

Hi everyone,

I thought it was about time I added an article to the newsletter so here goes.

Recently Liz and I were asked to attend a friend's wedding to be held in Oamaru and we volunteered the use of our 1961 P4 Rover for use as the wedding car. In the end we were quite involved with the wedding as Liz also made the bride's wedding dress as well as providing the car.

Before we could take the car away it needed a new warrant as it hadn't been on the road for nine months and guess what – it sailed through as usual. It is amazing how these cars can sit in the garage without use and then pass a warrant no problems at all – a great attribute to the way they are built.

Anyway warrant sticker attached and a full tank of petrol and off to Oamaru we headed. We left at about 9am and were making good time when we got a text from the bride asking how we were going as she was at the hairdressers waiting, waiting. Liz thought at this stage it was time to have some fun and sent back 'as soon as we have breakfast we will be on the road'.

We received another text at 11am checking on our progress we replied 'will get going as soon as can get the car to start' when in fact we had just arrived in Oamaru.

As you can imagine this put the bridal party into a spin and were panicking as they had no back up car. Someone asked the bride if it was a joke – she said "Liz wouldn't do this to me" – she was wrong. We eventually put her out of her misery and informed her that we were already there – the response was (I can't actually put in this article as we have standards to uphold in our magazine) – she should have known that Rovers never let you down!!!!

It turned out to be a scorching hot beautiful summer's day and a good time was had by all. Everyone was very impressed with the car – many comments made and the bride and groom happy – when the bride started talking to Liz again – just kidding.

Many thanks to Ray for the loan of the ribbon holder, which as you can see in the photos, make all the difference.

The trip home on Sunday was lovely – we stopped at Moeraki for lunch and drew the attention of a couple from the North Island. They were on a South Island holiday and thought the car was lovely.

We arrived back in Dunedin later on in the afternoon with the car performing faultlessly.

Looking forward to taking it to Timaru shortly – hope to see you all there.

Gary & Liz

