

British and European Car Day

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The 32nd British Car Day – Trentham Feb 11 2018 or the 1st British and European Car Day



1981 Austin Princess. A pair of Leyland wedges.

The British and European Car Day, February 10, was the second go at a joint show and proved a great success and coincided with the 100 Years of Citroen celebration. Fittingly and deservedly they won the Best Club Display with a great range of cars for the discerning viewer. See the following 1938 L12 Coupe that leads a beautiful lineup of Traction Avant models but let's not forget the other beautiful Citroen's included in the layout.



Citroen L12 Coupe 1938.



Citroen L15 1952

P76 had only 4 cars on the day supported by the XK8 and Hugh and Bronwyn who regularly set up the Wolseley Club display next to us, even if they were Nissan riding on the day. You will see in the photo that we went for a different layout this time, with Brian and I even parking top to toe so he could show off his 44-gallon drum in the boot – facing out to the crowd for a change. Ron was invited to display his car elsewhere but got lonely so came over and joined us anyway. Always welcome mate. We had the pleasure of

Ed's gazebo to sit under with our tables' chairs and picnic baskets. Food is so important at Leyland events don't you find? As always we had lots of visitors, questions, queries and positive comments.



There is a view of our layout following along with a photo opportunity I couldn't miss. The bronze coloured 1981 Austin Princess stopped by the Wolseley display so I invited him to back up to Paul's P76 so we could compare and record the different 'Leyland wedges' for posterity. Not every day you see this.

This year People's Choice went to an amazing little Fiat 500 with a fold-down roof, resplendent in red it obviously stole people's hearts. Not mine, I went for the lovely Triumph TR7 to no avail. I pretty much pick my choice car as I drive in and the TR7 was very eye-catching.



Fiat Bambina 1960 People's Choice winner.



Triumph TR7 my Peoples Choice but didn't win.

So the Europeans took out the major prizes, not to worry, the Morris, Jaguar, Mini, MG cartels will be back. Probably about time someone else won it.

Most clubs/makes were well represented, in particular, there were dozens of Jaguar/Daimler cars, Mini, an identity on their own as well as having some spread amongst the Austin, Morris groups, BMW, Sunbeam, Hillman/Humber, MG, Mercedes Benz, Vauxhall, with one Bedford and all the others you would expect and some less

common makes made it a great day. You know what to do, come and join us in your Peugeot, Riley, DKW, Jowett, Alfa or Allard.



Rare 1974 Morris Marina station wagon.



Even rarer Ford Corsair convertible from 1967, I'd never seen one of these before!



Morris Minor van with a trailer derived from another van decked out in Kenworth livery advertising Kenworth Decorators. How cool is that?



Interesting, a Ford Capri from 1974 sporting a 1974 Leyland P76 V8 motor.



Two Wairarapa cars. A 1960 Auto Union DKW from Germany via Masterton.



And a 1986 Alfa Romeo 33QV from Italy.



Followed by a couple of very British vehicles, a 1979 Bedford J2



And a 1951 Austin A40.



A stationary engine display by the local club that are strong supporters of the event.



VW's galore as usual.



Colourful 1966 Anglia van.



The Rover Mini Mayfair sold on the day.



Another lovely Citroen.



The 1980 Austin Princess HL from another angle.



And the P people sheltering under the gazebo, Brian, Colleen, Ron, Paul and Linda.