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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC



**August – September 2024**



Stephen & Janice's Belcher 18/85 & Wolseley Six

## 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 & NATIONAL SECRETARY'S BIT

Hi Wolseleyites,

Since last month I have progressed the 6/90 a little more and now are fitting an LED indicator system to the car. Which when finished will allow the Trafficators to work also having an indicator front and rear .

On the front page of the latest Classic Car Magazine is a picture of a blue front wheel drive 18/85 with the caption

“WOLSELEYS”

A cut above their stablemates.

It is nice to have our cars held in such high esteem. Inside is an article on Janices and Stephen Belcher's 1974 Wolseley SIX and 1970 18/85 Mark II Deluxe. Both cars are a credit to Stephen and Janice.

Cheers Michael



## Reminder...

### Wolseley Car Club Subscriptions are Due

### The Renewal is \$40.00

Please ONLY fill in the Renewal Membership Form if your cars have changed.

The Renewal Membership Forms are available from you Local Secretary

#### **North Island Branch**

When paying by Direct Debit Please use your surname as a reference.

Bank Account Number 06 0996-0174069-00

#### **Nelson- Marlborough Branch**

When paying by Direct Debit Please use your surname as a reference.

Bank Account Number 03 0751-0197510-00

#### **Christchurch Branch**

When paying by Direct Debit Please use your surname as a reference.

Bank Account Number 03 1593-0008597-00

#### **Southern Branch**

When paying by Direct Debit Please use your surname as a reference.

Bank Account Number 03 0887-0270182-00

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## Presidents Report

Hi Members,

Thank you to all of you who attended your branch AGM and for hopefully inspired enough to take on a duty or even help to organise a get-together of some sort. Any little thing any member can do to support an outing of some sort is always welcomed. At our zoom meetings we have reports on various areas of the club, Colin has been reporting on the parts department which has been very busy for a few months now which means members are both keeping their cars in good mechanical order and or restoration work being done. Wolsley members are fortunate that this club has such a well organised parts department which is essential for us to keep our cars going. Well done to both the North Island and Christchurch members for the work in extracting those parts needed. Daffodil Day, I know there was quite a bit on around the country 24th 25th Aug and hope many of you were able to participate one way or another. I went through to Waimate with my Hero Gizmo moped for a run of 80 Kms through the country side. We stayed with my brother Sat night attending a quiz night with the moped run on Sunday. They raised \$900.00 odd dollars, was all good fun. My last report indicated very cold, frosty weather but how much it has changed with fruit trees starting to come into blossom. The days are stretching out as well.

That's all for now,

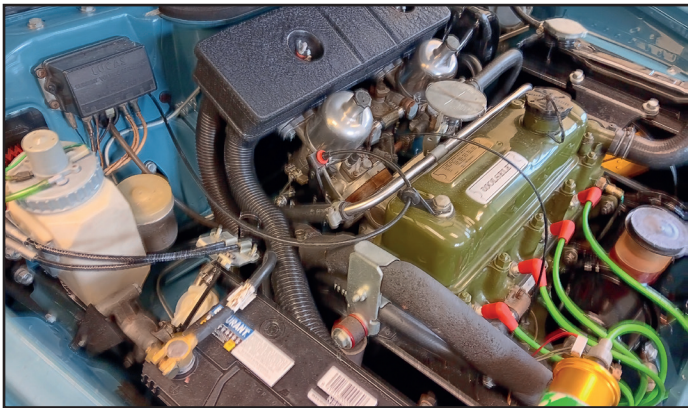
Gordon Duthie



## THIS MONTH'S VIDEO

<https://www.playingpasts.co.uk/articles/gender-and-sport/woman-in-a-wolsley-the-motoring-life-of-miss-larkins/>

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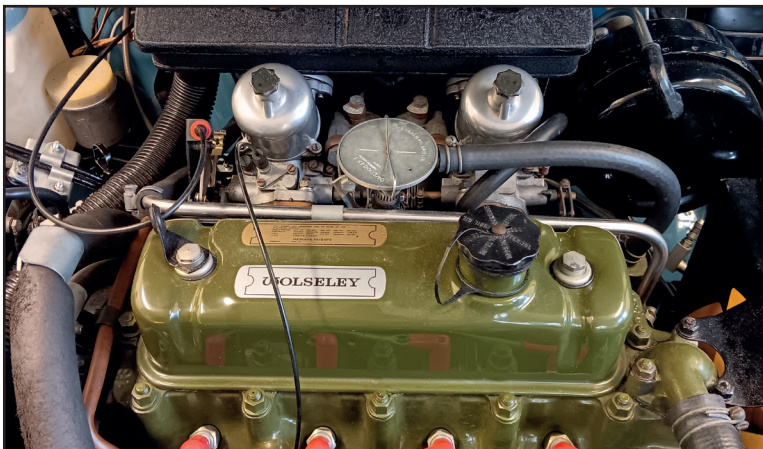
The 18/85 had a part made the black box, air filter, Stephen painted it with the stippled paint just like the original.

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*Deadline for next Wolseley Word*  
**Friday 27th September 2024**

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## Branch News and Events Southern

Sunday 28th. July Southern had our AGM. 29 attended a most enjoyable catchup and meal. Same committee as we do a 3 year stint so no changes. We are in good heart and have a reasonable bank balance.

Plans have been made for upcoming outings and shared runs.

The first of which being Daffodil run on Sunday 25th. August and then a Roxburgh trip {date to be confirmed} followed by our big display at Auto Spectacular 19th. October, when we will be joined by some of our Christchurch members. This involves a Saturday display and evening meal, chat and drinks at a local Pub/restaurant, always entertaining!!.

National AGM will be attended by Gordon Duthie as past NZ President and Gavin Turner our own Southern Vice President.

The Bert Govan Trophy for the most enthusiastic members was presented by myself to Lee and Derek Brehaut.

That's all for this edition .

Cheers from a cool Dunedin,

Regards George.







## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island

FUNCTION Christmas Party  
VENUE. Waihi Beach RSA 99 Beach Rd Waihi Beach  
DATE. Saturday December 7, 2024  
TIME. 11.30-2.30  
COST. \$28 a head

You are invited to a Christmas Party, whether in the north, south, east or west of the island.

This is a Christmas themed all- you-can- eat buffet. The venue is the same as last year, and all who attended spoke highly of the food, facilities and easy access.

Please have numbers to the Club Captain by Wednesday September 30. Payment is on the day by those attending.

Annette McKnight  
027 480 5899  
mcknightannette80@gmail.com

## Wolseley Car Club National AGM

**Where:** Taupo VCC Clubrooms - Hickling Park A C Baths Avenue, Tauhara, Taupō 3330

**When:** Saturday 5th October 2024

**Time:** 11am

Lunch will be provided

**Dinner:** Taupo Cobb N Co, 6.30pm, 29 Tongariro Street, Taupo.

Suggested Accommodation – Ascot Taupo Motor Inn, please make your own booking.

info@ascotattaupo.co.nz

**Address:** 70 Rifle Range Road, Taupo, New Zealand

+64 7 377 2474 - 0800 800 670

Can people please advise Raewynn or Michael if you are intending to be coming for lunch and dinner numbers. Michael.kruse432@gmail.com or Raewynn on 0272438565

Any Apologies to Michael please. This is a good opportunity for members to meet the National Executive who are working hard in the background to keep the Wolseley Car Club running efficiently and effectively for everybody.

See you there

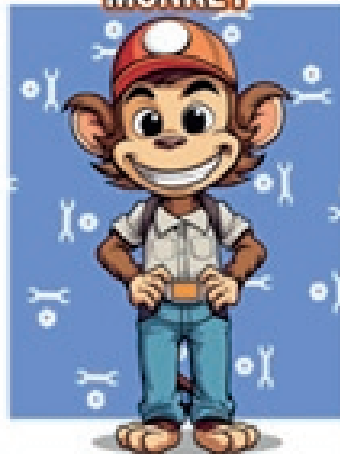
Raewynn Kruse

Secretary NI Wolseley Car Club

027 243 8565



This page is an introduction to Pages from Past articles written by Alex Sutton, for the "Wolseley Word" current Life Member of the NZ Wolseley Car Club starting from 1980.



Radial Tyres Are they any good in our cars?

1500 Cars These cars have the same floor pan and suspension and wheels as the Morris Minor. The 4-inch wheels are suitable for 155 x 14 tyres.

If 165 x 14 are to be fitted I suggest that the rim be widened by 2 inches, making them 6 inches. The reason for this is that the car will roll around on 165's on a 4-inch rim. We have a Morris Minor Convertible which we have 6-inch-wide rim with 165 tyres on. These have done 6 years of running around and still may make a warrant. To my thinking many old cars are not suitable for radials as the suspension is not set up for them and the wheels are too narrow.

6/99 and 6/110 These cars have 5 ½ inch rim and will take radials up to 205 x 14. Any small size will gear the car down and give the speedo a higher milage that what has been driven. Thus when you work out the mileage you will get a higher miles per gallon than you are really getting. The 6/110's are inclined to thump, and windows rattle on the wrong radials, and without power steering they are heavier around town and at higher speeds. I found that Aqua Jets by Dunlop are too soft in the walls for the weight of the 6/110's.

SO – when fitting radials don't take the first opinion you get from a dealer.

Check the size: Will it be the same all over diameter?

Check the width: Is it too wide for rims, and are the walls too soft for the weight of the car?

**CHIEF APE**

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch

On Sunday 1st September the Annual Rock and Wheels Display which takes place in the Amberley Domain. Always a good day with stalls, music, and live entertainment

Saturday 14th September is the usual scheduled Working Bee and Committee meeting

Then the following day Sunday 15th September We are planning a morning visit, because of parking consideration, to the Ravenscar House Museum at 52 Rolleston Av. This is a relatively new museum with high ratings.(view their website) This will follow on with a lunch at the Harewood Tavern, then, keeping holding your breath, more to come, if Marilyn and Merv Wayne have themselves sorted and into their new home, the conclusion of this exciting day out will be a visit, to check out their thoroughly planned new dwelling.

With regard to this event, I will be seeking numbers in fairness to Ravenscar Museum, and the Harewood Tavern, so if you are able to commit, please just let me know ASAP

29th September Combined run and luncheon with Jowett Club concluding at Cust to view a unique Can Collection

Well guys, quite a bit to write up in your diaries which is a good way to keep up with what's about to happen in the fast lane of life.

Feasibility exercise underway at Idlewood to determine a better use the space between containers Nos 2 and 3. The vision, or desire is to have a Engine storage area set aside separately with a paved floor, to accomodate motors than can be moved with the aide of a mobile manoeuvring device. (still to be determined for the purpose intended) A plan for due thought and consideration has been submitted. which involves removal of some temporary structure that is already established, and constructing a roof that will cover the gap between the two containers.

Usual regular gathering on a Wednesday and Saturday that although very social, has had mechanical experts tackle the continual demise of two cars in Rotten Row. (6/99 and 15/50) The two spear heads in the endeavour are Colin and Merv.

Regards, Stuart

## DAFFODIL RALLY

Hello 'WOLSELEYITES'

Thank you for all those that fronted up for the Daffodil Rally on Sunday. What a GREAT Day and such a worthwhile event. I don't think anyone would have been disappointed. The entertainment, and total organisation of the event that was the responsibility of our very own Lord Wolseley (Colin Hey), came together faultlessly, and to view the cars attending of all makes and models was rather special.

This Sunday 1st September which is first day of spring, and yes Fathers Day thrown into the mix, is the annual Rock and Wheels Event day at the Amberley Domain. This is always a great event with live entertainment and many craft type stalls. You can check it out on their website. There will be quite a few (myself included) that can't make it this year which is disappointing, but those that can will certainly enjoy the day.

Then Sunday 15th September is the morning visit to Ravenscar Museum, 52 Rolleston Avenue, City Centre. (check website) This follows on with lunch at the Harewood Tavern, following on with the invitation to view the new home of Marilyn and Merv Wayne in the new Prestons subdivision. In fairness to the Museum and the Harewood Tavern, I do require numbers for this event, so, if you haven't already done so, could you please let me know before say 10th September.

Just one more thing, Subs are now due, and to light up Hon Treasurer Pat Boyles life , and thus allow him to square up his books, your remittance would be gratefully received. Very simply to do on line with the cost being only \$10 for new or rejoining members, or, \$40 for existing or current members. the Bank details are as follows. : BANK WESTPAC ACCOUNT NUMBER 03 1593 0008597 00

## COLIN'S RAMBLINGS

I'm about 8 hours away from boarding a plane to Australia to attend the Australian Wolseley Hornet Special Club AGM and national rally to be held next weekend on the Sunshine Coast, so I've not got a lot of time to write much of a report this month. I have yet to pack my bag and get a bit of sleep before heading to the airport!

August has been particularly busy, spent mainly organising this year's VCC Canterbury Branch Daffodil Rally held yesterday on Sunday 25th August. A very successful event, and as yet I'm not sure how much we raised, suffice to say it was a significant sum. It was a LOT of work, and luckily for me our own club spares has been relatively quiet with only about 10 orders for parts coming in.

I've not managed much time on our Wolseleys, except I did manage to get the 1909 Wolseley-Siddeley into town for a WoF, and later that morning took it on a 35km drive out to Kirwee and back for our monthly veteran owners coffee morning. It hadn't been out for two months, but after checking everything was in order it started straight away and ran well for the whole trip there and back. Next month it will be the turn for the 1912 12/16 to go out there – that will be about 6 days after I return from Australia.

I also spent a few hours last week visiting Ron Duckworth in the retirement village in Prebbleton (near Christchurch) he and his wife Helen moved into about a year ago. I had to go there to pick up something from another resident I know in the same village, so called in to see if Ron was there, and he was. Ron was the gentleman that restored our 1909 car, and had earlier restored another veteran Wolseley which now resides in the North Island. We enjoyed a cup of tea sitting in the sun, and had a long chat about veteran Wolseleys and other cars and people, some of the trips he'd done, and some of the more memorable events that had taken place over the years. I was wishing I had a tape recorder with me, as there was a lot of information that would have been handy to have, but I will go back some time appropriately armed (possibly with the 1909 car as well) and if he's happy, hopefully get some voice recording done for later reference.

September will be a busy but fun month, with the trip to the WHSC AGM, then a couple of weeks later a trip down to Gore with a good friend to attend the auction of veteran cars and parts belonging to the late Robin Dickson – an avid collector of veteran cars and parts over decades and from all over NZ. I'm not intending to buy anything as all the goods are of USA origin, but I'm really looking forward to the vibe at the auction, and to catch up with lots of veteran people I've met over the years who I'm sure will also be attending.

There will be lots to write about next month!

Jenny and Matthew and I are also beginning to get excited about visiting the Autospectacular in Dunedin on 19th October – always a good event and a great opportunity to catch up with other members down that way. We try and go every year if we can, but we missed last year as it clashed with the date for the VCC Swap Meet in Christchurch.

Have a good month everyone.

Colin Hey

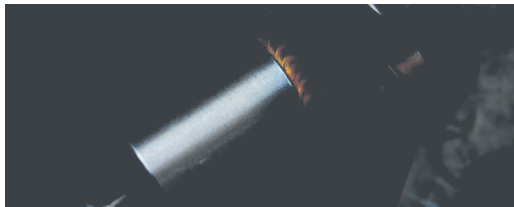
## Wolseley 6/80 water pump

A lot of 6/80 members will be aware that if the water pump has been in the cylinder head for some time they can be very difficult to remove and many have broken the flang trying to extract it.

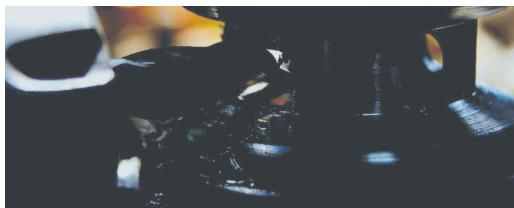
So I decided to make a new housing out of stainless to stop the rust and secondly with a wider flang to make it more robust. For the series 2 head. (series 1 Pump is different)

I started with a solid piece of stainless bar. I used an existing pump to take measurments

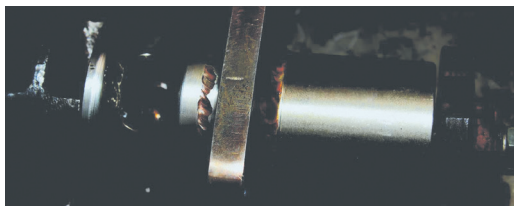
After rough machining the shaft I cut the fland out of a 10mm thick sheet and had it welded in the correct position. Then back in the lathe and finish off the sizes to measurement. I have used same diameter bearings and seal. The shaft and impeller were existing original parts.



I then put it in the milling machine to put the milling machine to put the ports in



Ports being milled  
Ports put in



From here the but shaft, bearings, seal and impellor were assembled,  
Pump ready to install.  
Ivan McCutcheon

## 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.

### *Veteran and Vintage*

Colin Hey  
021 883 807

*Post vintage (1930-35)  
Series II &III (1936-1948)*  
Mike Driscoll  
027 290 6755

*4/50, 6/80, 4/44, 15/50*  
Ivan McCutcheon  
022 374 6326

### *15/60 and 16/60*

Stephen Belcher  
021 175 6009

*6/90, 6/99, 6/110  
C-Series engines*  
Colin Hey  
021 883 807

*1500, FWD Hornet, 1300, 18/85  
A & B Series engines*  
Michael Kruse  
027 6600 203

### *18/85, SLX, 18-22 (Wedge) and E-Series engines*

Stephen Belcher.  
021 175 6009

**FOR SALE**

## **Grab an absolute bargain**

**Special price for Wolseley Club members \$14k**

Classic 1955 Wolseley 690 (BMC) 87000 miles not km Poor man's Rolls Royce, commonly used as police cars (black) in the UK Fully restored in 2004 to its glory Well known to the Wolseley Club Personalised plates WOLSLY History of being in one family for most of its life. Original ownership papers Original leather seats, worn but still great. Undersealed New brakes, battery, water pump, plugs, distrib cap, leads, rubbers, carpets, too much to list. Just been fully serviced (incl greased multiple grease nipples) SU carbs overhauled (new springs) and tuned. Electronic ignition installed Classic British racing green Spares incl windscreen Tyres good 4 speed column shift plus reverse Tow bar Brand new wof 20 June Indicators converted from side flip flops to front and subtle rear lamps

The car is not perfect (but it's pretty close) and it has a few quirks but it is an excellent representation of that era with practically all the hard work done, just drive and maintain it. It is in amazing condition for its age It needs to go to a loving family, so no hot rodders Car manuals and brochure incl Will have a brand new wof

Reluctant sale, I recently purchased a project car and desperately need the space.

**Contact Gary Oaks [oakes.garyw@gmail.com](mailto:oakes.garyw@gmail.com)**





# 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](mailto: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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