



Monkey Business

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Bunged Together By Simon Griffiths

18 attendees this month with apologies from Brian and Elizabeth Bennett who were enjoying the peace and tranquillity of Devon and John Fenn Wiggins who was being wild at a birthday party.

Three stars, oops sorry, cars in the car park this month although I think I was right the first time; two of our regulars Tim and Jayne Brown in their TD and Charles and Judith Van Ingen in his 1965 TE. I hope you all recognised Charles in the driving seat of BTS 394C passing over a famous bridge in Scotland as the cover photograph on Bulletin 549; I know I did – well as soon as Charles pointed out my grave omission last time! Although in mitigation I think the caption in the Bulletin would have suited “Bridge Engineers Monthly” rather than our own in house car club magazine. The third starry

where a larger pair of lamps would be fitted, hence the P100's we see today. One other thing our Scottish host was keen to point out was that they were fitted completely free which considering he bought GS from Galt's stand at the



car in the car park was Mick's Firebird saloon by Holbrook COA 208 who had both Gez and a very important visitor in the person of the club PRO Rob Rowe, so we are on the map now with such lofty officials visiting us.



Glasgow motor show where he negotiated the price down and actually only paid the chassis price and took the car away there can't have been much profit in the sale for Alvis. An amazing thought that the body was the discount.



Looking at the photo of COA (all of which this month were taken by Simon as I had lost my phone somewhere) the Rotax P80's that Mick has fitted suit the car much better than GS's P100's; but when GS was new to

me Simon & I shot off up to Scotland to meet with the car's original owner who upon seeing the car, which he hadn't seen since 1951, declared how pleased he was to see it still had its big lamps on. He went on to say that he wrote to Alvis shortly after he bought it complaining about the pathetic headlamps and was told to take the car to Inglis in Edinburgh

Simon has a better camera than I have and got a very passable photo in the meeting room showing Mick, Rob, Gez, Tim, Me (for once) with the back of Jayne and Melissa's heads on the front table with Charles and Judith again facing away and Johnathon Reeves and David Combey facing the camera on the far table. Also caught was Richard Plant-Locke with Matt Pickles and Peter Lakin just visible. Peter had brought Matt from Macclesfield who has a business looking after Rolls Royce cars and has been servicing Peter's P2.

They are all gathered in that corner to pass their opinion about a mystery steering box complete with steering wheel that Richard P-L had paraded through the hotel, what they must have thought of such goings on is beyond me; however we all gave Richard the benefit of our unimaginably wide knowledge and we now know it is off every car ever made



from Daimler, Alvis (several models) to Riley, Lanchester, and uncle-tom-cobbly and all. So much for how good we all are, even Les was baffled and so were Phil McAndrew and Shaun who thought perhaps a go-cart - so, having got us all wound up, Richard took it home much wiser.

Please remember our Christmas dinner is at the Deanwater in the Tudor Suite on December 2nd which is our normal meeting night gathering at 7.00pm for dinner at 7.30, This year promises to be a bumper do as due to the sad loss of Mick's venue for his Christmas dinner he is proposing to join with us for a bumper joint meeting event.

I have attached the menu with this newsletter if you wish to join us for the meal, please feel free to invite friends and non-members are welcome and print extra copies of the menu order form if required. Our meeting is open to all but if you do not wish to join us for dinner I would ask you to arrive a little later - say 9.30.

As I have said please send your menu choice, with your name on it to Gez along with your payment for the meal, **NOT DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL** or sadly you will find you are dining there but not with us! Your cheque should be made out in favour of 'The A Team.' and must be with Gez by Tuesday November 18th latest. Gez's address is:

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So I will sign off now and hope to see you all next Tuesday November the 4th at the Deanwater Hotel, SK7 1RJ. Even though we have done silly things with our clocks it was dark anyway for the journey home so no change there then so please don't be put off coming.

Looking forward to events for 2015, Tim Brown has suggested the following:

GAWSWORTH HALL CLASSIC CAR SHOW - 4th MAY 2015

We have been given the opportunity to have an Alvis Owner Club corner at the above event, which is held annually on the first Bank Holiday in May, within The Grounds of Gawsworth Hall in Cheshire.

This is a relaxed and relatively small, one day event and it attracts a varied mix of vintage and classic cars and motorcycles from the turn of the last century to the modern day.

I have been in contact with the organisers and they are very keen to welcome us to their event and will give us a dedicated space at the show.

You are free to wander around the show and the grounds of the house and also to look around the house itself for a small charge.

If you are interested in attending this show, which could form a suitable opener to our events season and would like to be on the Alvis Owner Club "Drummers" stand, I would welcome an initial expression of interest in order to establish whether or not this is likely to be viable.

Please contact me, Tim Brown, either at the Deanwater Noggin 'n' Natter or by email on: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk or phone: 07799 118771"