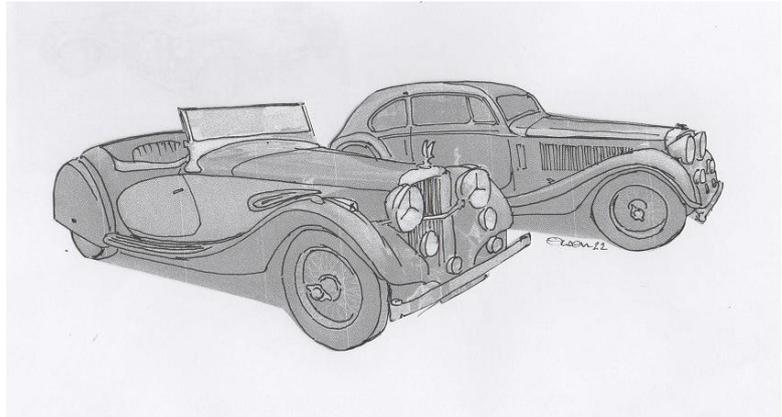


IAW at Hintlesham Hall, Suffolk

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Arriving at Hintlesham Hall on the Friday afternoon of International, confirmed it as an inspired choice of venue. After the truly horrid events of the previous two years, it was such a thrill to traverse the main thoroughfare and find a parking space following a long drive, involving 'nose to tail traffic' on the M25 and A12. My Firefly drove like a dream after 2 years of engine rebuild and didn't miss a beat running in, on those hot and very congested roads. I saw what I thought was an appropriately large and prominent parking spot, in front of the Hall. Thinking that'll do and making my usual tortuous manoeuvre, was swiftly advised by Steve Horne that the space was already allocated. Wowser, what superb Alvis cars were to be located there. James Sprague and Eliza Rathbone's Speed 25 and Hugh and Ann Bradnum's 3.5 Gurney Nutting.



The weather threatened and so the Friday evening BBQ was replaced by an indoor supper. It was such a joy to see so many familiar smiling faces, renew old friendships and embark on new ones.

Saturday was graced by lovely weather. An interesting Longstone Tour around the beautiful Suffolk villages, trip to the historic Sutton Hoo and visit to Constable Country had been arranged for the day. Upon their return, everyone reported having had a lovely day whichever destination they had chosen. The televised racing from Sandown Park, was particularly exciting...

The Gala Dinner, as is traditional, was held on Saturday evening. With the dress code designated as 'elegant', as always AOC members did not disappoint. Pimms and nibbles were enjoyed on the terrace. Our president Frank Kay, delivered an amusing and very well received speech, concerning the enthusiasms of Alvis Owners during the very early days of the club. An excellent jazz band played outside the dining room and several couples showed distinct prowess on the dance floor, cutting lots of shapes...





Sunday morning dawned with cars being sited in front of the hall and lots of cars arriving for the day. It was a phenomenal display of about 100 of our magnificent cars, about which we are justifiably proud. A truly international event, with members from America, Australia,



New Zealand, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scotland and Wales. Some people enjoyed picnics near to the cars and others enjoyed the delicious hog roast, on the lawns beside and behind the hall, all accompanied by the usual beverages and tinkling laughter.

As was expected, several excellent owners competed for the driving tests while the slightly less skilled amongst us competed for the raffle!

The day was completed by the drawing of the raffle, accompanied by so many oooooos and so many aaaahhhhhhs and the prize giving. Regular winners and new successes were both treated to the usual rapturous applause that Alvis Owners reserve for the event.

To bring proceedings to a close, Malcolm Kindell gave an impassioned and much appreciated thanks to the East Anglian Team and all participants, for making IAWE 2022 so very special.

It was special. Thank you Team EA.