

South West Spring Picnic

After an extremely dry April, May turned out to be a complete wash out, so it was perhaps not too surprising that there were more 'apologies for absence' than attendees for the South West Picnic on Sunday 23rd May held at Long Park Farm in Kingsbridge, Devon, home of SW Committee Member Peter Robson. However those of us who braved the elements, clearly keen to take full advantage of the Government Lockdown easing and turned out, were able to enjoy a most enjoyable afternoon.



The countryside views from the farm were quite magnificent even though the inclement weather required that most of the afternoon was spent in one of the open fronted barns. Peter had set up some nice bench seating plus a huge fire basket and a portable cooker etc. which meant that we were able to enjoy our picnics in very reasonable comfort. The afternoon provided an ideal opportunity to really converse and socialise with a recent new member John Wakeham plus another very local Alvis owner who has promised to join the AOC and who will be joining us at our South West Alvis day at The Haynes Motor Museum.



The journey home was a truly grim experience. It absolutely poured down, torrential rain and high winds the whole way, I lost my driver's side windscreen wiper blade half way up the M5, which clearly didn't help, although I did manage the 99 miles door to door in 2 hours 15 minutes. As my wife commented about an hour later, a glass of wine in hand, *'that was a very nice event, I enjoyed it very much'*

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