



Monkey Business

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Monkey Business – not quite!

Hello everybody,

I know there was nothing last month and this month will only be this quickie. My excuse is that I am retiring from the locksmith business and the task of separating my personal stuff from work, especially in the computer, has been far more of a task than I could possibly have imagined. So please accept my apologies for such a poor service, hopefully I will be able to produce something better next month.

I do not have the book of attendance so I cannot relate the happenings of the last two meetings but we do have an odd photo or two of the meetings and including several from Dean O'Spyder of other events including Charles and Judith



June's meeting saw Pater Lakin checking axle fixings in an attempt to cure some wayward steering



May's meeting included a fine line up of Alvis - with the obligatory interloper in the middle!



wandering around Scotland; and you will note in this photo shows Judith is at the helm. Our meeting must be unique with four lady Alvis owner/drivers under one roof on a regular basis namely Judith as mentioned, Gez Holt, Elizabeth Bennett and last but not least Jayne Brown's family TD, so I doff my cap to all four of them.

It is with not a little personal sadness that I have to mention that Julia Bendall has passed away peacefully whilst in Cheshire with her family. To those who knew Julia she needs no introduction but, to anyone new, Julia played the full supporting role to Robin, her husband, who we also lost not long ago. With Julia by his side Robin held just about every job within the AOC and was a great supporter of the Northern Region, performing the task of Secretary and Chairman over the years. They are both dearly missed.

So going forward as I have now left the company I no longer have the use of chris@ctml.co.uk so going forward will you please change my email address to: chris@newlangdale.co.uk which is now up and running at home. And, hopefully, a printer will join in the fun this weekend, so my home office will start to function; although it will take me some time to re-enter AGAIN all your email addresses.

On another note, I have just received the paperwork for Tatton Park on 20th and 21st August so please let me know of your intention to form part of the display for either the Saturday or Sunday. Please include both your contact details and the car you intend to bring. I am sure that this year we can picnic under the event shelter to shade us from the burning sun!!!

I am signing off now for this month as I am going to a shindig at a pub to celebrate my last regular day at work but I will have sufficiently recovered to be on good form at the meeting next Tuesday the 5th July at the Deanwater in the evening.

And now here is our roving reporter Dean O'Spyder latest missive...

Well it's been a while since I reported on Alvis matters with particular reference to the Drummers' cars so I thought I'd make amends.

The lack of last month's Monkey Business does mean that there are a couple of older events to report on, starting with Northern Alvis day. It was a good turn out from the Drummers at the show, as you can see from the pictures. The cars even included Chris's Firebird GS 6656 which had been piloted by Simon and Melissa for the weekend.



One picture of interest above is of Elizabeth's new-to-her car and Giles Lacey's car side by side. These are both prototypes and test beds for later developments. Elizabeth's

car for example has a curved windscreen which wasn't used on the production cars and Giles' car is just a bit of everything post-war!



Mention must also be made of Steve Walley's boat trip which was another success and I spotted a couple of likely lads collecting Mr Taylor from his abode, leaving the way clear for him to stop plenty from going off!



I'm a bit worried having seen Simon and Melissa deep in conversation at a local church do which featured somme vintage buses - I tried to talk them out of buying one of these contraptions and I think it worked!



I also happened to be up in the Lake District and came across the Scottish Section staying at the Fat Lamb. In their midst I noticed a pair of interlopers in the form of Charles and Judith Van Ingen in their lovely blue TD. I even spotted them out on the road with Judith driving; both well wrapped up against the English summer!