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# Editor's Corner

Amy Egan, Editor [6547]

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**H**appy New Year! I write this just after the heavy snow that fell in Birmingham in early January has melted away. The summer season seems a long way away but events are starting to be confirmed and we will be back on the road to enjoy our cars before long.

But first there are some spring events you may like to attend, such as the Restoration Show at the NEC and our Wolseley Register AGM – both in March.

Please note the Mar/Apr magazine will be sent to print before the AGM is held. We are expecting a number of new postholders to be elected who will take over the relevant club email addresses, but of course phone numbers will change.

As soon as possible after the meeting, the members' area of the website will be updated with the new names and phone numbers. Thank you for your patience during this period.

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**Cover:** Jeffrey Bridges' Six-Ninety posing for a photoshoot for *Classics World*.

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## News from Nuffield Place

Paul Cook [7643]

Regular readers will be familiar with the late Lady Nuffield's Wolseley Eight, affectionately known as BUD. The car is kept in a garage at Nuffield Place, a National Trust property, near Henley on Thames.



As a volunteer, with my friend Phil, we have looked after the car for a decade, all the time conserving it and working towards getting it to run reliably. As winter approached it became evident that BUD now needed a thorough professional overhaul to ensure its future as the only roadworthy car in the Trust's care.



With the generosity of local NT supporters I am now pleased to say that the work is being undertaken by a team well versed in working with old British manufactured vehicles at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

**Nuffield Place is now closed for the winter but reopens on Friday 6 March. The address is Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 5RY.**

Due to a nationwide reorganisation in the Trust, the property will now only be open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Meanwhile, Tuesdays and Wednesdays will provide opportunities for community engagement and securing the financial future of the property. It's early days in the changes, so the details of how this will be managed are yet to be worked through however, Nuffield remains a place of warm welcome for the old car community.

BUD should be back for opening day which will be a day of celebration with the attendance of local Wolseley and Morris cars so you may want to put the date in the diary for a start of the season outing. I hope to see you then.



# Identifying Wolseleys

Michael Seaward [7273]

I found two posts on the Bluesky social media platform in recent months, both featuring Wolseleys.

The first was by ‘ShropshireGreenMan’, with a plea to identify the car in this old family photo. It seems the pictures were taken in the early 1950s. As his grandparents were posing with the car on other snaps, he knew this car was special to them but did not know any details. He suspected that his Grandfather had bought the car new just prior to the war.



I immediately identified it as a mid-1930s Wolseley, but then sought further intel from my Dad (Peter Seaward). He advised that it was registered in Sheffield in either January or February 1935 and is a Wolseley Fourteen – a car that was only manufactured for about 15 months. ShropshireGreenMan (I don't know his real identity) was delighted to learn these details and now knows that his Grandfather must have bought it secondhand, although still a relatively new car. I wish I could have told him the car was still surviving, but I think that most unlikely given how rare they are.

The second picture was posted by an Eastern European account. The account name is in Cyrillic, so I'm afraid I cannot credit it.



The picture is stated to be a TGE model A (Japanese made Wolseley CP, 1924).

I'm sure some members will be able to confirm the accuracy of this description and know more about these lorries.

# Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show at NEC Birmingham

Jenny Ryder [4747]

This year's club stand will be in Hall 5 at stand number 870 where four different exhibits from across the range will be displayed by Wolseley Register members:

## 1935 WOLSELEY WASP 10 HP – BPP 805

Midlands member, David Skidmore, joined the Register in 2025 when he purchased this vehicle. Presented in black and green bodywork with green upholstery, the car is in good condition but would benefit from a respray.



## 1959 WOLSELEY 1500 MkI – RDW 232

This fine example of the most popular post-war Wolseley, the 1500, is being brought over from Northern Ireland especially for the show. Owner Philip Preen is the Northern Ireland representative for the Register. During the show, the braking system will be inspected and serviced, along with a fluid change. Time permitting, work will also be undertaken to renew the front suspension bushes.

## 1965 WOLSELEY 24/80 – EOL 683C

The 24/80 was an Australian BMC model, only available within Australia and New Zealand. Bodily identical to the 15/60, it had a 6-cylinder 2.4 litre engine, made by BMC Australia, which was derived from the UK 16/60 engine. It is believed that only three or four 24/80s now exist in the UK.

This powder blue example has been owned for many years by Register member Robert Hogg, having been imported from Australia by a former Vice President

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of the club. Rob enjoys using the car and often brings it to at local and national events. The door seals will be receiving attention during the show.



### 1970 WOLSELEY 18/85 – KXI 885

New local member, Gary Hogan is showing this exhibit. Gary had owned a Wolseley Six many years ago and had long sought another when he recently found this 18/85 abandoned restoration project. The bodywork had been painted white and all the engine parts and interior are awaiting reassembly.

Members will be made very welcome at the Register stand where they can seek technical advice on their own projects and take a break in our hospitality area.

Club merchandise will be on sale and membership queries or renewals can be dealt with. Members who hold a valid discount voucher issued when they joined the club or renewed for three years can claim 10% discount off full-price items. Advance orders for club merchandise can be placed for collection at the show. Contact Jenny Ryder, Regalia Manager. *Pictured:*



*The Regalia stand at the November show.*

The discount code for ordering tickets online is on the back cover of this issue of *Wolseley World*. The club code can be used up to Thursday 19 March for pre-booking tickets but if used before Friday 27 February, the Wolseley Register will earn points to the club's benefit.

# Out and About in the Wolseley World

## DRIVE IT DAY 2026

The FBHVC established Drive it Day to raise public awareness and support for the historic vehicle movement and keeping transport heritage on UK roads.



To help raise funds for NSPCC Childline, please buy your fundraising rally plate from [www.driveitday.co.uk/shop](http://www.driveitday.co.uk/shop).

Share your Drive it Day photos and reports in *Wolseley World*:

✉ [editor@thewolseleyregister.com](mailto:editor@thewolseleyregister.com)

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## NORTH EAST REGION

Steve Edwards [7930]

I have agreed to take over as regional contact for the North East Region from Peter Seaward, who has been a stalwart in that role for a long time.



I am retired and live in Driffield, towards the south and east of the region. I have owned a 1927 'flatnose' Morris Cowley since 1987 and have probably done 40,000 miles in that car as a member of the Bullnose Morris Club.

More recent purchase of a large vintage Morris tourer reminded me of the benefits of having a car with a roof if you live in England, and so in April last year it was swapped for a 1937 Wolseley 14/56. This has required some fettling and servicing, but has been used on a weekly basis as well as attending three local shows and the Beamish National Rally.

I look forward to contacting local members with details of suitable events in our region to encourage use of our cars during 2026.

## EAST ANGLIA REGION

Terry Arnold [6441]

On 10 December, 12 wise men and women of the East assembled at the Mulberry Tree Farm near Peterborough for a Christmas meal. The Christmas cake, made by Paul and Jackie and decorated by Terry, was shared with the Wolseley East's "Dirty dozen"!



Kevin and Bridget, last year's winners of the "Winged W", decided that the award should go to Terry for continuing the production of our *Wolseley Times* newsletter. Terry has placed the award in her lounge along with the Laura Robinson cup she received in April from the Wolseley Register.



We welcome suggestions for events and activities for 2026 so please join us at the Chequers Inn (PE13 4SL) at about 8pm on the second Wednesday of the month to be involved in our plans.

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## MIDLANDS REGION Stan Hogg [2991] and Jenny Ryder [4747]

Midlands meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. 'North' meetings are held at The Parson and Clerk, Streetly and 'South' meetings are held at The Nailers Arms, Bournheath. Both venues offer Carvery meals but other menu options are available.

The next meeting at Bournheath will be at 7pm on Thursday 12 February. The next meeting at Streetly will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 12 March. Midlands members are welcome to attend either or both locations. Please let us know in advance so that enough table space can be booked. Pre-ordering of non-carvery meals would help with service times.



On 13 December, 18 members and friends enjoyed a festive lunch at The Nailers Arms. A Christmas quiz resulted in a tie-break between Chris & Hazel Egan, and new members Diane & Newall.



Local members have continued to attend some informal meet-ups including the *Classic Car Weekly* morning at Wythall Transport Museum on Sunday 28 December, when more than 100 cars turned out including two local Wolseley 1500s.

The following regular meets are available:

- **First Saturday (7 Feb and 7 Mar): Winter lunchtime meet at Stoke Prior Sports & Country Club, Westonhall Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4AL.** Turn up any time 11am to 2pm, free entry, no pre-booking required. Organised by Shakespeare Rally Promotions.
- **First Sunday (5 Apr to 4 Oct): Middleton Motors Monthly, Middleton Hall and Gardens, Tamworth B78 2AE.** Show vehicles enter from 9:30am before opens to the public 11am to 4pm. No pre-booking required. £5 per car allows access to the Hall, gardens, grounds and Courtyard outlets. Non-exhibitors Adult £9.95, Child £5. Dogs welcome on leads. Refreshments sold.
- **Second Saturday of every month: Rev's Enville Car and Bike Meet, St Mary's Church, Bridgnorth Road, Enville, Stourbridge DY7 5LB.** Free informal meet all year round on hardstanding and grass. Bacon/sausage sandwiches and beverages served in the church.

National events being held in the Midlands Region:

- **Fri 20 - Sun 22 March: Practical Classics Restoration Show at Birmingham NEC.** Wolseley Register will be showing four vehicles on stand no. 870 in Hall 5. For details of the exhibits see page 22.
- **Sat 28 March: Wolseley Register AGM at Wythall Transport Museum, B47 6JA.** Museum open from 10am, AGM starts at 2pm. Free entry for members attending the AGM. Bring your Wolseley! Details on page 16. →

- **Sat 4 April: Crafts and Cars at Easter, Stoke Prior & Country Club, Westonhall Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4AL.** 12 noon to 4pm. Free entry for exhibitors and visitors. Open to all makes and models. No minimum stay and no pre-booking required. Variety of indoor and outdoor craft stalls. Licensed bar and hot food. Hard standing available if wet.
- **Sat 18 April: Pride of Longbridge, Cofton Park, Birmingham B31 2BQ.** Club space requested at this free to enter, all-day event which celebrates the Longbridge factory, its workers and the cars they produced. Please advise Graham Ryder if you wish to be included in the club stand.
- **Sun 26 April (DRIVE IT DAY): Birmingham Morris Minor Owners Club branch rally, Bournville Green, B30 2AA.** An opportunity to display your car on this idyllic site which is near to Selly Manor Museum and Cadbury World (separate fees apply). Rally fee payable on arrival, but all profits go to a local charity. Contact ✉ [birmingham.branch@mmoc.org.uk](mailto:birmingham.branch@mmoc.org.uk)

Also see separate announcements about BMC Day at the British Motor Museum, and Morris Minor Day at the Great British Car Journey.

Details of 2026 events are constantly being added to the Midlands Programme of Events page on the club website at [www.wolseleyregister.co.uk/midlands-region-programme-of-events](http://www.wolseleyregister.co.uk/midlands-region-programme-of-events) where further information and any application forms may be downloaded. Alternatively, contact Jenny and Graham Ryder (☎ 0121 445 1872) for more information and/or for application forms by post.

## NORTH WEST REGION John Platt [135]

**T**he Christmas meal was very successful, with 29 members enjoying themselves so much we are booked in again at the Cross Keys in Whitechapel for Saturday 5 December 2026!

A few other dates for your new diaries:

- **Bank Holiday Mon 4 May: Gawsworth Hall.** £6 grants entry for driver and vehicle, passengers £6 each. Pre-booking essential. Contact John Platt (✉ [john.a.platt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.a.platt@hotmail.co.uk) ☎ 0161 794 3940 / 07831 119046).
- **Sun 14 June:** Morris Minor Day at Great British Car Journey. See page 43.
- **Sat 5 September: Lytham Hall.** £5 grants entry for driver, vehicle, and all passengers, and gives two discounted tickets for the Hall. Contact Colin Briggs for details.

Our thanks go to Peter Cope for his many years of dedication producing the Northern Newsletter. He has retired from this post and so for now, our events and news will be shared via *Wolseley World*.

## SOUTH WEST REGION

### Gloucestershire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset:

Kevin Sweet [7516]

The first outing this year for my 4/44 was a New Year's Day breakfast meet at the Frome Flyer, followed then a run to Imber – an uninhabited village on Salisbury plain, Wiltshire.

The inhabitants of the village were ordered to leave by the ministry of defence in 1943 so that American troops could be trained for D-Day, promising they could return after the war but have never been allowed back except for certain days in the year.

We drove past abandoned tanks and warning signs about unexploded military debris before reaching the village, where St Giles Church was open to the public offering tea, coffee and information about the village's history.



The next time the village should be open to visitors is around Easter, but check websites for details as the MOD can close it at any time. We covered around 75 miles in good dry conditions, so a good start to this year's season.

### Devon and Cornwall: Chris Moore [1223]

I have arranged for a Wolseley section at Cornwall's largest classic car show and parade in Fowey on Thursday 20 August. The event is limited to 500 cars and it gets booked up quickly, so enter via [www.foweyclassiccar.com](http://www.foweyclassiccar.com) as soon as you can once entries open on 1 March.

The Wheal Martyn gathering in St Austell continues to take place on the last Sunday of every month from 10am to 1pm. We regularly see four members there most months, so why not join us? Search for [Wheels@WhealMartyn](https://www.facebook.com/Wheels@WhealMartyn) on Facebook or online.

## SOUTH EAST REGION Stewart Payne [1612]

This is the story of two Wolseleys – one a joyful tale about a 6/90 that is about to star in a magazine article, the other a sad tale about a 6/80 – but with the potential for a happy ending.

We will start with the 6/90, a very elegant and cared for one belonging to South East member Jeffrey Bridges from Battle, East Sussex. He was approached by motoring journalist Andrew Roberts working for *Classics World* who was keen to feature Jeff's 1958 Series III model in the magazine.

As many Register members will know, there are few better qualified people to interview when it comes to 6/90s. Jeff's car was purchased by his father back in 1960 and it has been in his family ever since. A few years ago he and fellow member Bernie Peal wrote *Wolseley Six-Ninety: A Super Profile* – a seminal work published in 2017 by the Register and available from the club Regalia.

Jeff and his car are no strangers to publicity, it having featured on various classic car websites, magazines and in the *Daily Telegraph*. He said: "Andrew contacted me and we did the interview remotely. I provided him with background knowledge."

Jeff discovered that Andrew was "something of a mine of information about old films, particularly those with Wolseley police cars". The 6/90 was not only a handsome car much favoured by the British middle classes wanting something with more social prestige than a flashy US-styled Ford Zephyr or Vauxhall Cresta, it was also a car of choice for senior officers in police forces around the UK, most notably the Met.

Following the interview, *Classics World* sent along photographer Matt Richardson, known for his *Furious Driving* YouTube channel. "Not something I was really familiar with," admitted Jeff, "but he did do a film on a Series I 6/90".



"Matt took a lot of photos and the back drop was the Old Rectory in my village, the owner kindly allowing us to use her driveway. There were also some action shots taken on the A21. I have seen the digital originals and they looked good; headlamps on rounding a bend in the drizzle".

We do not know when the article will appear, but it will be worth looking out for. Jeff rounded off his message saying that his car is booked in to a local classic car specialist to have lower front suspension bushes replaced and a torsion bar reset.

Now for a sadder tale but one that a Register member may be able to provide a positive outcome to. Dougie Lawson, from Reading feels he has reached the end of the road when it comes to restoring his 1952 MkII, low-mileage 6/80 after ongoing issues with its cylinder head. "I can't throw anymore money at it, so it is with regret that I have to sell her as spares or repair."

I immediately responded saying it sounded as if the car was too good for spares and encouraging him to advertise it through the Register. He says he would like it to go to a good home, but unresolved mechanical issues and poor health has forced the sale. See the Classifieds pages for more details and photo.

Also see page 24 about the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble on 16-17 May. A number of us enjoyed this event last year. Bookings close on 31 March and late entries will not be accepted, so don't delay!

That's about it for this quiet time of year, except to say that Anthony Cross from Maidstone. Kent, got in touch to say he has a new Wolseley acquisition. "Nothing to report at present as we are still getting to know each other! I had a 12/48 before, so I guess I should know what to expect keeping an 80-year-old car running. It's all great fun (most of the time!)." He intends to be an active club participant and hopes to get to know fellow enthusiasts, so we look forward to meeting sometime this year.

The SE committee and a couple of others members met for a very enjoyable Christmas meal, arranged by Nelson Ferreira at The Pheasant at Buckland, Surrey. Thank you to Andrew Bull for the photo. We will meet in February to discuss events for the year ahead.



Meanwhile, I remain committed as SE coordinator to try to set up groups within our large and rather cumbersome region. But with members living as far apart as the East Coast of Essex and the Hampshire borders with Dorset, it's not easy!

## EAST MIDLANDS EVENTS

Please note these two local events which are both free entry with camping available. Do apply directly before the closing date and quote 'Wolseley Register' so that organisers can park us together. Note both events require exhibits to be in place by 10am on show days to ensure the safety of the general public.

**Saturday 2 May to Bank Holiday Monday 4 May:**  
**East Midlands Steam and Country Show**  
**Lancaster Farm, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8LB**

Pre-booking is essential before 28 February. For details / booking form, visit [www.eastmidlandssteam.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandssteam.co.uk) or phone ☎ 07877 942533.

**Saturday 29 August to Bank Holiday Monday 31 August:**  
**Earls Barton Transport Show**  
**Whites Nurseries, Northampton NN6 0EP**

Pre-booking is essential before 17 July, but it is advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Visit [www.earlsbartontransportshow.co.uk](http://www.earlsbartontransportshow.co.uk) or phone ☎ 01604 811633 for a booking form.

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