**Shropshire Group Report**

**TR Action 348**

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Shropshire Group’s planned September visit to the Coleham Pumping Sation in Shrewsbury was cancelled because the building was closed to visitors due to the state of the roof. Instead, we visited the Black Country Museum in Dudley. The drive there was on good “B” roads with little other traffic. We met Robin Jeavons at Himley Hall and he guided us through Dudley to the Museum. The Museum consists of buildings that have been relocated from other parts of the Black Country. It is growing as other properties in the area are demolished and rebuilt here. Hobbs & Sons’ fish & chips are arguably the best in the West Midlands and The Bottle and Glass is a true “spit and sawdust” pub complete with wood shavings on the floor.

In September, we received a request from Wayne Scott to provide a TR6 for a photoshoot at Aldenham Park, Moreville near Bridgnorth. Gordan Grant agreed to supply his TR6 which looks splendid in its new Pimento paint. The photoshoot was for SNG Barrett’s, the Jaguar parts supplier in Bridgnorth, who have recently acquired Holdens, the classic Lucas supplier in Bromyard. The pictures are for use in their brochures and on their websites. We met Jeff Roberts and his son, Tim, who had travelled up from Surrey in a nice E-type Jaguar and an excellent TR3. Aldenham Park is a very interesting building and was once a refuge for Charles I when he was hiding from Oliver Cromwell. The King fled in such a haste that he left his coat behind! A Shropshire Group visit to Aldenham Park has been arranged for June of next year.

Our October run took us to Erddig Hall, near Wrexham. Erddig is now owned by the National Trust and is maintained as a time capsule being almost exactly as it was when it was handed over to them in 1973 - even to the lack of electricity, although Phillip Yorke did have a portable generator to power his television. The Yorke family had a close relationship with their servants and this is featured throughout the house. We visited during the Apple Harvest celebrations and were able to indulge ourselves with a glass of cider and a pork roll. After visiting Erddig we drove to The Boat at Erbistock. The Boat is picturesquely located next to the River Dee. The food was excellent – their Pea Panna cotta with crab and quail’s egg is an experience to die for. We will be going there again – soon!

Our next runs are The Autumn Run which is scheduled for 5th November and The Turkey Trot which will take place on 9th December and will be followed by our Christmas meal. For more details of these and our other events, please see our website at: [www.tr-register.co.uk/group/shropshire](http://www.tr-register.co.uk/group/shropshire).

**Photo Caption:**

Photshoot at Aldenham Park