



Monkey Business No 98 - April 2019



Written By Chris Taylor

Bunged Together By Simon Griffiths

A good gathering this month of 14 friends, it's amazing how with the first hints of spring our steeds start to stir. A lovely photo of the awakening of Giles Lacy's TEverything was sent over and how fresh it all looks with the cherry blossom bursting.

sail on the Judith Mary. With only a couple of empty seats this has gained such popularity that it is now a floating private dining club and a firm calendar fixture; so much so that Stephen took a vote of those present and booked for 2020 whilst we were still aboard. I was particularly impressed with Tari's Alvis as, when I asked him to position it for the photograph with the boat, the engine fired first one-up and it is quite remarkable not to hear some winding of the starter motor on a six cylinder.



At our actual meeting Tari Mirza proudly presented the latest addition to his stable with Stephen Walley and Mike Robinson looking on followed by Tim, Jayne and Melissa dragging him out later for another viewing! Tari's new acquisition is appropriately numbered 1171 TF as it is one, and as the second shot shows the interior is also very presentable. As Tari and the car settle in together and it gets

So back to the Deanwater, a lovely evening shot of Charles and Judith Van Ingen's TE21 was captured with just enough light in the sky bouncing off the clouds.



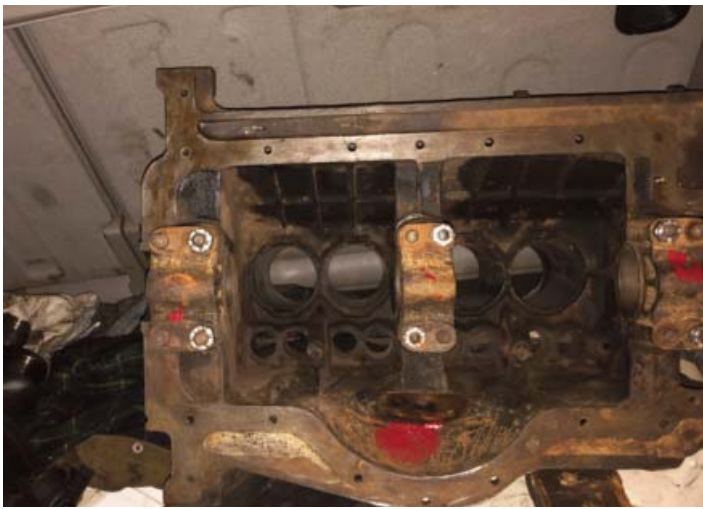
some miles on the clock its few niggles will be easily sorted.

The car made its next appearance at Whaley Bridge wharf having kindly collected myself at Disley to enjoy Steven Walley's well organised lunch



And as if that isn't enough Mick Fletcher was carrying not only Gez Holt to the meeting but also a 12/70 block casting which has had some remedial work completed ready to be rebuilt.

Tari was pressed into tour guide mode several times!



Not many Deanwater meetings happen without some lumps of metal being produced somewhere!

A lovely trip down memory lane was brought to the meeting by Mike Robinson in the form of an old AOC bulletin with a very interesting look back at the relative values of our cars written by Clive Hutchinson. I hope our B'er-T'er is able to reproduce it well enough for you to read it for yourself as it is a fascinating story. However, I have done some research and I am pretty sure the batch of 4.3's referred to with Pre-selector gearboxes did not exist so some misidentification has happened as far as I can tell. The reference to a meeting at Colton also carries a cryptic comment concerning one Frank Kay and a newly acquired son, if that is our very own Frank Kay (el presidente) then perhaps he will enlighten us.



Mike Robinson's old AOC Bulletins aroused much interest as you can tell!

Meeting reports and classified ads especially!

Tim and Jayne Brown were sans Alvis this month but as usual on great form egged on by Peter Lakin, Melissa Grigg and Simon Griffiths who unusually were in modern transport due to time constraints.



Colton, December 16th.
John Gurney reported a much smaller Xmas party than usual. 19 members including families and friends, some supper and Alvis Event films from John Brownbridge and colour slides from John Whippey. Congratulations to Frank Kay on the birth of a son, we understand the child has a sort of birthmark in the shape of a red triangle with some obscure lettering in it.

Manchester, Clive Hutchinson.
Two members that we do not see very often are Derek Hollingsworth, who turned up in his very nice razor-edged V.D.P. 4.3-litre, and Jimmy Jay, who owns an early 12/50 tourer. The eleven members present came in seven Alvis cars. A possible new club member turned up in a 1933 Sp 20 D.A.C. which he has had for 3 months and is in nice condition. This is the model that had the early independent front suspension but still retained the crash type gearbox.

John Sutton brought along some useful bits and pieces which he gave away to any member that required them.

The line up was a 1931 12/50 tourer, 1931 12/60 tourer, 1932 Sp. 20 tourer, 1933 Sp. 20 D.A.C., 1936 Firebird D.A.C. and a 1938 Charlesworth 4.3 and a 1939 V.D.P. 4.3-litre.

Some months ago now a chap came to a Denton meeting in a very nice 4.3-litre Charlesworth Saloon of a light powder blue colour. This car had been the object of affection of this chap's father and in his efforts to improve its condition has had several non standard chroming applied under the bonnet and in various other places too! He was obviously not keen on the car his father had given him and the price was £250 — I believe that since that night he had been trying to part-exchange it for a Morris Minor 1000 but not a solitary garage would accept it. Finally in despair he sold it to the first chap that showed interest and he received the princely sum of £40 — yes forty pounds. The new owner is joining the club and has since refused £300 cash for the car. This car is one of nine 4.3-litre cars that Alvis fitted with a Wilson Preselector Gearbox whilst still retaining the normal clutch. This enables the car to be driven normally or as a preselector. Another original feature is a thermostatically controlled radiator shutters — a unique model indeed.

rendale Road, Sunbury, Middx.

Speed 25 — 1937. Charlesworth — 90,000 miles. Rebuilt door pillars, sunshine roof, new headlining, carpets. Partial respray. Good P.100's. Engine dismantled but serviceable. Towable, space needed, hence £10. D. A. LEVER, Finche's Mead, Merle Common, Oxted, Surrey. Oxted 2075.

TA.21 Saln. Maintained 1st-class condition regardless of cost. Completely overhauled since 1960. H.C. head, new gears, clutch, twin S.U.'s, radiator block, rear springs, wings, etc. Re-sprayed two-tone grey, new interior trim. Twin spots, heater, radio, Alvis-designed tow-bar. All work professionally done. Detailed records kept. Car maintained since new by Alvis & Tolerton & Burke. £275 or offer. STANYON, Battle of Britain House, Northwood, Middx. (Northwood 22734).

1932 Speed 20. Bodywork & mechanics V. Sound. 3 new tyres. Good on pressure. New battery. V.D.P. 2-dr. saln. £80 o.n.o. D. COOK, 117, Downham Road, London, N.1. AMH. 2283 Extn. 13.

1939 Speed 25. Charlesworth Saln. S.C. model, with servo brakes. Dual exhaust system, distinguished past. Fast & reliable workhorse. Sound in wind and limb but requiring grooming. £50 or offer. LEDWITTH, 21, Alexandra Mews, Abbey Road N.W. 8. KIL. 2674.

1936 Silver Eagle DHC. Brakes, Clutch relined, new rad. good body and mechanics. Some work needed to complete. £35. ALSO,

1931 Silver Eagle Saln. Basically sound. Work needed £30. Plenty TA 14 and 3 litre spares. E. D. HESLOP, The Forge, Acomb, Hexham, HEX. 1461.

1948 TA.14 Shooting Brake. V.G. Mechanically and bodily. £70 spent last 12 months. on eng., instruments, exhaust, water pump, radiator, etc. £75. SHEARER, 72, Wyndcliffe Road, S.E.7.

1948 TA.14 D.H.C. for £5 (Not taxed — buyer must collect). Top of cylinder block scored causing water to leak into cylinders, otherwise mechanically good. Body shabby. T. D. BADHAM, The Spinney, Spinney Lane, W. Chiltoning, Pulborough, Sussex. W. Chiltoning 2125.

Claire Blundell kindly sent a few photos of a very good do at Norman and Claire's home which was briefly mentioned by Dean O'Spyder in last month's MB. The meeting saw Peter's Rolls out again and in good company with Norman's Bentley, it's difficult to come to terms with those two cars both built in the same factory in the same decade! Also present were several Alvis, all this, together with an SA20 / Firefly hub cap shaped Alvis cake, gave all present a great day out.

Whilst we are on the subject of Norman, he has promised this month's mysterazy object so Mike if you were thinking of bringing something along it had better be extra special if it



Lancaster bomber homed at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and soon due to fly again. Indeed the staff were telling us that they were working all hours to put the finishing touches to the magnificent beast so that they could carry out the first



is to win because as we all know winning on the night brings prizes at Christmas!

We now jump to Eric Ody's meeting at the Yew Tree the following week where, after an absence of some months, Simon and Peter turned up in Peter's Phantom 2 Rolls Royce. It is difficult to get the scale of the size of the thing on a photograph but if you look next to the leviathan on the next page you will see what looks like 2 dwarves!

powered taxi runs this Thursday in preparation for its inaugural flight following her restoration. I hope I'm still allowed to call Just Jayne a her following some idiot wanting ships to become gender neutral!!!!.

So that's all folks, I hope to see you at the Deanwater Hotel next Tuesday on May the 2nd , SK7 1RJ, where Norman's mystery object will be on display.

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

A brief report this month with my visit to the Alvis Northern Section AGM revealing a good selection of cars in the car park of the Sparrowhawk hotel and reports of a good lunch being enjoyed by all – although Roland and Trish Rogerson's long hold up on the motorway meant they were short changed in the starter's department!



And finally the last gathering this month to be reported was an informal meeting of the Archive Trust at the Petwood hotel in Lincolnshire where I was honoured to be appointed for a term of office of one of the trustees. This hotel during WW2 was the home of the famous 633 squadron of Dam Busters and is full of artifacts and photographs including a large branch from a Norwegian fir tree gathered on the underside of a Lancaster which still hangs over the bar. In the hotel garden is the only remaining actual prototype bouncing bomb and not far away there is 'Just Jayne' - not to be confused with our Jayne - but this one is called NX6711 and is a



I've also made a surreptitious foray into our B'er T'er's cathedral and seen some progress! Spurred on by Gez's TA14 arriving back with a lovely paint job, and the need to get some paint on the body tub before Andrew Wisdom makes the hood, Simon has been out with paintbrush in hand.



Sadly his painting skills are less Michelangelo and more construction site Artexer so it'll be interesting to see the final result! He did mention that he can't see what the problem is and that the packet of 10 brushes for a quid are working ever so well - even if they are a little bald by the time he's finished a panel: Simon Griffiths - never knowingly overspent!

Melissa is a little concerned that all the plastic sheeting he's put up makes it look like a crime scene and if she doesn't make the next meeting you'll know why!

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

The year seems to be moving on apace and in consequence we also seem to be flying through the events on our calendar. I am sure that many of you will have already attended an event or two, but there is still so much on offer, with plenty of variety and things to enjoy. So please do come along and meet up with your Alvis friends and help to make these occasions the great days out that they always are. This month, our activities have included:

On Sunday 14th April a good number of Northern Section members enjoyed lunch at the Sparrowhawk Hotel at Fence, near Burnley, followed by the Northern Section AGM, where a review of the past year and of forthcoming events was given by the chairman, the past year's calendar of events was reviewed by the Section Secretary Stephen Whitaker and the Treasurer, Andrew Wisdom summarised the Section's financial situation. Officers for the forthcoming year were also elected.

Last week on Thursday 25th April, Stephen Walley invited AOC members to join him together with the VSCC and Riley Register for a barge trip from Whaley Bridge Basin. I was unable to attend, but I know that it is always a thoroughly enjoyable day out and Chris Taylor has already reported on this, elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, for this month, last Sunday was national "Drive it Day" and Anne & David Salter very kindly arranged a luncheon meet at the Lister Arms, Malham. Sadly, Jayne and I were away and could not attend, but Anne reports as follows:



"Sunday 28 April was Drive it Day and AOC members made their way from Yorkshire and Lancashire, in the bright sunshine, to the Lister Arms in Malham for lunch. The pub car park was filled with gleaming cars - mostly Alvis, and a very smart Triumph belonging to Alan and Diane Lee. An excellent meal was provided, and 24 of us enjoyed a good chat over lunch. We also had the chance to meet more recent members Charles and Ruth Pink, and

their family, with their Speed 20 DHC and hope that they will join us in York."

Looking towards our events for next month, on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May, we will be returning to Gawsworth Hall for their Classic Car Day. We are expecting an excellent turnout of 15 cars, which will be a great display at what is always a really enjoyable and relaxed day out. and we have a great display area reserved for the AOC section. If anyone who has not already let me know would like to come along, you are more than welcome to do so and you can just pay at the gate. It is unlikely that there will be any space on our stand, but there is always plenty in the general parking area. More details on the above activities and all of the sections events for the year are shown below and I do hope that you will be able to attend some of these and help to make them the great days out that they always are.

International Alvis Weekend will be hosted by the Northern Section in York over the weekend of 14th - 16th June 2019.

Based at the Mercure Fairfield Manor Hotel. The hotel is 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.

ENTRIES ARE NOW CLOSED BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND IAD, THEN YOU CAN STILL TURN UP ON THE DAY AND PAY YOUR ENTRY FEE AT THE GATE.

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

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

**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.

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**

See details above

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 it's 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.

