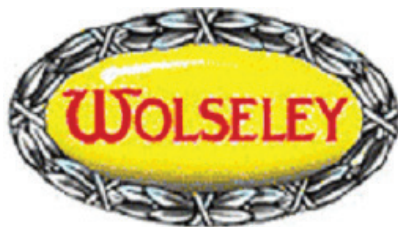


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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC



February 2025



Invercargill's Member Dick Fry
with daily driver 1964 Wolseley 6/110

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 BIT

Hi Wolseleyites,

We enjoyed our train trip from Whanganui to Marton and Return. The noise and the smoke that the steam train put out was pure magic .We even had an evening meal on the train that was given out at Marton and enjoyed on the train. The tunnels were interesting when traveling in the observation car . The smoke and steam fogged up your glasses then it was time to move back in the carriage behind the observation car. I still ended up with a slightly black face from the Coal. It reminded me when I was a little boy travelling with my Grand Parents on a special train from New Plymouth to Whanganui to do some shopping on Taranaki Anniversary Day.



There was great news last week that the WoF for 40year old vehicles is going to a 12month period. This should keep the cost down a bit and the hassle of Obtaining a new WoF when your Wolseley had only Travelled low mileage since the last WoF.

6/90 Indicators. I have finished the project with a switch on the dashboard to operate them. Now the 6/90 a lot safer to use in traffic and at roundabouts .

Cheers Michael



THIS MONTH'S WEBSITE

Good for a read - read all three parts.

<https://richardlangworth.com/cars-churchill-blood-sweat-gears>

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Members,

I hope everyone is making good with the summer conditions and getting out and about. There are new members joining the club and I hope they are being involved and enjoying the events that the Wolseley Club are involving themselves with.

At a National level there have been no Zoom meetings since November 2024 but there is one next month. Things are still busy for those Branch Committee members who are organising all the various outings for you to attend. A lot of planning and time goes into this so please support them any way you can. At a national level both Nat Sec Michael and myself receive various calls from potential members and for other club information. Nat Parts Co-ordinator Colin will be busy with orders as well. Michael is also acting as Editor until this position is filled which makes his club involvement very busy. I'm mentioning all of this because this is the Club working behind the scenes. I certainly appreciate the effort that everyone is putting into the club and that members show their appreciation to them as well.



Lawrence Car Club at the Otatau Car Show

At this time of the year there is often multiple weekend events on and you cant get to them all. That happened with us last week end when I organised an overnight trip for the Lawrence Car Club going to the Otatau Car Show and staying Sat night in Winton. Just after booking everything we got the notice of the Southern Branch outing was on meaning, we couldn't attend. We left Lawrence with 4 cars at 8.15 am and arrived in Otatau 11am. It was a small show of up to 100 vehicles. We had decided to go to this show because there are a lot cars from Southland come to our Car Club Show (Rev Rock and Hop) and were pleased to meet up with some of those who did come to our show. We had a winner amongst us with our member Brian Taylor winning Best Restoration with his MkIII Zepher which he did himself, full ground up restoration 6 or so years ago. This follows the previous weekend at the Milton Rugby Club show where another member won Best English with his 1958 Vauxhall Cresta. On the Sunday we went to Invercargill and visited Alex Govern and Jenny Shaw who I was able to present their 25 Year Membership Badges. Many of you will have met them at national rallies in their MkII 6/110 Auto. This car was Alex's fathers who also donated the "Govern Trophy" to the Southern Branch for the "Most Enthusiastic Member". We thanks them for their continued support to the Club. We then visited Dick Fry also in Invercargill. I first met Dick when I saw a very faithful looking 6/110 park in the Appleby New World car park. I went and parked beside it and had my lunch when Dick came out with his groceries. After a chat I said I would call by his flat with my car next time in Invercargill, so I did last Sunday. Dick is a great guy, enthusiastic and Loves his Wolseley which he uses it all the time. He is about to do work on the car and was excited to have my car as an example to look at. Was great to meet Dick and have him as a member.

That's all for now, Safe Motoring,

Gordon Duthie

Deadline for next Wolseley Word

26th March 2025



*Alex Govern & Jenny Shaw presented
their 25 year badges*



*Lawrence Car Club at
the Otautau Car Show*

1935 Wolseley Hornet FOR SALE

Body in good condition. Doors and bonnet. No front guards.

Ivan McCutcheon

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Branch News and Events Southern

Southern Wolseleys had our first outing for the year last Saturday, organized very efficiently by Jay and Sheila Paterson, thank you guys.

We visited the Kaitangata Coal Museum complete with our very own guides led by Irene, a local legend. It was excellent and would recommend a visit if you are down that way!! Off to lunch at the Kai Pub, great food and service, very good value!!

After lunch a short drive past the Salmon Hatchery, over a traffic light controlled humpy bridge to Julie Moroney and Oggie Hight's beautiful property, 'Mine Creek' - huge Dahlia beds, gum trees, native bush walk, and very eclectic collection of vehicles, machinery, old gear and arty displays, again highly recommended.

Then back to Jay and Sheila's for a "cuppa" and drive home.

Everyone had a good time and the Wolseleys behaved just as Wolseleys should.

Cheers From down South, George.



3 Wise men or Speak no evil, See no evil,
Hear no evil



Our tour guides of the Kaitangata Museum



Our lunch at the Pub



Dahlia Gardens

North Island Club Captain's Report

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey on rallies.

From the data, most people want rallies over a weekend, (Friday to Sunday), and are happy for members whose vehicles may not be road-worthy to bring an everyday car.

Four times a year seems the most favoured frequency, with people willing to travel some distance to partake.

So, in light of this information, I am proposing 4 rallies this year. The first, the Coromandel in May. The second to Napier for the AGM in July.

Thanks Annette



Two 690s in Whanganui

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch

The Christchurch Branch has offered to its members three events to enjoy in this current month of February.

The first was the monthly working bee/ committee meeting held on the 8th February. This is the opportunity for members to express their views and feel part, and to enjoy Idlewood with all the facilities that have been built up over many years.

Then on 16th February we arranged a run to visit the Oxford Farmer's Market, which followed on with a picnic in the adjoining park. We had a small number attending on this occasion on a truly wonderful summer's day.

Wednesday 26th February, instead of attending the usual Wednesday regulars gathering at Idlewood, an event was organised to visit the Tin Rabbit in Kaiapoi, which is a predominately Classic Vehicle Restoration Business. The example of a recently completed Holden Monaro was very impressive, and in addition there would be another 12 vehicles in the state of total rebuild. The operation of this business has a two man only workforce. There is never any advertising on the scope of work these two guys perform, as their reputation and expertise is well known, and goes before them. Our members that attended, enjoyed the experience, and also the lunch that followed at the Platform Restaurant in Kaiapoi.



The next event planned for the start of the new month is on Sunday the 2nd March with our support and attendance at the Annual Wings and Wheels display, which includes classic cars at Darfield. We look forward to continuing favourable summer weather, and an enjoyable day out.

Christchurch Event

Hello again 'WOLSELEY' folk, Thank you for your support in attending the Tin Rabbit restoration business in Kaiapoi. A good turnout and a very interesting overview of a very successful two man business. There is no need for any advertising or promotion for these guys as their reputation goes before them.

This Sunday on our event calendar is the Darfield Wings and Wheels, an annual event being held at 329 Kimberley Road Darfield.

There will be a demo of model aeroplanes, display of WW2 memorabilia, Helicopter demonstration, new caravans etc. Also a variety of stalls, with hot food and drink available.

The event is sponsored and run by the Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The entry cost is \$10 individual, or \$25 per family.

The event is scheduled to commence at 9.00am concluding at 4.00pm

In consideration for those travelling distance to the event, there will be a start point for our members at 9.30am at the Yaldhurst Tavern carpark, Main West Coast Road Yaldhurst. This would have the convoy arriving at Darfield roughly 10.00am.

Colin's report

It's been a very busy month of motoring, most of it being in the 12/16 veteran in various locations around the South Island.

The first event was the annual Dunedin to Brighton Run, held on the weekend of 25th and 26th January. We arrived in Dunedin on the Friday afternoon to check into our motel, and then we headed off to catch up with Colin and Judy Winter at the VCC Clubrooms where registrations were underway for the run. After a good hour or so there, we had a meal out with the group from Christchurch that evening.

Saturday morning and it was up early to get the cars out of the trailers and started and ready to go, and then we headed off to the meeting point at First Church just around the corner from the Octagon by 9.15am. With the weather looking a bit uncertain we remained optimistic and left the hoods stowed (we didn't have a hood with us anyway) and got in our departure order in the car park there ready to move off to the Octagon at 10am for the public display. As always the mood was very happy, and it was great catching up with people again and even seeing a couple of new restorations this year making their debut appearance at the event. It wasn't long before Colin and Judy arrived in 'Grandma' the 1900 Wolseley – you just can't miss the beat of its single cylinder engine coming up the driveway.

As 10am rolled around we made our way around Moray Street and lined up in the centre of the Octagon ready for the official wave-off by Mayor Jules Radich at 11am. It was good to catch up with fellow WCC members John McAdam and Gavin Turner in the Octagon who were there to see the cars and then see us off. We were away about mid-way through the field of 26 cars, and had a very good run to Brighton, being about the 5th car to arrive at the Brighton domain. This year we took the more familiar route up Serpentine Ave and over the hill to drop down into Kaikorai Valley – low gear most of the way up, but with that out of the way it's mostly easy going from then on. Stopping in Brighton Domain (the finish point for the run) for a minute or so, we then carried on the extra 20km to the Taieri Mouth – a beautiful drive along the very scenic coast. During the drive back to Brighton there were a couple of light showers, but the rain spots evaporated as quickly as they fell, and by the time we got back to the domain the sun was out and it was starting to get quite warm. A quick trip through the field tests and we were free to enjoy our pre-ordered lunches and enjoy the line-up around the perimeter of the domain.

About 2.30pm we headed back into town, driving over the hill again, and then had time to relax at the motel before the prize giving dinner that night. This year Jenny and I actually featured in the awards, coming second in the field tests! Two of our friends from Christchurch also won awards, so quite a successful weekend for Canterbury owners.

The weather for the Sunday outing to Careys Bay Hotel for coffee and lunch was wet this year (again), so we left the cars in the trailers in town and went in the Ranger – always a highlight for the weekend and a very enjoyable social occasion. We arrived and found that the hotel staff had made a mistake and accidentally cancelled our group booking – that on a day when they were fully booked, but to their credit they sat us all down in the bar and managed to feed us all (about 30 people) with some great food. In the afternoon we crossed town to Green Island Bush Road to visit John and Rosie McAdam and spent a couple of enjoyable hours with them, including checking out John's new shed project and the work he's currently undertaking on a Ford Dexter tractor restoration. Once back at the motel, the few of us staying there ordered pizzas and spent the evening chatting about veteran cars and all sorts of random stuff.

First thing next morning (Monday) it was time to head home. Because we missed motoring the veterans on the Sunday and the weather was by then looking really good again, three of us from Canterbury decided to stop off in Waimate on the way home and have a run there instead. It was a good 2 hours or so to get there, and on arrival we unloaded the cars on the side of the road in the centre of town, bought picnic lunches in the bakery, and then motored out to Kelceys Bush to enjoy lunch in the sun out there – a great way to end the weekend away.



Start of the Dunedin to Brighton Run in the Octagon, with Gavin Turner and John McAdam



At the Brighton Domain - Grandma in the background far right.



Some of the cars and bikes at the National Veteran Rally



Grandma and the 12/16 have a rest in the shade at Coleridge.

The following weekend I was racing at the Skope meeting at Ruapuna Raceway in the Wolseley 1500. For older and historic race cars, this is the highlight event of the year in Canterbury, attracting around 250 entries and probably the biggest spectator crowd for the whole year. For me it's a significant change of pace after veteran motoring, but it doesn't take long to get the red mist dialled in and it was a really enjoyable weekend racing with other VCC members – great camaraderie with just that little bit of competitiveness to get the adrenalin flowing. Graham Quate was my support crew again this year – always on the ball making sure all is well after each race, and as a very experienced but now retired racer he's great company and a good sounding board to have around for any problems that might arise. The car went well all weekend, and I set a personal best lap time for Ruapuna during qualifying (after many meetings there previously) and then even matched it during one race. I was consistently running about the middle of the field of around 30 cars, so there was some good racing happening. Our last race was immediately after a shower of rain and was pretty challenging, but apart from that it was an excellent meeting. Just like veteran motoring – if you can finish the event by driving the car onto the trailer undamaged then it's been a very good outing indeed!

A funny discussion happened two weeks after Skope when I was talking to a VCC member who knew someone racing in the VCC class as me with a Ford V8 Special. He had been talking to the guy and he had said he thought he was going really well, and then on the main straight he got passed by a 'bloody Wolseley 1500'! Wonder who that was??

Three days after Skope and we were off with the 12/16 again, this time to the National Veteran Rally in Blenheim. The format for this rally was very relaxed, with a huge public open day and field tests at Brayshaw Park on Waitangi Day, and then a 30 mile run out to a Homestead on the coastal side of Spring Creek on the Friday with a picnic lunch provided by the women from Marlborough Branch. Quite a few different cars and bikes (30 in total) from those that were at the Dunedin to Brighton meant there was the opportunity to catch up with quite a few different people, but there were many that made it to both events, including Colin and Judy with Grandma and some other good friends from Canterbury. The weather for all 3 days of the rally was perfect as well. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend, finished off with a great dinner provided for us at the Marlborough Branch clubrooms on Friday night, and then an informal visit to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre in our cars on the Saturday morning before packing up and heading for home.

Many of us from the south stayed at the Cherylea Motel on SH6, and we were looked after extremely well, the owners even allowing us to park our tow vehicles and trailers on the front lawn of the motel. This was the same motel we used for our Wolseley Car Club National Rally in Blenheim many years ago, and we'd go back there again without hesitation.

A few days later we had our monthly veteran coffee morning at Thirsty Acres in Kirwee. I gave the Wolseley 12/16 a rest and took the two-cylinder Wolseley-Siddeley 10HP to that one to give it an outing. With the roads a bit damp after a shower during the night I even took a short-cut there on gravel roads! No dust, but some sections of the roads were extremely rough and I was wishing I'd stuck to the main roads! A few of our coffee morning regulars were away at the Model T rally in Gore but we still had a good catch-up over a morning coffee and cheese scone.

And then, two days later, we were off again, this time to Methven for the Veteran Car Club Mid-Summer Adventure. The 12/16 got an oil change and a session with the grease gun before I put it back in the trailer and headed away again. Another great weekend away, this time with a drive to the Coleridge Power Station on Saturday 15th February and then a trip to Staveley on the Sunday, both in fabulous weather.

So, all up we've done about 200 miles of veteran motoring in the month, and some of it quite testing on the cars. Very, very enjoyable though. Consequently there's not been a lot of work happening in the shed to report on (too much time away), but I did manage to spend quite a few hours making up some new hood bows for the 12/16. I've now got all the various straps, levers and fittings attached to them and had one trial fitting on the car, but need to do a slight bit of adjustment so the hood meets the top of the windscreen exactly. I can then start to put the hood material back onto the frame and hopefully the job will be done.

Meanwhile reminders have been arriving by email from the WoF man saying 4 cars and one trailer are due for renewal, so that will take up a bit of time next month. Isn't it great that we may be getting 12 month WoFs soon!

Colin Hey

SPARE PARTS NEWS

Not a lot to report this month – there's been a steady number of requests coming in, and for some reason 6/80's seem to be the favoured model this month. There are a couple of members who have been doing engine work, and another who has been busy replacing suspension bushes and refurbishing the gear-change linkages. Wiper motors also seem to be playing up at the moment, with requests for one for an 18/85 and another for a 6/99 coming in during the last couple of weeks. Harry Sutcliffe in the North Island was also most unlucky to have had a punt up the rear from a careless 4WD driver recently, so needed some trim parts for his 18/85 which will be needed after the panel-beater does his magic, which fortunately we had in stock.

In the next month or so we are hoping to make a start on rebuilding the area where we store our second-hand engines at Idlewood, with a view to providing a bit more room and making them much more accessible. We'll also be using the opportunity to cull out any old engines that are beyond economical reconditioning condition, particularly 6/110 engines of which we probably have around 15.

As always, just a reminder too, to keep using the spares email address for any of your enquiries or orders. It's: wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com Always include your full address including post code and your contact phone number so I have it right on hand if I send you a reply or parcel. If you text me or email my private email address you run a very real risk of having it lost in all the other emails I seem to get nowadays.

Thanks

Colin Hey

Technical Advisors to help members with their Wolseley

The following list is a group of Wolseley Enthusiasts willing to help with any technical issues you may have.

<i>Veteran and Vintage</i> Colin Hey 021 883 807	<i>Post vintage (1930-35)</i> Series II & III (1936-1948) Mike Driscoll 027 290 6755	<i>4/50, 6/80, 4/44, 15/50</i> Ivan McCutcheon 022 374 6326
<i>15/60 and 16/60</i> Stephen Belcher 021 175 6009	<i>6/90, 6/99, 6/110</i> C-Series engines Colin Hey 021 883 807	<i>1500, FWD Hornet, 1300, 18/85</i> A & B Series engines Michael Kruse 027 6600 203
<i>18/85, SIX, 18-22 (Wedge) and E-Series engines</i> Stephen Belcher 021 175 6009		

1955 4/44

The car was imported brand new to NZ in 1955 (25/3/1955) from England, by my father. The car was used as far as I know privately-family use. I bought it from my Dad on 25/7/68. It was used for family use, until it was put on the restoration register 1996.

It has been in dry storage and on the Plates Restoration Register as above date (approx).

It still turns over with crank handle. It is in our garage on blocks tyres off the ground.

The car is located in Auckland

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1939 10/40 new ten

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For more info
phone club
member Graham
0221359124.

Vehicle is in Christchurch.



FOR SALE

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Car located Otautau Southland**



Wolseley 15/60

**Been in storage for about 30 years with the intention of some restoration work, but never got around to it. In good condition overall, engine was reconditioned before storage and is thought to still turn over. Owned by a club member in Christchurch all that time, Needs rescuing.
Contact Jonathan Nicolle 0210 295 8771**





REGALIA

Many people have their own private collections of regalia on their subject of interest. The New Zealand Wolseley Car Club is no different. Some of the items we have for sale are related just to the New Zealand club, while others have been sourced from England, the home of the Wolseley marque.

From window stickers for your cars to lapel pins, coasters, key rings, and fridge magnets.

We can supply you from our own stocks. And now we can add shirts and caps to the mix. We order in lots of eight or more to make the embroidery run efficient and cost-effective. Our order can be a mixture of T-Shirts and Polo shirts or eight or more caps.

Wolseley Caps, Tees and Polo Shirts are made to order and must be an order of 8 garments or 8 caps at any given time.

So place an order now and when the magic number has been reached, we'll do a run and get your new clothing posted out to you as quickly as possible.

Caps are \$20 each, with T-Shirts \$25 and Polo Shirts \$35 all in a very serviceable green.

For any questions look on the website <https://www.wolseleycarclub.co.nz/>

or to order any of the regalia or clothing items are shown here, **please contact**

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Wolseley Car Club Cooler Bag	\$55
Wolseley Car Club Ladies Blouse	\$65
Wolseley Ladies Blouse	\$65
Wolseley Lapel Badge	\$10
Wolseley Workman Overalls	\$95
Wolseley Number Plate Surrounds	\$10
Wolseley Embroidered Badge	\$10
Wolseley Car Club Window Sticker	\$5
Wolseley Car Club I Bought Wisely Sticker	\$5
Wolseley Car Club NZ Cap	\$20
Wolseley Car Club NZ Polo Shirt	\$35
Wolseley Car Club NZ Tee Shirt	\$25
Wolseley Car Club 125 Yrs Sticker	\$5
Wolseley Car Club Red Wolseley Lapel Pin 02\$8	
Wolseley Car Club Wolseley 680 Lapel Pin 04	
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Wolseley Car Club Wolseley Lapel Pin 05	\$8
Wolseley Car Club Wolseley Lapel Pin 06	\$8
Wolseley Car Club Wolseley Lapel Pin 07	\$8
Wolseley Car Club Wolseley Lapel Pin 09	\$8
Wolseley Car Club Wolseley Car Club Stickers	\$3-\$5
Wolseley Car Club NZ Beanie Wool blend \$25 Acrylic \$15	
Wolseley Car Club NZ Sweatshirts	\$50
Wolseley Car Club NZ Bucket Hat	\$25
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