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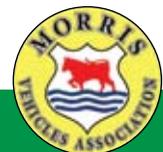
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Wolseley Register National Rally

3-5 August 2018

We are well underway with preparations for the 2018 National Rally which will be held in the Cotswolds on the weekend of 3-5 August 2018.



For the last few years we have confirmed details of our annual rallies in January and full details have been announced in the Spring. As a number of you have found this year, accommodation options can be limited when you book that late and you may already have other commitments. Therefore we decided to arrange things further ahead. This year we've arranged a full programme for Saturday, and in 2018 we want to do more to make the Rally a whole-weekend event.

The Register will take over the Royal Agricultural University (formerly the Royal Agricultural College) at Cirencester from the Friday until the Monday. The university has beautiful buildings in a parkland setting. There are over 100 high-grade rooms (double, twin and single) available and excellent catering.

Our outline programme for the weekend is:

- **Friday:** Arrive late afternoon. Evening meal. Overnight B&B accommodation.
- **Saturday:** Scenic tour of Cotswold villages with coffee and lunch stops including visits to local places of interest. Possibility of driving skills tests in late afternoon. Evening Rally Dinner. Overnight B&B accommodation.
- **Sunday:** Static car display in the grounds. Lunch available from servery. Evening meal and overnight B&B accommodation.

Indicative prices at the RAU are:

- B&B double or twin £75; single £45
- Buffet dinner £9.50 (Fri and Sun)
- Rally three-course dinner (Sat): £25

The cost per person for a full weekend (Friday dinner to Monday breakfast) would be £160-180. Shorter stays are possible and it may also be possible to lengthen your stay. This represents

outstanding value.



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! See article on page 9 and form enclosed.

Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

Unbelievably yet another rally season is drawing to a close – my calendar only has a few more dates for taking my car out this year.

However there are plenty of indoor shows to look forward to, kicking off with the show at Manchester's Event City next week (this will be reported on in the Nov/Dec magazine due to print deadlines). The NEC show in November is a major event for many individuals and clubs, and we are looking forward to working closely with neighbouring clubs and enjoying a larger stand to really show off our cars and what the Register has to offer.

As plans for a few 2018 events are already well underway, there's certainly plenty to look forward to. Please consider attending the National Rally in Cirencester next August – details on pages 2 and 9, and on the enclosed 'stage 1' entry form. You can read all about the success of this year's National Rally throughout this magazine.

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Chairman's Jottings

Clive Button, Chairman [6257]

The National Rally weekend, held in Lincolnshire in July was very enjoyable and many members appreciated the work that had been put into Saturday's activities, as well as Sunday's rally at Belton House. My thanks go to all who were involved in making the weekend a success. Next year's National Rally will take place over the weekend of 4-5 August 2018. This will be at Cirencester, in the Cotswolds. The focus will, again, be on a full weekend programme, with events on Saturday as well as Sunday. We will be based at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU), where we have been able to secure some very good rates for accommodation and meals. The RAU, formerly the Royal Agricultural College, is not a typical university and the accommodation and food is of a very high standard! We hope that all attending the Rally will choose to stay there and 'make a weekend' of it. Please see the article about the rally on page 9.

At the end of August, I was invited to enter my Wolseley 25 Drop Head Coupe in the Cheshire Concours, at the Oulton Park Gold Cup meeting. Owners of Bugattis, Lagondas and Bentleys which surrounded me seemed interested in the Wolseley which, to my eye, didn't look out of place and several times during the day I heard the comment from the owners of these cars 'I didn't know Wolseley produced anything like that'. I felt that I and my car 'did our bit' to promote 'our' marque.

For many of us, though not, perhaps, our younger members, the 1970s don't seem that long ago and we see cars of the era as 'modern'. I saw a new perspective on this just a few weeks ago when someone pointed out to me that the 1970s are as far in the past now as were the 1930s, viewed from the 1970s! Cars of the 1930s have always seemed 'old' to me but I shouldn't be surprised when those, 30 or 40 years younger than I see even the most recent of Wolseleys as being 'old cars'. All of that may be blindingly obvious but reminds me that I shouldn't be surprised when those looking at our cars do not recognise the name 'Wolseley'.

Was I alone in feeling a little uneasy at recent announcements that no new registrations of cars with internal combustion engines will be permitted after 2040? Electric vehicle registrations, though small, are increasing rapidly and we are promised better battery technology in the next few years. Will our cars tumble in value: will we still be able to get petrol? Having read beyond the political 'hype' about all this, I felt reassured. Nothing is going to happen very quickly and, as we were reminded by the FBHVC survey earlier this year, the sheer size of the old car movement is, perhaps, its best guarantee of survival. If people can keep steam trains running 50 years after they were superseded, why should we not do the same?

Happy Motoring!

Letters & Emails

Drop head turns heads

Stuart McCallum [4273]

This was the first outing for my dad Gordon McCallum's 25hp which is nearing the end of its restoration. The picture was taken at the Strathardle Highland Gathering in my parents' village of Kirkmichael, where the car achieved first prize despite not having the hood and rear seats fitted, against some more complete cars in competition!

The car drives extremely well under its own power and had a lap of honour at the show, entertaining the crowds with the dual air horns...



Electric fence post

David Gore [7125]



Members may be interested to see this electricity fence post made by Wolseley which I found when metal detecting in South Gloucestershire last year.



My Wolseley 16/60 is back on the road after locating a crank shaft...

A Wolseley in the family

David Davidson [6834]

When I was a young lad my Dad bought his first car, a 1948 Wolseley 18/85, which soon became his pride and joy. As a family, we travelled far and wide in that car, with Mum and Dad in the front and four kids on the back seat. Although Mum held a full driving licence she had never needed to sit a driving test. I'm told that, back in the 1930s, you simply went to the Post Office, filled in a form, paid a small fee and received your licence on the spot.

One thing I do remember about that vehicle was, with its wooden dashboard and leather seats, it certainly had the rather lovely smell of a “proper” old car. I was reminded of this when, some years later, I bought my own first car, a 1959 Wolseley 1500. Over the next few years I drove that car all over the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including the historic mountain pass leading to Applecross in Wester Ross and the equally-challenging Quiraing on the Isle of Skye.



Fast forward 50 years and, 17 “ordinary” cars later, after visiting many displays of classic cars, I decided it was time I had one of my own. Apart from the colour, the one I eventually bought turned out to be almost identical to my own first car, this time a 1960 Wolseley 1500 Mk II with only 65,000 miles on the clock. It came with a spare set of brand new carpets and a full paper history, including the original bill of sale. Best of all, it still smells like a “proper” old car!

Out and About in the Wolseley World

EAST MIDLANDS – LINCOLN GROUP Stuart Nell [743]

On 9 July, 17 members met in Allington for Sunday lunch and parked their cars outside the Inn on the Green. Our members displayed seven Wolseleys and a few other examples of classic cars.



Many of our members enjoyed the Wolseley Register's National Rally weekend (28-30 July) and the Morris Vehicles Association Rally (5-6 August) as they were in our area. Full reports are elsewhere in this magazine. Thanks must be given to Jim Green for organising a splendid show at the Kinema in Woodhall Spa on the Saturday of the National Rally weekend. Pictured below are Wolseleys belonging to the Wolseley Register and the MO and 6/80 Club at the MVA Rally.



Nev Holmes, Stuart Ingamells, Stuart Nell and Ron Woods ensured that Wolseleys were on parade at the last barbeque of the summer organised by The Grantham Motor Club at Harlaxton on 9 August. Roy Carrier was also present in his Riley RMD.

On 13 August, seven members attended Petwood Summer Concours D'Elegance. Barry Brackenbury and Malcolm Dexter were in the Master Class having won awards last year with their Wolseley 1500 and Morris Oxford. There was also a very original Six-Ninety taking part which had travelled from outside the area and a 15/50 [pictured] belonging to a couple from near Lincoln. Stuart Nell won the Petwood Choice Award with his Alvis Speed 20.



The sun shone and the jazz band played and many people enjoyed the Hog Roast.

Wolseley Register members attended the Syston Park Speed Trials on 27 August – a revival of the Speed Trials which ran from 1900 to 1935. They are organised in a way to recreate the atmosphere of a pre-war event and in so doing the entry list is limited to cars and motorcycles built before 1939. Roger Twelvetrees competed in his Wolseley 16/20 100mph Record Car [pictured above].



Our 'Noggin and Natter' meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (details on page 34). For details of any meetings or events, please contact Stuart Nell ☎ 01949 844870 or Nev Holmes ☎ 01522 703454.

SOUTH AND WEST WALES REGION Mansel Lovering [6277]



Wolseleys were to be seen at the Skewen Classic Motor Club show at the Gnoll Park, Neath, on 13 August. The beautiful showground, filled to capacity with outstanding models, supported with rides for children of all ages, scores of stalls selling a never exhausting amount of wares, a worthwhile raffle for charity, and a peep into the past police jail complete with period costumed 'bobbies'.

The two Wolseleys amongst the 350 cars on show belonged to a non-member [Adrian Purdy's 1961 15/50 pictured above] and yours truly in the 1300 Mk II.

Unfortunately the dependable Steve Taylor, M.B.E. [pictured on next page] had not been well enough to prepare his 4/44 and came in his back-up vehicle, a Morris J type pick up van of 1956. Steve has been a member of the Wolseley Register for many years, and besides those who know and respect him I am sure that we all wish him a speedy recovery from his upcoming operation. →

Also, of course, we look forward to seeing him next year in his pride and joy.



Talking of next year, we need to find a meeting place in South and West Wales. Our motors are getting older and so are we! Distances from West to East are proving to be beyond a day's drive, but I still believe that we could do it in the Spring. If you have any ideas, venues, dates and other thoughts, please get in touch – it would be great to be able to put a face to your Wolseley model. And while you ponder that problem could you please give thought to finding someone to take over this column? At almost 86 (years not miles) I'm not now at my literary best and have to be propped up both at my computer and steering wheel! Have a good Winter and drive well.

EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

A small but intrepid gang of Wolseley aficionados parked up at Wisbech Market Place in July to let our French cousins see what a real English car looks like before Brexit shuts all the ferry terminals. I think Brexit may have struck early however, as hardly any of the inhabitants of Arles bothered to turn up! They missed seeing five great looking cars, even though we were rather squeezed into a corner of the Market Place.



Our members performed well in the awards again at the National Rally at Belton House. It was a really great weekend away with lots of interest from the general public who were visiting the property.



We continue to meet monthly at the Oliver Twist on the second Tuesday of each month – 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.

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. For those members further North, Tony Huntrod has arranged evening meetings for Wolseley members and friends at the Ravensworth Arms Hotel, just outside Gateshead. These meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and everyone is welcome from 7pm. Details of both meetings are listed on page 34.

We had an excellent display at Newby Hall on 16 July once again with Wendy Howard's Lanchester 14 for added variety, alongside nine Wolseleys [above].



Some members who didn't attend the National Rally on 30 July opted to show their cars at Ripon instead [above]. Due to the clash we expected a lower turnout, but still managed a creditable nine Wolseleys and a 'support car'. Our annual award of the Bernie Ward Bull Trophy went to Chris and Pam Cowell this year.



Don Fothergill's 4/44 suffered gear selection problems so we had to push his car into position. At the end of the day he was recovered from the field and subsequently discovered the problem to be the gearbox itself.

Only three Wolseleys were to be found at the popular Burley show on 20 August, but we were pleased to also see Brian and Margaret Huskinson visiting the show. That almost brings the rally season to an end but look out for details of our regional post Christmas lunch in January 2018 – where does the time go?!

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

- **Sun 8 Oct: HCVS Whitwood Truckstop (WF10 5QH) from 10am.** Cars over 30 years old welcome. Plenty of food. Contact Peter ☎ 01132 623610.
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NORTH WEST REGION

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

Members supporting our programme of outings enjoyed excellent weather for our trip to Barrow. Following a coastal route beyond Ulverston to Barrow we visited the Docks museum, returning to Sizergh for a meal before heading for our respective homes. Thanks go to Bob Langston for plotting our route.

The National Rally was, as usual, well supported from the North West members, who enjoyed the activities arranged for the Saturday and the excellent display of cars on the Sunday. Our many thanks go to all those involved in making the weekend so successful. If you missed it, you missed out!

We were pleased to be able to support a 'one-off' event at the North West Museum of Road Transport in St Helens for their 'Midland Marques of Yesteryear' Classiccarshow. Being held within the museum building numbers were strictly limited, but we had six Wolseleys among the 35 or so cars attending [pictured]. The museum holds a very interesting and large collection of buses and other items from a wide area. Extra interest was provided by bus trips around the area using several of the museum's collection, including an ex-Southport 'open-topper'.





The 'outing' which had been cancelled in June was successfully re-instated on 15 August. "Dale's dales run" attracted six cars, starting from Crooklands (south of Kendal) and travelling via Ingleton to the famous Ribbleshead viaduct [pictured above] on the Settle to Carlisle railway where we were in time to witness the crossing by a steam excursion train. We then followed a very enjoyable run on to Hawes and on through the dales to Sedburgh. Many thanks to Dale for co-ordinating this one.

The HSCC Gold Cup meeting at Oulton Park saw several of us attending on both the Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday when, as well as the great weather, we enjoyed watching a marvellous programme of racing. This caters for a wide range of interests, my own favourite being the historic touring cars. There were many car clubs present, occupying vantage points overlooking the track, along with many individual attendees. Clive brought his 25hp DHC on the Sunday, displaying this with the Cheshire Concours D'Esprit and participating in their display procession around the circuit [pictured far right].



All in all, a busy period and I hope to include reports from individual members of other events they have attended in a future update.



SOUTH EAST REGION

Alan Simmonds [571] and
John Blackburn [6786]



Our Annual Rally was held on Sunday 13 August at Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, situated in a disused chalk quarry nestling in the

beautiful South Downs. The weather could not have been better, being sunny and warm all day. [Photos courtesy Nelson Ferreira].

The museum collection is quite amazing and has expanded since our last visit some years ago. There is a regular free, circulating classic bus service around the extensive site and a narrow-gauge railway which is also free – and pulled by a steam engine on the day of our Rally. They now have an excellent, modern cafeteria too, offering a surprisingly wide range of snacks and food at very reasonable prices. If you missed the Rally you should definitely add the museum to your future outing list – you will not be disappointed.

We had 12 Wolseleys on display, joined by members' friends with three other lovely cars; a Sunbeam 90 Series III, a TR7 and a Wolseley Hornet Special. A very impressive line-up, creating a great attraction for the other visitors to the museum. Many photos were taken and intelligent questions asked.

The rally season is drawing to a close but please consider joining us for our AGM and Christmas lunch:

- **Mon 13 November: South East Annual General Meeting, The Kingswood Arms, Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood, Surrey KT20 6EB.** Starting at 8.30pm. Please attend – see what you can do for the SE Group in the coming year. Can you, or a member you know, offer to take an active part

in the running of our Region in 2018? Please let Alan know by 6 November of any matters you want raised ☎ 0208 394 0700.

- **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 advise Alan (details above) if you wish to attend – we must submit numbers by the beginning of December. No pre-selection or pre-payment is required. 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.
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SCOTTISH REGION Mark McCafferty [3489]

Glamis is Scotland’s premier classic car show with over 1,500 vehicles in attendance from the very dawn of motoring up to and including 1980. Our stand this year was further back in the grid on level ground but away from the shelter of the oak trees that we would be seeking as the day wore on. It did not feel as busy as previous years – maybe the threat of rain put some people off. The main plus point this year was that the going was firm under foot and wheel!

Phil Hendry’s Birch Grey 1500 Mk III [pictured] came second on the Saturday’s 30mph regularity run. Phil was just beaten by nothing less than a Jaguar XK 140! Phil reports that most of the other cars timed out or got lost, or indeed went completely the wrong way. Well done Phil for your silver medal podium place and for flying the flag for the Wolseley marquee!



The Friendship Shield was awarded to the McCafferty family at the AGM back in October. Given to a person or persons who have helped to promote Wolseleys and the club in the past year. It was presented to Pauline and Jill McCafferty at Glamis.



MIDLANDS REGION Graham Ryder [4746]

Midlands meetings have continued to be supported with a new venue being trialled in September for the “northern” side. Let us know if you plan to join either of the meetings (details on page 34) so that a large enough table can be booked. Following the success of last year’s Christmas Meal, we shall be returning to The Royal Oak at Catshill on Thursday 14 December. Menu choices and £5 per person deposit will be required in advance.



As well as supporting the National Rally and Morris Vehicles Association Rally (see separate reports), Midlands members have attended a variety of events over the summer months including Whittington Barracks near Lichfield on 13 August [pictured above]; Lupin Farm in Staffordshire on 20 August; Webbs Garden Centre at Wychbold on 27 August [pictured right]; A47 Auto Jumble and Classic Car Display on 28 August and Himley Hall in Dudley on 3 September.



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

- **21-22 Oct: Stourbridge Navigation Trust Annual Open Weekend, Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge (DY8 4LU).** 10am to 5pm each day. A busy, family-friendly event with craft and bric-a-brac stalls, canal boat trips and a range of classic vehicles on display. Free entry but pre-booking required as space is limited. Forms available.
- **Sun 5 Nov: National Restoration Show and Great British Autojumble, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry (CV8 2LZ).** Club stand requested to display four vehicles including a Wolseley 16 body shell. Show open 10am to 4pm. Tickets £10 on the day or £8 adv at www.restoration-show.co.uk/tickets
- **10-12 Nov: Classic Motor Show, NEC Birmingham.** Come and meet the Midlands and National committee on this year’s larger than ever club stand where we will have six cars on display. See advert on back page for details.