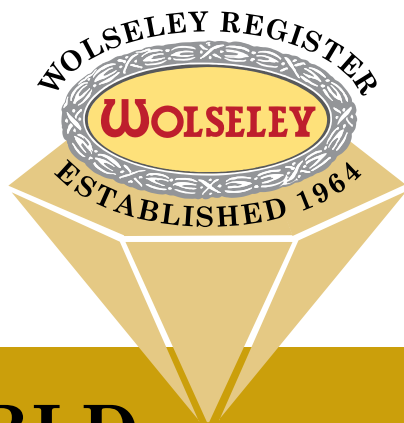


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# Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

**T**hank you to those who have already completed their 'homework' and sent me an article to help fill the pages of *Wolseley World*.

I hope I have acknowledged you all, and explained that I may not use them straight away but will definitely print them when space allows. I am relieved to now have a healthy supply of long and short pieces to choose from.

There's just space to signoff: Merry Christmas, and best wishes for 2025!

## SAVE THE DATE!

All members are invited to the Wolseley Register AGM on Saturday 5 April 2025. The location / venue will be confirmed next time.

**Cover:** Daniel Lachter's 1500 Mk I on the Wolseley Register stand at the NEC Classic Motor Show. Read more on pages 15-17.

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## Chairman's Report

Graham Ryder, Chairman [4746]

**H**aving completed all the scheduled events for the Rally season it is now time to relax and enjoy the festive social gatherings as the year closes.

The Classic Motor Show at the NEC was very busy. There appears to be an appetite for clubs working together on spares and other shared activities for the benefit of club members. The concerns of most clubs are the number of volunteer committee members and organisers willing to take on roles within their club.

We are always grateful for any help offered, but as members will be aware, very few new names appear on the club contacts list. We encourage members to consider working alongside other club officers with a view to taking over the role in the future. This would allow us to provide any necessary training for a smooth transition.

**NEW CONTACTS FOR SOUTH WEST:** We are pleased to have two new names now taking over the role of South West Representatives as Geoff Bennett is stepping down after at least 35 years' service, although he remains as 4/44 and 15/50 Technical Adviser for the time being. Geoff is warmly thanked for all his efforts over the years and support at Regional and National level. Chris Moore is now the contact for members in Devon and Cornwall; with Kevin Sweet covering the rest of the region; while Steve Grimes already organises a local group in Wiltshire. Thanks to Chris and Kevin for taking up their roles.

Peter Seaward and I recently attended the FBHVC AGM at Gaydon when a new President was elected. Sir Greg Knight MP is now in place to represent our classic car interests in parliament. A presentation from the DVLA was closely followed by all present.

I do hope you continue to enjoy the magazine and what the Register offers you. I do receive many compliments on events and presentation, and all feedback is taken on board. It has been good to spend quality time with members at local events or as exhibitors at shows and rallies which anyone can take part in.

Over Christmas and the New Year, please write up your restoration news and submit it to Amy for inclusion in *Wolseley World* and settle down with the calendar to plan next year's events. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2025.

# Bettina's 15 minutes of fame

George Weatherley [7813]

Around 18 months ago, a friend who owns an Austin A60 Cambridge mentioned that he'd been in touch with Steph Holloway from the very popular [idriveaclassic](http://www.youtube.com/@idriveaclassic) YouTube reviews of classic and vintage cars, asking if she would like to do a review of his car. ([www.youtube.com/@idriveaclassic](http://www.youtube.com/@idriveaclassic))

As Steph and her partner Freddie live around 200 miles away from us, it seemed unlikely they would come such a long way to film just one car. So I offered my two Wolseley Farinas (Edna the 15/60 and Bettina the 16/60) which are both manual, should Steph wish to compare to the automatic Cambridge. A Riley 1.5 joined the gang, and with three cars to film, it was well worth the journey. A date was set.

Saturday 5 October began slightly overcast, but then brightened up. The three of us arrived at a secret location – namely the farm where I work (not so secret now!). We made sure the cars were as clean as possible and ready for the day ahead. My 15/60 was a bit under the weather, so we decided to use the 16/60.

Steph and Freddie turned up not long after. They are both very professional in their approach to getting the results on the screen. Steph is a walking encyclopaedia on cars, and takes her time to research and ask many questions about the history of cars she is filming. It was impressive to watch her film and relay all the facts and figures without any notes in front of her.

The filming didn't take that long, and it was soon time to say our goodbyes. We all had a very enjoyable day. I can honestly say the end result – as with many of Steph's videos – held my attention more than anything currently on the TV. At the time of writing, the video has had 55,000 views in just 11 days.

Several times since then, Bettina has been recognised as “the Wolseley 16/60 from the [idriveaclassic](http://www.idriveaclassic.com) show.” She thinks she's a film star now!

Now we've been bitten by the filming bug, I'll sign off by saying...  
“That's a wrap!”



## A reluctant sale

Charlie and Helen East [6508]

**S**adly I have had to sell my Wolseley 15/50 so that she can be restored, which I am unable to do. This photo shows her leaving my house for the last time.

I do know the new owner who lives locally, and I am relieved that the car will now get the attention she deserves.



It is unlikely that I will renew my membership, so I would like to say a huge thank you to all the lovely Wolseley owners that we have met over the past few years and wish you all the best for the future. Keep those Wolseleys going!

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## Remanufacturing opportunity: Bulkhead rubber for Wolseley 1500 and Riley 1.5

Graham Ryder, 1500 Technical Adviser [4746]

**W**e have had enquiries about the unique rubber section that is fitted to the bulkhead which follows the rear of the bonnet line. The seal also acts as a barrier to stop water blowing back up the side channels. Together with David Kingerley at Longbridge Spares, research is now complete – but due to the volume and cost, we are trying to gauge the viability for the project in order to go ahead.



It would cost in the region of £25 per car, and be available in the New Year via Longbridge Spares.

If you would be interested in this item, please register your interest with me as soon as possible:

✉ [1500advisor@wolseleyregister.co.uk](mailto:1500advisor@wolseleyregister.co.uk)

☎ 0121 445 1872.

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# Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 8-10 November 2024, NEC Birmingham

Jenny Ryder [4746] and Graham Ryder [4747]

The Wolseley Register club stand was situated in Hall 5 alongside our colleagues from The 6/80 & MO Oxford & Cowley Club. The end of season finale to the classic motoring year once again spanned six halls. The show attracted more than 71,000 visitors across the three open days when a record 338 club stands were staged.

The Wolseley Register stand celebrated the 60th anniversary of the club with a round-up of all the regional events staged during the year as well as a display board of our stand at the very first Classic Motor Show held in 1984.

For the first show, Anders Clausager had been able to secure the loan of the 1899 Wolseley Voiturette: OWL 707 from the former BL Heritage where he was working at the time. That car remains a major exhibit in the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. Anders and 2024 exhibitor Jim Beaumont have both attended most, if not all of the Classic Motor Shows over the last 40 years.

**Two pre-War and two post-War Wolseleys were displayed by four enthusiastic Register members:**

Anthony Bowers' rare 1936 Wolseley Super Six Series II 25hp limousine was very eye-catching with its long wheel base and attractive mascot. Once fully bricked into a garage, the car was restored by Anthony's uncle, Bob Oakley for use in the family wedding hire business. At the age of 15, Anthony helped restore the car and now has his own restoration business as well as the wedding car hire role.



We were all surprised and delighted when the 25hp's previous owners Richard and Janet Lankford visited the stand. They sold the car to Anthony's uncle Bob in the late 80s/early 90s, and by chance saw online that the car was going to be exhibited at the show. They then made the three-hour journey especially to see it, catch up with Anthony, and pass on some old photos that they still had.



Platinum member Jim Beaumont purchased his 1937 Wolseley 14/56 Series II Redfern Tourer in 1983 and undertook a full restoration when time and space allowed, doing much of the work himself including respraying to the original colour scheme. The upholstery, hood and headlining were all completed professionally by 2019, since when it has attended local events and National Rallies, being awarded the Series II trophy in 2022.

Daniel Lachter from London has owned this early example of the most popular post-War Wolseley model – the Wolseley 1500 – for 32 years. He is very passionate about the car which he has had restored in homage to his late father and the 1500 which the family owned when Daniel was a very young child. *Also pictured on front cover.*





The display was completed with this 1967 Mk III Hornet which has been owned by Lance Forty since June 2023. It had been a dealer demonstrator from new, and the full history is known. A £6,000 restoration was carried out 25 years ago, and the car still presents well. It is exactly as it came off the production line, with nothing having been altered or added from standard. Again, a former owner came to the stand and was pleased to see it on display.

All the exhibits attracted much attention and admiration, and the variety of liveries made a colourful display. All the owners were available along with other stand personnel to answer technical or other queries.



Sales of club merchandise went well, and new and renewing memberships were collected over the weekend.

During the show, the Morris Vehicles Association Award for 2024 was made. One car from each MVA Club present was nominated, and a team of judges deemed the Morris Eight Series E owned by Steve Gant from The Morris Register as the winner (received by John Ford in the owner's absence).



A number of other Wolseleys were present elsewhere at the show, including an 18/85, a 6/80 and Register member Chris Jones' 1300. Thanks to all the exhibitors who, along with their friends and families and other Register personnel, welcomed many members and visitors to the stand over the weekend. **We will be applying for stand space at next year's Classic Motor Show which will run from 7-9 November 2025.**



## SCOTTISH GROUP Michael Seaward [7273] & Dick Peters [3566]

On Saturday 21 September, three members joined our friends of the Gartcosh Classic and Sports Car Club in a visit to the Donald Malcolm Heritage Centre at Linwood. Stephen Green took his 6/99 – pictured here at our meeting spot in North Lanarkshire – while Pat Duffy and Michael Seaward went in their daily drivers.

Founded by Donald Malcolm in 1921 with a horse and cart delivering coal, WH Malcolm Ltd is now the biggest, privately-owned logistics company in the country, with 15 logistics depots, two construction quarries and three rail terminals to their name.

We were made very welcome with teas, coffees and rolls and allowed to freely wander around the exhibits which includes preserved lorries from the 1950s to the present day.



On Sunday 13 October, Stephen's 6/99 was on display again, this time joined by three other Wolseleys at the 'Steam, Steel, Road and Rails Gala' at the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway.



## EAST ANGLIA REGION Chris Arnold [6441]

**W**e managed to fit in a late outing in October and, amazingly, the sun shone on us. We all met up at The Chequers, where Louise provided some excellent bacon baps and coffee. We moved off on a circular road run of about 60 miles of Fenland roads.



We braved the dreaded Kings Lynn one-way system, enjoyed the lovely village of Castle Rising, and stopped at the royal station at Wolferton. Although no longer operational, it has seen the coming and going of many royal personages and heads of state visiting Sandringham.



Thanks to Kevin, Bridget and Terry for these photos, as my camera 'died'!

Back at The Chequers, we all thoroughly enjoyed a Sunday roast – a good sign that we will be well catered for at our **CHRISTMAS MEAL** on Wednesday



11 December. For £30, you can choose from a range of starters, followed by a Christmas roast dinner. Paul has said he is willing to bake a Christmas cake.

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to join us.