

The Alvis Northern Rally at Rothwell - May 2015

As we emerge from the depths of winter hopefully many of our labours over the long nights are coming to fruition and to that end I had my 1966 Alvis TE 21 Series 111 MPW saloon ready for the off to the Alvis Northern Section Weekend Rally at Oulton Hall Hotel in Rothwell, near Leeds. Whilst I had attended the International last year down near Oxford, Heather had not met any fellow Alvis owners so it was her chance to meet some of the members with whom we enjoyed a lovely Gala dinner.



Whilst this was a three day event we decided to turn up early on the second day (we were still in time for a hotel full English!) and after meeting with David Salter, whom I had met previously at Gawsworth where they had tried to smoke us out with their BBQ, we set off again this time for Harlow Carr gardens. I have to say we were both impressed with the old girl who never missed a beat all weekend, and the car wasn't bad either!



As some of you may already know Heather seriously sprained her ankle a couple of weeks ago, so a call from the hotel ensured there was a mobility scooter waiting for her thereby meaning that she was still able to take in the beautiful grounds, and even the weather was kind to us.



The old..... 1935 Speed 20 SC Tourer

Whilst many of the Northern Section members are well spread over the breadth of Yorkshire we were fortunate to be sat with Simon and Andrea Blyth who hail from up the road in Holmfirth and had arrived in their splendid 1936 Speed 20 SC Tourer. The night rolled on and we were still talking cars through in the bar at one o'clock in the morning. I have to say that Andrea's knowledge of motor cars is quite exceptional (hope that's not a sexist remark) and I am hoping they will both join us at future meetings as they have already expressed an interest in joining the Club.



The new..... 1966 Alvis TE 21 (manufactured 9 months before car production stopped at Alvis)