



Monkey Business

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The heatwave was waning and a haunting darkness threatened possible cloudbursts, but it didn't stop a decent turnout at this month's gathering.

Host Chris was off in search of a new engine and perhaps the means to pay for it, so Duncan provided cover. He'd intended to finally get there in GCG, but once again circumstances contrived to have him lose his nerve and resort to his modern instead. The choice of car decision though was a sound one. The journey saw diversions and a crawl through one set of roadwork traffic lights that took 20 minutes. He knew what gripping fear he would've had to endure watching the temperature gauge climb relentlessly if he'd been there in GCG, impotently unable to escape the stifling queues.



also first to depart "just in case". Entirely understandable especially as he hadn't brought a hat. Resident mascot Norman Blundell arrived with Claire to keep him on the straight and narrow, soon followed by John Woodcock & Barbara Holmes. They didn't bring the TC21 this time but volunteered that they were likely to take it to one of the forthcoming Tatton Park event days within the coming weeks, just as others were also likely to attend.

But then the outdoor area mysteriously began to acquire a distinctly unwelcoming aroma, less country field and more septic tank vent, so everyone retired inside to the eating area with the door firmly shut.

Refreshments and victuals were ordered as gradually the numbers grew. Tari & Michelle Mirza joined us, telling tales of travels that had taken them the length of the country (and Wales) before Simon & Melissa Griffiths arrived to extend the gathering onto another table. Eric & Denise Ody have been a time or two before but had still managed to take the wrong turning to get there, making them late comers too. At some point, table conversations divided along broadly gender-based lines as the boys briefly braved the pungent outdoors to inspect the small assembly of cars, having been joined along the way by Mike Robinson and the always brightening presence of Charles & Judith Van Ingen. Finally, Tim Brown appeared in his TD21 for a sociable beer – the venue being but a short hop from home – and to finally deliver a raffle prize for Melissa, something from the IAW I think.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday at the Bull's Head, Mottram St Andrew, SK10 4QH



Peter had arrived first in JJ but following a conversation heavily laced with talk of squally surprise downpours, he was



And now we hear from our roving reporter, Dean O'Spyder...

I was out and about at the car show at Tatton over the weekend and saw several Alvis cars over the two days on Chris's fought for stand. The organisers had first off refused his application and then relented but insisted on a group name for the stand, hence the Alvis Archive Trust banners that appeared. Watching the effort it took to put up the feather flags was exhausting though!

Simon took the opportunity of a captive audience to get some advice on a couple of issues. On Saturday Giles Lacey and Chris were pressganged into steering issues causing serious tyre wear and on Sunday Chris and Shaun Donnelly were seen underneath looking at brake setups. Simon went away with some tasks to sort!

Elizabeth Bennett also took advantage of expert Alvis knowledge and was seen discussing under bonnet matters.



Katie Donnelly having fun in the Silver Eagle



Saturday's turn out included Eric's XK sneaking into the line



Sunday's line up included Chris Hewitt's TF21



Happy Campers!



Sunday's garage advice included brakes on both Simon's Firebird and Elizabeth's TA21