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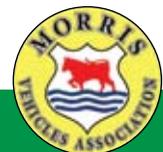
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Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

At the time of going to print, the Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show at Birmingham's NEC is almost upon us. We have a great selection of four Wolseleys on our stand in various stages of restoration. A full report will appear in the next magazine.

This event really kicks off the 2022 season for us, and the weather is gradually looking dry and warm enough for outdoor shows to begin soon as well.

We have started filling in some entry forms and booking accommodation for those events a little further afield. I can't wait to get back out enjoying our cars and seeing friends again.

Please do take a look at the Out and About pages to see what you might join in with this year. Please do write in with your stories and photos.

Cover: South East member Alan Richards with his 6/110, looking forward to the rally season ahead.

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Letters and Emails

A birthday outing

Paul Cohen [4621]

A few months ago, a man named Darren appealed through *Wolseley World* to arrange a special treat for his Dad who used to own a Wolseley 1500. Darren thought a run out in one of these cars would be a special treat to celebrate his Dad's 80th birthday.



I offered my 1500, and it turned out 'Dad' also used to own a Riley 1.5, which I also have an example of. So he was very pleased to reminisce about both models on his birthday.

Previously unknown 1500 Bradley Ormston-Balderson



I am 22 years old, and recently purchased a 1960 Wolseley 1500. The only bit of history that came with it was an A4 piece of paper, so I'm curious to find out more about it's history if anyone can help? I bought the car from Reading, and I live in Rochester (Kent). Once it's roadworthy, I want to get it out and about.

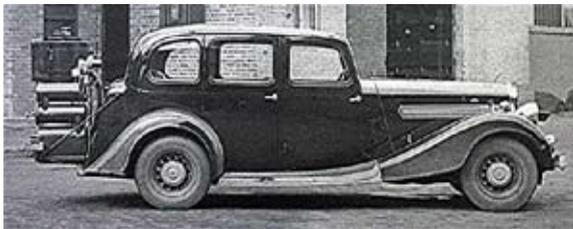
We were surprised to find 833 HWL was not previously known to the Register, so we were unable to tell him any more about the car. We have now added the car to our List of Recorded Vehicles.

Cooking on gas

Norman Painting [5660]

In response to the 1937 advert for coal petrol shared by Mike Stanley in Issue 215, these photographs were taken on 20 May 1942. This large Wolseley saloon car was fitted with a gas producer plant to enable it to be run on coke or anthracite.

The car was converted for Miles Thomas at Drews Lane.



What if? Dick Peters [3566]

I've always had a penchant for classic cars which are a bit harder to find due to their having been relative 'flops' in the marketplace. Wolseley 4/50-Austin Metropolitan, anyone?

One such car is the Austin 3 Litre, or ADO61, introduced in late 1967 as the successor to the BMC's 'big' Farina range, which, of course included the magnificent Wolseley 6/110. The car was launched with high hopes and expectations, but, in reality fewer than 10,000 were sold.

There are numerous reasons for this, not the least of which being that, to less discerning customers, it may have resembled a Landcrab on steroids. Furthermore, the reception from the motoring press was lukewarm. The passing years have brought a degree of vindication, and it is now perceived for what it is – a beautifully appointed, supremely comfortable executive cruiser.



It is one of the few BMC cars of the era which escaped the curse of 'badge engineering', but it was a close call. Wolseley aficionados might now be seeking out a dream flagship, if the car pictured had gone into production. →

The car is a Rover V8-powered, Wolseley-badged version of the 3 litre, several prototypes of which are known to have been built. Sadly, the project was strangled shortly after conception. Internal BL politics deemed that it would have provided direct in-house competition, plus superior suspension/handling to the Rover and only a handful were built. Contemporary reports say the car drove superbly and examples were much enjoyed by company testers/executives. Do any still exist?



A motor that never was Norman Painting [5660]

I found the article “A motor that never was” (Issue 214) of interest, but it appears to be purely hypothetical, with no evidence that Wolseley was ever approached to design a 300hp 12-cylinder triple bank engine. The patent drawing, number 108242, has been taken as proof that such an engine was proposed, but the drawing is part of a sequence of events for an entirely different project.

About this time, the works photographer took three pictures of a scale model of a 500hp ‘Viper’ engine – a V8 Hispano aero engine currently in production at Wolseley. It was developing 210hp, and clearly impossible to be developed as a V8 to produce more than double its output.

Soon after the pictures were taken, three patents were taken out dealing with the design of an 18-cylinder triple bank engine. The first patent covered the design of the drive to the three overhead camshafts, the second patent covered the method of joining two blocks of cylinders, and the third patent was for a reversing mechanism for a marine application of the engine.

Both of the latter two patents clearly show a bank of Hispano type six cylinders made from two three-cylinder blocks. In other words, an 18-cylinder triple bank engine! Using the Hispano bore/stroke dimensions, this 18-cylinder engine could have produced 472hp before any tuning improvements were made to the induction/carburation.

This sequence of events ended in 1918 when the works photographer took two pictures of “Atlantic engine on test”. This was a proprietary made 500hp V12 aero engine, so obviously the Wolseley engineers were still pursuing the idea of a 500hp engine, not a 300hp engine, but when the war ended in 1918, the need for the 500hp Wolseley engine disappeared immediately.

John Brindley Memorial Award winner

Winton Cleal [6300]

The most recent winner of the John Brindley Memorial Award (for the member who travelled the most miles in their Wolseley/s during 2020) was New Zealand member Winton Cleal, who covered 8,874 miles in his two Wolseleys. We have been unable to present him with his trophy yet, but in the meantime Winton has shared a flavour of how he clocked up so many miles.

We have two Wolseleys – a 6/90 (perfect for long distances) and a 1936 14/56. As well as the Wolseley Register, we belong to the Wolseley Car Club North Island branch, and the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand. The vintage car club have four branches within three hours' drive of our home, and each organises one run a month. The branches work together so that their rallies are not on the same weekend. The rally season in New Zealand covers the whole year, so we have a lot of runs to choose from.

The big run at this time of year is the Art Deco Weekend in the middle of February when we are away for five days. We take the 14/56 because cars must be pre-1945 to go in the car parade and display. It takes around six hours to drive to Napier in the Wolseley, with a high range of hills to get over. They are called the Tararua ranges, and it is



advised that you put an electric fan in front your radiator. There is usually a slight northwest wind blowing, which means you will have a tail wind and on this long pull old cars usually boil going over the ranges.

In 2020, Ruth and I organised the Wolseley Car Club's National Rally – a week-long event. It started in Wellington, travelled up to the Manawatu, crossed over the Tararua ranges and down into the Wairarapa. Rallies in New Zealand have route instructions, so you must plot and check the route before you publish it.

In order to get your timings right, you should check it in a classic car not a modern car – in this case we used the 6/90. We went over a lot of that rally twice to make sure we did not get anyone lost. And then of course we used the 6/90 on the rally itself. As you can imagine we travelled many hundreds of miles just on that rally. After this rally, things quietened down a bit. We were in lockdown for about six weeks and then everything slowly came back to a bit more normal life. We started going on branch runs, but keeping a distance and wearing masks.

In the middle of the year, we were again off up to Wanganui for their main rally of the year. On this occasion we took the 14/56. The road we go on is very busy, so we have plotted a route out into the countryside. It does mean a lot more miles and time, but it is very nice and quiet. We also did a rally up through the centre of the lower North Island finishing up in Taihape.

In October, we got some Wolseley people to organise a run to Waitomo caves. This is a very long run for us, and we split it into a two-day drive just to get there. The area is just south of Auckland and the rally was held on a long weekend, so we had runs out to the coast and countryside to visit several tourist attractions. We have family near there, so called in to see them and show the two grandsons Grandad's car.



There were numerous runs around our own area, including being invited to the British High Commissioner's residence in Wellington to put the 6/90 on display with other old British cars. We also did some local runs with our own Wolseley Car Club and Vintage Car Club. Christmas dinner this year for the Wolseley Car Club was held in Wanganui – a trip of two hours in the 6/90. And last a Christmas parade in Shannon.

As for around home, we use both cars to go out in on fine days. We sometimes take our lunch and go down to the beach in one of the Wolseleys. We are well-known in our area. For example, just last week I was contacted and asked: "Please bring one of your old cars and park in front of the local Waikanae museum!"

We look forward to receiving the award when possible. It will be put in pride of place. I have written more about the 6/90 which has been in the family since new, and the restoration of my 14/56 – these will appear in future magazines.

Out and About in the Wolseley World

INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A NEW LOCAL GROUP?

If you'd like to start something to get Wolseley enthusiasts together in your area, Groups Liaison Officer Chris Arnold can help spread the word to local members. ☎ 01945 587004 ✉ groupliaison@wolseleyregister.co.uk

KENT & EAST SUSSEX MEETINGS Jeffrey Bridges [0569]

As reported opposite, our meetings are no longer based solely at The Bear at Burwash. The dates and times are now variable, with some meetings now taking place at lunchtimes encouraging the ladies to join us. New faces are always very welcome. Please contact me to keep up to date with the meeting arrangements (✉ j.bridges815@btinternet.com ☎ 01424 772535).

SCOTTISH GROUP Mark McCafferty [3489]

Ten hardy souls made the journey to Methil on 19 February for our much overdue 'Annual' General Meeting. The re-election of a Committee was postponed until our 'proper' AGM in October 2022, which everyone agreed was a logical move.

As expected, the biggest topic was our activities for the coming year, the main event being our (postponed) **30th anniversary celebration to be held at Thirlestane on 18-19 June 2022.**

It was agreed to attend the following local rallies, but numbers are needed in order to secure a big enough group stand:

- **Sun 24 April:** Summerlee (book through Joe Kelly by 9 April)
- **Sun 15 May:** Stirling/bridge of Allan (book through Joe Kelly by 8 April)
- **Sun 26 June:** Moffat (book through Joe Kelly by 31 May)
- **Late August TBC:** Festival at Kirk-cudbright (book through Joe Kelly)
- **Sun 12 June:** Tayside Classic Show at Errol Airfield (book through Dick Peters by 12 May)
- **Sun 10 July:** Glamis (book through Dick Peters by 12 May)
- **Sun 14 August:** Biggar (book through Dick Peters by 18 June)
- **Sun 28 August:** Ladybank (book through Dick Peters by 12 July)
- **Sun 18 Sept:** Gartcosh (book through Joe Kelly by 31 Aug).

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NORTH WEST REGION

Mike Stanley [1234]

Now that the days are lengthening, and that we seem to be coping with life with COVID, we are looking forward to much greater activity with our cars. Things have already got off to a flying start in our Region on 5 March with a party celebrating the 40th anniversary (to the exact date and time!) of Bob Leyland taking ownership of his Series II Sixteen 'Alice'. A large gathering of fellow members, family and friends enjoyed sharing the event, including a good line-up of Wolseleys.

Drive it Day preparations are progressing steadily. You may be planning to take part in the Fat Lamb weekend [see page 2] with a trip to the Lakeland Motor Museum on the Sunday (24 April). I hope others further afield will link up with fellow members to mark the day accordingly.

We are intending to stage a club line-up at three local shows, the first being at Tatton Park on 4-5 June. I have already booked a club stand, but I need to supply information to the organisers (ideally by early April!) so please contact me as soon as you can if you are considering attending. Members from outside our area will of course also be made very welcome. I will be happy to provide any further information you may need.

The other club line-ups are marked with an asterisk on the following list. Both these are under a new organiser, who has introduced a slightly different booking system. As ever, if you know of other events, please share the details with myself or direct to *Wolseley World* so others have the chance to join.

- **Mon 2 May: Ripley Castle**
- **Mon 2 May: Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show.** Club stand being coordinated by John Platt (✉ john.a.platt@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 07831 119046)
- **Sun 12 June: Ripon**
- **Sun 19 June: Hutton in the Forest, Penrith**



- **Sun 26 June: Houghton Tower**
- **Sun 3 July: Leighton Hall***
- **Sun 24 July: Ripon Racecourse**
- **Sun 7 August: Lytham Hall***
- **Sun 28 August: Ripon**
- **Mon 29 August: Ripley Castle**
- **Sun 4 September: Houghton Tower**
- **Sun 11 September: Hutton in the Forest, Penrith**

I look forward to getting out and about again, and wish all our members enjoyable, and safe, Wolseleying.

NORTH EAST REGION Peter Seaward [0237]

The next 12:30 club lunch will be on Thursday 7 April. As always, everyone is welcome to join us – but I would appreciate a quick call to let me know if you can come to ensure we have enough tables. It looks as though we may well have Wolseley Register stands at three events this year (marked with an asterisk on the following list).

- **Sat 16 April: Collectors Fair, Pudsey, Leeds** (10am to 3pm)
- **Sun 17 April: Cumbria Rally, Kirkby Stephen and Brough**
- **21-25 April: Wolseley Register Spring Tour based on The Fat Lamb, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria**
- **Sun 8 May: Tadcaster Classic Car Show**
- **Sun 15 May: EYTCC Burton Agnes Hall Classic Rally**
- **Sun 22 May: EYTCC Burton Constable Hall Rally**
- **Sun 29 May: NECPWA Witton Castle Rally**
- **Sun 5 June: Thornton Le Dale Classic Car Show***
- **Sun 12 June: EYTCC East Coast Run** (Hull to Bridlington)
- **Tue 21 June: YHVG Bring Your Vehicle Night, Squires Café, Sherburn In Elmet**
- **2-3 July: Duncombe Park Steam and Vintage Gathering, Helmsley** (entries close 5 May)
- **Sun 17 July: NECPWA Newby Hall Classic***
- **Sun 24 July: 27th Classic Car Gathering at Ripon Racecourse***
- **Sun 7 Aug: 52nd HCVS Trans Pennine Run**
- **Sun 21 Aug: Burley Classic Car Show, Burley In Wharfedale**
- **Sun 11 Sept: Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza**
- **Sun 18 Sept: YHVG York 44th Rally, York Racecourse**
- **Sat 19 Nov: Collectors Fair, Pudsey, Leeds.**

Many more events are still to confirm, so it looks like being a busy season. Please contact me (✉ pjs1@tinyworld.co.uk ☎ 01132 623610) for more details.

MIDLANDS REGION Graham Ryder [4746]

Midlands monthly meetings continue to be held north and south of Birmingham on the second Thursday of the month meeting at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on 14 April at The Royal Oak, Catshill; and the following meeting will be held at The Parson & Clerk Toby Carvery, Streetly on 12 May. All members are welcome to attend either location. Just let us know in advance so that enough table space can be booked.



On Sunday 6 February, several Register members attended the Footman James Coffee and Chrome meet at Impney Estates, Droitwich – but not all in Wolseleys. Some were first-timers and it was good to catch up with new and existing members despite the rather cool weather conditions!



The following events are confirmed so far, but for the latest details and forms, please check our webpage www.wolseleyregister.co.uk/midlands-region-programme-of-events. Alternatively, call Graham and Jenny Ryder (☎ 0121 445 1872).

- **Sun 10 Apr: Footman James Coffee and Chrome meet at Impney Estates, Prescott.** Another opportunity to display cars at the home of the Classic Hill Climb and Bugatti Museum. Free breakfast rolls supplied by Footman James to pre-booked drivers and one passenger per vehicle.
- **Mon 18 Apr, Mon 2 May, Fri 3 & Sat 4 Jun, Mon 29 Aug: A47 Auto-jumble / Classic Vehicle Show, Thurlaston Showground, LE9 9JE.** 9am to 4pm on these bank holiday dates. No pre-booking required; free entry to classic car driver and one passenger. Public admission £5.
- **Sat 23 Apr: Pride of Longbridge, Cofton Park, B'ham B31 2BQ.** We will have our gazebo up and a club space at this annual event which celebrates the Longbridge factory's people and cars. Let Graham know you are attending.
- **Sun 24 Apr: Drive it Day – Hatton Country World, Warks CV35 8XA.** Invitation to join the Birmingham Branch Morris Minor Owners Club Rally at this multi-activity venue with shopping village. Pre-booked entries £6; on the day £7. Forms available from Graham. Camping Fri/Sat nights.
- **1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sept: Middleton Motors Monthly, Middleton Hall, Tamworth B78 2AE.** 9:30am to 4pm. No need to pre-book; £5 per classic car. Non-classic entries £7pp. Open to public from 11am.

- **Sun 19 Jun: Stratford Autojumble, Stratford Racecourse, CV37 9SE.** Simply arrive from 9:30am and pay on day (driver £4, each passenger £5). Public £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Let Graham know if interested so we can try to arrange to enter and park together.
 - **2-3 July: Open gardens / classic car display, Hanbury, Worcs.** Another chance to show our cars between 10am and 4pm on either or both days at a local Register member's charity fundraising event. Delightful tranquil gardens and delicious refreshments. Details from Graham. Please state which day/s you would like to attend as numbers are limited.
 - **2-3 July: Rotary Cars in the Park, Beacon Park, Lichfield WS13 6RA.** Charity event with free admission to public but £5 parking fee. Individual classic car applications £5 per car per day (or £4 if booked before 1 April) can be made at www.carsinthepark.com/single-entry-bookings.php.
 - **Sun 10 July: BMC and Leyland Show, British Motor Museum, Gaydon (CV35 0BJ).** A must-see for any fans of classic British marques. Contact Graham for a place on the Register stand at the special price of £5 for driver and one passenger (more details on rear cover).
 - **17-18 Sept: Stoke Prior Steam Rally, Little Intall Fields, Stoke Pound Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove (B60 4LF).** Please let Graham know by 30 June if you wish to join our club stand on either or both days.
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EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

The meetings at 'The Chequers' seem to be going from strength to strength and I am humbled by how far some travel to attend. The atmosphere at this (fairly) new venue definitely suits our meetings, and we look forward to warmer evenings when half a dozen Wolseleys will hopefully be parked under the willow trees on the village green outside the pub.

For Drive it Day (Sunday 24 April), our group are organising a run out to the Bubble Car Museum at Langrick near Boston. We are meeting at Long Sutton Services on A17/A1101 roundabout (PE12 9AG) with a view to getting underway soon as after 10am. A cross-country route will take us to the museum, where one of the owners will be on hand to answer questions. We are also promised tea and plenty of cake! A short run will take us to a pub for Sunday Lunch. Please let me know if you would like to join in what promises to be a great day out.

We also have a group outing planned at the Carrington Steam and Heritage Show. The show looks huge, and features a large number of steam traction engines and showman's engines. It's not been decided yet if we will attend both days (28 and 29 May), so keep an eye on our newsletters for updates.

SOUTH EAST REGION Stewart Payne [1612]

Evidence that spring is on the way, and with it the hope of rallies and gatherings, can clearly be found in garages and workshops across the South East region. Members let me know what they were up to as Drive it Day approaches – together with the promise of much more to come compared to the pandemic-ravaged rally season of the previous two years:



Ed Friend, from near Sevenoaks, Kent, is planning to install electric power-assisted steering to his 1953 6/80 and said he was looking forward to travelling longer distances this summer.

Stan Wright, also from Kent, said: “Our 15/50 is currently off the road, but we hope to join you on a local meet later this year”. Alan Richards supplied a lovely photo of his ‘beloved’ 6/110 [see cover photo]. “It has just come out of the garage for the first time this year and I am looking forward to the spring and getting about in her again”, he said.

Alex Cother, who lives near Reading, Berkshire, reports good progress on the restoration of his 15/50, which he has owned for three years. “It was sound, but quite scruffy”, he said. He has fitted an alternator, completed an overhaul of the braking system and installed a reconditioned gearbox.



He then decided to tackle the bodywork. “But my talents are limited, so I passed the bulk of the work on to local bodywork specialists, Hares of Berkshire, who have made a stunning job, as you can see”. The body was taken back to bare metal, but as it was in overall good condition, only localised repairs were needed, including a replacement offside front wing, which he sourced from the Register’s spares department. “It is a car with an interesting history, having been used in an episode of *Miss Marple*. I hope to have the car fitted up by the summer, so hopefully you will see the car and me at events shortly”, he said.

As previously reported, Graham Clarke from Lymington had reluctantly decided to sell his 4/44. He didn’t manage to do so during the lockdowns, so is trying

again this spring – but not without setbacks. Graham said that a number of issues had to be addressed before his car passed its MoT. Some of this was routine, but then came more difficult issues, such as replacing the steering column ‘doughnut’, which resulted in various headlight wiring issues, and the stator tube and its associated wiring and the annoying problem of the horn sounding as random moments. Such are the joys (and woes) of maintaining old cars! “The cavalry has arrived, in the form of the Register’s ever-helpful and totally-knowledgeable Geoff Bennett. What a welcome benefit of membership our model experts are”, said Graham. “The perceptive might observe a reluctance to part with the 4/44, but we just cannot accommodate two classics”. He intends to start the sale process again soon, but hopes to make one final appearance over Drive it Day.

Terry Clark, from East Sussex, has experienced similar frustrations. “I am still trying to cure a whole range of faults in my 1500. I purchased this from the internet (ignoring all the advice I have given to others), sight unseen. It had allegedly been completely rebuilt with a bare metal respray and some re-upholstery.



“It was delivered on a transporter, and the first difficulty became apparent when trying to unload it as there were no foot brakes or handbrake. As I live on a steep hill, this was an interesting experience! None of the doors, bonnet or boot lid had been properly fitted. The only gauge that worked was the oil pressure one. The speedo presented the greatest challenge involving remanufacturing a drive gear by 3D printing by a very talented friend of my son’s. After a major service, I am now content to use it and have entered for a few local shows.” The photo shows his efforts have been well rewarded.

Geoff Bridges, from Battle, Sussex, said the winter months have seen some protracted work on the braking system of his 6/90, including the overhaul of the servo: “The car has yet to be road tested, but after pumping a litre of brake fluid through the system, the pedal feels firm and hopefully all will be well.”

Finally, the South East Region committee plan to meet during March to resume preparations for a spring rally and other activities, all put on hold after the last COVID outbreak, and details will follow in the next issue of *Wolsey World*.

My wife Mary and I in will be taking part in SE member John Worth’s ‘Rally Beesonend’ from Harpenden to Shuttleworth on Drive it Day (24 April), which raises money for the FBHVC’s chosen charity NSPCC Childline. →

John and his wife Sarah will host the event – named after their home near Harpenden, Herts – which will see 60 cars of various vintages set off on an approximately 65-mile return trip that includes a discounted visit to the famed Shuttleworth Collection in Bedfordshire.



If previous rallies are anything to go by, you may be taking part alongside representatives of Porsche, TVR, Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Jaguars and Bugatti, as well those of a more everyday nature. John's own interesting and varied collection of classic cars will be on display at his home, including his three Wolseleys – a 1975 18/82 Wedge



(reputed to be one of just four left on the road), his 1966 Hornet Crayford convertible and the ex-Lord Nuffield 1937 25hp Drop-head Coupé.

The Shuttleworth collection of vintage aircraft and cars includes the Shuttleworth family's own 1912 Wolseley M5. And there will be at least one Wolseley taking part in the rally itself – my 1956 4/44. We are delighted to be able to support him and his family in raising money for a great cause and in such an impressive way.

In order to make a worthy sum for the charity, entrance to the rally is £100, which includes discounted entry to Shuttleworth, a well-organised rally route, food, drink and goody bags. If you wish to take part, it would be best to contact him first (✉ john.worth21@hotmail.com). For details and photographs of past rallies, see www.facebook.com/rallybeesonend.

WILTSHIRE GROUP Steve Grimes [7338]

A total of 13 cars attended our first meeting at our new venue. Wonderful reviews were received about the quality of the food so it looks like this new venue was the right move. The Pear Tree's owner tells me they are building a large outdoor area so will be able to host our larger summer month meetings in the evening when the clocks change. So 7 April will be our last daytime meet, then we change to evening meet-ups – still on the first Thursdays, but from 6:30pm As always, please contact me (✉ steve@teamhaven.com) if you plan to join us, so I can book a big enough table.

We had a car from virtually every decade from a 1920s Ford Pickup to a 1980s Mercedes SL. It was lovely to meet June and Jimmy who traveled from near Bridport in Dorset to attend our meeting in their newly-acquired Wolseley 15/50, which parked next to my 1938 Wolseley 14/56.



A reminder of this local event which may be of interest: Devizes 'Lions on the Green' classic car show and family fun day, Sun 12 June, 10am to 4pm. Book via Roger Stratton (✉ lionsonthegreen@devizeslions.org.uk ☎ 07885 605172).

EAST MIDLANDS LINCOLN GROUP D S Reid [5481]



Our first Noggin and Natter in February saw a good turnout, and we agreed to stay at The Lord Nelson for the foreseeable future. We also had our social gathering on 23 February at the Welby Arms. Again it was good turnout, and the meal was well received. Special recognition to Mr and Mrs Gordon Blackburn and Mr Mike Bagley for travelling so far just for a meal and to see us – and it was not the first time.

Those who attended our March Noggin discussed our plans for Drive it Day (24 April). Ron Woods is planning a route which is likely to include a stop at The Welby Arms in Allington. Please make contact if you wish to find out more.
