

John Weatherhogg and his Alvis.



I'm Julia Weatherhogg and my father John is an Alvis enthusiast. He has his own Alvis and loves "her" dearly. He's based in Italy where he lives with my mother and periodically drives back to the UK to get his MOT. This year dad turned 80 in May, with a big surprise birthday party in June, right after the Alvis International in Scotland.



Dad has owned the 1964 Alvis TE21 since Feb. 1977. The restorer I only know as Chris and he works in Blackburn

He was based in the UK, Norwich and then he moved to Italy where he met my mother on the Isle of Giglio. Dad was born on 20 May 1943 and is a Cambridge graduate and currently a retired diplomat, having worked for UN FAO and been deployed on a number of missions all around the world ranging from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Martinica, Ethiopia, Thailand and many others. He drove the Alvis to his wedding and also to many of his friends (and friends' daughters and sons weddings). He is incredibly fond of his Alvis and travels regularly from Italy to England through France to obtain his MOT, and often drives Alvis to the FAO reunions, for example a couple of years he drove "her" to Budapest. He is very loyal to his car restorer, Chris. One of his favorite activities is to take my mother and the dogs on picnics with Alvis and find the best spots to stop and enjoy some porkpies. Given the Italian traffic, Alvis is not used on a daily basis, but rather on special occasions.



Dad is now much looking forward to the Alvis International in June in Scotland, where he will be attending with my mother and our two dogs. He has carefully planned all the stops and overnight stays and made sure to book in some old friends at each stop for a lunch or dinner.



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