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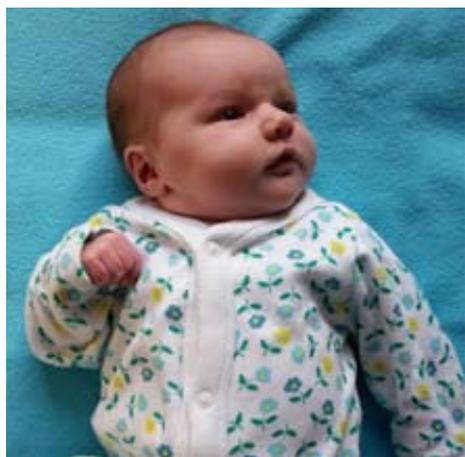


Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

I am delighted to announce the latest addition to the Register – our daughter Hazel Marie Egan safely arrived on 16 February. I look forward to introducing Hazel to many of you at events in the coming months.

It has been a challenge to compile this magazine with a brand new baby in tow but thankfully she currently sleeps a lot! I am however running low on articles so please get in touch if you have something of interest to share with fellow members.



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Chairman's Jottings

Clive Button, Chairman [6257]

Let me begin by congratulating Amy Egan, our redoubtable Editor, and her husband Chris on the birth of their daughter Hazel Marie on 16 February. You will note that Amy has taken no maternity leave from her Wolseley Register duties!

By the time you are reading this *Wolseley World*, we will have had our AGM, which is on 25 March. There will be a full report in the next issue.

Many of our cars are emerging from their hibernation and the first outing in Spring sunshine is always something special. Getting the car through the annual MOT at the start of the season is often viewed with apprehension, not because the car is unroadworthy but because our cars are ever further removed from modern vehicles with which testers are familiar. Of course, cars made before 1961 are no longer required to have an annual MOT and it seems likely that this date will soon be aligned with that for historic tax. This would mean that no Wolseley would need an MOT. Of course, a test can be undertaken voluntarily and even if you don't do that, a brake test seems a worthwhile precaution. It was a brake test last year that told me my 25HP had two seized wheel cylinders which was not obvious from routine use.

Many of us dream of coming across a 'barn find', a car that has been slumbering untouched for decades.

Well, fate smiled on me last month when I was asked to identify 'an old Wolseley' that had been unused in a barn for over 40 years. It turned out to be a 1934 Hornet Special and the owner wanted to sell. It has become my third Wolseley but, needing a complete restoration, it will not be on the road for a year or two. As work gets underway, I will report on progress.

Drive It Day is on 23 April this year. Many of our local and regional groups are organising runs, so check to see what is going on near you. Even if you don't join an organised event, try to get out in your car on that day which is our annual opportunity to demonstrate the strength of the old car movement. Beyond Drive It Day, the calendar is filling with events to meet all tastes and the season ahead looks promising. Don't forget the Scottish Rally, early in June.

I am just back from Lincolnshire where a team of us made the final arrangements for the National Rally. We are seeing it as very much a two day event this year, with an interesting day of activities exploring Lincolnshire's Second World War aviation heritage on Saturday, before the usual static rally at the National Trust's Belton House on Sunday. Details of the programme and how to book are elsewhere in this issue and online. Make 2017 a year when you really use your Wolseley!

Happy Motoring!

Letters & Emails

Wonderful Wolseleys' warm wedding weekend!

Chris Arnold [6441]

Recently Terry and I drove our 15/60 down to Sunbury-on-Thames for the wedding of my son Keith to the new Mrs Arnold... Sophie. With respect to its age and the fact it was February, the 25hp Drop Head followed down on a trailer. On the day the sun shone warm and bright and the lack of a heater in the 25 wasn't noticed at all! This car took the Bride and her father while Terry drove the 15/60 with three bridesmaids on board.



The cars performed faultlessly and the 25 particularly was used a lot by the photographer in his shots. It was great to have a weekend away where, for once, the cars were involved but NOT the real centre of attention!



On the streets of Bristol

John McKinley [6755]

This picture was taken in 1959 in Park Row, Bristol, outside the showroom of the Wolseley distributor Western Motors. The car was on loan for a show and I think it is an early 1920s Wolseley Ten. At that time I was a junior salesman for the company.



One of the family

Martyn Eustace [4286]

My father bought our much loved 1500 in 1963 and it passed to me in the 1970s. Over the years it's had various work done but recently underwent a major restoration and now is almost back to its old self. There's still some work to be done but isn't there always?!

With the car always garaged and only 70,000 miles on the clock I decided that a general overhaul was this generation's duty to the next. The car is basically in very good shape so we did not strip everything down to bare metal but focussed on all the bodywork and internal trim.



On 17 December my son was married and 'Sam', as the 1500 is affectionately known, was the centre of attention, after the bride of course, at Kew gardens for the ceremony. [Also pictured on front cover]. Sam will pass to my sons for the next 50 years of life and, in the meantime, remains well looked after.

We are now starting on the engine compartment which will be stripped down and reassembled after similar paint treatment and engine/gearbox rebuild.



Out and About in the Wolseley World

NORTH WEST REGION

Mike Stanley [1234]

Spring is well under way, and the open roads beckon once again. We trust everyone has completed their list of necessary maintenance, and cars will be ready for the road in time for their Drive-it-Day outings.



Here in the North West we have a good number of members who will be participating, but due to the size of the region and the fact that we will be continuing our successful programme of mid-week outings throughout the year we will be trying something a little different this year when D-i-D will be marked by two groups; one group will mark the occasion in the North of the region, while the second group will be centred in the South. This way we hope we can attract even more of our members to join us. (Final details, while well advanced, will be completed by our regional meeting on 14 March – just too late for *Wolseley World* going to press, but will be circulated to our members via our NW Newsletter).

The number of events available to our members across the area continues to grow, with something going on almost every weekend over the season for those who enjoy participating. There are a couple of new ones this year when we are invited to provide a display of our Wolseleys, the first being at the Lion salt works in Northwich, and we are working in collaboration with the St Helens bus museum and a couple of other car clubs on an event scheduled for the beginning of August.

Details of all events are in the NW Newsletter but club events are as follows:

- **Sun 23 April:** Drive it Day – see above or contact Mike Stanley for more.
- **Mon 1 May:** Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show – John Platt 0161 794 3940 / john.a.platt@hotmail.co.uk
- **Wed 10 May:** NW mid-week drive – Wirral area. Contact Mike Stanley.
- **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 / call 01565 723863. →

- **Wed 7 June:** NW mid-week drive – area TBC. Contact Mike Stanley.
- **16-17 September:** Footman James Classic Car Show at Eventcity, Manchester. Contact Peter Cope for details of club stand.

As always, these events are not exclusively for our NW membership, and we welcome fellow-members from other regions. Even if you are visiting our area, and maybe without your Wolseley, do look us up; you'll be very welcome.

The signpost pictured at the head of this report, showing 'proper' measurements, can still be seen in Kirkby Stephen – at least it still was when photographed last year!

NEW DORSET MEETING Chris Arnold [6441], Groups Liaison Officer

Nine Register members assembled at 'The World's End' in Almer on the A31 for the inaugural meeting of the Poole group. 'The World's End' is a lovely thatched building housing a number of World War II artifacts and the large car park will be a great setting in the summer months for those who want to bring along their Wolseleys.



Pictured above: Keith Budd and Ursula Cox with Brian and Yvonne Eley, Simon and Debby Saunders, and Steve Brown.

The meeting, hosted by Keith Budd and Ursula Cox, covered a multitude of subjects (as a good 'Noggin and Natter' always does) but there was quite a bit of discussion regarding potential summer outings and it was considered a good idea, while getting started, to combine Wolseley displays with those of other local car clubs at some local shows. I'm sure these discussions will continue when the group next meet up at 7.30pm at 'The World's End', Almer DT11 9EW on Wednesday 12 April.

EAST MIDLANDS – LINCOLN GROUP Stuart Nell [743]

On 22 January, 29 enjoyed a Sunday lunch at The Welby Arms in Allington. We welcomed local MGCC members Richard and Vicky Withington, the organisers of similar lunch meetings of the MG Car Club.



On 19 February, 22 met for Sunday lunch at The Ship, Billingham – a new venue for the Wolseley Register on the recommendation of Stephen and Lynne Rowitt. We were certainly not disappointed at the food and service was excellent and exceptionally well priced. As the

weather was fine and dry, Jim Green ventured out in his 6/80 and Stuart Nell gave his MGB its first run of the year. Bruce Henderson from Ayr would have received the Distance Award had we had one! Mind you it has to be said he did have other reasons to be in the area other than to have lunch with us!

In addition to our ‘Noggin and Natter’ meetings held on the second Monday of each month [details on page 32], the following events are planned for 2017:

- **Sunday 23 April:** Drive it Day – This year we will be having a scenic drive through the Vale of Belvoir and Charnwood with a stop for a Sunday lunch. The start of the run will be in Bottesford.
- **Sun 14 May:** Tour of Lincs 100. This year the start will be at The Golf Hotel in Woodhall Spa with a drive through the Wolds and a finish near Navenby.
- **Mid June:** Taylors Bell Foundary – PROVISIONAL
- **29-30 July:** Wolseley Register National Rally. Work has started on the programme for the Saturday of the National Rally. Jim Green will be organising a special show at the Kinema in Woodhall Spa followed by coffee (and lunch if required at The Petwood Hotel) In the afternoon there will be a visit to The Lincs Aviation Heritage Museum at East Kirkby with a special Register parking area near The Control Tower. The Sunday of the weekend will be based at Belton House near Grantham.

For further information on any Lincoln group meetings or events please contact Stuart Nell on 01949 844870 or Nev Holmes on 01522 703454.

NORTH EAST REGION: YORKSHIRE & TYNE TEES

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

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. Please bring a friend and enjoy an informal afternoon with fellow Wolseley enthusiasts. Read more on page 32.

We hope many members will join us for all or some of the following events planned for the summer:

- **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 [contact details page 5] has further details and would appreciate an idea of numbers in advance.
- **Sun 14 May:** Burton Agnes (YO25 4NB). 10am-4pm. Organised by Register members John and Gillian Bennett – East Yorkshire Thoroughbred Car Club. Contact Peter Seaward for entry form.
- **Sunday 28 May:** Wynyard Hall Rose Garden Rally, Wynyard, Billingham (TS22 5NF). Details and entry forms from Paul Jackson 01325 312183 or at www.northernbygones.org.uk
- **10-11 June:** Newby Hall Tractor and Engine Rally (HG4 5AE). Wide ranging and interesting rally. Contact Peter Seaward for entry form.
- **Tuesday 20 June:** Rufforth Airfield 'Bring Your Vehicle Evening' from 6pm at York Gliding Club (YO23 3QA). Just turn up at this informal rally.
- **Sunday 25 June:** Sledmere House (YO25 3XG) from 10am. Excellent rally, autojumble and entry to house. Contact Peter Seaward for entry form.
- **Sunday 23 July:** Newby Hall (HG4 5AE) from 10am. Massive rally and autojumble. Contact Peter Seaward for entry form.
- **Sunday 30 July:** Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Group Rally at Ripon Racecourse (HG4 1UG). If you are not going to the Wolseley Register National Rally, we encourage you to come and enjoy this event instead. Entry forms and details available from Chris Cowell (01937 558819 or chriscowell@gmail.com).
- **Sunday 17 Sept:** York Rally at the Knavesmire (YO23 1EX) from 10am. Cars and commercial vehicles plus autojumble. Contact Peter Seaward for entry form. Entry is £4 pre-booked before 10 September.
- **Sun 8 Oct:** HCVS Whitwood Truckstop (WF10 5QH) from 10am. Cars over 30 years old welcome. Plenty of food. Contact Peter if you are interested.

MIDLANDS REGION

Graham Ryder [4746]

Midlands meetings continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month now alternating between Catshill and Streetly. Let us know if you plan to join either of the following meetings so that a large enough table can be booked – see page 32 for details.

Please contact Graham Ryder ✉ midlands@thewolseleyregister.com
☎ 0121 445 1872 for further details about Midlands events:

- **Sunday 23 April:** Drive it Day – Invitation to attend Birmingham Morris Minor Owners Club branch rally at Wythall Transport Museum (B47 6JX). Rally entry fee £7 in advance – forms from Graham Ryder.
- **Sunday 21 May:** Prescott Breakfast Club Meeting at Chateau Impney, Droitwich, 9am-12noon. Club space available in allocated parking area adjacent to the suite where breakfast baps will be served. This new event precedes the third running of the Chateau Impney Hill Climb on 8-9 July. On display will be one of the English Racing Automobiles, a racing twin cam Austin and a Bugatti. Please advise Graham Ryder if you wish to attend for registration purposes. Option to go onto nearby National Trust property Hanbury Hall (WR9 7EA) for the afternoon.
- **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 (GL54 5DT). Cars to be displayed 10am-4pm on club stand. Free to enter but registration required – book via Graham Ryder before 11 May or self-register at: www.gwsr.com/planning_your_visit/visiting_gwsr/cvdform. 2 for 1 rail voucher per entry (worth £17) will be issued on arrival. [Pictured: Wolseleys at this event last year]
- **Sunday 2 July:** Cars in the Park, Beacon Park, Lichfield (WS13 6RA). Club stand applied for on the Sunday at this popular two-day event. Free entry – please advise Graham Ryder if space required on club stand.
- **Sunday 9 July:** Friends of Atwell-Wilson Museum Annual Classic Vehicles Show, Wiltshire (SN11 0NF). Read more on page 41.
- **Saturday 26 August:** Classic and Retro Festival, Gloucester. Contact Cllr Colin Organ ☎ 01452 383836 ✉ colin.organ@gloucester.gov.uk
- **16-17 September:** Stoke Prior Steam Rally, near Bromsgrove, Worcs. Free to enter either or both days. Forms available now.



EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

Our monthly meetings continue to be well supported [see details on page 31]. We are still making plans for events to attend as a group. A full list of local events has been emailed to regular contacts but is also available from Chris Arnold on request.

- **Sun 23 April:** Drive it Day run in South Cambridgeshire, concluding with a meal at the Ferry Boat [pictured right] at Holywell-cum-Needingworth.
- **Sun 30 April:** Springfield Classic Car Show, Events Centre, Spalding (PE12 6ET). Contact Inga 01775 724843.
- **Sun 7 May:** Elgood's 'Park up in a Brewery'.
- **Sat 3 June:** Letchworth show.
- **Sat 24 June:** Crowland show.
- **Sun 3 September:** Elgood's 'Park up in a Brewery'.



1932 Wolseley Hornet