pleasure.

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Amongst the collection was their blue 6/110 Mk2. This is the car that they travelled to Brits at the Beach in Whangamata last year with Jenny and I (in our 1500) – a very original car in great condition. It had just been sold, and the following week was due to head north to Auckland. It is going to be replaced by a 6/99, the car that belonged to the late Harold Smith in our branch, and has been in storage for some time. Apparently Sheryl likes column-change cars, but she's going to have to get her head around how the overdrive works, according to Tim!

After we'd all seen enough, the doors were shut and we headed back down the road to Tim and Sheryl's house, where they put on afternoon tea. Some really good home-baking was enjoyed, the weather being kind enough to allow us to go outside and enjoy the view over Lyttelton harbour. We all departed by around 4pm, so Tim could go to an appointment. All up a very enjoyable afternoon, and a big thanks to Tim and Sheryl for their hospitality. Incidentally, it was great to see Nick Stevenson there in his 1500 – first long run completed successfully.

The next event on the calendar was the VCC Old Car, Bikes and Coffee on 19th July. It was a pretty mean day – on the verge of raining and cold, but the rain stayed away and around 40 cars turned out to what is becoming a very social and enjoyable monthly event. Some really nice cars appeared – everything from a Bentley pedal car to a nearly new Bentley coupe – cars and vehicles from all eras and continents. It's great to be able to stroll around the cars and talk to friends and owners, and be free to leave when you want to. There were 6 cars from our club there, and we decided to head out to the Platform Bar and Restaurant afterwards to have a pub lunch together, which was really enjoyable. On 26th July we held our Branch AGM at Idlewood, meeting at 12pm for a light lunch of soup, bread and savouries, before getting into the business at 1.00pm. A good turnout of members promoted some good discussion, and the required reports were given,

committee elected, and some good ideas put forward for trying to be a bit more organised to deal with some of the things we want to achieve over the next year – like clearing "rotton row" of dead 6/110s and stepping up our promotion activities to build on our new membership joining fees, website, club facilities at Idlewood, parts supply, and the social activities we can offer all Wolseley owners. All up a very positive meeting. We welcome Tom Molloy to the committee too. Congratulations to our trophy winners this year – Nick Stevenson for the most improved car, Jon and Christine



Our branch trophy winners – from left, Nick Stevenson, Pat & Sharon Boyle, and Jon & Christine Gaut.

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Gaut who won the Most Enthusiastic Member award, and to Pat and Sharon Boyle, who won the Higgins Trophy for their special services to our branch.

With the re-introduction of COVID-19 restrictions, our big event for August, the VCC-run Daffodil Rally ended up being cancelled – such a shame, not only for those who were keen to participate, but also for the Cancer Society who normally receive donations in the oder of \$5,000 from the event. Instead, our members were able to come to Idlewood, where we had lunch and a good yarn (with appropriate social distancing of course), just to keep things going on the social side. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed it. September came and went quickly, with the VCC Old Cars, Bikes and Coffee on 20th September attracting another big turnout of around 70 cars of all makes and models. A few of us then travelled out to Darfield to have lunch in a café there. We took our Black 1500, parking it out on the main street outside the café. It's amazing how many people I have spoken to just happened to go past and saw it sitting there!

Our official club run for September was the BMC Rally, organised by our good friends in the Morris Owners Club. After meeting at the Burwood Hospital car park, there was a run of around an hour or so which eventually took us to Ray and Nancy Drury's property and museum in Halswell. It's been two years almost to the day since I'd been there, and in that time another big extension to their museum has been completed, and their large and classic fairground merry-go-round has also been given a permanent home not far from the front door to the museum. The merry-go-round



Inside the main hall at the Drury's museum

The impressive 1907 Wolseley-Siddeley 18HP in the Drury's museum.

was fully operational, and most people young and old took the oppurtunity to have a ride. Ray and Nancy continue to collect cars, their favourites definitely being Rileys of all models, and Rolls-Royce and Bentley also seem to feature now and then. It was also good to see the ex-Alan Robert's 1907 Wolseley-Siddeley 18HP on display, now completely finished with a new hood fitted. Talking to Ray, he told me they had had it out on the road a few weeks ago, and he said he was impressed how fast it was for a veteran car. There are probably around 50 cars on display now, so together with the Wurlitzer organs and the odd aeroplane and boat, it is an impressive collection to look at.

Our Working Bees at Idlewood continue to get busier and busier, and around 20 members

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turned up for the last two in August and September - both very busy days. We have been very fortunate to be able to negotiate the purchase of a large number of new parts from the Williamson estate, which Ray is now slowly sorting so they can be catalogued and put away. Some items have already found a new home – Derek Behaut in particular benefiting from the discovery of a few new-old-stock trim items which will find the perfect home on his 6/90 (which incidentally has now been collected from the trimmers, with only another few month's worth of work for Derek to complete). Other members were there to collect parts, get a bit of advice, tidy the grounds up, or just to have a chat. Everyone was busy and/or happy, which was just great.

Christchurch Branch Coming Events:

Sunday 4th October - Wheels and Wings Event, Darfield

The Sheffield Volunteer Brigade is running it's bi-annual Wheels and Wings fundraising event. This is always a very, very good event, featuring many vintage and classic aircraft and microlights, always a warbird or two, and even large-scale model aircraft displays. There are always lots of cars on display, and a number of stalls selling memorabilia and food.

We would like our club to attend as a group so (if possible) we can all arrive and park together and put on a good display of our Wolseleys. We are going to meet in Darfield outside the public library (eastern end of the main street) at 9.30am. We will try and leave enough room in our area for a few cars to allow for anyone who arrives later. Note that the event requires reasonable

weather, so if you are in any doubt at all as to whether it's postponed, please check the event Facebook page (link below) or Contact Colin Hey on 021883807. Entry fee is \$10 per adult.



Saturday 10th October - 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 very welcome.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch, continued.

Sunday 11th October - Club Promotion Day

This very important event will be held at the Toy Collector Museum, 36 Manchester Street. The Museum has kindly offered their car park for us to set up a display of up to 20 Wolseleys, plus our club shelter. Suitable publicity is being arranged, and we're encouraging any Wolseley owner or interested person to come and have a look at our cars and find out about our club and what we can offer. We would like a good cross-section of models on display, so if you can offer your car, please contact Stuart Penny as soon as possible. The display will run from 10am until 4pm, but it's fine if you want to drop your car off and pick it up later in the day. Why not visit the new Toy museum while you are there – well worth a visit.

Sunday 18th October (always the 3rd Sunday of every month)

Old Cars, Bikes and Coffee. An informal gathering at the VCC grounds between 9.00am (note: time is different to the graphic) and 11.00am just to give your car an outing and/or come out and chat to fellow old-car and bike enthusiasts over a coffee or cup of tea, and check out the other vehicles there. No cost (unless you buy a coffee from a vendor that will be there), no prizes, and no stress.

If enough of our club members turn out and are keen, we will go somewhere for a short run and pub lunch afterwards (will be decided on the day). The VCC spares depot is also open on the day if you want to have a look through.



Sunday 1st October - All British Day

See next page for details – a must-do event for any British vehicle still in roadworthy condition.

Saturday 14th November - Working Bee at Idlewood

This particular working bee we will be concentrating on parting-out one of the spares 6/110's we have behind the parts shed. Come prepared to pull things apart if you want, otherwise just come out for a chat and a cuppa or to collect any parts you need.

Sunday 1st October - Canterbury All British Day



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Southern Region Branch

Southern Region Branch News and Events

Greetings from the Deep South and hope is all well with you all. Hope everyone handled the lockdown ok. Plenty of bits and pieces to

As we all know by now the annual Autospectacular was cancelled this year but a substitute joint event with Canterbury members was held in Dunedin on September Saturday 12th. Fergus Sime has written a story about this (see below) – an excellent event and thank you all of those who attended (especially our great organisers) and made it so successful. On our own front, the 16/60 has been used only a couple of times recently but on rather sad events. Two families we know have asked us to bring the car to funerals. Both eldery males knew the car and of course we obliged. It has also delivered a lovely couple to their 60th wedding anniversary dinner last weekend. Plans are being put in place for her paint job. Having joined the Cambridge-Oxford Owners Club UK and looking at their website and forum some kool cars to be seen and plenty of ideas. Some great, some not so great. One that looked pretty good was a 16/60 done in white/ blue two tone with similar alloy wheels as the Superlites on Matthew Hey's 1500. With blue upholstery doesn't seem a bad idea...but not decided yet.

Happy Wolseley motoring (or close relatives!!) and hope to catch up soon. Regards to all

Bryan Kelly

Southern and Canterbury Regions Joint Event September 2020

By Fergus Sime

Covid-19 saw the cancellation of the 2020 Dunedin Autospectacular in early September. Several of the Canterbury branch members have come to Dunedin for this event where we have a bay with five club cars on display along with other material and people to talk about Wolseley cars and related topics with those visiting our bay. That begged the question, what should we do instead? How about we have a club run instead! Gordon Duthie and Colin Winter came up with a great programme for the weekend of 11-13 September. On Friday night we had a pot luck meal at Colin & Judy Winter's home.

After the delicious food was eaten there was an opportunity to visit Colin's garage in his basement. He showed us his restoration project of a 1904 Wolseley, along with model train engines, motorcycles, push bikes, their Wolseley 1100 and of course pride of place was Grandma, their 1900 Wolseley. His late father-in-law's Morris 8 that was under the cover that now belongs to his son Gary was also given a quick mention. Thanks Colin and Judy for a great Friday night!

On Saturday morning we met outside Tahuna Holiday Park where Gordon briefed us on where we were going. We were heading down the Peninsula by the harbour



Albatross chick photographed at Taiaroa Head by Merv Wayne

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Southern Region Branch

side road to the Albatross Centre at Taiaroa Head. There was a good gift shop and plenty of information about the albatross colony for people to read. Some people took a tour of the albatross colony and the Armstrong Disappearing Gun site. There was also a walkway down to a seal colony and great views of the area.

We had lunch at the centre before heading back to Portobello then up Highcliff Road to Larnach's Castle. Gordon had sought permission to line our cars up in front of the castle



for a photo shoot. 15 club cars lined up. There was a Riley 1500, Austin Westminster A110, Wolseley's 1500, 4/44, Hornet, 6/110, 1100, Grandma, 18/85, three 6/110's, 24/80, 4/44, 16/60. Next was a guided trip around the Castle which was very interesting and we found out that our tour guide was also a member of the Vintage Car Club. The tour was followed by a delicious High Tea in the Ballroom. We had about 40 people at the Castle including new members Frank and Jane Arthur in 'Bess' their recently purchased 24/80 and Moray and Margaret McKenzie in their recently purchased 16/60. It was great to welcome them to their first club event, as well as extended family members of the Winter, Duthie, Buist and McAdam families.

On Saturday night we had a meal at the Nan King Palace Restaurant in South Dunedin where we had a banquet of many courses, almost too many courses for some, of delicious Chinese food.

Sunday morning was a visit to the Gas Works Museum which was very interesting. Thanks go to Gordon & Colin for organising the very successful event. Thanks to Danny & Sharon O'Malley, Stuart and Judith Penny and Merv and Marilyn Wayne for coming from Christchurch for the event. Your attendance and active participation was greatly appreciated. Colin & Jenny Hey sent their apologies and we wish Jenny well with her treatment.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

An MG Princess? by Ronald Mayes

I have enough trouble explaining to people that my 1964 Princess 1100 is not an Austin but a Vanden Plas product, but what does our editor do but print a copy, on page 4 of the June issue, of the front page of a brochure for an MG Princess 1100!



But it really was a case of extreme British Motor Corporation badge engineering. They were trying to sell 1100s in America and hit upon the idea of an upmarket version. The Vanden Plas name was unknown there (rather like N.Z.!) so they renamed some as MGs, a name well known in the States, with suitable badges front and rear, and MG 1100 hubcaps. They even printed MG-labelled leather-bound handbooks for the cars, and an unknown number of doctored brochures.

The records show 156 left hand drive cars were built, 124 with sliding steel sunroofs, and 36 with heated rear windows. In 1965 one each went to Canada and, of all places, Puerto Rico, and the rest were sent to MG agents all over the United States. The chapter about the model in Vanden Plas by Bryan Peebles concludes with the sentence "The MG Princess 1100 was not a sales success."

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For those who have nearly everything...

If you want to find that special gift for someone, or for the finishing touch to your beloved classic, I recommend searching up Classic Leather Fobs (https://classicleatherfobs.co.uk/). They are a UK company that specialise in keyrings for classic vehicles including genuine originals, new and refurbished. At the time I write this there are 13 different Wolseley tags listed most of which are new old stock from the 1950's -70's. They are not cheap, but I can confess to buying a 1950's Riley tag (original enamel/new pigskin) for my birthday. Lovely tag, beautifully wrapped, 12 days from UK. While you are at it, you can replace that tired Wilmot Breeden key with a brand new original from 'Andyvanchimney' on ebay

(https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Classic-car-keys-FP-FA-FS-FT-SERIES-vintage-Wilmot-Breedon-Romac-



<u>HD/332353460285?ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT&_trksid=p2057872.m2749.12649</u>). Some of the FA & FS keys are unavailable but he has all but two of the FP ones. Landed from UK they are still cheaper than one cut at your 'local'.

John McAdam, Dunedin

ITEMS OF INTEREST - continued

Australian National Rally 2021, Adelaide

As yet, it's far too early to predict whether anyone from NZ will be able to travel to this event, however, for anyone interested in going at this stage, the following note was sent by Peter and Brenda Dawes

From: Peter & Brenda Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:31 PM

From: Peter and Brenda Dawes

Subject: Incorrect Expression of Interest Form – Australian National Rally 2021

Hello everyone

I am attaching the correct Expression of Interest Form as I inadvertently attached the draft document to my recent email to you. Please accept my sincere apologies for this error.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards

Brenda Dawes, Honorary Secretary Wolseley Club National Rally 2021

Please email Colin Hey or Michael Kruse if you would like a copy of this form, and we will forward you a copy.



What Surprises Are Hiding In This Big Healey!

Buy & Sell

For Sale.

Wolseley 16/60 Auto. Restored several years ago by a former member for his wife – change in circumstances now forces sale. White paint, good condition with new carpets and very tidy upholstery, has been off the road for a short while so may need some easy work done for a WoF. A good prospect for a very useable club car. Fair offer wanted – would like it to go to a club member or to someone who will join the club (a good home) so price is negotiable. Registration on hold. Please contact Stuart Penny on 03 313 4454 (in the first instance) if you're interested, and he will put you in touch with the owner.

1961 1500 Mark2, Well looked after and as far as I am aware unrestored.

Mechanically excellent. No rust. Interior tidy. Would suit somebody who can tidy up minor paintwork repairs for its 60th Birthday in 2021!!

I have replaced front and rear screen seals, fitted a screw on oil filter, replaced all door, boot and bonnet seals. I sprayed the interiors of the sills and all accessible body panels and roof seam etc with antirust sealant. I have new channel and seals for the door windows and have renewed one door already.

Just got a new WOF which required new exhaust, new fuel tank and new wheel cylinders.

and has 12 months Rego. Car is in Auckland Asking \$5000 Contact Richard rdayey.nz@gmail.com





For Sale

1962 Mk1 Wolseley 6/110 3sp OD. Mileage shows 50273. Reg on Hold. This is a Wanaka car which was saved with the intention of getting it back on the road again. Paint work is very good with some small areas needing touched up. Chrome work is very good and complete, there is a small dent in the top of the grille surround. Dash veneer is very good, a little work needed on door veneer. Head lining very good, floor mats okay, seats need reupholstered but the squabs are good. Steering wheel needs to be replaced. Photos show a rust repair needed inside the R-rear guard and door and same in the R-front inside guard. Front suspension has been done by previous owner along with the generator and regulator. Engine starts and runs very well. We already have a very nice 6/110 and would like this car to be put back on the road again, as it's too good to wreck. Asking price \$3000.00 ono. For more info or to inspect Ph Frank & Ainslee Keenan on 03 443 8869 or 0211267700.

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