



Monkey Business

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A right good do, with 20 friends and 2 Alvis cars in the car park; namely my Firebird GS6656, and Charles and Judith Van-Ingen's TD21. We were a bit down on actual cars as Peter Lakin's Firebird engined Firefly suffered a liner failure whilst Peter was touring Scotland with Jack, his son so, sadly, JJ wasn't to be with us. On top of that Jayne and Tim Brown could not be with us this month so their usual TD 21 appearance was absent. However, on the bright side, on Tuesday I helped Peter L remove the engine, so work is

in progress. PN his 12/60 is off to Red Triangle for some steering work to be done, so improvements are about.

It was especially good to welcome both Karen Lakin and Melissa Grigg back into the fold so the ladies' contingent was back up to full strength as Gez Holt and Mick Fletcher also joined the meeting. I am delighted to report Mick is showing



Mick's back so the car park swaps can start again!

daily improvement. Our meeting mascot, Norman Blundell, was up to his usual joyous tricks and of course I could not forget out traveller from abroad, well Wales actually, Richard Plant-Locke. To complete the ladies, as I have already mentioned, Judith Van-Ingen and Claire Blundell

brought their usual camaraderie with them and a good time was had by all. Although there was one notable absentee as Elizabeth Bennett was in Scotland, and so is forgiven.



We welcomed Alan Musgrove as a newcomer to the Deanwater and I was particularly amused when, upon arrival, he enquired at the bar where the car people gathered? The bar staff said "just walk over there (pointing) and head for the noise"! We were actually probably a little too noisy, even for our usual boisterous selves, as the hotel actually closed the doors to our room; I think we were disturbing the peace of other diners. Having said that, though, I joined in the lunch gathering organised by Eric & Denise Ody, at the Crown in



Two Alvis and another interloper in the car park!



Abbots Bromley, yesterday where Denise and the other ladies were definitely throwing the noise gauntlet down to our meeting for the noise level, I can see a new decibel-based trophy will be needed soon.

So back to the Deanwater where we welcomed David Culshaw, and his pal Graham Preston, Graham is a former Alvis owner of a TA21. The team then being completed by Chris Bluer, myself, Johnathon Reeves, Kevin Molloy and David Combey. David hasn't yet been found by the Alvis that is seeking him to be its next owner so has temporarily settled for a Mk 9 Jaguar which was in the car park, and a very fine car it is too. I haven't ever sat in a Mk 9 before and I must say it is a nice place to be. There was a strong smell of petrol surrounding Mick and Mike Robinson as there was an early 12/50 carburetor in bits all over the table having its jets



sorted. There were screws, tools and reference books spread about but, as the photo shows, I think none of this was necessary as it seems to me that keeping the magneto Vernier coupling in the float bowl was the seat of their troubles, but I didn't like to interfere!

Out and about this month I have had a photo sent to me by Giles Lacey (T everything fame) of Peter Lakin being espied in Hartington village with PN his 12/60 saloon and I think the pub in background tells all although Peter would have us believe he had taken part in the South Cheshire Raiders run that day, but, to those of us that are map-savvy, Hartington is in Derbyshire - you know it makes sense!

Onward and upward, it's nearly that time of year again and



so, in anticipation, I have booked the upstairs room for our Christmas celebration meal. It will be our usual 1st Tuesday meeting night of December 6th at 7 for 7.30 and you will find the menu choices with this report. Please remember that the Deanwater is a hotel so if you wish to book a room please do that direct with the hotel reception.

Please send me your food choices and pay me at the November meeting or by BACS to C Taylor at NWB 01-10-01, 02816539 but PLEASE fill in who you are.

To close may I invite you all to our next meeting for October at the Deanwater (SK7 1RJ) on the first Tuesday which is the 4th.

Queen Elizabeth II



R.I.P, and thank you for a lifetime's devotion to our country.

Deanwater Christmas Menu

Menu

Winter Vegetable Soup and artisan roll(v)

Chicken Liver Pate
toasted wholemeal slice and festive chutney

Prawn Cluster
on mixed leaves, citrus mayo and wholemeal bread

Roasted Turkey rolled and stuffed with a sage, apricot & pork sausage meat served with bacon lardons, roast potatoes, honey glazed baby carrots and brussels sprouts sprinkled with parmesan cheese, cranberry sauce & gravy

Poached Fillet of Salmon
with a creamy leek and wholegrain mustard sauce

Camembert Fig and Onion Tart
with linseed crumb and redcurrant coulis(v)

Traditional Luxury Christmas Pudding with warm brandy sauce

Clementine Chocolate Torte

Limoncello Cheesecake with blueberry compote

Coffee and warm mince pie

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