

2017 Southern Group Christmas Outing

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Above are the cars, N E Warren, BA D Buchanan, CW S Alexander, B as B D Matthews, PMAG E Prouting, SO S Jones, PMAG S Morris and B as B D Hammond. All V8's.

Seventeen people and eight P76s gathered at a historic country pub at Leithfield in North Canterbury to celebrate Christmas and round off a successful year of activities together.

We were joined by Keith and Pauline from the UK who arrived in the B as B D V8 P76 owned by their son and daughter in law, Adrian and Julie Matthews. Keith has a collection of MG's back home and agreed to bring the mighty Leyland to our function as Julie and Adrian were unable to attend. It was good to have their company and friendship and we look forward to meeting up again in February when they will be down under once again.

Conspicuous by their absence were Eric and Lesley, now known as Mr and Mrs Connor, who tied the knot this month and are now holidaying in Australia. Or honeymooning perhaps? Congratulations to you both and best wishes for a happy future together.

It was great to see George Weigel ably escorted by Sandy to attend the Christmas lunch. George has been unable to join us at recent events due to health issues but is still a treasured member of the club. Others attending included President Roy and Paula Buchanan, John and Frances Warren, Don and Helen Prouting, Mark and Christine Hammond, Lynne and Brian Morris, Paul Jones, Don and Jenifer Alexander as well as those mentioned above.

After lunch, we drove the cars 5kms to Balcairn for a photoshoot which attracted many admiring glances from passing motorists.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas to all members from we southerners. Looking forward to meeting up at the National Rally and AGM in March.



The merry band celebrating Christmas 2017. Most of you will know who they are.