

A few words on the AOC AGM

The club AGM was held at The Motorist, Sherburn in Elmet, Yorkshire last Sunday. Some of the great and the good arrived on Saturday for the Board Meeting, whilst others came on Sunday morning or attended by the dreaded Zoom.

A dinner was enjoyed by the Saturday attendees, some of whom experienced a rather unorthodox transportation to The Motorist – think Santa Pod in the 1970s !!! It all added to the conversation and the fun of the evening.



What a fantastic purpose built venue, for the motoring enthusiast, this is. Parking as far as the eye could see and a lovely restaurant, bar and coffee bar, peopled by a team of friendly and very efficient staff. Sunday is obviously an important meeting there with hundreds of people enthusiastically wandering around the cars, whilst engaged in animated conversations. It was lovely to witness so many younger people, examining not just the current models or the trendy 60s, 70s etc, but also pouring over the older Alvis cars with interest, whilst asking questions of the owners. Could there be a greater showcase to prospective owners, than a beautiful Grey Lady driven 254 miles from Scotland, gleaming in the sunshine? 508 miles round trip, running “as sweet as a nut” !

The AGM itself, was undertaken with such supreme preparation and efficiency, that it took just short of 30 minutes. The Zoom attendees were fascinating to watch: Robin and Belinda Gilbert looked most business like, there was a brace of Bradnums, Tim Harcourt looked exceedingly serious, Janet and Harry Davey’s dog looked equally as scary on screen as in real life and Vic Round’s face was mysteriously frozen. It was with such pleasure that those present showed their appreciation for the award winners and received expressions of thanks from the Chairman and the newly appointed President, to all club members.

Such things as AGMs, are not everyone’s ‘cup of darjeeling’, either at section level or at national level. It may appear heresy to say this, but the beauty of this venue was that any Alvis owners who were not desperate to attend the AGM itself, could have rocked up in their cars, making an impressive display and enjoying the social element of the day.

This style of venue would be fantabulosa, south of the M25- just need that elusive lottery win...

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