

THE WORD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC



DECEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026



**Jonathan Gaut's now mobile, warranted and freshly painted 6/110
See articles Pg 9 and Pg 14**

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 REPORT

Hello Wolseley Enthusiasts,

Welcome to the December–January *Wolseley Word*. I hope you've all managed to have a decent break over Christmas and New Year, and that there's been at least a little time to get the Wolseley out of the garage — even if only for a short run.

It's been a pretty full-on time weather-wise, especially for our North Island members, and my thoughts are with anyone who's been affected by the recent storms and flooding. It really does make you appreciate the simple pleasures — a fine day, a good run, and catching up with fellow members.

There's plenty in this issue to enjoy. As always, it's great to see what everyone has been up to, and especially encouraging to read about cars making their way back onto the road. Jonathan Gaut's 6/110 is a real credit to him and well worth a look — another Wolseley saved and being enjoyed again.

Looking ahead, the 50th Anniversary National Rally in May is shaping up to be something special. It's a big milestone for the club, and I hope many of you are able to make the trip and be part of the celebrations.

Thanks once again to everyone who has sent in articles, photos, and snippets of news. Putting the *Wolseley Word* together really is a shared effort, and I appreciate all the help and support.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy New Year and plenty of enjoyable miles ahead.

Warm regards,

Gaye Dixon

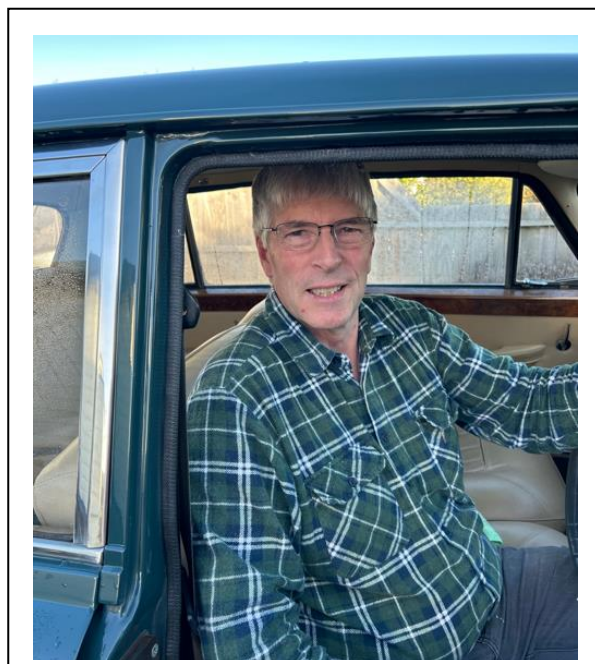
Editor, *The Wolseley Word*



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members,

Christmas and New Year have come and gone and hope everyone got to do what you wanted to. I hope you have been able to give your Wolseley an airing as well. We have had ours out, once with the trailer to get a load of super dirt for the garden (to check that the fuel pump was now working properly) also to the Southern's X mass doo with the Austin club which was once again a great occasion. Last weekend we meet up with the Heys and Winters attending the 72nd Dunedin Brighton Rally. It was very wet so the numbers of entrants were down and I think a number of cars after being flagged off from the Octagon by Mayor Sophie Barker did a short run back home or to where they were staying to get out of the weather, I don't blame them. We met up with Gavin & Wendy Turner and had an early lunch in a café down Lower Stuart Street before heading home.



In the last Word I mentioned the extreme wind weather event down in the south but this was really nothing when compared with what you in the North have had to deal with lately. I am sure I speak on behalf of all of us that the North Island has had enough of the horrendous wet conditions, road closures, flooding etc. etc. that go with it. Overwhelming sadness from us all towards those families who have lost love-ones as we try to process what has happened, families changed for ever.

National Rally.

Michael has forwarded Rally information for you all to look at and register. We look forward to celebrating 50 years for the Club in the area that held the first Rally event. Let's support the Christchurch branch for this event.

That's all for now.

Gordon Duthie

National President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Wolseleyites,

I hope you have had a good Holiday season. We have had an addition to the family, another grandchild Boston Hoehepa Jack, 3.1kg, born on the 20th of December. He is a very good baby and after two weeks gaining weight and sleeping in 3 hour lots at night.

Raewynn and I are having a holiday in Auckland the last two weeks in January. So, it will be great to help with the grandchildren.

I have had great feedback from the members on Gaye's first Wolseley Word

Well done Gaye it was a great success.

I took the 6/90 out for VCC run in early December. We had a lot of fun with a new way of finding Silent Checks, they listed them in the Instructions and all we had to do was list them in the order that you saw them ie, 1 to 12. It sounded easy but if you missed one, the rest of the checks were out of order, darn!!!!

We had a drive to Opunake Beach on New Year's Day a good run and also a lovely sunny day. I haven't heard officially but it looks like New Plymouth will have had the most sunshine hours for 2025, ahead of Nelson and Napier.

Happy New Year

Michael



THIS MONTH'S WEBSITE

This month's website – just Control Click the link below:

[**Wolseley: full story of a British carmaker**](#)

Korny Korner Ha! Ha!

What happened when they shut down
the robot motorway?

Everyone had to take the R2-Detour!

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

18/85, SIX, 18-22 (Wedge) and E-Series engines

Stephen Belcher.

021 175 6009

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:
Monday 23 February 2026

Spares Co-ordinator

A request from the Spares Coordinator.

If you require spare parts, the best way to do it is by emailing the spares address:

Wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com

Please try to avoid emailing my personal email address, as your order may get lost.

Please let me know exactly what part you need. If there is any doubt in what it may be (particularly if it's steering parts, bushes etc.) then take a photo of the part or send a scanned copy of a parts diagram with the parts you need circled.

In the email, please include your full name and full postal address (including the post code) and your phone number – this saves me having to look it up when I address the parcel.

An invoice for the parts will be sent out after the parcel is posted – this is to ensure you pay the correct price for postage, as for all but small items it varies so much nowadays.

I'm usually at the parts shed on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, so make sure you order before those times if you need anything urgently. I will dispatch urgent parts by courier if necessary. If you want the parts sent straight to a garage or workshop where you are having the work completed, just let me know. You will be invoiced directly for the parts though, not the garage.

Thanks

Colin Hey, Parts Coordinator

Colin's Report

It seems like a very long time since I've found myself at the computer writing out newsletter reports. It was probably a welcome break, but having to think back about what has happened since about December and then writing it up gets the grey matter going.

First up in December for Jenny and I was the One and Two-cylinder rally in Clyde on 6th and 7th December – a favourite event for Jenny and I. This year we had new organisers, and they were on the case very early to ensure accommodation was organised and the final details sorted well in advance. We take the two-cylinder Wolseley Siddeley to this event, and although Clyde is a long way to trailer the car



One & two-cylinder veteran rally in Clyde, December

it is well worth it as we love the motoring in that area, the familiarity of the runs and venues we visit (in other words 'no stress'), and the ability to motor, relax and socialise with other like-minded enthusiasts is just great. This year we were treated not only once again to perfect weather, but also to a visit through the Clyde Dam which was informative and interesting to say the least. Our guide took us into the depths of the structure, including showing us the concrete wedge that will keep the dam intact in a major (magnitude 8) earthquake – but one of the technical challenges in the design to ensure the lights stay on if nature unleashes its wrath in some way in the future. Floods and fires also were

afforded contingent responses. There were few new cars to the event this year too, including a very rare two-cylinder Ford F (a for-runner to the Ford T) from Gore, a 1904 Rambler (both of these cars came from the big Robin Dixon Estate auction in Gore in 2024). There was also a 1907 Cadillac, a newly restored 1904 curved dash Oldsmobile, and the 1910 International High-wheeler which is part of Allan Dippie's ever-expanding collection in Wanaka. The closing dinner on Sunday evening at The Packhouse venue was superb, and on leaving we were assured that plans were in place for the 2026 event, so we will return!

As I write this, Jenny, Matthew and I have just returned from Dunedin for a weekend away to once again take part in the Dunedin to Brighton Rally. Over the last couple of weeks I managed to finish off re-fitting the hood to the Wolseley 12/16, which has been off the car for a couple of years following two of the 3 hood bows breaking catastrophically. They had been made too light, and that combined with the very heavy hood material meant they just weren't up to the job, having already failed and been repaired by me a couple of times in the past. Just as well I did, because it rained steadily from the time we arrived in Dunedin on the Friday, to the time we left on Monday morning.



The 12/16 with the hood refitted



Leaving the Octagon in the rain - Colin Winter is holding the umbrella as the Mayor flags the cars away

I got the car out of the trailer at 8.00am on the Saturday morning, and quickly put the hood up (it won't fit in the trailer unless the hood is down), getting pretty wet in the process. The start point is the First Church car park just a stone's throw away from the Dunedin Octagon, where we all assemble about 9.00am, then relocate to the centre of the Octagon about 9.45. I told Jenny and Matthew to just go straight to the Octagon in the Ranger at 10am, and I'd meet them there, and then we'd decide whether we'd do the full run or not, depending on how heavy the rain was going to be. Not only heavy rain was forecast, but a strong southerly wind 'gusting to 100km/h' according to the forecast, which we'd be running straight into on the run to Brighton. Twenty-three cars and 2 motorcycles turned up at First Church, and we got the run briefing, and then drove about 500m around to park up for the display in the Octagon. As soon as I parked the car Jenny and Matthew arrived, so we made a bee line to one of the cafes nearby and enjoyed a coffee and scone out of the rain for half an hour or so. Returning across the road to the Octagon, we found Southern members Gavin Turner and Gordon &

Colin's Report cont'd

Beryl Duthie who had come to see the cars and catch up with us, and I must also mention Bernie Horn who was helping out all morning with marshalling duties for the VCC, standing out in the rain most of the morning helping park cars, and then later at the Brighton Domain assisting with the field tests. We hugely appreciate seeing these guys, as it's really only a couple of times a year we're down there and can catch up.

By then there was a surprisingly good turnout of locals and tourists looking around too, and a couple of local identities (including Mayor Sophie Barker) were on the sound system giving a run down on the cars. At 11am the weather was showing no signs of abating, so Jenny, Matthew and I made the decision not to do the full run. At 11.00am the cars began to be flagged away from the Octagon, and 3 blocks after leaving the Octagon I turned off the route and took the car back to the motel and put it back in the trailer. We then followed the route to Brighton in the Ranger in case we ran into anyone needing assistance on the way.

No Wolseley enthusiast can talk about the D2B without mentioning the Winter family and Grandma, the 1900 Wolseley. This year the whole family was actively engaged in the event. Gary and Sarah motored a borrowed 1912 Talbot, and Colin once again piloted Grandma all the way to Brighton and back, in the rain. We caught them up about 5km away from Brighton, the car chugging reliably up a hill, and Colin and his passenger (not sure who it was) sitting in their wet weather gear with smiles on their faces. They were the last to arrive at the domain by about 20 minutes – Grandma retaining her record of finishing all of the now 72 years of D2B runs. The rest of the Winter crew (including grandchildren) were also involved, those not in cars lending a hand with the marshalling and the distribution of food and hot drinks at the finish.

After seeing that around 18 of the cars and bikes actually completed the whole run and the weather not being anything as bad as had been forecasted, I regretted not doing it ourselves, but never mind. That night everyone enjoyed the prizegiving dinner in town, and the next day most people caught up again at the Careys Bay Hotel for coffee and lunch – always another enjoyable part of the weekend.

On Monday we headed home, making a brief stop in Waimate on the way for an early lunch. By the time we got home the sun was shining again, so I got the car out of the trailer and left it outside until the evening to dry out. Despite the weather, still a very enjoyable weekend all up – one cannot discount the social aspect of the event – it's as much about people as it is the cars.

Now that that the D2B is out of the way, it's time to get the Wolseley 1500 race car out and prepared ready for the Skope Classic race weekend on 6th, 7th and 8th. I've had the car out and running already, and just need to repair a small dent in the front guard that happened at the last outing (not my fault!), check the front wheel alignment, and then give everything a good once-over. We also have Graham and Jenny Ryder (UK Wolseley Register members) arriving in a few days to stay for a week or so, plus I need to get back onto getting the Wolseley 16/20 ready for the Vero Rally in Nelson in March, which I should have done well before now so I could get some confidence up before taking it that far from home. Never mind! The Veteran Car Club is having its Annual Summer Rally in mid-February so that's the deadline date and the shakedown run for Vero. Just hope Summer returns by then!

As far as happenings for our own Branch, we had a very good Christmas lunch at Idlewood on 14th January, with about 25 people present. Lovely food, and lots of good conversations about what's going on in the world of Wolseleys in our part of the country.



**Sharon Boyle & Ed Bishop
contemplating the desserts**



**The Christchurch Branch Christmas
lunch at Idlewood**


Colin's Report cont'd

The committee is planning a run to Governors Bay probably during late February or early March, which will include catching the ferry from Lyttelton, and having lunch somewhere over there. No doubt Stuart will get the word out once everything has been finalised, which will include assisting those with mobility issues with transport once we arrive in Governors Bay. Don't forget too, that the new Brit and Euro event is coming up on Saturday 7th March, followed one week later by the massive Twin Rivers Display at the showgrounds.

A bit of news too regarding our members – congratulations to Jonathan Gaut who has managed to get his 6/110 painted and back on the road again. It looks great and motors well according to Jonathan, and although there are still a couple of jobs to tackle that can be done over the coming months, the big thing is that it's another one saved and back in use. Another member back on the road is also Ian Sprosen, who has just purchased the Series 3 6/90 from Graeme Francis (son of our much-missed Wolseley stalwart the late Allan Francis). The car is in great shape, but is getting a gearbox swap in the near future as the one in the car has lost synchromesh in first and second gears. I can see that Ian will get plenty of pleasure from the car as he's had a few 6/90s over the last 50 years, and they are his favourite model.

So, Christchurch members, check out Stuart's report if you haven't already, and keep your eyes open for his regular emails about coming events. Hope to see you at something soon.

Colin Hey

		WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NZ Inc 2026 NATIONAL RALLY	
ENTRY FORM for the			
50 Years of the Wolseley Car Club Rally			
11th to 16th May 2026			
Driver and Passenger Details:			
Driver		Passenger 2	
Passenger 1		Passenger 3	
Contact Details:			
Full Address		Phone	
		Mobile	
Post Code:		Email	
Vehicle Details:			
Make	Model	Year	Reg
Accommodation Details:			
I/we have booked accommodation in Christchurch at the following establishment:			
To Register:			
Please complete the above details and return this form by email to the rally convenor, Colin Hey: heywolseley699@gmail.com or post to:			
Wolseley Car Club National Rally			
C/- Colin Hey, 34 Rossington Drive, West Melton 7618			
Please also pay your Rally Deposit of \$75 per entry form into the Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc - Christchurch Club Inc bank account, Westpac number 03-1593-0008597-000 no later than 20 th March 2026.			
Please put your name in the first reference box, and 'Rally Dep' in the second. Please be sure to use the correct account – not the Spare Parts account.			
Please note that this payment is a deposit to secure your registration. The final cost has yet to be finalised, and will be invoiced in early April 2026. It is expected the final cost will be \$350 per person if all options are selected, including the Akaroa Cruise. Most morning teas, most lunches and evening meals and entry to venues, as described in the rally programme, should fall within that cost – some will be included in the final rally fee and some will be pay as you go. Deposits will be fully refundable up until one month before the rally.			
Updated information regarding the rally will be forwarded to registered entrants, and will also be provided in the Wolseley Word. Any further inquiries can be addressed to Colin Hey email heywolseley699@gmail.com , or phone 03 359-8737 or 021 883 807.			



2026 Wolseley Car

Club NZ Inc

National Rally

Celebrating 50 Years of the Wolseley Car Club

11th to 16th May 2026

**Start to plan your attendance now – this is a big occasion for our club,
and one we want to celebrate well.**

The Christchurch Branch will host this event, with accommodation and activities to be based in Christchurch.

Special Note: There will be a \$150 subsidy for the inter-island ferry crossings for North Island members travelling with their Wolseleys to the Rally.

Proposed Rally Programme:

Monday 11th May – arrive in Christchurch. An informal welcome function will be held in the evening from 7.00pm to welcome visitors to Christchurch and the event in 'The Barn' at the Vintage Car Club, McLeans Island Road. BYO drinks – light supper provided.

Tuesday 12th May – morning available to rest from your trip, or if you're feeling energetic, a visit to the Air Force Museum at Wigram. Then meeting at 12.00pm at Idlewood, McLeans Island Road to visit the Christchurch Branch Clubrooms and Spares Shed where we'll have light lunch. In the afternoon we'll have a couple of interesting collections to visit around the area (afternoon tea provided), and then Dinner that night (optional) at the Redwood Hotel, Main North Road.

Wednesday 13th May – drive to Ashburton to visit the Aviation Museum there, with lunch at the VCC museum and clubrooms, then in the afternoon a visit the Plains Museum, just down the road from the VCC. Dinner that evening (optional) at the Hornby Working Men's Club, SH1, Hornby, Christchurch.

Thursday 14th May – drive to Akaroa and enjoy the attractions there, including an optional cruise on Akaroa Harbour to see the local wildlife. Dinner that evening (also optional) at the Papanui Club, Sawyers Arms Road (not far from the airport).

Friday 15th May – free day to explore and enjoy Christchurch and its many new post-earthquake venues and attractions. Fish'n'chip tea on Friday evening, hopefully at the venue in Linwood where the inaugural meeting of the club was held in 1976.

Saturday 16th May – Re-enactment of the Inaugural Run of the Wolseley Car Club to Ashley Gorge. Picnic lunch provided. Social function and prizegiving that evening for everyone on the Rally at the Redwood Hotel, Main North Road.

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Sunday 17th May – farewell breakfast, location to be advised.

If you cannot attend in your Wolseley you are welcome to bring your modern car – the Rally is as much about our members as it is about the marque. We want to celebrate this occasion well, so we hope you can come and enjoy it with us.

Once we receive your registration, we will send you a form to complete advising us what options you want in the way of outings and meals, so we can arrange final bookings. Evening meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night are optional, and if you attend you will need to pay as you go at the venues advised.

Please note that registrations will close on 20th March, and in early April we will send you an invoice advising final costs for the options you have chosen and for the fixed costs. We advise that you should budget approximately \$350 per person if you want to attend all meals (including optional ones) and attractions as advised above.

Accommodation

You will need to book your own accommodation, however as most of the activities are close to the North-west side of Christchurch, we recommend you book your stay somewhere on that side of Christchurch.

We recommend you first try the following:

Redwood Hotel, 340 Main North Road Christchurch, Phone 0800 666 716, or website <http://www.theredwood.co.nz/> They have a range of accommodation options, their prices are extremely competitive, and the complex was fully renovated a few years ago.

Tasman Holiday Park (formerly Meadow Park), 39 Meadow Street, Papanui. Phone 03 352 9176, or website <https://tasmanholidayparks.com> Full range of accommodation options from caravan or motorhome sites through to fully serviced motel units

More information and registration details to follow in later Wolseley Words, or Contact Colin Hey on 021 883 807, email heywolseley699@gmail.com



Inaugural run of the Wolseley Car Club in 1976 to Ashley Gorge

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – North Island

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT NORTH ISLAND

Welcome to 2026. It promises to be a very busy year, with the International Rally in Nelson in March and the Wolseley Car Club's 50th anniversary in May. I am sure many members are preparing for a big year with their Wolseleys.

The first event for the year is the double header on February 8, one in Upper Hutt and the other in Auckland. Thanks to Noeline Billing for organizing the Wolseley Car Club's participation in the Intermaque Concours at Eilerslie and to Larry Niak for organizing the Club's participation in the British and European Car Day at Upper Hutt. Details on both these events are published elsewhere in this Word, and it is hoped that members will support the organizations by turning up with their cars, and putting them on display.

March 15 sees the start of the International Rally in Nelson. I know that quite a few members are heading off to this exciting event.

Then, on May 11, the Wolseley Car Club's 50th Anniversary National Rally sets off from Christchurch for 6 days of fun and celebration. Look for details in this Word. This is the BIG one. It would be great to see lots of Wolseleys there.

On to July and our mid-winter dinner takes place at a venue to be decided, followed later in the year by the North Island AGM and the NZ AGM, both in the North Island. It is hoped that a Rally can be fitted in around November, and then, once again it is Christmas and we say "Where has the year gone?"

The 2025 Christmas lunch was, as usual, a very enjoyable affair. It was great to see familiar and new faces at the dinner. The Waihi Beach RSA put on a great spread, and much conviviality was enjoyed by everyone.



We missed a few members due to illness, and we were very saddened to hear later of the passing of Ray Chappell. Ray and Caryl took part in many WCC activities, and were greatly valued and appreciated by all. Our sincere condolences to Caryl and the family from all at the Club. Ray will be missed. Best wishes to our beloved members Harry and Gay Sutcliffe, who are going through a rough patch at the moment. I guess after 65 years of marriage, rough patches are to be expected. We wish you better times and improved health.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT NORTH ISLAND cont'd

The Wolseleys at the Christmas lunch were once again spectacular, and created a lot of



interest to, from and whilst at the venue.

Thank you, to you all, for your hard work in preserving these beautiful machines. They bring joy not only to their owners, but all who see them.

Annette McKnight

North Island Club Captain

North Island Coming Events

Ellerslie Intermarque Concours and Classic Car Show

Sunday 8th February 2026 at Ellerslie Racecourse, Auckland

Please contact Noeline Billing for tickets. <nandpbilling@gmail.com> Ph: 027 4531 049

All participating cars should have the removable windscreen sticker prominently displayed on their windscreen, preferably on the right-hand side.

Plan to have your cars in place by 9.00am as there will be no car movement allowed after 9.30am.

The Wolseley club's site is through **Entry Gate 7**, go to the Ellerslie Intermarque Concours web site - [gate 7 directions to site at ellerslie.pdf](#) where you will find a printable PDF copy of the map and instructions.

Please take note and make sure club members displaying cars are familiar with the Health and Safety requirements for the day, this is available on our website - [ellerslie classic car show health safety.pdf](#) This is a condition of entry required by the Ellerslie Events people.

The British & European Car Day 2026 40th Anniversary

Sunday 8th February at Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, kicking off at 9am.

This event is a large gathering well represented with all marques of British and European vehicles, including motorcycles, proudly displayed by their owners and or associated clubs. It affords an opportunity for us to catch up and socialise as well as to represent our own Wolseley Car Club and display our beautiful Wolseley cars amongst likeminded car enthusiasts.

The Wolseley Car Club usually sets up around 9am in the northwestern area of the park with one of our cars chosen to park under the Wolseley Car Club banner.

Usually, we have a gazebo or two set up and everyone brings their lunch and refreshments.

Presently, it's likely Bronwyn & Hugh, Ruth & Winton, and Glenys and Larry, with their cars, will be attending. We'd like to see many more than that. Especially if you're local. Pencil it in.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch

From the Christchurch Branch, we wish all members of the Big Wolseley family a very Happy and Healthy "NEW YEAR"

Our Branch has experienced a very quiet two months in terms of organised activities.

In December, members came together and celebrated the festive season with the annual Christmas BBQ at Idlewood. Numbers attending were in the 20's and it was declared an absolute success.

Unfortunately the scheduled Committee Meeting was cancelled because there wasn't going to be enough of the executive present to form a quorum. Myself, I personally contributed to this situation as I was away from Christchurch effectively for the month of December. Accordingly no planning was effected in bringing together an events programme for January. However there were members that did attend the Wings and Wheels event at Oxford during the month, which is something worthwhile, and usually has our Club support. For those that did attend the day, weather wise, it started reasonably settled, but fell apart as the day progressed.

Indicative of the weather patterns the entire country has experienced this past month, I think it's fair to say everyone's hearts go out to the recent storms that ravaged the country with the loss of life at the Camping Ground at Mt Maunganui. Thoughts also are extended for any of our North Island members who in any way have been affected by the deluge of rain that was the force of the dreadful storm. We did also, here in Canterbury, experience adverse weather which has been the case for most of the month, but nothing as severe as what was experienced in the North.

Idlewood, for the small team of regular workers does prove a huge challenge. Some 70 odd new pines have been planted with the intention of them becoming a wind break. It is hoped that with their maturity that they will be controlled and will provide exactly that. Tony Shanks has taken on the tedious task of watering them twice a week to which they have responded and are making significant growth.

The absence of the forest trees that we were once encased by, has allowed all the natural light to penetrate the ground which has every imaginable weed flourishing. Ed Bishop, the weed killer man, is constantly spraying which is not totally desirable, and it's expensive, but we are short of options.

Jonathan Gaut, previous National parts organiser, arrived at Idlewood recently in his now mobile, - warranted, - and freshly painted 6/110. It was a very proud visit with everyone acclaiming the transformation as being nothing short of amazing. Johnathon was always a regular attendee at Idlewood, but the chance of employment in a direction which he enjoys, and which he is a professional at, is working with small motors. This limits his opportunity to attend. It was just so good to have him in our midst.

Our very own Lord Wolseley, (Colin Hey) has, as usual, put his organisational skills in place, - and it is hoped that all members by now would have seen the planned itinerary for our forthcoming -- 50 YEARS OF WOLSELEY -- celebration to be held in May this year. Even with offers of help he has gone alone and compiled the programme of events. He is a worker with an extraordinary appetite for getting the job done. Probably thinks others participation would not match his own experience and ability, and he is exactly totally correct. I'm guessing there may be the odd tweak, but the ground work has certainly been done.

Take care everyone.

Regards

Stuart

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Southern

WOLSELEY SOUTHERN REGION REPORT

Happy New Year from the Southern Region.

We had a joint, Wolseley 27 members and Austin 23 members, Christmas lunch on 12th. Dec. - held at the Otago Classic Car Club rooms, a great facility and excellent catering by



the combined clubs WIVES. Well done ladies and special thanks to Elaine and Bernie. Plus Meat masters Bill, Trevor and Frank great job guys!!!!

We are planning an outing north of Dunedin visiting a couple of collections: cars, machinery, dolls etc. culminating in a meal at Maheno Tavern. Information will be sent to members soon.

That's all folks!! Cheers George

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE - Club members Lee and Derick's tale of Wolseley Wedding Day Blues.

On Saturday 21st I had agreed to use our Wolseley Super Six for a wedding car, initially driving the wedding party from Oamaru to Livingstone for a farm wedding. Last week strong winds had caused considerable damage to the marquees erected for the wedding and the venue was shifted at short notice to the Duntroon hall. So the plan changed and I would drive the bridal party from Oamaru to Duntroon then after the wedding ceremony drive the bride and groom up to Livingstone for photos.

Having spent several days cleaning and dressing the car and myself I duly arrived at the pickup point ten minutes early. Having checked every one was comfortable we proceeded at a very leisurely pace through Weston, Enfield then Ngapara and on to elephant rocks toward Duntroon. At the top of the rise before Elephant Rocks the car would not drive



(engine revs but no drive). At first I thought it had slipped out of gear, something it had never done but alas it had decided now was the best time to break an axle. As things happened an out of town guest to the wedding had been following us as they did not know how to get to Duntroon hall so the wedding party loaded into this vehicle to complete the last piece of the journey to Duntroon leaving me sitting on the side of the road awaiting rescue by Ernest and Brenda complete with their faithful trailer. More importantly, it left another planned highlight of the wedding party in ruins. I was gutted for them.

The car was easily fixed as the axle was a clean break on the outer hub and I had another axle installed by Sunday morning.

Derek Brehaut

Cars and Parts For Sale

Three Wolseleys offered for sale

1. 1949 Wolseley 4/50 ex British Car Museum Haumoana. Fully documented history and fully road legal with current registration and WoF. Rust free straight body, original upholstery. Lots of work done to bring it up to this condition. \$7,500



2. 1936 Wolseley 14/56 ex Dannevirke barn find. Rust free straight body, reconditioned motor. Can be driven onto a trailer. All parts for completion. Not yet registered. Original plates and papers. \$8,500

3. 1936 Wolseley 14/56 ex Napier Art Deco car. Smooth quiet engine. Nice clean body, paint and upholstery. Very smooth comfortable ride. Current registration and wof. \$18,500

Enquiries to Mike Driscoll

027 2906755 mcdiscoll@xtra.co.nz



Cars and Parts For Sale cont'd

6/110 for sale, located in Kaitangata (South Otago). Live plates, running and driving, needs brakes bleeding as it's just had new seals fitted. Has all lights and trim. Paint is a 50 footer, in other words it looks good from 50 feet. Please contact me if you are interested.

Contact Franky Harris, phone number is 027 873 2213.

B series 1622 Engine

In excellent condition, complete as per photos.

Excellent engine for a transplant, should be a cost effective option over a full recon.

Rare opportunity to find a later model of this engine with the improved revision of cylinder head, and improved efficiency, hard to find now.

Phone Steve with any enquiries for more information.

ph 021 1756009 or 021 1690162



Wolseley 18/85 Tow Bar

I have for sale a tow bar for a Wolseley 18/85.

Custom built and with all bits including nuts & bolts. Removed from a donor car in Gisborne.

I have decided not to put it on my 18/85.

I want \$200 plus any freight if not picked up from Kawerau.

Contact Harry Sutcliffe: Ph 0272359986

WANTED TO SELL

Frank Keenan from Nelson Marlborough Branch wants to sell his 1962 Wolseley 6/110, colour grey in good condition approx.. 62,000 miles.

The car is in Nelson, runs well and will have a new WOF.

Price \$10,000 ono

Please contact Frank on 021 126 7700

WANTED TO BUY

Nicholas Scantlebury is interested in buying a mint Wolseley 6/110 or 16/60

Please contact Nicholas on 022 523 1901 if you can help.

Cars and Parts For Sale cont'd

Wanted to Sell

Wolseley Eight, 1947 approx.

No WOF, registration dead, but papers can possibly be found. Mechanical condition unknown, probably only suitable for parts. Needs to be sold and moved as soon as possible, and open to offers.

The car is in Christchurch. Contact the owner, Samantha on 022 653 3116.



Korny Korner Ha! Ha!

Why did the robot sleep under a car?

He wanted to wake up oily



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.

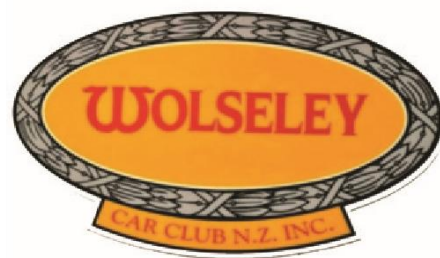
For any questions look on the website <https://www.wolseleycarclub.co.nz/> or to order any of the regalia or clothing items are shown here, **please contact**

Sharon by phone or text on 021 498 162 or by email to dandsomalley@gmail.com

- 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
- Wolseley Car Club Maroon Wolseley 690 Lapel Pin 01
- 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
- Wolseley Car Club NZ Key Ring \$15



Lapel Badge \$10.00



Sticker \$5.00



Cooler bags \$55

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