

## The Hungry Parrot was on holiday!



That was what I was confronted with when after rolling up in Gosforth Main car park on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October after following a rather splendid white S Type to the venue. The Car park by the way is a credit to the people of Gosforth. Free of charge with clean toilets open. Yes I did put my donation to its upkeep in the drop box!

It was almost impossible to carry on a conversation because standing under the umbrellas the thundering rain drowned speech. We did eventually uncover a hot food server at the local shop so all was not lost. Not quite the full English but a bacon buttie at least.

In the time between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. and heavy showers, none the less members continued to arrive. Colin took the lead and we virtually followed in convoy to Wasdale Head, where we were greeted by Rob Steele and his fellow organisers with the usual friendly welcome. The weather had cleared up by then, the field was holding up well and we had our usual pitch near the main display arena. I must say the troops mustered well and in no time we had the Club Tent up and serviceable.

Colin had a massive bacon buttie from Katy's Kitchen putting ours to shame back at Gosforth. It was a surprise and pleasure to have Graham Gash roll up on his Norton Commando 750cc. motor bike shunning the dubious forecast. He took 3<sup>rd</sup> prize even though he had not entered, typical of the philosophy better to turn up not entered than to enter and not turn up. We were all rewarded with an improving day and a chance to engage with the usual variety of activities.

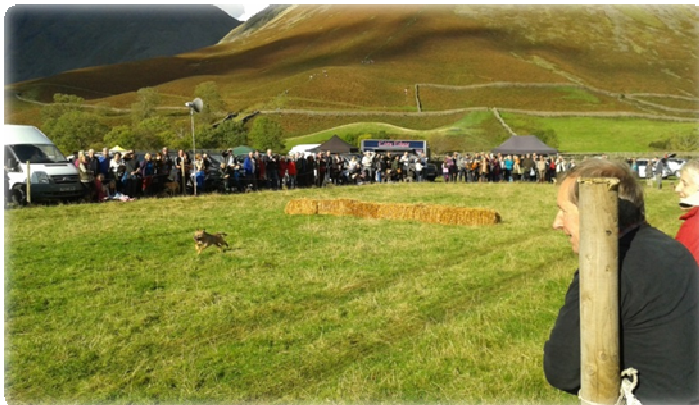


Malcolm's XK 150 Coupe, Ged's XJ 40 Sovereign, Chris's XKR convertible, Howards 2.5 X Type, Ken's S Type, Colin's 'proper' S Type and Ian's XJS V12 coupe making a creditable Line up for the visitors. The prize winners in the car section went to an Austin 10, and Austin open top and a beautiful Alvis, all from fairly local.



I took this photograph early after our arrival quite a number of other cars turned up a little later.

The day proved to be quite pleasant, drifting mist cleared in the afternoon and without any notable wind it was quite pleasant and all the events ran to schedule. The Terrier racing is a hoot, particularly when the let the larger dogs



run, they overtook the fox tail lure. I must admit this year the hound trails and fell races did not get the attention from me that I give them in previous years there is so much going on at once.

