



Monkey Business No 95 - January 2019



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Bunged Together By Simon Griffiths

Happy New Year! I didn't think I would be saying that again but since this is the first copy of 2019 it is probably appropriate. Since my last offering we have celebrated Christmas at the Deanwater and New Year at the Yew Tree (not Eric Ody's) The Deanwater did us proud as usual with



The Drum and Monkey doing us proud whilst Karen Lakin's ; new additions tuck into their evening meal!



only one grabbed meal and a jolly time was had by all - all that is except Karen Lakin, who had been left at home by Peter as Karen was busy feeding their latest extension to the family and I am sure our congratulations go to the mother for such a sterling effort.

So to the main event of the evening and the trophy presentations; starting with the coveted Bent Valve Trophy which was well earned by Tari Mirza, who has a 100% record of Alvis attendance at the Deanwater. The Straight Valve Trophy (*which seems to have shrunk somewhat in the wash Chris! - B'er T'er*) went to our very own Mick Fletcher who has clocked up the most miles to get to us but mainly for the variety of Alvises he has arrived or left in! And last but nowhere near least the Robin Bendall Trophy for the longest distance to the meeting was won by Eric and Denise Ody.

Next event in order was Mick's Christmas do where Norman Blundell made an award to Roland Rogerson, sadly I have absolutely no idea what it was for but I'm sure Roland deserved it and I did wonder which of the two monkeys in the picture was the cheekiest.



- What do points make?**
- (T) Tari receives the coveted Bent Valve Trophy**
 - (M) Mick receives the shrunken Straight Valve Trophy**
 - (B) Eric receives the Bendall Trophy**

Next up was at Peter Lakin's invitation at the Yew tree where I arrived in GS 6656 to meet with Peter, Karen, Naomi and Jack in the P2 Rolls which was clearly the biggest car there. Inside we met John Fenn-Wiggins who we have not seen at the Deanwater for a while, following difficulty with night



The cheekiest chappie competition in full swing!

driving, and had a real good catch-up. This meeting was a great surprise to me - for such a small village type pub to attract so many cars of such variety you would have thought it to be a midsummer meet. However, the lovely crisp weather obviously attracted the drivers out with a vintage bus, three wheelers, Bentley and even two chaps sat atop a tiller steered machine! The choice of what to look at next couldn't be made as there had to be upwards of 50 vehicles and such an interesting variety.

I must say the drive home to Disley mid-afternoon was even better and I even got the try the new A555 MARR for the first time along its complete length, I am sure that will help many of you coming to the Deanwater meeting once your Sat-Navs have caught up. Ironic that the Garmin in the Alvis is more up to date than the 'built in' the Fiesta which still doesn't know it exists; hence I hadn't tried it as it didn't know where it ended.

Well a mild winter so far let's hope it stays that way and I trust your winter projects are progressing well ready for a bumper (not literally) 2019 season. I am hoping to have AYF getting close by the end of the year as, with Robin Bendall's kind support, it is away in King's Lynn having the coachwork finished and trimmed so then it will be down to yours truly in the engine department.

Whilst on the subject of project cars nearing completion, I have heard a rumour that Melissa has given Simon a target of late summer to have BVC ready for a trip to Spain and Portugal, I know the hood is being worked on as we speak so its over to you Dean O'Spyder to fully bring us up to speed with the project. Ah - I was hoping you weren't going to mention that! B'er T'er

Also this season, although a hard act to follow, I am organising Tatton Park's August Rally this year; following Alan and Dianne Lee needing a rest after many years of organising the do. So I am looking for plenty of support to make our display something Chris Holt would be proud of as it was Chris that first chose Tatton to be one of our annual events, even to holding a International Day as part of the display. Included with this edition of Monkey Business is the list of conditions of entry which are nowhere near as onerous as I thought they were, maybe because the event is now under new management. Please send your entry requirements for either, or preferably, both days to me and not direct to the organisers. I have only copied you in so you can see what is required, Once I have your entries, I will apply en-masse.

So on to the next Deanwater meeting which is our first

gathering of 2019 which is next Tuesday 5th February and I hope to see you all.

And now a report from our roving reporter, Dean O'Spyder...

Well what can I say - it seems very quiet in the car-theatres of Alvis owners. I first of all stuck my head into the garage of our esteemed meeting host, Mr Taylor, fully expecting to see safely ensconced in there the very lovely combined Speed 20/25 VdP tourer he's been hiding for some time, and that he's been pulled up for by an MB reader. But to no avail, it's still not there!

From there I traversed the county and peered in through the window of our B'er T'er's car-theatral where I observed some progress. Although mostly it seems Simon has gone backwards as he's got the boot in bits reworking the woodwork so the boot lid closes properly. He's got a long way to go if he's going to Spain in it in September - more than just miles! - so I suggest all you other Alvis owners keep a good eye out for him "borrowing" an alternative!

As I was close to the border I decided a quick border raid to the Welsh Reiver's property might reveal that someone at least had been busy. Alas, it was not to be - although the Triumph is now protected by a Carcoon it seems not to have progressed!

I'll be round again soon chaps so get on with something!

Finally, Tim Brown reports on events past present and future in our Section...

It might seem a little late, but Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you had a most enjoyable Christmas. It certainly seems like winter is now with us as I look out of the window at the snow steadily falling but I also now look forward to another great year, filled with fun Alvis activities.

Since our last newsletter, we have held two Christmas Noggins, one at the Deanwater back in December, and also the Yorkshire Christmas noggin, held earlier this month at the General Tarleton. Both occasions were well attended, with a lot of fun and revelry and they served to book-end the Festive period perfectly.

We now look forward to the coming year and the calendar of events that your committee and various other generous helpers have arranged on your behalf and the season will kick off in February with our ever popular Sunday Lunch, organised by Mick Fletcher and held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley on Sunday 17th February. Mick has also arranged a visit to Samlesbury Hall in the morning for coffee, before travelling on for lunch. Further details are shown in the main calendar below and you should also have received a direct email regarding this from Stephen Whitaker, together with a menu for the lunch.

The full calendar for the year is shown below and I do hope that you will be able to attend some or all of these events and help to make them the great days out that they always are.

Looking ahead this year the International Alvis Weekends will be hosted by the Northern Section in York over the weekend of 14th - 16th of June 2019.

Based at the Mercure Fairfield Manor Hotel, York. The hotel is now fully booked for Friday and Saturday nights, but please do still come along and join in the fun of International Alvis Weekend and also at International Alvis Day which will be held at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington on the Sunday. Booking forms for all of the weekend's events, for IAD and also for the dinners on the Friday and Saturday evenings have been sent out with the Pink and will also be available on the website.

Don't miss out – it's sure to be a great weekend!!

If you have any queries, or comments about any of our events, please contact me at: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk

Northern Alvis Owners Club Calendar of Events for 2019

Important:

All venues are liable to change, please check the monthly pink for up to date news of each event before making plans.

Sunday – 17th February

Season opening Sunday Lunch

Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley Nr Clitheroe

Our ever popular "season opener" will be returning to the Spread Eagle Hotel, starting with a visit to Samlesbury Hall, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Nr Preston PR5 0UP for morning coffee, arriving at around 11.00am. The Hall is free to enter and you can then have a look around before leaving at around 1.00pm to arrive at the Spread Eagle for 1.30pm, with lunch served at 2.00pm. The menu has been circulated and please make your choices by 10th February at the latest. Contact Mick Fletcher: 01254 260999 or 07703 506685, email mick.fletcher@totalise.co.uk

Sunday - 24th March

Tea, Spares and More

Brook Lane Nurseries, Brook Lane. Rixton, Warrington, Lancs. WA3 6DS

An early spring garden tea party, with a twist, hosted by Mr and Mrs Norman and Claire Blundell. Arrive from 11am onwards. £5.00 per car.

A very warm welcome from our popular hosts. On offer for sale is tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and hot food. All proceeds going to Northern Section club funds. If you have the time, please bake a cake and bring it along. The afternoon proceedings are all undercover. Once again spares will be on sale from all members who wish to bring them along.

Contact: Norman or Claire: 01925 814715. email claire.blundell@btinternet.com

Sunday – 14th April

Northern Section AGM

Northern Section AGM, preceded by lunch at the Sparrowhawk Hotel, Wheatley Lane Rd, Fence, Burnley. BB12 9QG.

Lunch at the Sparrowhawk Hotel at 12.30, followed by the

Northern Section AGM at 2.30pm. Lunch is £20.00 per person, payable on the day please. **(Non-Members are very welcome to attend the lunch but are not entitled to attend the AGM and will be asked to leave prior to its commencement at 2.30pm)**

Advance booking please. Contact: Mick Fletcher 01254 260999 or 07703 506685, email mick.fletcher@totalise.co.uk
Items for the agenda, and nominations for office bearers to be in writing, and to arrive with the Northern Secretary, Stephen Whitaker no later than 14 days before the date of the meeting. Glebe House, Gisburn Rd, Bolton by Bowland. Clitheroe. Lancashire. BB7 4NP. or Email : piscisteve@gmail.com

The Northern Section of the Alvis Owners Club are renting a private room to hold this function.

Thursday – 25th April

Barge trip from Whaley Bridge Basin

Northern Section Members are invited to join the VSCC and Riley Register for the annual barge trip on the Peak Forest Canal

The trip will commence from Whaley Bridge Basin, meeting at 11.30am for a 12 noon departure and will incorporate a circular trip, taking in Bugsworth and New Mills, with a 2 course hotpot lunch served on board. The trip is approximately 2½ hours in duration and the cost will be around £25.00 per person.

PLEASE NOTE – this trip is in place of Stephen's monthly noggin at the Three Shires, for April only and this will return to the usual date and venue from May onwards.

Contact: Stephen Walley: 01298 79811

Sunday – 28th April

Drive it Day

Lister Arms, Malham. Arrive from 12 noon to eat at 12.45pm. £5 deposit per person secures your place. Menus and other details to follow.

Contact: David and Anne Salter: 01423 870250 or davidandannesalter@tiscali.co.uk

Monday – 6th May

Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show

Gawsworth Hall, Church Lane, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9RN

After a break of two years due to International we will once again be hosting an Alvis Owner Club stand at the above event, which is held annually on the first Bank Holiday in May, within The Grounds of Gawsworth Hall, Gawsworth, Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire, which will be fondly remembered by all who attended IAD in 2017.

This is a one-day classic and vintage car and motorcycle show, with plenty of interest for all to see.

Contact: Tim Brown on: 07799 118771 or email at: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk

**Friday 14th Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June
International Alvis Weekend**

Please come and join us for the weekend at:

**The Mercure Fairfield Manor Hotel, York
With the Gala Dinner held at the National Railway
Museum, York
International Alvis Day on Sunday at the Yorkshire Air
Museum, Elvington**

**For further details, please see the Pinkun and the AOC
website**

Or contact – Tim Brown at: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk

Sunday - 23rd June

**INVITATION TO - Harrogate Festival 1940's Day, Valley
Gardens, Harrogate.**

Please note all vehicles must be on site in position by 10am at the latest showing their entry passes. They must be marshalled to their location on site. Vehicles are not to be taken off site before 5pm and again must be marshalled. If people live a long distance away some exceptions can be made to leave a little sooner. All vehicles must be off site by 6.30pm. At all times on site vehicles must proceed no faster than 5 mph, must have hazard lights on and must proceed under the direction of the stewarding team.

For details and entry pass applications please contact David and Anne Salter: 01423 870250 or davidandannesalter@tiscali.co.uk

Sunday – 21st July

Newby Hall Vintage and Classic car show

Newby Hall, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 5AE.

Once again, the Northern Section of the Alvis Owner Club are invited, by The North of England Classic and Pre War Automobile Club, to Yorkshire's largest one day Vintage and Classic Car Rally. **Entry is by pass only, please contact Harry Fletcher on 07778 319546 or email: laurenm20042002@yahoo.co.uk**

Contact: Stephen Whitaker: 01200 447874 or Email at piscisteve@gmail.com

Sunday – 28th July

Bodrhuddan Hall, Rhuddlan

The North Wales Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Following the great success of our first Northern Section and Welsh Section event in 2018 at the Classics at the Castle, we will be returning again this year to North Wales, to a similar event but at a new venue, Bodrhuddan Hall, Rhuddlan, only 10 minutes drive from the previous venue. There will be a concours competition with prizes, auto-jumble and throughout the day catering options are available within the show area. There is also the added attraction of the wonderful country house of Bodrhuddan Hall and its formal gardens.

Contact: Tim Brown: 07799 118771 or email at: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk

Sunday – 4th August

**Hebden Bridge Vintage and Classic Car Show,
Calder Holmes Park, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire,
HX7 8EE.**

Organised by The Rotary Club of Hebden Bridge, the Vintage Weekend is an annual rally for vintage, veteran and classic vehicles held in the Historic West Yorkshire Town of Hebden Bridge, in the heart of the South Pennines. Entry is on-line only at: www.hebdenbridgevintageweekend.org.uk/registration_info.html

Contact: Stephen Whitaker: 01200 447874 or Email at piscisteve@gmail.com

Sunday – 4th August

MG Northern Day

Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5BD

Harrogate MG Club invite AOC members to their Annual Northern event. Park, in pride of place, in the show ring and spend a pleasant day in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. Stalls, competitions and the town of Pateley Bridge to explore. Bring a picnic or use the on site catering facilities.

Contact: David and Anne Salter: 01423 870250 or davidandannesalter@tiscali.co.uk

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August

Passion for Power, Tatton Park Vintage and Classic Car Show

Tatton Park, Knutsford, WA16 6QN.

One of the UK's most popular Classic Car events with over 90 Classic and performance car Clubs attending and over 300 private entries. Large Autojumble and over 250 trade stands. A full weekend event, hosted by Chris Taylor. This is a very popular event for all our South Lancashire and Cheshire Members. This Large show goes from strength to strength every year, having an enormous and diverse amount of vintage and classic cars on display. At this show we have our own club area to display our cars.

Contact: Chris Taylor on: 07890 414130 or at: Chris@ctml.co.uk

Sunday - 1st September

Vintage by the Sea

**The Midland Hotel, Marine Rd, Morecambe, Lancashire
LA4 4BU.**

A celebration of all things Vintage: cars, live music, fashion etc. As voted the best vintage event in the world by the Guardian Newspaper. The fantastic setting of Morecambe's seafront provides the backdrop that transforms into a multi-venue playground where, visitors can learn the dances, take in specially curated live performances, ogle over vintage vehicles or take advantage of the decade's specific hair and beauty makeovers.

See website www.midlandvintage.co.uk

Contact: Andrew Wisdom 01254 676591 Email: andrew.wisdom@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday – 8th September

Hartington Show near Buxton, Derbyshire

High Fields, Hall Bank, Hartington. SK17 0AT

An opportunity to once again meet with our fellow Midland Alvis Enthusiasts, arrive from 9.30am onwards to enjoy a great country show, Vintage Tractors, Stationary Engines, Vintage Lorries, Cars & Steam Engines. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Giles Lacey email: lacey_giles@btinternet.com or Tim Brown on: 07799 118771 or email at: timbrownmrics@aol.co.uk

Saturday, Sunday – 12th, 13th October

North Yorkshire Railway in Wartime

Every October, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway recaptures the spirit of the Second World War for a whole weekend. It is an annual tribute to the men and women who kept Britain's railways running throughout the war. The weekend begins with the ceremonial flag raising on Friday, and continues until it is lowered again on Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of skilled re-enactors help create the authentic atmosphere that has earned it an international reputation for authenticity. Accommodation will be available at Gisborough Hall on Saturday night and also on Sunday for those who prefer to drive back at their leisure. The cars will be parked at Grosmont Station, the RAF base, on Sunday. Further details to follow.

Contact: Anne and David Salter: 01423 870350 email: davidandannesalter@tiscali.co.uk

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November

Vintage and Classic Car Show. National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham.

See Pink and National press for details. The U.K.'s premier indoor Classic Car Show. A good place to find the pieces needed for the winter project and of course Alvis will be having their own stand. All offers of help are gratefully received.

PASSION FOR POWER & CLASSIC CAR SHOW



ATTATTON PARK, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE WA 16 6QN

AUGUST 17 & 18, 2019

CONDITIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

Once inside the park gates everyone is subject to the rules and regulations as laid down by the management of Tatton Park and the show organisers. Items of specific importance to exhibitors are as follows:

1. All vehicles are accepted into the park on condition that the park authorities and the show organisers cannot be held responsible for exhibitors' negligence involving damage to vehicles and/or property or injury to persons. Similarly for loss or theft of vehicles, property, contents and equipment.
2. **In letter agreement with exhibitors it is stated that all vehicles being driven on the showground have, as a minimum, a valid party insurance cover. Road Traffic Act rules apply on entry.**
3. Vehicles entering and leaving the showground are restricted to a maximum of walking speed and no unauthorised movement of vehicles is permitted during showtime **until after 4pm** - any emergency need to leave earlier must be agreed before moving with show marshals, who will then escort you from the showground.
4. Camping is a privilege granted by Tatton Park and it is essential that all litter is cleared and no groundwork is allowed on site. **Exhibitors/campers/trailers are warned of the danger of falling branches and anyone setting up close to mature trees does so at their own risk.**
Camping from 12 noon Friday until 7pm Sunday
5. No dangerous dogs allowed on site. Pets are the direct responsibility of their handlers and must be kept on a leash at all times and any deposits must be cleared up.
6. The riding of cycles, motorcycles, quad bikes etc on the showground or park is strictly forbidden at any time (disability vehicles may be allowed at the discretion of the organisers).
7. The organisers and the park authorities reserve the right to remove anyone from the park who is CONSIDERED to have CONTRAVENED the regulations and this could result in a ban for the individual / club/trailer from future shows.
8. **Completion of this application form does not guarantee acceptance due to the likelihood of exhibitor spots - All vehicles are invited, at the discretion of the organisers -**
www.cheshireinfo.promotions.co.uk

IMPORTANT

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIDE FOR SHOW/FEE'S. PLEASE COMPLETE PART 1 (OPTIONAL) A.S.A.P TO APPLY FOR A CLUB PLOT. SEND BACK PART 2 AS SOON AS ALL ENTRIES ARE LISTED. THANK YOU!
(Return Part 2, no later than 4 weeks before show dates)

Special Note For Club Officials

In order to comply with Health & Safety requirements it is essential that a nominated club official is responsible for ensuring that all exhibitors include a contact and accept the regulations which are a prerequisite for the issuing of a vehicle pass. LATE ENTRIES/ALTERATIONS TEL: 01607 529595

CLUB ENTRY FORM FOR Tatton Park AUGUST 17 & 18, 2019

PART 1

To help you allow as many cars as possible to attend over the two days, we can only issue One Day passes, so that different cars can attend each day. Please complete all the relevant sections fully - thank you! Please note that One Day passes are not valid for camping. Please show club stamp space evenly across both show days

Full Name of Club.....

How many Saturday Only passes do you require?

How many Sunday Only passes do you require?

How many cars are exhibiting on both days?

(Two-day passes will be issued for these cars)

How many exhibitors wish to camp over with a tent?

How many exhibitors wish to camp over with a caravan?

How many exhibitors wish to camp over with a motorhome?

EXHIBITOR CAMPING APPLY FOR PASSES IN THE USUAL WAY.

Facility fees are payable at show gates on a total of 10 per person (max 2 adults per exhibitor)

**NB. Camping/Caravan facilities NOT available to non-exhibitors
ENTRY TO SHOW BY PRE-ENTRY ONLY, i.e. PASSHOLDERS - 2 ADULTS PER EXHIBIT
Strictly NO American Motorhomes at this show**

Please ensure all exhibitors arrive at the park with their pass - ask members to supply a stamped s.no. if they cannot attend Club meetings.

Club Organiser's Tel Email

APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Position..... Signature.....

Special Note For Club Officials

In order to comply with Health & Safety requirements it is essential that a nominated club official is responsible for ensuring that all exhibitors understand and accept the regulations which is a prerequisite for the issuing of a vehicle pass.

**EXHIBITORS' VEHICLE
PASSES
ONLY THE VEHICLE
DESCRIBED ON THE PASS
WILL BE ALLOWED ACCESS.
VEHICLE PASSES NOT TRANSFERABLE
CLUB EXHIBIT PASSES POSTED OUT 1 MONTH
BEFORE EVENT**

KEEP THIS SIDE FOR BIRMINGHAM 61

Completed & Signed entry forms should be returned A.S.A.P to -
AUGUST CLUB DISPLAYS, MOTORHOMES MEDIA GROUP LTD, MORTON HAY,
HORSHAM LE, LINCOLNSHIRE, LN9 6JR
(For every 10 exhibitors please include a
C5 / A5 S.A.E with a LARGE address stamp i.e. 20 passes = 2x05 S.A.E's Thank You)

