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### V8 Mid-Wales Tour 2012

The popular annual V8 tour moved to Mid-Wales this year for an enjoyable programme of interesting routes to drive and places to visit from a base at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells, well known for hosting classic car tours. An early photo report from Hugh Boddington noted a visit to the Craig Goch Dam in the Elan Valley, a rare sight for the reservoir over flowing following heavy

rain and the sight of Jim Gibson in Judge's robes holding court at the Judge's Lodgings in Presteigne prior to a presentation for his many years loyal service to the V8 Register as treasurer and past chairman.

Richard Withington's report highlighted what was the greatest surprise over the weekend when on Saturday after dinner there was the 'live' entertainment which proved to be nothing less than the Builth

Wells Male Voice choir! Tony Lake's report notes there were plenty of options to choose from including riding on two different steam trains, seeing Red Kites feeding, visiting Harlech and driving the old Austin Motors test route. He noted it was a very well organised tour by Bob and Carolyn Owen. The full tour reports are on the V8 website.

### RV8 parts news

News reports of RV8 parts availability and prices is available as RV8 Parts News on the V8 website including new RV8 antiroll bars, part number ZKC 6726, which use the correct steel and are also suitable for MGBV8 conversions, new RV8 fuel tanks, part number ZKC5014, as part of the Heritage range of MG products, RV8 upper wishbone inner bush part number ZKC6745 with a Slipflex bush and a tube in a special hardened steel and new RV8 clutch slave cylinders (GSY 90151 Unipart number).

### DEV 2 up for sale

This was the second Project Adder development car built in 1990 by Mark Gamble of BMH using a new Heritage MGB bodyshell and fitted with a 3.9 injection V8 engine supplied by Land Rover Engineering. It may look like an ordinary MGB apart from its RV8 bonnet and prototype styled front end but its performance is far from ordinary. It comes with a comprehensive history file.

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