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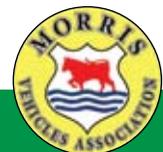
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# Editor's Corner

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**H**appy New Year to all of you! This edition of *Wolseley World* sees a few changes... Starting with a new-look logo on the front cover!

We have grouped the classifieds adverts and a few highlights from the Register's stock of spares together to help you find what you need to keep your Wolseleys on the road. Remember there are many more items listed on the website (you must be logged in to view) or you can contact our Spares Co-ordinator.

I hope you find some inspiration in the events pages to plan your 2017 calendar. Please let myself or your Regional Rep know the details of any events you think others may be interested in supporting, and also send in reports of any shows or outings you get to with your cars. We are looking forward to another great National Rally in the summer but there's much more to enjoy too!

**Front Cover:** *Three of the Wolseleys displayed at the NEC Classic Motor Show last November. Read the full report on pages 18-19.*

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# Chairman's Jottings

Clive Button, Chairman [6257]

Whilst it will be a few weeks into 2017 by the time you read this, may I begin by wishing you a Happy New Year. Your resolutions will have been made – and may possibly have been broken – by now but may I suggest one further one: if you are not a regular visitor to the Members' area of our website, make this the year when such visits become a habit. You do need a password to access this part of our website and if you do not have one or have forgotten it a quick email to Bob Langston, our Webmaster, will get you underway. More and more interesting things are destined for the Members' area of the website, in part, because there simply isn't room to include everything in *Wolseley World*.

We have been putting a lot of work into improving our spares service and I'm very pleased to see that results are starting to emerge. The used spares, stored in Scotland, have been sorted and photographed and you will see that the centre pages of *Wolseley World*, usually used for Regalia, are instead devoted to spares in this issue. One of our strategies is to work with other car clubs which cater for Wolseleys or their cousins and I can report that we have concluded an agreement with the Wolseley 6/80 and Morris Oxford Club. In return for a short-term loan which they will use to accelerate their parts remanufacturing programme, members of the Register will enjoy access to the 6/80 Club's spares operation on the same terms

as members of that club. We hope that this will be the first of several inter-club agreements which give our members access to a wide range of spares without having to join multiple clubs.

I am delighted that several more members have volunteered to help run the Register. There is room for more and if you have a little time to spare we would love to hear from you. Much of our work is done in teams, so helping doesn't have to be onerous or involve a large commitment of time.

With 80 years of car production, most years give us at least one anniversary. However, 2017 seems to bring a notable crop: 90 years since William Morris bought the bankrupt Wolseley Motors; 80 years since the first Series III cars; 60 years since the launch of the 1500, numerically, the most successful Wolseley model; 50 years of the 18/85 (FWD) and the 1300.

And what more does 2017 hold? We shall have our stand at six major shows/events, the first being the Restoration Show at the NEC, in March. The Scottish Group have organised an early-season rally based around Peebles at the beginning of June, to which all are invited, and our National Rally, based in Lincolnshire, takes place on the weekend of 28-30 July. There will, of course, be lots more organised at local level.

***Happy Motoring!***

# Letters & Emails

## *Winter coat for Lady Nuffield's Wolseley*

Paul Cook [7039], Volunteer Car display coordinator, Nuffield Place

Please find attached a picture of Lady Nuffield's Wolseley Eight in it's winter protection at Nuffield Place. This plastic inner garage helps keep the moisture at bay and prevents dusty mildew appearing on the door cards; a problem that had occurred before the purchase of the extra protection.

Next year the National Trust plan to install power in the garage. This will not only provide light and heat but also power to keep the battery on charge. It also means that the plastic garage can be sealed and an airflow maintained.



With the power there are plans to make the garage and car a more inviting attraction for visitors so we look forward to additional interest in the Wolseley.

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## *Greetings from a new member*

Bernard Crockford [7063]

I recently joined the Wolseley Register when I acquired a 15/50 – it is a good, sound, original, useable car. The seller advised me to keep a close eye on the gearbox oil. This was really easy as after three days it was all over the garage floor...!

I'm pleased to report that all is now well, thanks in part to excellent advice from the club. By the way, I'm not 'new' to old cars, as I have a small collection of other makes, and my father had a 6/80 when I was at school (yes, I'm 72) and a few years ago, I owned a 'nearly' Wolseley – a Riley 2.6 which I regret selling.



## *Metropolitan Police Wolseleys*

Peter Seaward [237]

**T**he above picture shows Winston Churchill with a Metropolitan Police Wolseley 14/56 saloon, which Barry Davey kindly shared with the Register, taken from a copy of *The Picture Post* dated December 1939.

It is one of the Wolseley 14/56 Series II cars supplied to the Metropolitan Police in 1937. One of its sisters (EGP 269) has appeared quite often in print as it was also used by Wolseley in their police specification booklets. To the best of our knowledge none of these cars have survived – but things keep turning up so you never know.



# Out and About in the Wolseley World

**EAST ANGLIA REGION** Chris Arnold [6441]

Our Christmas dinner at the Oliver Twist on 13 December was enjoyed by all. Terry baked a Christmas cake (complete with 6/80 Police car on top – pictured) to finish off the meal but, as time had pressed on and everyone seemed well stuffed, this never actually got cut!



As our after-dinner entertainment, I invented a version of Bingo called “Wingo” based on the fact that nearly all Wolseley models are denoted by numbers. This went fairly well until we ended up with three winners when I pulled out “Paul and Jackie’s car....4/44”. We eventually sorted this mess of our own making out and Bridget won the hamper.

The other matter of note at our Christmas gathering is the handing on of the ‘W’ trophy. It was my pleasurable duty to award this to Eric who has been a great stalwart of the East Anglian meetings and jolly good bloke to boot (not literally!).

We still have to fill in much of our diary for 2017 – most pressing is a venue for Drive it Day on 23 April. Please put your thinking caps on and let me know what you come up with. This year’s Wolseley Register National Rally is sort of in our back yard (Belton House near Grantham) so hopefully we can put on a good show in July. Any ideas for road runs, Sunday lunch outings and places to meet other Wolseley owners are welcomed.

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**SCOTTISH REGION** Mark McCafferty [3489]

There are a couple of special Wolseley anniversaries on the horizon, one being the 60th birthday of the 1500, the most popular Wolseley ever produced! And somewhat of a lesser milestone, our own group is 27 years old this year. We’re starting to think about and plan what shows to will attend in the summer.



I'm making a concerted effort to go the National Rally in Lincolnshire in July, which will involve a round trip of around 620 miles in the 1500. Our calendar of events starts on 23 April with the ever popular Drive it Day. We will take a stand at Bridge of Allan in May and Moffat in June then Biggar in August. Also a fair few members will be in attendance at the Kirkcudbright town fair in late August. Events will wind up at the Gartcosh charity car boot sale on 17 September.

Not forgetting our own Borders tour in June – details on page 32. There is no formal programme other than attendance at the Thirlestane show. This is one of the biggest car shows in Scotland set in fine grounds with a fantastic castle that is worth a look round. As with all of these shows and events it is important that you make us aware of your intentions so we can book you in. Further confirmation of exact dates of these events will be in the next *Wolseley World* and *Wolseley Wings*.

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## **SOUTH EAST REGION** Alan Simmonds [571] & John Blackburn [6786]

**F**ollowing our AGM in November, Alan Simmonds and Jim Beaumont were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, whilst the positions of Chairman and Regional Representative remain vacant. We were pleased to welcome John Blackburn joining the rest of the committee members (Nelson Ferreira, Geoff Hunt and David Allen). Plans for 2017 events are being discussed but any suggestions from members would be welcomed.

Our successful South East Tour in April 2016 was celebrated at the Classic Motor Show at Birmingham's NEC in November as Ed Friend's 6/80 and Nelson Ferreira's New Fourteen graced the Wolseley Register's stand. See front cover picture and read more on pages 18-19.



On Sunday 11 December, 16 members attended our Christmas lunch and as the weather was fair, two Wolseleys and a Sunbeam Talbot graced the car park! We all had great food and good company in a private room at the Kingswood Arms. Nelson made a magnificent flourless fruit cake which was enjoyed by all.

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**I**t seems a long time since we started our ‘festive season’ way back at the start of December with our Christmas meal at the Ribchester Arms on 4 December. As well as the support of our NW members we were pleased to welcome friends from neighbouring regions, the great company and food being enjoyed by all.

Now, needing to shed a few(?) pounds again, attention is given to planning our events for the coming year. So far, the only dates ‘fixed’ are:

- **23 April:** Drive it Day – we are trying to link up this time with local members from the Morris Register – details to be confirmed.
- **3-4 June:** Classic Car Spectacular at Tatton Park, Knutsford (WA16 6QN). Display of around 2,000 classic and performance cars and all the classics of yesteryear. Massive two-day Cheshire Autojumble with specialist and general trade stand area of around 200 stalls, along with the ever popular Car Mart. Visit [www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk](http://www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk) or call 01565 723863.
- **16-17 September:** We will be applying for a club stand again at the Footman James Classic Car Show at Eventcity, Manchester.

Many of our local members also plan to support the Wolseley Register National Rally in July – see page 9 for details.

We aim to continue with our series of mid-week ‘outings’ which participants enjoyed last year, as well as a range of events throughout the season which we designate as Register ones. It is aimed to have our programme finalised following our regional meeting on 17 January (though we will always list all events that we know about via our Newsletter and the website).

For the benefit of ‘newer’ members of the Register I would point out that any events that we list are open to ALL members, and any itinerant members will always be welcome.

## EAST MIDLANDS – LINCOLN GROUP Stuart Nell [743]



We returned to the Woodcocks at Burton Waters for our Christmas dinner on 12 December. We were looking forward to welcoming 32 members and guests but unfortunately seasonal illnesses struck down a few couples. The food was up to its expected high standard and was enjoyed by all. We were privileged to have Santa's No 1 Elf attending who had come all the way from the frozen north. (Not from the North Pole but from North Yorkshire!).



We are sad to report that Nev Holmes was taken into hospital on Christmas Eve but is currently back at home waiting for an operation to remove a very large kidney stone. I am sure we all wish him the very best for a speedy recovery.

On a happier note we welcome Roy and Suzanne Carrier to the Wolseley Register. Despite being dedicated 'Riley people' they have supported our events over the last couple of years with their immaculate RM drophead coupe. Roy is currently looking for a pre-war Wolseley to either replace or be a companion to his pre-war Riley. Roy will I am sure appreciate the increased comfort offered by a Wolseley.

In addition to our 'Noggin and Natter' meetings held on the second Monday of each month (details on page 30), the following events are already in the diary for 2017:

- **Sunday 19 February:** Sunday Lunch at The Ship Inn, Billingham.
- **Friday 24 February:** Inter Marque Quiz Night at The Abbey Lodge, Kirkstead, near Woodhall Spa.
- **Sunday 23 April:** Drive it Day – Our initial thoughts are a drive through the Vale of Belvoir to a lunch in Charnwood Forest.
- **Early/ Mid May:** Tour of Lincs 100 – details TBC.

Other events will include the Haunted Lincolnshire Road Run, a run into Derbyshire and a tour of the Lincolnshire County Council road laboratories. For further information on any Lincoln group meetings or events please contact Stuart Nell on 01949 844870 or Nev Holmes on 01522 703454.

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## MIDLANDS REGION Graham Ryder [4746]

**W**e were delighted to welcome 22 members to our Christmas dinner at the Royal Oak in Catshill on 15 December. We enjoyed the venue so much it will now be the 'south of Birmingham' venue for our second Thursday get-togethers, alternating with the Toby Carvery in Streetly. See details of local social meetings on page 30.



Below is an outline of just some of the events already planned for next year, more to follow! Details of all events available from Graham Ryder.

- **31 Mar - 2 Apr:** Practical Classics Restoration Show, NEC. See back cover.
- **Saturday 15 April:** Pride Of Longbridge Rally, Cofton Park, Birmingham. Open to all cars with components made at Longbridge.
- **Sunday 23 April:** Drive it Day – Invitation to attend Birmingham Morris Minor Owners Club branch rally at Wythall Transport Museum.
- **Sunday 21 May:** Chateau Impney, Droitwich.
- **Sunday 4 June:** Vintage Transport and Country Fair, Himley Hall and Park, Dudley (DY3 4DF). 01384 817822 or jacki.wynn@dudley.gov.uk
- **Sunday 11 June:** Joint Classic Vehicle Day At GWSR Toddington.
- **Sunday 9 July:** Friends of Atwell-Wilson Museum Annual Classic Vehicles Show, Wiltshire (SN11 0NF).
- **Sat 26 August:** Classic and Retro Festival, Gloucester. See page 39.
- **16-17 September:** Stoke Prior Steam Rally, near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Free to enter either or both days. Forms available now.

It is hoped that many Midlands members will attend the Wolseley Register AGM in Beoley, Redditch on Saturday 25 March – see page 2 for details.

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## NORTH EAST REGION – YORKSHIRE & TYNE TEES

Geoff Craggs [476], Peter Seaward [237] & Chris Cowell [5687]

Sunday lunchtime on 15 January saw 20 members and guests gather at the Black Bull Inn in Boroughbridge for what has become now our annual start of year ‘Gloom Disperser Luncheon’. Joined by four hardy travellers from West of the Pennines we enjoyed an excellent meal, followed by a successful raffle – thanks to those who generously provided the prizes and congratulations to the winners.

Amongst the pleasant exchanges of news and tittle tattle we had two notable ‘incidents’ – firstly Don Fothergill managed to get a ‘blowout’ in his left shoe which left the sole and base of his shoe at 90 degrees to the upper section – some red gaffer tape soon had that sorted so he would have been able to take to the dance floor once more. Whilst a truly rare occasion involved Mike Stanley handing real cash over to John Robinson, taking everyone by surprise – such that the occasion had to be recorded for posterity – although Colin Briggs quickly regained his seat, but John remained in a state of bewilderment for the rest of the event, and we have no idea what caused the isolated flash of lightning.



The Wolseley 12.30 club continues to be held at The Bridge Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby on the first Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome for a natter and a pleasant lunch. Read more on page 30. At the time of going to print the following events are in our diaries and we hope many of you can join us. Further details will follow, plus new listings will be added as they are confirmed.

- **Sunday 23 April:** Drive it Day – Meet at the award-winning Eden Camp, Malton (YO17 6RT) from 10.30am where we will have our own parking area and discounted admission fees. The museum is based upon an original WWII Prisoner of War camp with 29 separate exhibition buildings, military vehicles and artefacts. There is a very popular and extensive canteen, a cinema and shop, plus a picnic area. Peter Seaward (0113 2623610) has further details and would appreciate an idea of numbers in advance.
- **Tuesday 20 June:** Rufforth Airfield ‘Bring Your Vehicle Evening’ from 6pm onwards at York Gliding Club.
- **Sunday 30 July:** the North East Group will once again have a stand at the ‘Ripon Old Cars’ very successful and popular rally at Ripon Racecourse.