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## **Calendar of Events 2023**

**October 6-8**

**VCC Swap Meet**

**October 21**

**Final part shed morning for the year. Contact Alan 027 8333580**

**November 19**

**Gardens and Car shed Run  
Contact\_Marilyn 021 462779**

**November 26**

**Christmas Lunch  
Contact Jan 03 3844709**

**December TBA**

**Naughty Santa and Picnic  
Contact Aaron 027 2794901**

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## **Presidents Report September/October 2023.**

Hello again all. It has been yet another busy few months with several MOSCI events as well as many others attended by our members too. These include the Daffodil day run in August (in aid of the Cancer Society), the monthly gatherings at the Better Half in Leithfield, monthly Kustoms Car Club Breakfasts, Coffee and Cars at Joes Garage on Cranford St, The Hororata Swap Meet, Rock and Wheels in Amberley, Wings and Wheels in Darfield. And more that I've probably missed I'm sure..

Our own events included the BMC (BLMC) run in August, Quiz afternoon in September, and regular Parts shed open days.

Probably the reason I am so busy is that I try to attend as many of these as possible, as well as being involved in the organisation of some of them. I have come to realise that it is of course, unrealistic to try to do it all. And so will be taking a short break away from it all in mid-October (after the swap meet) with a trip to Rarotonga with Dawn and family. This should recharge the batteries. I do however have difficulty doing "nothing" so will be returning after one week while the rest of the family stay for two. My return conveniently coincides with Kustoms 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations happening on Labour weekend, yay!

I did manage to join the team for one of our Parts Shed open days and came away with a nice piece of wall art for the man-cave. Also, I had the pleasure of playing quizmaster once again at our Annual quiz. Being a fan of The Chase I do enjoy being Bradley for a couple of hours! See quiz results posted in this issue.

As I mentioned, the VCC swap meet is coming up, always a fun weekend with many of you not only attending but getting involved too, looking forward to seeing you there. In fact, it was at the swap meet 14 years ago that I was recruited into our club by the then President Tony Becker and the team.

This was going to be a short report.... till I started editing....so, I'll be on my way now,

Happy motoring all,

Paul

## **Club Captains Report**

Hi Everyone

Things have been very busy around our way in recent weeks. I have had to get the overalls on and do some repairs to Tania's daily driver and

then Daisy our Morrie was having some issues with binding brakes. Something we are all used to with cars that are used occasionally, and I expect with Morris Minor brakes especially. Fortunately, I had a new set of wheel cylinders on our donor car, so they came to good use. A hoist would be nice though. She passed her WOF, but I do have a few more jobs to do on her.

We have attended a few events recently with the Daffodil Day Cancer run and then the great BLMC run and visit to Daniel Smith's huge collection in Rangiora. It will be a real sight when he eventually gets his collection all in one place. Father's Day meant Kustom's breakfast at McLeans Island was a must do this year, having missed it last year due to a clash with the Australian car meet in Timaru. The weather was a bit cool but there were several hundred cars out there. I like the wide range and the informal nature of the event and the fact that it's free. As it was Father's Day, I got to choose what else to do and so we went out to Amberley for the Rock N Wheels show. This was well supported and a great local fundraiser. I think there were about 400 vehicles on show. Tania and Daisy had their 2 seconds of fame with a short interview on TV3 News that night.

The sheds we have visited as a club recently are just incredible. It's amazing what some people have tucked away in a shed up a long driveway. Who would have thought, a 50's Diner in a shed!!

Since then, we have been out to Vintage Fest at Lincoln for a mix of cars and retro clothing and music. Coming up is VCC Swap Meet. Tania has done a great job with teeing up the cars for our club display. We will be out there on and off over the weekend. Then we have the All Oz Car Cruise and Show later in October so the Commodore will get taken out for a run for a change.

I'm not that impressed with the current price of 100 octane fuel that it's tuned for though!! There's also the USA Day at Woodend in November which I like because it's right on our doorstep.

It's great that we have regular runs and events to attend throughout the year. Please get out and support your club and feel free to offer any suggestions to the Committee for shed visits or possible outings. We do try and mix things up to cater for a wide range of tastes. Bye for now, Brett.

## **Peter Yeatman**

It is with sympathy that the Morris Owners club extend their condolences to the Yeatman family for the passing of Peter. The Yeatman`s have been involved with the Morris club for more than 20 years and were always very active in our events.

The committee and members wish peace, and comfort to Peters family. We are thinking of you and send our caring thoughts to help support them through this.

Peter was sent off with a line-up of Morris and vintage cars displayed at the funeral. His Morris Minor convertible and Morris Cowley ute will be remembered, and photos are secured in records of the club.



## **Some of Peters Collection**



## **Ferrymead Movie Night June 2023**

Following the 2023 MOCSI AGM, members requested alternatives to the usual winter runs so a visit to the vintage cinema at Ferrymead was offered. Tania and I had previously attended American Graffiti with another club and found it to be an enjoyable event.

The theatre seats 21 however we sold 15 tickets which allowed a bit of extra room. The chosen movie was Made in Dagenham, an English drama based in the mid 1960's which was about the fight for equal pay for the female machinists who sewed the interior seats etc for the Ford plant.

There were plenty of vehicles from the era including both Mk1 and a fantastic Mk2 GTE Cortina, BSA motorcycle and side chair, Ford Corsair, Escorts, bus (sorry not sure of make/model.)

Also included were fashions from the day with miniskirts and hotpants along with beehive hairstyles and great 60's tunes.

Tania provided each of us with a surprise lolly bag and we were offered mini jelly tip ice creams mid movie.

Comments during and after the movie suggested Made in Dagenham was a great choice.

Usually we would cross the road to Curragh House for supper however this wasn't available so we drove 5 minutes to the Good Home Bar in Ferry Rd for drinks, nibbles and dessert.

It was fun night and hopefully we can sell all the tickets next time. We are looking into a suitable movie with several options having been suggested already.



### **At the Good Home for Supper**



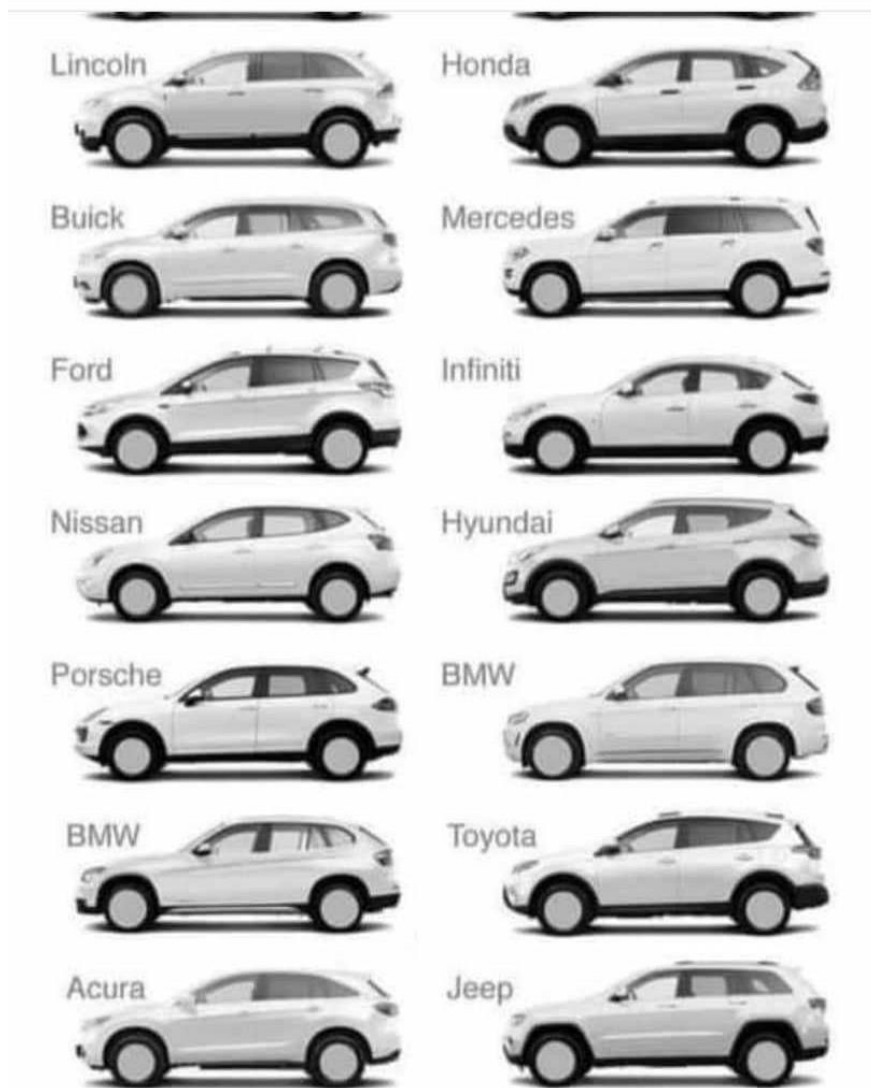
## **Better Half Kitchen June 2023**

With the June run turning into a movie night, I thought an informal run out to The Better Half Kitchen Classic Car Breakfast might be a good chance to take our cars out for a drive. Usually, we don't get the opportunity to attend this monthly event as it coincides with our club run. The option was to meet up at The Peg or drive directly to Leithfield.

While numbers were a little disappointing with 9 MOCSI club members and 4 cars, (Morris Minor, Morris Marina Van, Mk2 Triumph, and Anglia). Sadly, the Taylor's car threw a hissy fit and they had to resort to their modern vehicle. The coffee and muffins were excellent, the weather held off and a good variety of around 50 cars were on show.

Brett

And they wonder why we like old cars 🤔



Hi All

I just thought that I would share a recent project I carried out on my Morris Minor.

I have blinkers fitted to my Morrie, so my old trafficators (or semifores) were hanging around doing nothing, and with the introduction of L.E.D flashing bulbs for trafficators.

I wondered if I could wire both up in unison and have double the signalling power.

So, using two Tridon TR051pac relays purchased from Repco (these are 70 amp so can handle the trafficator coils with ease. And two L.E.D flashing festoon bulbs obtained from Hawkeswood, or apparently from Buzzbugs at 290 Prestons Rd ChCh

The pins on the relays are numbered 30, 85, 86 and 87 and are wired thus, 30 goes to a live circuit preferably one that shuts down when you turn off ignition, 85 to earth, 86 to wiring of blinker lights left and right, and 87 to the trafficator. Do not attempt to wire to your existing blinker relay as this will only cause your trafficators to go in and out in time with your blinker lights.

I taped both relays' together and made a bracket out of sheet metal and attached it to the relays with a couple of strong cable ties. I then mounted it under the bonnet near the cut-out.

So, all in all a satisfying project over a couple of rainy days.

Regards Brian Neville  
member CMOC



**DRIVER** "And, just what am I supposed to do with this Speeding Ticket?"

**GARDA** "Save them up and when you have 4 of them, you get a Bicycle."

## **MORRIE AND JAN'S BRUNCH AND GARAGE RUN**

Sunday 30 July dawned sunny but chilly. Meeting at PMH Hospital grounds 23 members gathered for a 10.30am departure.

The run organised by Morrie Bone and Jan Kelly took us on a leisurely drive via Halswell, Lincoln, Doyleston and Springston to Leeston. Leaving Doyleston we were to look out for a plane sitting in a field and note what was missing. Minus the wings, undercarriage and engine, the only whole piece was the body. It surely wasn't ready for takeoff!

On arrival at Leeston, we arrived at MK's Coffee Shop, where we had a delicious brunch with the choice of Eggs Bene, Kiwi Breakfast, Pancakes or Pie and chips, to name but a few of the items on the menu.

After coffee or tea, a chat and laugh we made our way to Station Road where a man cave was open for viewing. Packed to the rafters was an understatement. The shed had some thing or other everyone could relate to from old signage, pedal cars, old hot rods, bicycles to name a few of the many many items.

Thank you to Morrie and Jan for organising an enjoyable stress-free run.

A big thank you to Paul French who made his shed available for members to visit and reminisce on items of bygone years.



**Vehicles all lined up on a chilly morning**





**What an amazing Man Shed!!**



## **How We Ended Up Driving a Morris Minor Around Adelaide! - Anita**

Just at the beginning of April this year Brian and I were lucky enough to be visiting Adelaide in Australia and, even more exciting, was the fact that we were able to be a part of the South Australia National Rally being held there! Celebrating 75 years of the lovely Morris Minor!

To add to the excitement, we were given the use of a gorgeous 1957 two door 948cc to enjoy it in AND it was a convertible!

Now you can't ask for better than that!

How on earth did this all come about you may well ask, well I'm not quite sure myself to be honest but it was mostly by chance! I happened to lock eyes on an advert for the convention on Facebook, commented on the link that we would love to come but there was no way we could afford to take one of our Morris Minors over there and the reply, very quickly came back, from an incredibly generous man called Mark Gauci from The Morris Car Club of South Australia "We can lend you a Morris Minor."

Well, I almost couldn't contain myself! Risking life and limb by interrupting my beloved while he was concentrating on his own computer mission, I mentioned the Convention and the offer of a car, a big grin quickly formed on his face and he said, "Looks like we're going to Adelaide!"

The anticipation was almost as good as the event but there was a great deal to organize and plan. For Brian it was whether or not to bring his rocker cover racer, for me it was organizing flights and accommodation, then deciding if I could fit my rocker cover racer AND all my outfits??! I didn't really need to decide, my rocker cover weighs 3kg and that equates to quite a few pairs of shoes!

Meeting Mark and his wife Margie a few months later we realized that not only was he incredibly generous and kind, but he was also very busy! As one of the organizers (in charge of sponsorship and marketing) of such a big event he was in his back shed with several other club members filling goodie bags when we arrived. He declined our offers of help, instead insisting we meet our mode of transport for the next few days, the beautiful Monti!

There were definitely some nerves as we negotiated our way through this currently unknown city, but Monti got us back to the cabin and the next morning we spent finding our bearings and the best way to get to the venue where the convention would begin.

Our best laid plans were scuppered by an accident we saw on our way which created a detour, but our morning of driving served us well as even the detour and patchy internet access didn't slow us down. We arrived in style with the top down and then made a complete hash of putting the roof back up after we had parked (only our second practice so please don't judge). Everyone we met seemed so helpful and our struggle to correctly lock the roof back down was soon over as Marks brother Patrick (Club president) was nearby and able to give us a hand. Patrick (like his brother) had generously allowed another New Zealand couple the use of his MM Ute. We didn't know who the lucky couple was until the commencement of the convention. Turned out to be Murray and Teresa Littleton who we knew from the Rotorua convention a few years earlier! Fabulous!

Over the next few days, we met many people and created some great connections. I know that as Kiwis we like to hassle our Australian neighbours but honestly, everyone we talked to was so kind and we didn't have any gripes or bad memories of the event.

Many of the cars, vans and Utes had non-standard engines just like they do here but possibly a higher percentage which is likely due to the higher km's they need to travel. The high standard of the vehicles and the event was definitely comparable to those here but obviously on a much larger scale. Around 130 cars were involved which made for a huge amount of eye candy! We visited an Aircraft Museum, Car Museum, a vineyard called The Cube and were encouraged to travel in outfits that reflected the year of our cars which rounded things off nicely, especially for someone with a costume cupboard the size of mine!

The last day was spent at a place called The Bend, which is a well-known racetrack. Our Morris Minors were declared the largest number and the slowest cars to ever enter the track.... that didn't dampen anyone's spirits and there was definitely some jostling going on, all captured on the drone footage which was gathered every day and made for some sensational videos once the convention was over.

Driving back to Adelaide after being at The Bend we reflected on our fun filled weekend and felt rather sad that our time in our Aussie Monti (we have an MM called Monty sitting in our garage too) was coming to an end.

We now just had to give him a good clean and hand him back to his rightful owner. He hadn't missed a beat and had served us well! This little car had made us smile every day and we had felt so welcome wherever we went. What a fantastic experience!



Facebook might not be everyone's cup of tea, but it blows my mind that if it wasn't for that one comment all those months ago, combined with the generosity of our new friend Mark, none of this would have happened.

We now have some lovely memories, plenty of photos, some new friends and there may even be a small best dressed award on a shelf in our lounge (just as well I left my rocker cover behind or I may not have been able to squeeze that award into my suitcase!)

Now for our next adventure, taking one of our MM's to Tauranga for the latest New Zealand Convention which is being run by the Rotorua Morris Minor Club. Our friend Murray Littleton may have used his Adelaide experience to help plan the event as he is not only the President of The Morris Minor Federation of New Zealand Inc but also one of the Tauranga Convention organizers, a very busy man indeed!

You might be interested to know that my Rocker Cover Racer will not be left at home this time, it's been given a new paint job and now all I need is to replace the battery pack for the LEDs (yes, I may have gone a little overboard with the design!). I've also double checked our only 2 door MM is fully insured against accidental injury while in the bottom of the ferry (there have been some strong winds through the Cook Straight lately) and have taken advantage of the discount Bluebridge offers to older cars.

From our hometown of Rangiora to Tauranga is almost a 2000km round trip, to be done in a lovely green MM that's over 70 years old, can't wait!



**Monti**



**Marilyn Monroe and friend**



**Mark Gauci**



**Patrick Gauci**

## **BLMC Event 2023**

It was decided in committee that the BMC run this year should include the British Leyland vehicles. The thinking was that number of BMC are dwindling and there are many Jaguar, Rovers, and Leyland owners out there. Their inclusion may make the effort required more worthwhile.

Members Gordon Taylor, Alan Banks and Tony Becker grouped together to organise the event. Daniel Smith cranes was selected as a probable visit. It had been done before by MOCSI and it was great. Gordon had three months earlier asked the Smiths if a visit was possible. Time went by and Tony knew Daniel and so a contact was made again with a date. However, the date was not suitable but one month earlier was OK. And now the rush was on.

The three of us planned a possible start location and envisaged the run to go via Tuahiwi and Rangiora. It was hoped that the cars would travel along the main street of Rangiora. It was originally agreed to start at the VCC grounds. We loaded into a car and started recording the directions for the run sheet.

All went well but the time and distance were too great. So, a reduction to the run sheet was amended. Sponsorship was sought from Bunnings @ Airport and gift parcels were developed. They included the sponsorship and other small gifts donated by the Taylors.

Poster and flyers were developed and distributed, and we kept hearing thru face book comments from other BLMC clubs wishing to attend. The day came about, and it was cold. We met at VCC and gave a brief before cars departed. The run was successful, and we all arrived at Smith Cranes. Cars were on show and the `Man Shed` was fine giving the cold temperature.

The organisers had planned a car recognition sheet that was marked. Results showed one of our members, Keith Upston had the best represented BLMC car. Prize giving was done and a gift of a radio, Morris car table mats and a movie voucher were gratefully received. The radio was a gift from our member Tom Reedy and of all the radio`s that Daniel Smith had on display, he did not have that one.

In all it was a success and yes, we remembered to take degreaser and rags to clean up any oil leaks.

Gordon Taylor





### **Participants of the BLMC Run 2023**



### **Beckers actual x-owned 1928 Austin 7**



**Amphicar. Mint Land and Water vehicle**



**Ngairé Becker with her Dad's 'identical' 1938 Ford V8 revived some happy memories!**





**Where Beckers old Austin 7 now lives. (Tiger Moth trainer above is the last of many built by women during WW2). Six early type helicopters, a huge glider and planes hang above the cars of Daniel's wow collection.**



## **Club Quiz 23**

Our annual quiz was carefully planned to be on a wet, cold, Sunday inside near the heaters. But as luck would have it, we had an extra activity for entertainment. New members from last year asked if the club would be interested in them telling us about their trip to Adelaide to attend the Australian Morris Minor National event. We all said Yes!

As so, our day began with the usual coffee and conversation and then the Club Chairman introduced Anita and Brian Van der Velden. The television was organised to show a Power Point presentation and Anita spoke to the audience using the club speaker system. We were held captive with the costumes, assorted Morris vehicles, and rocker cover racing as she explained the event.

Anita and Brian had been offered the use of a very tidy, 1957 two door blue painted convertible Morris Minor for the four days of activity. What a joy ride in "Monti" with the top down. There was the usual Show and Shine lineups and there were many versions of the Morris car including a "Termite" what we call a woody. The event concluded with a meeting at a racetrack. But there was **not** to be any racing. But not all Morris's are standard. It was said the biggest gathering on the track but the slowest.

Then we moved to form teams and resulted in three teams of six members each. The three teams pondered over their answers with lots of misleading comments to confuse the opponents. Lots of laughs and banter were heard as some silly possible answers were put forward. The best of the day was a question on Battery identification marking. This resulted in a number of puns being said aloud for all to hear. There was: Positive comments and some Negatives. Polarising and chargeable offences, etc.

The quiz ended after another coffee and the trophy shield was awarded to the team named Monty after Anita and Brian's car. Photos were taken and we all departed home from very good afternoon.

Gordon & Marilyn

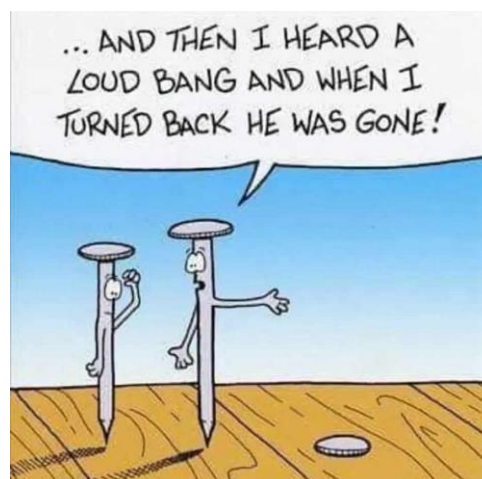
Quiz Results: 1st Place - 36 1/2 points - Monty (Team named after Anita and Brian's Morris Minor.)

2nd Place - 31 points -The Far Canals (Team named by Mike Kelly, no surprise there!)

3rd Place - 29 points The X Men (The McSaveney and Thomas crew)



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## **Christmas Buffet**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm  
Kippenberger Function Room 2  
RSA Rangiora.

Bar available!

The price is \$55 per person, discounted to \$45 for financial members  
(subsidized by the Club)

Please make payment to: MOCSI

030 859 0273204-000

stating reason for deposit by 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Also, ring Jan with numbers attending.

(If anyone would like to donate a gift for the festivities of no more than  
\$10, please contact Jan on 03 3844709)



## **MOC(SI) PARTS SHED**

If you need any parts for your favourite Morris, please call any of the following members to discuss your needs. We also have a library.

Keith Upston (03) 323 9266

Dave Pringle (Librarian) (03) 385 7842

Alan Banks 0278 333580

Gordon Taylor (03)342 7598

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our new members, we hope you enjoy being part of the club.  
**Maurice Brown and Suzanne McNabb**

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## **KUSTOMS BREAKFAST – MCLEANS ISLAND – HELD EVERY MONTH**

This gathering takes place on the first Sunday of every month rain or shine. There are regularly in excess of 400 vehicles at these events. Each month there is a feature vehicle nominated by the club. Previous feature cars include Mustangs, Camaros, Tri-5 Chevys, Pick-ups and Mopars. But it is not all about big American V8s. All classic cars are very welcome.  
A feast for the tummy & the eyes (to see the various cars on display.)

## GENERAL MATTERS

### Other Club Mags and Newsletters

As a number of other clubs' magazines and newsletters are sent through to us electronically, we are happy to send these on to you should you be interested. Please let me know (Sue) and I will add you to the list!

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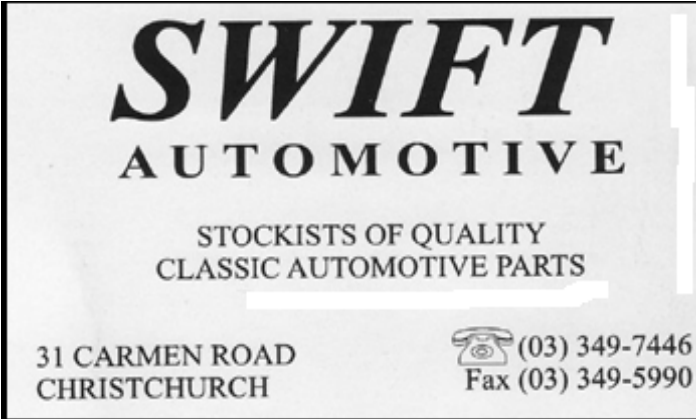
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***“Waggish Teacher: What’s your name?”***

***New Boy: Wheeler, Sir***

***Waggish Teacher: Christian Name? Are you a two-wheeler or a four-wheeler?***

***New Boy: Please Sir, Arfur Wheeler, Sir!***



### **CLUB MAGAZINES**

These are received from the following Clubs & if you would like to read any of them, please contact Paul Jones.

*Morris 8 Tourer Club of NZ*

*Morris Register of New Zealand Auckland Branch*

*Morris Enthusiasts Car Club of NZ Inc – Nuff Said*

*The Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc – The Wolseley Word*

*The Canterbury Morris Minor Club Inc – Minor Moment*

*The 6/80 & MO Club*

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