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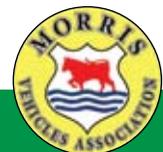
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Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

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For many, Drive it Day on 23 April was the first opportunity to get out in a classic car this year. Individuals and groups have shared their reports and photos in this magazine.

There are plenty of events planned for the summer months for you to join in with, or why not contact a few local members and arrange a drive or gathering?

As I said in the previous *Wolseley World* – please do write or email in with your news to help me fill the pages and to share how you are helping to keep the Wolseley name alive.

In between editions of the magazine I am working on formatting the next of our *Profile* publications – a significantly bigger second edition of the Six-Ninety Profile of 2011. Any support with modern photographs or archive materials would be appreciated!

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Chairman's Jottings

Clive Button, Chairman [6257]

On Drive it Day, in the company of other North West members, I visited Arley Hall, the home of Lord Ashbrook. As I wandered round the house, my enjoyment was augmented by some delightful piano playing from one of the drawing rooms. Only on reaching the room did I find Bob Leyland, one of our members, giving an impromptu recital on Lord Ashbrook's Bechstein. Other visitors to the house were enthralled, too, and no doubt thought that Bob had been employed to add atmosphere!

Wolseley owners are multi-talented, interesting people and one of the joys that membership brings is meeting people with a common interest in Wolseleys but then finding out so much more about them and their interests. I can promise that the more involved you become with the Register, the more you will enjoy it.



Like many members, I enjoy dipping into Anders Clausager's splendid book *Wolseley – A Very British Car*. That strapline seems to me so appropriate and perhaps something we should use more often. There is something very British about Wolseleys and the marque's demise in 1975 when Britain was changing fast and the 'old values' were disappearing, somehow makes Wolseley even more British.

Last time, I mentioned I had acquired a barn-find Hornet Special. Restoration is underway – the engine has been sent away for white-metalling and the car stripped to the chassis. A few photos are elsewhere in this issue. A North West member has recently reported an even older barn-find – a mid-1920s E3 Ten, two-seater and dickey, which appears to be in very good order. We plan to visit it soon.

I hope you have made arrangements to attend the National Rally at the end of July. We have an interesting programme of events on the Saturday, as well as the usual static rally on the Sunday. Bookings can be made via our website or using the printed form included in the previous *Wolseley World*. If you have any queries, do contact our Events Team.

We are already well-advanced with planning 2018 events! A five-day Spring Tour will be an exploration of the North Yorkshire Moors, one of the most delightful and unspoilt areas of the country, from a base in the beautiful market-town of Helmsley. Provisional dates are 13-18 May 2018 and full details will be in the next *Wolseley World*. The National Rally will be held over the weekend of 3-5 August at Cirencester, in the Cotswolds. This will be a weekend-long residential rally – perhaps our most ambitious to date! See the details elsewhere in this issue and make a note of the date.

Make 2017 – and 2018 – years when you really use your Wolseley! Happy Motoring!

Letters & Emails

Cat on a Wolseley 14/60

Alan and Connie Perry [215]

This is not 'A Cat on a hot tin roof' but 'A Cat on a Wolseley 14/60'! We often visit our local beauty spot in Worcestershire on weekends in the Wolseley 14/60. Sometimes we take our granddaughter Lydia who enjoys watching the sheep and lambs.



During our last few visits, a young cat has befriended us. Yesterday we sat out in the sunshine, a family walking by said "Hello, we see you've bought your family pet with you" – when we looked there was the cat sitting comfortably on the running board. He stayed with us all afternoon and as we were leaving, he shot off, then ran back looking pleased with himself and brought us a mouse.

I thought I would capture the moment for the *Wolseley World*.

Comments on Wolseley World 185 Anders Clausager [307]

Mike Stanley produced two lovely photos on page 15, saying that one of the cars being towed at the 1905 Lancashire automobile club hill climb was a single cylinder Wolseley. Although I cannot see much detail in the image, the radiator and bonnet shape seem rather un-Wolseley like, and it has wire wheels, when Wolseleys (except for the 5hp) normally had wood spoke wheels. The bonnet shape suggests it could be a "Little Siddeley" which was a Wolseley in all but name, but they also typically had spoke wheels.

I love the bus operated by the Silsden Motor Omnibus Co Ltd, and could wish I'd had this photo for my book! It was easy enough to identify from the records – car number A28, a 24hp omnibus, delivered to Grace & Sutcliffe at Keighley on 30 April 1906. I do not know how much of a 'fleet' they operated, but it's likely to have been the only Wolseley supplied to them. The registration looks like AK 640 which is a Bradford issue of mid-1906. There were probably about 35 of these omnibuses, with 20 or 24hp four-cylinder horizontal engines. Some were ordered for the London General Omnibus Co and the London Motor Omnibus Co, but when these orders were cancelled, 21 instead went to the Manchester & District Motor Omnibus Co Ltd. When this company went into liquidation, they were all returned to Wolseley in March 1907. Nothing seems to be known about their subsequent fate.

Drive it Day 2017

Charles Harbone took his Wolseley 1500 to Bromsgrove High Street for a St George's day event. He bought the car from a Midlands member last summer and has detailed his restoration work online at www.charlesharbone.co.uk/wol%201.htm



Meanwhile, Michael Lynn took 'Phyllis' out in Great Budworth.



In search of GV4966

Charles Partridge

This is my great grandfather Charles Partridge of Layham, Suffolk with his Wolseley

car probably around 1950. Apparently he bought from someone at Bury St Edmunds market, and eventually sold it to an American gentleman in the early 1960s. I would love to be able to trace it, if there is a slight possibility that it might have survived. I think it is a 25hp but would appreciate any information on the model etc.



This car does not appear on the Register's List of Recorded Vehicles – do any members know anything about the car? Please make contact via the Editor.

Out and About in the Wolseley World

EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

Having enjoyed the company of local clubs and groups for the last two years but joining their road runs, this year we decided to “do our own thing” for Drive it Day. Four fine looking Wolseleys assembled at the Orchard Tearooms for a gentle trip down the lanes north of Cambridge: Roland’s Six, Barry’s 15/60, Paul’s 4/44 and my 25hp.

The cavalcade set out but were unfortunately denied a run down March High Street and over the town’s river bridge by a Saint George’s Day fair. Just after the level crossing at Holme we met up with Kevin and Bridget’s New Fourteen and John’s BSA. On we went to the Ferry Boat beside the river at Holywell. Here we met Guy and Hilary in their 12/48 and very soon the assembled cars were quite rightly attracting a great deal of interest from the other pub-goers.



The following Wednesday our Guyhirn group entered two teams in the Leverington Church quiz night and enjoyed very different fortunes. The ‘G&Ts’, headed by our illustrious, and industrious, treasurer and seemingly involving most of the population of Gorefield and Tilney (get it?) were the run away winners and the plucky team of ‘Wasps and Hornets’ came a very creditable sixth. I have to admit at this point that only six teams entered and we were in fact last!

Our monthly meetings continue to be well supported [see details on page 35]. A full list of local events has been emailed to regular contacts but is also available from Chris Arnold on request.

- **Sun 2 July:** North Norfolk Railway vintage weekend at Holt station.
- **Sun 9 July:** Ramsey Steam and Fire show.
- **Fri 14 July:** Moët & Chandon July Festival. Gentlemen’s Day, Newmarket. Limited spaces – contact Chris ☎ 01945 587004
- **Sun 16 July:** Arles Festival, Wisbech town centre.

EAST MIDLANDS – LINCOLN GROUP Stuart Nell [743]

On 22 March, 20 of us met at Kirby la Thorpe near Sleaford and enjoyed an excellent lunch.

For Drive it Day, we gathered at The Old Forge Tearooms at Muston who opened early especially for us to start the day with a nice cup of coffee. Participants followed a scenic route through Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, the pretty villages of Harston, Eaton on the Hill and Branston. The route deviated slightly for us to admire the view of the vale from the top of Stathern Hill. Proceeding to Eastwell the route followed the Belvoir Ridge before taking the turn to Barrow on Soar and thence to Quorn for the lunch halt at the Manor House.



The pub was situated next to the Quorn station of The Great Central Railway so we were treated to the sight of one or two steam trains! The first part of the drive had covered 29.5 miles but after lunch, we started on the 49.8 mile drive back to Muston via Woodhouse, through the picturesque Charnwood Forest pausing near Newton Linford to pass 'Old John', a folly in Bradgate Park.

Eventually the route took us through Oaks in Charnwood, close to the working monastery of Mount St. Bernard's Abbey. We then passed by Stanford on Soar Hall via Long Whatton before driving through 'the Nottinghamshire Wolds' to the pretty villages of Wysall and Widmerpool. We descended into The Vale of Belvoir again to Kinoulton and then to Colston Bassett. From Harby the route took the 'six mile straight' through the Vale. Eventually we found ourselves back to the Old Forge Tearooms where a well-earned cup of tea awaited.

In addition to our 'Noggin and Natter' meetings held on the second Monday of each month [details on page 34], the following events are planned:

- **Sun 2 July: Mermaid Classic Tour.** A classic car tour organised by The Mablethorpe and District Motor Club.
- **Sun 9 July: Sunday Lunch at Allington.** Lunch booking 12:00 for 12:30, and we can take part in the display of classic cars on the village green.
- **29-30 July: Wolseley Register National Rally.** Saturday will be based around Woodhall Spa; Sunday at Belton House. See pages 17-18 for details.

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

NORTH WEST REGION Mike Stanley [1234] & Bob Leyland [1454]

A Register presence was made at Gawsworth Hall near Macclesfield on Bank Holiday Monday 1 May. This was my first visit to this venue, and what a delightful day it was. It did seem to take a bit of finding though; the first 'brown sign' at the A34 junction was clear enough, but this was superseded by a standard white sign on the outskirts of Macclesfield declaring Gawsworth Hall to be two miles distant – the longest two miles I've driven!

The venue soon dispelled any grounds for criticism, with the numerous and varied exhibits being displayed at various sites around the grounds. It is always interesting to see vehicles from a neighbouring area, and there were quite a number of rarities on view. The Hall itself was well worth seeing too, being a little smaller than other nearby mansions but full of character and history.

Thanks to our John Platt for co-ordinating our visit; all in all a very enjoyable event and one I hope we will be able to repeat with more of our cars.

Our region marked Drive it Day with a run to Arley Hall – a magnificent stately home situated in the heart of rural Cheshire. Nine members' vehicles participated in the event – five Wolseleys, two MGs, a Rover P6 and a vintage Clyno. Much of the day was spent exploring the gardens and visiting the hall. We drove on to the Stanley Arms near Anderton for a dinner to celebrate Pauline Cope's birthday. It was a truly superb day of classic motoring, blessed with warm spring weather. Many thanks to everyone who participated..

All events are listed in the NW Newsletter but club events are as follows:

- **Thurs 13 July: Mid-week drive TBC.** South Cumbria to Barrow Docklands Museum. Contact Colin Briggs ✉ colinzen@sky.com.
- **16-17 Sept: Footman James Classic Car Show** at Eventcity, Manchester. Exhibits still needed!
Call Peter Cope ☎ 0161 368 2388.



NORTH EAST REGION: YORKSHIRE & TYNE TEES

Peter Seaward [237]

Our monthly 12/30 Club, an informal luncheon meeting of Wolseley enthusiasts has now been successfully running for well over a year and continues with a regular minimum attendance of around six and up to 12 members or guests – details on page 34.



For Drive it Day we had five Wolseleys plus one ‘modern’ car on display at the Eden Camp former PoW site, now a WWII themed visitor attraction.

After lunch in the NAAFI we decided to move to the Lavender Farm at Terrington for afternoon tea. We were lucky to have a fine day and the cars attracted some interest, travelling to and from Malton and meeting other elderly vehicles en route (in all directions!) added to the enjoyment of the journey.

Tony Huntrod has started up a monthly meeting of Wolseley members and friends at the Ravensworth Arms Hotel just outside Gateshead on the first Tuesday of the month. At the first meeting on 2 May, 10 members and guests enjoyed themselves – we sincerely hope that these meetings will continue successfully so please support this initiative. Details on page 34.

We look forward to seeing you and your Wolseleys over the season:

- **10-11 June:** 40th Corbridge Steam Rally with over 700 exhibits plus collectors auction. www.corbridgesteamrally-sttes.com
- **Sun 25 June:** Sledmere House
- **1-2 July:** Duncombe Park
- **Sun 16 July:** Newby Hall (Register stand)
- **Sun 30 July: Group Rally at Ripon Racecourse (HG4 1UG).** A local alternative to the National Rally. Chris Cowell ☎ 01937 558819
- **Sun 20 Aug: Burley Show** at Burley in Wharfedale
- **Sun 17 Sept: York Rally at the Knavesmire (YO23 1EX) from 10am.** Forms from Peter Seaward ☎ 01132 623610. £4 pre-booked before 10 Sept.
- **Sun 8 Oct: HCVS Whitwood Truckstop (WF10 5QH) from 10am.** Cars over 30 years old welcome. Plenty of food. Contact Peter ☎ 01132 623610.



SOUTH EAST REGION

Alan Simmonds [571], John Blackburn [6786]

For Drive it Day on 23 April, we made our way in light traffic to Beckenham Cemetery to meet up at midday and visit Frederick York Wolseley's grave. Jim's Super Six and Alan's 6/80 were photographed there. Nelson very kindly brought a beautiful bouquet to lay on the grave.

Led by Nelson (in his modern car as his New Fourteen is undergoing repairs) and leaving together to drive to the Coach House at Bexleyheath, we arrived in good time for the 2pm planned lunch even though we had to fight our way for most of the journey in intense traffic, made worse due to a huge part of nearby south east London being closed to traffic for the Marathon. We were pleased to see Dave Allen, with Pat's help, was waiting for us with his 10hp Tourer, which had it's first outing in six years. John and Yvonne had also come with their smart 4/44. Nine of us enjoyed an excellent carvery lunch and passed a very pleasant couple of hours together before battling our ways home.



It was a really enjoyable day but it strengthened our resolve wherever possible, to plan our events away from, rather than into the London area, which is not at all compatible with classic cars. Disappointingly, in more than 60 miles of London driving we did not see one other classic car on the road considering it was Drive it Day!

- **Sun 13 Aug: South East annual rally at Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, South Downs National Park (BN18 9LT).** 11am-5pm. Entry is £5 per person with classic car on display. This is an amazing museum, with much to see. We have been before and enjoyed our visit enormously. It is essential that you let Alan know if you will be coming, by 20 July ☎ 0208 394 0700 ✉ alansimmonds@waitrose.com.

MIDLANDS REGION

Graham Ryder [4746]

The Midlands meeting at Catshill on 13 April was attended by 16 members plus baby Hazel Egan. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month alternating between Catshill and Streetly [see page 34].

At the Pride of Longbridge show on 15 April, a varied selection of Wolseleys and other classics exhibited by members and non-members were admired on the Wolseley Register stand.

The following day, Ken Treen's 1300 scooped a prize at Weston Park [photo: Gemini Events].

Several Wolseleys and other marques joined the Birmingham Branch Morris Minor Owners Club Annual Rally at Wythall Transport Museum. Register members were placed in the Open class and two of the Morris Minor classes.



For further details about Midlands events please contact Graham Ryder
 ✉ midlands@thewolseleyregister.com ☎ 0121 445 1872: →

- **Sun 11 June: Classic Vehicles Day at GWSR Toddington (GL54 5DT).** Club stand booked for this annual fun day out. Free to enter but pre-registration required at www.gwsr.com/planning_your_visit/visiting_gwsr/cvdform.html Drivers: please state “Wolseley Register” to be directed to the club display area. Each car receives a complimentary 2-for-1 rail voucher.
- **24-25 June: Open Gardens and Classic Car Show, Lullington (DE12 8ED).** Lovely village setting with stalls and teas. Contact Pauline Blake ☎ 01827 373573 to register your free entry.
- **Sun 25 June: Shenstone Village Open Day, nr Lichfield (WS14 0NB).** Classic cars to be displayed from 1.30pm. Option to precede the show with Sunday Lunch 12 noon at The Swan Inn, Main Street, Stonnall. Please advise Graham Ryder if wishing to book for lunch and/or car display.
- **1-2 July: Cars In The Park, Beacon Park, Lichfield (WS13 6RA).** Members planning to attend this popular two-day event are advised to try parking together in the public area as club spaces were booked out early.
- **Sun 9 July: Classic Car Display at Moseley Old Hall (National Trust), Fordhouses, Wolverhampton (WV10 7HY).** Invitation to join West Midlands Classic Car Club parking by the house. Please arrive between 10am-10.30am. Non-NT members will be required to pay £7.20 per person to access house and grounds. Tour of house to be provided. Numbers required by 30 June. Contact John O’Callaghan ☎ 07703 464756 or Graham Ryder.
- **Sat 26 August: Classic and Retro Festival, Gloucester.** Contact Cllr Colin Organ ☎ 01452 383836 ✉ colin.organ@gloucester.gov.uk
- **16-17 Sept: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, near Bromsgrove, Worcs.** Free to enter either or both days. Forms available now.

SOUTH AND WEST WALES REGION Mansel Lovering [6277]

Firstly, Valmai and I would like to congratulate new parents Amy and Chris. To have a baby daughter as beautiful as Hazel Marie is a great blessing. To have a baby who sleeps well is an even greater one!

On Drive it Day our 1300 Mk II took to the road, but there was no sign of any other Wolseley. Sadly it seems that our numbers have gone down. However with some luck I shall be able to attend some car shows later this year and after a long year of ill health on Valmai’s part, and my “getting older” bones, we may have better news for our splendid magazine soon. [Picture taken from the archives – Ed].



Please note our new email address: ✉ mansel.lovering@aol.co.uk

SCOTTISH REGION Mark McCafferty [3489]

Whatever model of Wolseley you have and whatever condition it's in you will be made very welcome at any of our events. It is always nice to meet new people and cars and share motoring anecdotes with like-minded individuals, so why not come along to some of the following shows? It is however, important to let the relevant Register organiser know your intentions as soon as possible so they can book you in.

- **Sun 25 June: Scottish Rootes Enthusiasts Moffat Classic car rally.** Again Joe Kelly has made a block booking for this event and asks that you contact him ASAP should you wish to attend this popular event. ☎ 01236 874327 / 07721 875095 ✉ 157joekel@gmail.com
- **Sun 9 July: Glamis, hosted by the Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club.** Please make contact with Dick Peters ASAP so he can book you in to our club stand. Also we will be running a fundraising tombola this year for our group funds, so please bring a bottle or gift if you are coming along! ☎ 01592 652763 ✉ dicky3600@hotmail.co.uk
- **Sun 13 Aug: Biggar show, hosted by the Biggar Albion foundation.** Please contact Dick by 5 June at the very latest to book onto the stand.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME:

Friends of Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum
Wiltshire SN11 0NF

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July 2017

This weekend is open to classic vehicles of all descriptions. The Road Run starts from the museum on the Saturday afternoon; gates open at 3pm for a 4pm start. Cost for a car and all occupants is £6. The run will end back at the museum where food and hot or soft drinks will be available.

The 15th Annual Classic Vehicle Show will take place in the grounds of the Motor Museum on the Sunday. Free entry for driver and one passenger of pre-booked classic vehicles. Optional museum entry £7pp on the day. Extra passengers to pay £7 (£1 children) on the gate to include entry to the museum.

Limited camping available (no electricity) on site – £6 a night tents / £9 a night campervans. Club space reserved – apply at www.atwellwilson.org.uk/friends-show-2017 quoting 'Wolseley Register'. Alternatively, contact Graham Ryder ☎ 0121 445 1872 ✉ midlands@thewolseleyregister.com.