



Monkey Business

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We were 12 happy throngers this month with apologies from Gez, Melissa, Peter, Tim & Jayne and Jon Reeves.

What a great sight to see three Alvis steeds in the car park, Tari and Michelle's TF21 was keeping good company with Charles Van-Ingen's TD DHC and Mike Robinson's 12/50 tourer. With the perfect weather for open motoring I am ashamed that GS could not be renewing acquaintances with her stable mates. But the builders have plonked a skip in



front of the garage door so the car is house-bound for now. In fact the skip is still here but I have made noises about its removal so I might be able to get the car out for Tuesday.

It was great to chat the night away with Dave Culshaw on more historic diggings and Richard Plant-Locke joined us from Wrexham or however it is to be spelt these days of



separatism! I understand even the Brecon Beacons are to be re-named! With a bit of a squeeze we managed to fit on one long table so conversations crossing the table were plentiful with Mike Robinson and Mike Fitkin all adding to the topics covered.

Our ladies were only three this month however they were on great form with Michelle adding to the jollity and Claire trying to keep Norman under control; however, as you read on you will see she failed miserably on that one. The honour now falls to me to make mention of our meeting's Dorothy Levitt, who in the form of Elizabeth Bennett was preparing for her solo drive to International Alvis Day in Scotland and then to meet up with her family who live in Scotland. I hope to have a full report at this month's meeting. I have the greatest admiration possible for Elizabeth's indomitable spirit and sheer determination, since she - and all of us - sadly lost Brian, to maintain her life with the friends she has known for nearly half a century. This lies alongside other lady members who carry on with their enthusiasm for the Alvis family after a sad loss, I can think to include Gez, Genni Walker and Kath Lown to mention just three more ladies that immediately spring to mind. I know there are many others whose hobby it had become alongside their partners, Good on you girls - keep the Triangle moving is what I say - which is more than I am doing right now!

Talking of moving Triangles, Don't forget Tim is organising this year's car show at Tatton over the weekend of 19th & 20th of August and time is beginning to press for entries. It really is a very good show with over 90 club stands and lots of private entries. If you'd like to attend please contact Tim asap. You ought to know his email by now but if not it is timbrownrics@aol.co.uk



The handover of the trophy - the only trouble is neither of us can remember which way it is going!

It is with great pleasure that I now come to the ceremony of the night which was the handing on of the jointly awarded, and highly prized and revered, Bent Valve Trophy. I truly cannot believe it is 6 months and halfway through the year since the dual-holding was announced at the Christmas do. Norman and Charles carried out the exchange with the aplomb one would expect when handling such a valued object, I bet there is a mantel plinth just waiting to support its display.

Now, talking of plinths, this brings me to the next thrilling instalment of Norman's project with Kristina, You will



Our very own B'er T'er assists with Norman's 'David' stance

remember from the last Monkey Business he is practicing his Michelangelo's 'David' pose and came to the Deanwater to ask for some artistic guidance with his pose. Norman felt perfection lay a little further beyond, straight up to assist was Simon and the improvement was immediate - so much so that as you will see from the photos we consider Norman is now as ready as he will ever be for the feather duster experience for which he has so dutifully practiced. So with that thought languishing in your minds for another month, tune in for the final episode of "Norman Gets His Just Desserts" next month.



And here is the finished result - hard to tell the difference really. Norman's the one in the coloured shirt if you're not sure

By next month of course I mean July's report however we have yet to hold July's meeting which will be at the Deanwater Hotel SK7 1RJ at around 7 pm on July 4th next week.

I hope to see you all there .