



Monkey Business

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Bunged Together By Simon Griffiths

Prior to the meeting Tim had contacted me to say he was poorly and couldn't join us which is a shame as he and Jayne are sorely missed when not with us.

However we were 14 strong with Tari and Michelle already ensconced in our room when I arrived so clearly didn't want to miss one second of the joyous gathering, actually Michelle had started her new job and simply came from work to the Deanwater, I'm sure we all wish her well in her new career.

I was pleased to see Stephen Walley back in the fold following his medical procedure which has gone well and Stephen was on good form. Claire and Norman brought much to the meeting as usual, after all what is a bonnet like without a mascot? Bare and uninteresting and so would our meeting be without its mascot!

Dave Culshaw joined us to discuss his new book, amongst other matters of historic interest, and I know he has done some signings for the attendees of the Deanwater gathering. Next up was Peter Lakin who is now careless, you could say

it is careless (isn't the English language wonderful) of Peter to have all his cars unusable at the same time; but there are silver linings in that work on his Rolls has re-started with a vengeance, the 12/60 is at Red Triangle having the steering sorted and he and I removed the engine from JJ so that can have the TLC required to have it ready for next season. However I would say one thing here which is that all three of the cars require attention as a result of being used almost daily, so there is total honour in that Peter.

Whilst on the subject of silver linings my Speed 20 VDP project car has left Disley, for what I am confident will be third time lucky, with regard to completing the coachwork problems and painting the car so the paint doesn't come off in foot square sheets. We all take something of a chance in choosing contractors these days to carry out specialist work, but I am sure Huw will make a proper job of the car this time. I had little idea of how the team in King's Lynn was held together by Robin Bendall who I miss very much.



AYF has done hundreds of miles since Chris got it - sadly all of them on trailers!!



One could never accuse Charles and Judith of not using their cars!

The weather this month was dark, wet, cold and windy but that didn't put Charles and Judith Van-Ingen off from bringing their TE 21 which is another car that will only need attention due to being driven. In fact Judith sent me a photo of the car, yet again, wandering around in East Anglia this month, if it's not at one end of the country it's at the other extreme in Scotland almost at the level of use one could call commuting.

Coming straight from work in Manchester was Simon Griffiths our B'er T'er for whom, in a roundabout sort of way, the Deanwater is on his way home. I haven't much to report on progress with his Firebird resto, but I would think we can excuse him with his change of work situation no doubt needing much attention and time devoting to it right now -

unless D O'S knows any update I haven't heard about.

Following Elizabeth Bennett correcting me about my reporting of her trip to Scotland a month early I had a good chat with Elizabeth who had sent her TA21 somewhere above Aberdeen to form the official wedding car for a member of her family, which it did impeccably, however the transport company who had agreed to repatriate the car seemed not to own a map and, when they found out where the car was, ran off over the horizon never to be seen or heard from again! Several plan B's were put in place including Elizabeth and I (as a penance) going on the train to drive it back, but, in the end, a local Scottish company was found who did the job in a most professional way and at a reasonable cost - I will get to use my old fogies train pass one of these days!

So to complete the complement Mike Fitkin and Richard Plant-Locke were both on good form, Richard is arriving at a cathartic decision in that he needs to get something in his collection working so he can have the pleasure of driving something next season before it's too late. I don't know if he has advance knowledge of Armageddon happening but I really know what he means as, I too, have too many dead cars around me so we tread a similar path there Richard.



Not sure what size bonnet would do for this hare - even a 4.3's bonnet would be dwarfed!

Mike on the other hand is fleeing the country for a few months over winter, this being in the tradition of Henry Royce so it must be right.

So for this month that all folks!

May I finish with a gentle reminder about the Christmas do which will be on our usual meeting night in December which is the 6th and I will be closing the book on or shortly after our next meeting which is November the 1st. I will be paying into Barry at the hotel W/ending November 20th so that's the last date by which I will need your menu choices and cleared funds by cash at the November meeting or preferably by BACS transfer to NWB 01-10-01 A/c 02816539, C Taylor please.

Barry has offered us a special rate for anyone who wishes to stay the night so please let me know if you want to take advantage of his offer I will make a block booking for us, of course you will pay the hotel directly from the list of pre-orders I give him.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you to the next meeting on Tuesday the 1st November at the Deanweater Hotel SK7 1RJ at around 7 pm.

Deanwater Christmas Menu

Menu

Winter Vegetable Soup and artisan roll(v)

Chicken Liver Pate
toasted wholemeal slice and festive chutney

Prawn Cluster
on mixed leaves, citrus mayo and wholemeal bread

Roasted Turkey rolled and stuffed with a sage, apricot &
pork sausage meat served with bacon lardons, roast potatoes,
honey glazed baby carrots and brussels sprouts sprinkled
with parmesan cheese, cranberry sauce & gravy

Poached Fillet of Salmon
with a creamy leek and wholegrain mustard sauce

Camembert Fig and Onion Tart
with linseed crumb and redcurrant coulis(v)

Traditional Luxury Christmas Pudding with warm brandy sauce

Clementine Chocolate Torte

Limoncello Cheesecake with blueberry compote

Coffee and warm mince pie

£28.00 per person

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C Taylor at NWB 01-10-01, 02816539 but PLEASE fill in who you are.