



# Monkey Business

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A short report this month as I am 100% committed to the project Speed 20. Perhaps D'OS may have a few words to say as I espied him lurking in the Disley area. We were slightly down on attendees, as I had received 7 apologies, which is often the case at the start of a new year; but would you believe we are now three months in!!

Having said that we were 12 in number including Eric and Denise Ody, Norman Blundell, Duncan Mather, myself, Melissa and Simon Griffiths, Richard Plant-Locke, Mike Robinson, Judith and Charles Van Ingen and finally Peter Lakin.

Charles and Judith arrived in their 3 Litre TE 21 and then to the story of the month; As Peter Lakin himself says "Nearly in PN" as very sadly just about 3 miles away from the Alderley, Peter was blinded by an oncoming car and at slow speed mounted a banking and, when the 12/60 came to a halt, it slowly tipped onto its side, Petr arrived at the meeting, a little shaken, once the car had been righted and recovered to a depot in Macclesfield where the photo was taken on the following Friday. The car is 100% repairable and so is Peter, who having a slightly delayed shock the next day, is back on all cylinders - as is PN. Peter re-filled the escaped fluids and took the car for a drive to assess its drivability which, I am pleased to report, is unaffected, so the damage is cosmetic.

Just in the way of explanation of the photo of a presentation which took place at Eric Ody's New Year meeting, at his



sister meeting to ours, at the Coach & Horses in Fenny Bentley on the 2nd Tuesday, which was received by our new YOUNG friend Steven Wallbank who is restoring a long dead TA 21.

That really is all I have time for folks but to say I hope to see you all next Tuesday the 4th

March at the Alderley Edge Hotel Macclesfield Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7BJ from around 7pm where I know David Culshaw has some history on Steve Moors' 12/50 and much more. I will be driving to the meeting from Rugby so may be a little late but do start without me!



### ***And now a message from our Roving Reporter, Dean O'Spyder...***

Well, some good news that Peter's 12/60 has escaped relatively unscathed and will be back on the road again.

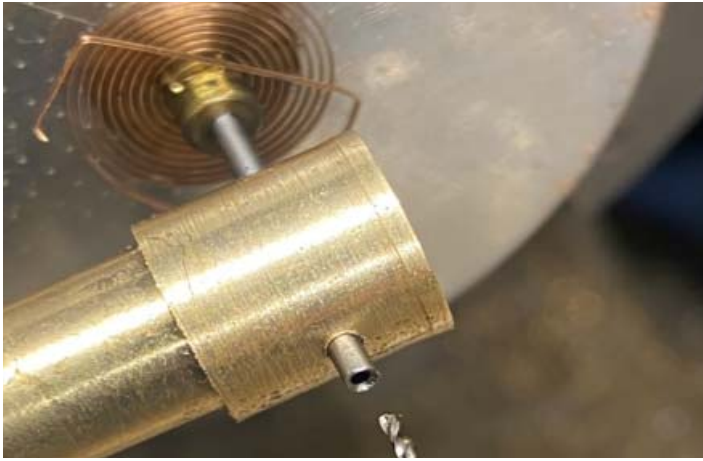
Looking through garage windows, as in my wont, I saw that Mr. Taylor's restoration of AYF is proceeding apace. As you



can see from the pictures the engine is now in place and being joined with its external parts so there is some hope that it will see the light of day this year, if he can keep up the work rate.

I also saw some repairs being carried out to a speedometer





off Huw Morris Jones' SD speed 20. Delicate work as the drill bit is tiny at 0.8 mm so small drill chucks only could apply.

Finally I popped my head into Trojan Engineering in Stockport to see a sight not often beheld in modern times; two SB 20s stacked on top of each other. The top one is Shaun Donnelly's project car and the other is Chris Taylor's which was last seen on the road in the 1980s. It's the car that got Simon interested in Alvising, so he's putting the pressure on Chris to get it on the road so he can have a drive before he's too bloomin' old to enjoy it!

