

# The 31st British Car Day

12 February 2017

by Rob Jones



<Above: Clive Cottles S1 Daimler and the P76's of Rob Jones and Ron Butler.>

At this late date of January 2018, I find I neglected to write a report on this event, one so dear to my heart! In my mind I must have written it several times, the title was to be The Blues Brothers, to reflect the small but proud collection of members cars, all in blue as you will see from the photo. With bonnets aloft, or as far up as Clive's' will go we see the lovely Daimler S1, the AEB D 6 of Rob and Sonya and Ron's TFR V8. To our left was the two-tone green Wolseley 6/110 of Hugh Mackenzie, leading a long line of Wolseley models.



<Left: Wolseley lineup>

This was another successful event with the usual 450 plus cars in attendance, the day was fine and warm, or was that hot? I recall Sonya and I being able to make a pilgrimage to see the cars together, she patiently waiting while I caught up with many old

friends from the HVJEC, MECC, WVBC, RR&BC and of course our hosts, the British Car Club. Notably absent was Lyn Shackleton who was away at the hospital at the time. This meant Keith made only a brief appearance too. As it transpires, they are now retired from the BCD committee and can come along in their BMW and enjoy the new format British and European Day, no longer responsible for the running of this huge event.





Wellington Free Ambulance again benefited from the participation and appreciation of owners and the masses who came to reminisce over the old British bangers, drool over the latest restorations and new models from Jaguar and the like. And check out the creations from the Constructors Car Club, a very competent group of designers and builders as can be seen by one of the following photos. Another great day out with a great bunch of friendly family people, all madly passionate about their British cars.



*Ford based special*



*1936 Austin Ascot*



*1962 Austin Healey BT7 Mk2*



*1985 Rover Vandenplas*



*1964 Ford Thames*



*1966 Hillman Superminx station wagon*





*1985 Lotus Excel*



*1961 Morris Minor Traveller*



*The delightful DX Vauxhalls of Don Olliver and Bernie Quin add to a strong Vauxhall presence.*



*A delightful little Nash Metropolitan, for those who don't know the link, they are Austin powered, not Austin Powers!*



*Purposeful Austin Healey BT7 Mk2 from 1962. Along with the other photos from this event there is a range of Austin derivatives included.*



*A gorgeous Rover van den Plas sporting an opposition number plate!*