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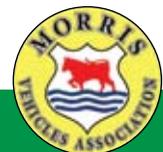
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Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

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With our National Rally being brought forward to July this year, it unfortunately means this issue will be delivered around the same date, so you will have to wait until the September/October magazine to read all about it.

Our family returned from our annual Morris Minor trip to France in June but my Minor suffered a broken halfshaft en route home so was finally repatriated three weeks later on a transporter! 'Super Dad' swiftly fitted a new diff and axle, and we are now able to get out to shows again.

We've been doing these trips since 2001 in various Minors, and this was the first time any of our cars have needed towing home, but we've not been put off! We were covered by our insurance which saved a lot of hassle, although it still wasn't straightforward thanks to French bank holidays and the language barrier (well, do *you* know what 'halfshaft' is in French? I must have missed that day of school!)

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Chairman's Jottings

Clive Button, Chairman [6257]

I am very pleased at the way our 'spares' service is growing. In our last Members' Survey you told us that we should be doing more to help you keep Wolseleys 'on the road' and a lot of work has been done to improve our spares service. Our 'used spares' operation, in Scotland, is now actively buying Wolseley spares as they come across them and sales of spares are many times what they were just a few years ago. You can see details of the stock in the Members' section of the website. A few 'tasters' are shown in alternate editions of *Wolseley World* and, of course, can always contact our Spares Co-ordinator, Andy Wells. You can get the correct oil filter for your car from our 'consumable' stores and a modest start has been made on re-manufacture of some unobtainable items. We also publish, online, a list of recommended suppliers: if you have obtained parts or good service from someone, please pass on the details to Spares Consultant, Bob Langston. More than this, we are beginning to explore how we can work with other clubs to offer an even better spares service. And beyond the 'hardware', we have our panel of Technical Advisers who are always ready to help and advise you.

We are trying to plan events further into the future, to help you manage your motoring diary. For 2018 we have a Spring tour in May (details on page 2 of this magazine and on our website); the 2018 National Rally, at Cirencester (details in the previous

Wolseley World) and an autumn Tour in Wales (details in the next issue of *Wolseley World*). Do, please, book as soon as you can for any of these, to ensure that accommodation is available. For any help, please contact our Events Team.

I have long believed that those who drive old cars are, in general, better drivers than those who do not. We understand cars, know their limitations and have heightened powers of observation and anticipation. Many years ago, I came across *Roadcraft, the Police Drivers' Manual* and found in it much of value. I re-read my 1977 edition recently and saw "In addition to a high degree of skill, drivers must show restraint and courtesy and the spirit of tolerance and consideration for others..." What alien concepts are those to so many of today's drivers! Indeed, driving apart, restraint and courtesy seem to be concepts from a different age. I see that *Roadcraft* is still published and I plan to obtain a copy. It will be interesting to see what has changed.

Restoration of my Hornet Special continues. It has been completely dis-assembled into the components from which it was built over 80 years ago but it was heartening to see the chassis and some of the running-gear bead-blasted and painted. We have reached the bottom and are on the way up!

Happy Motoring!

Letters & Emails

Rebuilt and modified

Peter Seaward [237]

This car was photographed recently at a rally in Saltfleet, Lincolnshire by John Hanson. KPH 311 was a 1946 14/60 Series III four-door saloon but allegedly the body was so bad that the owner built this two-door fixed head coupe body along with other modifications for it. The car number is 314/6281 and it was new September 1946.



Six-Ninety Police cars

Alan Simmonds [571]

A friend went to the Basingstoke Festival of Transport on 14 May and took this photograph, assuming I would be interested to see it. I understand it is known to the Register but not if it is a genuine ex-Police car.

Jeffrey Bridges, author of the Register's *Six-Ninety Profile* responded:

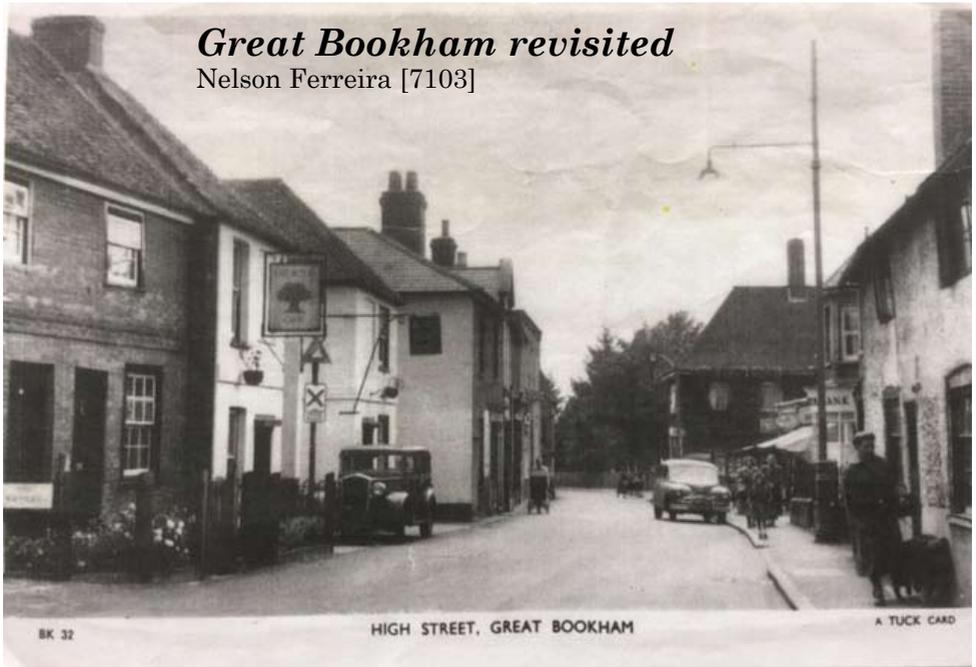
It is a faux Police car, and a rare automatic at that, which the Police did not have. There is just one known genuine ex UK Police Six-Ninety, SLN 915, which is in a sorry state (there is one roadworthy NZ ex-Police car – in New Zealand). To our knowledge the only correctly executed Police replica Six-Ninety is actually in Australia, owned by a former UK Police Officer, Dave

Clark, from whom we have all the details as to Police specification. In general, replica or 'faux' cars lack the correct details – constabularies did differ in what they specified, but they only fitted a wing mirror to the driver's side front wing. Internally, rubber mats replaced carpets and the cars had a large 6" diameter specially calibrated speedometer – see the forthcoming *Six-Ninety Super-Profile* for full details!



Great Bookham revisited

Nelson Ferreira [7103]



A few years back I was wandering in the village of Great Bookham in Surrey, when I came across the above picture. When I asked to see it up close, I noticed that the car in question looks very similar to my lovely New Fourteen. I decided to recreate the same shot. Although there are now bollards in the way, I got as close as I could without damaging the car! What an amazing find it was.



Out and About in the Wolseley World

NORTH EAST REGION: YORKSHIRE & TYNE TEES

Peter Seaward [237]

Our monthly 12/30 Club, an informal luncheon meeting of Wolseley enthusiasts continues with between six and 12 gathering on the first Thursday of each month – details on page 34.

We had a dry and quite pleasant night at Rufforth on 20 June. There were three 'Register' Wolseleys: a New Fourteen, 14/60 and Six-Ninety whilst a 1500 and 4/44 also lurked elsewhere and members Keith and



Fiona came on their 1200cc Suzuki Bandit. This informal event gets bigger each year and this year we had a very busy catering van on site following complaints that the sandwiches always ran out before half of the exhibitors had even arrived.



At Sledmere on Sunday 25 June the Wolseley section comprised eight cars – two 1500s, two 16/60s, a Hornet, a 4/44, a New Fourteen and a Nine (Andy Hodgson's 6/110 was parked in another section). Bernard Messingham's 1967 Mini Hornet was awarded best Wolseley this year [pictured left].

At the time of going to press, we are optimistic of a good turnout at Newby Hall on 16 July and Ripon on 30 July.

We look forward to seeing you and your cars at any of these future events:

- **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.

EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

We welcomed ten Wolseleys to our stand at North Norfolk Railway's 'Transport weekend' and we enjoyed free entry, free trips on the railway and classic buses at this well-organised show.



The following weekend the rain held off for us to enjoy the Ramsey Steam and Fire Show, with six exhibits on our group's stand. With model steam engines and firefighting displays in the arena, this event is certainly one to consider for next year.



Our usual monthly meeting was replaced in July with a private visit to The Museum of Technology, Gadgets and Gizmos. An eclectic mix of modern and classic cars populated the carpark. Thanks to Trevor and Rosie for opening up and welcoming us to their museum. Normal service resumes for August – 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. At the time of writing we are looking forward to a small showing of our cars on the Market Place in Wisbech as part of a twinning festival with Arles, France. Many of us will also be travelling across to Grantham for the National Rally at the end of July.

EAST MIDLANDS – LINCOLN GROUP Stuart Nell [743]

On 10 May, several members attended a meeting of the Grantham Motor Club held on the sports field in the attractive village of Harlaxton. As well as a wide variety of cars to look at, there was a BBQ and a range of beers at the bar.

On 14 May there was an early start from Woodhall Spa for the Tour of Lincs 100. The beautiful weather afforded some fantastic views driving through the Lincolnshire Wolds. The morning drive finished at Uncle Henry's Farm Shop near Kirton Lindsey, where the Register members all met up for a picnic.

Steve and Lynne Rowitt gave their trusty Hornet a rest to give their Mini Mayfair a run out. Nev Holmes took his Six-Eighty and Ron Woods his 4/50, plus three 1500s were entered by Stuart Ingamells and two new members Barry Brackenbury and Terence Last. The afternoon run

took a circular route around the east of Lincoln to finish at Navenby on the Lincoln ridge overlooking the Trent valley. It was here that we were able to admire the 100 or so participating cars and to have a well-earned cream tea.

On 28 June, 21 met for lunch at The Brewery, Old Dalby, home of Belvoir Ales. Needless to say there was a complete selection of their products to sample. Roy and Suzanne Carrier were the only ones to brave the inclement weather in a Wolseley – their 14/56, recently acquired from Chris Cowell.

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. For more details contact Stuart Nell ☎ 01949 844870 or Nev Holmes ☎ 01522 703454.

- **Sun 13 Aug: Petwood Summer Concours D'Elegance.** Taking place at the Petwood House Hotel in Woodhall Spa.
- **Sun 10 Sept: Derbyshire Run.** Calling at Hartington Show.



SOUTH AND WEST WALES REGION Mansel Lovering [6277]

At the time of writing we are hoping to meet up with the few local Wolseleys at the Annual Classic Day at the Gwili Railway in July. The extended line is now fast approaching one of the longest in our country.

On 13 August, the Skewen Motor Club will hold its Annual Show at the Gnoll Park, Neath. This is a super show and well supported. Look this one up if you would like to join in. Valmai and I are fast on the mend, and now our 1300 has passed its MoT we'll be out and about a little more than last year. Get in touch if you'd like to meet up and join in a cuppa somewhere, sometime.

All our plans depend on Valmai being able to release her seatbelt, of course. She's been seated in the 1300 in our garage because we have lost the little plastic 'push' pieces which release the seatbelt. If anyone has a few spare I'd willingly pay for them and the P&P. We celebrate our 64th wedding anniversary during August and I'd like her to be with me! Keep in touch all Wolseley owners in our district. We are not many I know, but to see some of you makes my day.

As the Swansea Festival of Transport did not take place this year (due to Health and Safety dictates and a lack of support from our council and shop traders), my son Ashley organised a Truck Show on Fathers Day. It was well attended and made me wonder, "Did Wolseley ever make a lorry?" Answers on a postcard!

DORSET GROUP Keith Budd [6611]

On 8 July we went to New Milton Town Show as our first outing under the 'banner' of Dorset Group. The classic car show organised by Three Counties Classic, and Vintage Car Club in conjunction with New Milton Jubilee Committee for their town show and Pedal car Grand Prix Weekend.

We had three Wolseleys on show – John and Janet Budd's 1500, my 12/48 and a 4/44 belonging to Tony Ware (a possible new member...). The weather was hot and sunny, with lots of favourable comments about the display. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come. Our next outing will hopefully be on 5 August at Burley Village Fete in the New Forest.



MIDLANDS REGION Graham Ryder [4746]

Midlands meetings have continued to be held at Catshill and Streetly but a new venue has been selected for the 'northern' side from September – The Manor Farm in Castle Bromwich (see page 34), which offers a carvery menu. Contact us in advance so a large enough table can be booked

On Sunday 11 June, six Wolseleys were joined at the Classic Vehicles Day at GWSR Toddington by visiting friends from Holland in their Morris Minor van. Everyone enjoyed this fun day out with 2-for-1 rail fares for driver and passengers.



Connie Perry



A select group met at The Swan Inn in Stonnall for Sunday lunch on 25 June before driving four Wolseleys to nearby Shenstone for the village's open gardens day. The afternoon commenced with a tour of the village, finishing at the church for refreshments.

A last-minute notice of stand space being available at Lichfield 'Cars In The Park' only generated a couple of entries on 2 July. Future attendance at this two-day event will need to be reviewed.



Chris Moore

Midlands members were invited to join the West Midlands Classic Car Club at Moseley Old Hall in Wolverhampton on 9 July. A relaxing day was spent chatting to fellow car enthusiasts and visitors to the National Trust property.

For application forms or further details about the following Midlands events please contact Graham Ryder: ✉ midlands@thewolseleyregister.com ☎ 0121 445 1872.

- **Sat 26 Aug: Classic and Retro Festival, Gloucester.** Contact Cllr Colin Organ ☎ 01452 383836 ✉ colin.organ@gloucester.gov.uk
- **Sun 3 Sept: Himley Hall, Dudley (DY3 4DF).** Register members who have pre-booked with Gemini Events are asked to try and park together if possible but an official club stand has not been booked.

- **16-17 Sept: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, near Bromsgrove, Worcs (B60 4LF).** Free to enter either or both days. Forms available now.
- **Sun 17 Sept: Fun In The Park, Tudor Grange Park, Monkspath Hall Road, Solihull (B91 3LU).** Family Fun Day with numerous stalls and attractions in aid of three local charities – free to enter for pre-booked classics but donations welcome. Cars to be on display by 10.30am and movement is restricted during public access 11am to 5pm. Clive Hampson ✉ g.hampson@btinternet.com ☎ 07831 510542.
- **21-22 Oct: Stourbridge Navigation Trust Annual Open Weekend, Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge (DY8 4LU).** 10am to 5pm each day. Free entry but pre-booking required. Forms available.

NORTH WEST REGION

Mike Stanley [1234], Bob Leyland [1454] and Ian Ashcroft [303]

Nine members in four Wolseleys took part in the mid-week drive round the Wirral Peninsula on 10 May, organised by Bob. Members gathered at New Brighton and stopped for coffee at The Derby, the site of an open air lido, before heading for Royden Park for lunch. Roads were swapped for rails on the Wirral Model Engineers Railway around part of the park.



WMER host Alan Pennell offered a new experience – taking the driving seat on the engine! The afternoon activity concluded with a guided tour of the maintenance workshop. We then headed out of the park through the rural B roads of West Wirral culminating in a drive along Parkgate Parade and a splendid dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant.

Many of our members enjoyed good weather at our annual visit to Tatton Park at the beginning of June. We were able to present a different line-up on each of the two days and were kept busy answering queries from a steady succession of interested visitors to our stand.



There is a plethora of events now throughout the region, catering for a wide range of interests. Often dates will clash, but there have been a number of new events for our members to sample. For example on 11 June there was a show at the Lion Salt Works in Northwich and a new event at the Commercial Vehicle Museum in Leyland highlighting BMC cars. We only learned of this a few days in advance but we were able to 'fly the flag' for Wolseley at each venue.

This was the second year of the Lion Salt Work Water and Road Rally – a small, friendly and informal gathering combining road and water transportation in an interesting industrial museum setting. This was the last operating open pan salt works, closing in 1986, but after extensive Lottery funding, the works was restored and opened to the public.

A diverse selection of vehicles, traction engines, lorries, vans, motorcycles and cars were in attendance. Children were treated to rides behind scale models of traction engines, most of which were registered to run on the road. You were made most welcome to 'step aboard' the narrow boats moored nearby to sample what life was like living and working on the canals. Guided tours of the museum were also available.

The Wolseley Register was represented by Thelma Waddilove's 1100 MkI and Millie Ashcroft's recently acquired 1300 Mk II Auto. Both cars drew appreciative comments from the organisers and public alike.



Mike attended a show again at Burnley on 25 June. While there were some 300+ exhibits, there were also displays by local dealers of their latest wares and a fun fair to cater for the attending public. As the only Wolseley on display there was a good amount of interest.

Our planned mid-week trip to the Lakes and Dales had to be cancelled at the very last minute due to the deterioration of the weather. This will be re-scheduled as soon as we can arrange it. Other runs are in the planning stage for the summer months. Details will be circulated as soon as possible via our Newsletter, but members can always contact Colin, Peter or Mike for the latest information.

All events are listed in the NW Newsletter but the season concludes with this major club event:

- **16-17 Sept:** Footman James Classic Car Show at Eventcity, Manchester. *See advert on back cover for tickets.* Contact Peter Cope ☎ 0161 368 2388.

SCOTTISH REGION Mark McCafferty [3489]

Douglas Hunter provided these two pictures of our Wolseleys on Drive it Day.



On 14 May the Scottish group once again took a stand at the Stirling district classic car club's annual event at Strathallan games park. This year our stand was in a less favourable position which slightly reduced the number of visitors we received.



The nine Wolseleys however were looking fabulous under the bright but cloudy sky [pictured right]. Models ranged from Douglas Young's 12/48, a few 1500s, 4/44s and the FWD cars were represented by the Peters' 1100 and a Landcrab.



The show seemed quieter but a good day was had by all.



The weekend of 3-4 June saw Wolseleys assemble at Peebles in the Scottish Borders for the spring tour. Unfortunately due to various factors, attendance on the tour was limited to a few cars, one of which was Nick Pighill's stunning 1933 21/60 which made the journey up from Cumbria.

It may be that in these austere times there is currently limited appeal of a tour and hotel based weekend.



Our stand at Thirlstane castle [pictured above] on the Sunday however attracted 12 cars including one 1936 12/48 belonging to Guy Mackenzie from Hertfordshire. This show has got to be one of the premier events in Scotland and was well attended by exhibitors and the public. Although the army gun displays were rather loud the day went well, with showers unfortunately creeping in as we all were about to depart for home.

SOUTH EAST REGION Alan Simmonds [571], John Blackburn [6786]

- **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 ASAP: ☎ 0208 394 0700 ✉ alansimmonds@waitrose.com.
- **Sun 10 December: South East Christmas lunch, The Kingswood Arms, Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood, Surrey KT20 6EB.** Gathering at 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. Please do come and join us if you possibly can. We need to submit the numbers by beginning of December at the latest so please let Alan know in good time (details above). No pre-selection or pre-payment is asked for but on the day they would like us to give our menu orders together so they are able to serve us all at the same time from 1pm. It is always an enjoyable occasion held in their best room 'The Study', reserved for our personal use providing we have sufficient numbers. This lunch replaces the monthly meeting on 11 December.