



# Monkey Business No 160 - December 2024



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Happy New Year to you all, I hope your 2025 is going to be a happy and healthy one; I'm not so sure about the wealthy bit with Greedy Reedy in No 11 but we can hope! However we saw off 2024 with a good night at the Alderley Edge where we all enjoyed a really good meal and were well looked after by the staff. I stayed overnight and I can report the room was of a really high standard and the breakfast superb.



The only Alvis in the car park was Charles and Judith's TD21 where it must be said the car deserves a prize for its reliability considering the annual mileage covered. However, whilst on the subject of a car winning a prize, I am pleased to report a break from tradition in that a car actually won the coveted Bent Valve Trophy!



This was in the form of BVC 46, Simon's Firebird DHC; the car winning it for having wisely chosen Simon as its resurrector and for proceeding on the road under its own power for the first time in half a century.

Next in the prize giving was the Straight Valve Trophy, where Gez, as last year's recipient, got to choose to whom and why it is awarded this year. And, this year, the trophy was awarded to Melissa for enduring the trials of being an 'Alvis widow' and also offering supporting assistance when required; a situation I know Gez experienced over the many years of Tick's reconstruction - with the odd Bentley thrown in! So, the Griffiths household



made nearly a clean sweep, but not quite, as, last but not least, I had to present the Robin Bendall trophy. This is awarded for the furthest travelled to the meeting and was, this year, taken home by Mick Fletcher. He had some stiff



competition from Charles and Judith, as well as Elizabeth Bennett coming all the way back from New Zealand, and not to mention Simon and Melissa arriving straight off a plane from Germany, but, on the night, it was Mick's turn to shine.

This report is a bit short but I would







like to thank everyone who did join in the fun on the night, which I know was a success as our first Christmas away from the Deanwater, and also to those who visit us through the year. I hope to see you all joining us at the Alderley Edge Hotel on the first Tuesday through 2025, starting next week, where it may be we are joined, at some point, by another long resting Alvis, AYF 93, which has awaited its rebirth for over 60 years; well, that's the aim anyway!

One closing point is the smaller and more technical leaning gathering hosted by Eric Ody at the Coach and Horses at

Fenny Bentley - which is our 'brother' meeting from my perspective, as it was the first ever meeting I attended now over 50 years ago at the Red House, Caverswall when Ernest Shenton hosted it. It is still held on the 2nd Tuesday and this year, to celebrate Christmas, Denise sent an Alvis cake, which I could not manage on the night, due to such a lovely meal, so it got the cling film and into the freezer treatment, to be thoroughly enjoyed during the festive period.

So looking ahead: Our first meeting of 2025 is at the Alderley Edge Hotel & Restaurant, SK9 7BJ on our usual first Tuesday which is the 7th January (next week) at 7 PM.

For those who do both, Eric's meeting at the C&H at Fenny Bentley (DE6 1LB) moves for January and February to lunchtime, due to the hilly nature of Derbyshire. January's get together is on Jan 15th from noon Please contact Eric to reserve your place and please note the lunchtime meeting encourages partners to attend and the smell of petrol fumes is much subdued!

Thank you for all your support and I hope to see you through 2025

