

# A farewell tribute to Betty and Fleming Biddick

BY John Warren

At our local Southern branch meeting held on the 9th of August at Craythornes Hotel in Christchurch, we hosted and farewelled two of our longtime members Fleming and Betty Biddick.

They have regretfully decided to cease their membership of the Club now that they no longer own a P76 and also Fleming's health has not been the best in recent times.

Fleming joined the Club twenty years ago after getting an interest in the P76 through his brother-in-law Murray Hatchard and purchasing Phil Perkin's P76 when Phil moved to Australia. The P76 had been fully restored and continued to be maintained in excellent order by Fleming over the years. Fleming was a very enthusiastic and active member of the Club ably supported by his wife Betty. We are very grateful to Fleming for all the P76 parts that he has kindly donated to the Club.

Fleming served on the local branch committee as Chairman, Treasurer and Events Planner during his twenty years with the Club and in addition often helped with the dismantling of cars and the annual BBQ. We also remember the excellent National AGM held in Reefton which Fleming organised.



We will all very much miss Fleming and Betty from our meetings and outings. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Fleming did turn on a very hot day in Reefton in 2008, and Betty produced a magnificent looking and delicious cake in celebration of the Club's 25th Anniversary. The simple effective and tasty cake follows along with a classic photo taken by Paul Heath outside the Reefton Workingmen's Club atop a wobbly ladder as I recall and the great line up of Leyland's taken in a local park, showing one more than outside

the Reefton Workingmen's Club.



(Above: Reefton Workingmens Club. Thirteen P76's outside the watering hole and meeting venue. Great beer here.)



*(Above: Down by the river. Fourteen P76's this time in a photo shoot situation for the Greymouth newspaper. We were a bit of a big thing to hit town especially as a NZVCVC rally was also touring around the district. We finally caught up with them on the last day and they had some interesting cars on tour.)*

