



Welcome to GIRO PANORAMICO 2012.

The route this year will lead you from the Vale of Evesham into the Cotswolds. Along the way you'll pass through beautiful villages and rolling countryside before winding up at the focal point of Cotswold Alfa Day 2012, Sudeley Castle.

Clear directions of the route are given below and to help you further there is a map on page 6. Included for added interest is a simple observational quiz. The whole route is around 58 miles in length. If driven non-stop it can be completed in about 1 ¾ hours but please take your time - it's not a race. Enjoy the scenery, have a go at the quiz, and above all else enjoy driving your Alfa!

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club expects all those taking part in Giro Panoramico to drive sensibly and legally. Please obey the speed limit at all times. All cars taking part must be road legal. The Alfa Romeo Owners Club accepts no responsibility for damage to persons or property, however caused, that may occur during Cotswold Alfa Day.

Information & Questions

The name Twyning derives from the Old English for 'between the rivers' and despite the spelling is pronounced 'Twinning'. The village is divided into two parts, the older 'Churchend' and 'Twyning Green', where the populace are said to have moved to escape the Black Death.

Question 1

What is the number of the first motorway you cross? There are no obvious signs you may have to refer to a map.

On the left just after you cross the first motorway is Strensham Business Park, the home of RetroMarques Ltd.

Question 2

As you travel along the A4104 you will see a pub on the left. Ignoring 'The' what is the fourth letter in the name?

Question 3

What is the first letter of the second word of the name of the plant centre?

Question 4

As you turn left to Kersoe in Elmley Castle there is a pub on the right. What is the second letter of the second word of the name?

The route (all distances quoted are approximate)

TWYNING GREEN to STANWAY. Approximately 28 miles. Into Worcestershire and across the Avon, to the foot of the Cotswolds.

- 1 Make your way from your parking space on the green towards the top of the green, and drive up the High Street heading out of the village. After 200 metres turn right at the War Memorial into Hill End Road, sign-posted Hillend, Strensham and Pershore.
- 2 Stay on this road for approximately 4 miles passing over the motorway (Q1), and on through the village of Upper Strensham, then over a second motorway until you reach a T junction. On the right just before the junction is Revill's Farm Shop, worth a stop if you have not bought your picnic yet.
- 3 At the T junction turn right onto the A4104 sign-posted to Pershore. (Q2) After 1¼ miles, at the top of the hill turn right onto the B4080 sign-posted towards Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, Eckington and Bredon.
- 4 Follow the B4080 over the River Avon and through the village of Eckington. As you leave the village you will see a Plant Sales Garden Centre on the left (Q3). Take the next left turning after here sign-posted Deer Park Business Centre and The Combertons.
- 5 Follow this winding road for about 3 miles as it skirts around Bredon Hill and through the village of Great Comberton ignoring any side turns until you reach a T junction.
- 6 Turn right sign-posted Little Comberton, Elmley Castle, Netherton and Ashton-Under-Hill. Follow this road for 2 miles through Little Comberton and into the village of Elmley Castle. Just before you reach the church there is a narrow turning to the left between two buildings (Q4). Take this turning; it is sign-posted Kersoe and Ashton-Under-Hill.
- 7 Follow this twisting road for just over 5 miles through the village of Ashton-Under-Hill until you reach a T junction in the village of Beckford.

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Dumbleton Hall, situated to the west of the village, is an exclusive hotel. During the Second World War, it was considered as an alternative venue for the House of Lords should the Germans invade. And apparently Hitler fancied the Hall as a private residence!

Millionaire racehorse owner Raymond Mould lives in Wormington. In July last year his home was broken in to and the 1988 Cheltenham Gold Cup won by his horse Charter Party was stolen. It has not been found and Mr Mould is offering a reward of £15,000. So keep your eyes peeled!

Of all the Cotswold villages and towns Broadway is second only to Bourton-on-the-Water in terms of visitor numbers. It's pleasant main street, 'the Broadway' is lined with antique shops and art galleries. There are also some lovely places to eat and drink.

Stanway House is a beautiful example of a Jacobean manor house. It was owned by Tewkesbury Abbey for 800 years, then by the Tracy family and their descendants the Earls of Wemyss for a further 500 years. It is now the home of Lord and Lady Neidpath. Stanway's 18th century watergarden was designed by Charles Bridgeman and has been gradually restored to its former glory. The single-jet fountain, at 300 feet is the highest fountain in Britain, and the highest gravity fountain in the world.

Snowhill Manor was the property of Winchcombe Abbey from 821 until 1539 when the Abbey was confiscated by King Henry VIII during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

In 1919 it was purchased by Charles Paget Wade, an architect, artist, collector, poet and heir to the family fortune. He restored the property and used it to house his vast collection of objects. He gave the property and his fascinating collection of curiosities to the National Trust in 1951. The manor is open from 12-5 and entry costs £8.80. It is free for NT members of course.

8 Turn left sign-posted, Alderton, Tewkesbury and Evesham and follow this road to the junction with the A46.

9 At the junction turn left, sign-posted towards Evesham, and follow the A46 for about 1 mile to a right hand turn sign-posted to Dumbleton, take this turn.

10 Follow this road through the village of Dumbleton for 2¼ miles until you reach the T junction with the B4078.

11 Turn left sign-posted Sedgeberrow and Evesham, after 200 metres turn right sign-posted Wormington.

12 After ¾ of a mile at a triangle of grass in Wormington, turn right sign-posted Winchcombe and Cheltenham. *(Be careful along this stretch the road is a bit bumpy)*

13 After 1¾ miles you will reach a T junction turn left onto the B4632 sign-posted Stratford.

At this point should you wish to take a detour to visit the lovely Cotswold town of Broadway, stay on the B4632 for 3 miles. Afterwards return to point 14 and continue with the route.

14 After just over ½ a mile turn right sign-posted Stanton follow the road as it twists and turns through the village of Stanton towards Stanway.

15 Just after leaving the village of Stanton there is a left turn sign-posted Stanway and Stow-on-the-Wold, take this turn. After 1 mile you will enter the village of Stanway, follow the road as it twists through the village passing the church and the entrance to Stanway house until you reach the junction with the B4077.

STANWAY to SUDELEY CASTLE. Approximately 30 miles. Up the Cotswold escarpment, through pretty villages, then down to the castle.

16 At the junction with the B4077 turn left sign-posted to Stow. After 2¼ miles as the road has levelled out after the climb up the hill there is a sign on the left for the Plough Inn. Just after this sign turn left sign-posted to Cutsdean and Taddington.

17 After 300 metres you will reach a crossroads, turn left. It is sign-posted, Snowhill, Broadway and Taddington.

18 Follow this narrow road for 2¼ miles through Taddington until you see a turn on the left sign-posted Snowhill and Broadway, take this left turn. The turn is just over a mile after leaving Taddington.

19 Follow the road into the village of Snowhill and turn right in front of the church.

If you wish to visit Snowhill Manor (NT), instead of taking the right turn stay on the main road passing the church and the Snowhill Arms and follow the road for 500 metres to the entrance. Return to this point afterwards.

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Snowhill Lavender planted their first seedlings back in 2000. That was just a few hundred plants put in by hand. Now there are over 250,000 plants spread across 53 acres. That's about 70 miles of rows!

Once harvested the crops are steam distilled on the farm and made into a range of toiletries including soap, shower gel, bath oil, balms and many more gifts. All are available in their gift shop. There is also a tearoom here if you fancy a break.

Buckle Street and is part of an ancient road called 'Buggilde Street' which runs from Bidford in Warwickshire to the Fosse Way at Bourton-on-the-Water.

Upper and Lower Swell are unusual Cotswold villages in that they both straddle main roads. The main roads in the Cotswolds tend to follow the ridges of high ground whereas the villages are mostly found in the sheltered valleys.

The name 'Slaughter' in the twin villages Upper and Lower Slaughter comes from old English 'Slohtre', which has nothing to do with killing things and simply means 'Muddy place'.

Today's villages are far from muddy places. Straddling the banks of the River Eye, also known as Slaughter Brooks, they are the epitome of idyllic, civilised Cotswold charm.

The buildings of Lower Slaughter Mill date from the 17th century but a mill was first recorded here in the 11th century. The present mill was last worked as a corn mill in 1958. Today the Mill houses a museum, craft shop, gift shop and tea room.

Once Upper Slaughter was dominated by a Norman castle but all that can be seen of it today are the remains of the motte and bailey. The building that currently dominates Upper Slaughter is the beautiful gabled Manor House which is one of the finest buildings in the area. The oldest part of the house dates from the 15th century but the front is Elizabethan. The Manor is now an exclusive hotel and you can catch a glimpse of it through the gates as you turn left at point 30.

- 20** At the junction at the top of the hill go straight across, sign-posted Broadway Tower and Chipping Campden.
- 21** After just over a ¼ of a mile take the first turn left (at a crossroads). Along this road you will find the entrance to the Lavender Farm, it's a good place to stop for a break, continue along this road until you reach a T junction.
- 22** Turn right and follow this road, known as Buckle Street, for ¾ a mile until you reach a T junction, turn left sign-posted Stow and Bourton-on-the-Water.
- 23** Continue for 2¾ miles until you reach a cross roads surrounded by woodland. This is Trafalgar Cross. Turn left on to the B4077, sign-posted Stow.
- 24** Follow the B4077 for approximately 4½ miles, (*watch out for deer along this stretch*). As you enter the village of Upper Swell, on the left is Woodlands Guest House opposite there is a right turn. Turn right here sign-posted Lower Swell and The Slaughters.
- 25** Follow this road for just under a mile until you enter Lower Swell and reach a T junction with a green in front of you, cross straight over keeping the green and war memorial on your left and at the next junction turn right onto the B4068
- 26** Follow the B4068 for 2 miles until you see a turn on the left sign-posted to The Slaughters, take this left turn.
- 27** After roughly ¾ mile you will reach a left turn, sign-posted Upper Slaughter and Lower Swell, take this left turn. This road leads through the village, stay on the main road.
- 28** As you leave the village you will see a road to the right, sign-posted Lower Slaughter and Bourton-on-the-Water, take this right turn, you will then reach a T junction.
- 29** At the T Junction turn right sign-posted to Lower Slaughter and Bourton-on-the-Water follow this road which loops around the village. As you pass the church (on your left) you will see a sign-post to Upper Slaughter and a brown sign for The Mill Museum. Turn right here and cross the bridge following the main road keeping the river on your right.
- 30** Follow this road, keeping the water on your right, out of the village. Stay on this road ignoring any turnings until you see a turn to the left opposite the entrance to Upper Slaughter Manor.
- 31** Turn left here, sign-posted Guiting Power and Winchcombe, follow this road until you reach the T junction and turn right, sign-posted Naunton and Guiting Power.
- 32** After 1 mile you will reach a crossroads with the B4068, turn left here sign-posted Cheltenham.



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Question 5

As you enter the village of Naunton there is a Guest House on the right, what is the second letter of the name of this Guest House?

Naunton was badly hit by the floods of 2007. 25% of the homes in the village were affected. In the aftermath a volunteer Flood Action Group was formed and the work of this group, in helping to refurbish the houses and introduce measures designed to avoid future flooding, earned the village the title of 'Vibrant Village of the Year 2010'.

Question 6

On the right in Kineton there is a pub what is the second letter of the first word of the pub name? Ignore 'The'.

The name of the pub in Kineton reflects it's position at the midway point between the villages of Guiting Power and Temple Guiting.

The stream the ford crosses is the Castlett Stream. It is a tributary of the Windrush.

Question 7

As you drop down the hill on the approach to Winchcombe you will see on the left a gatehouse into Sudeley Castle, on the wall to the right of the gate there is a small red sign, what is the third letter of the word on this sign?

The history of Sudeley Castle is varied and fascinating. Its main claim to fame is that it was the home of Katherine Parr, the last and surviving wife of King Henry VIII. No doubt you'll learn more during your visit today.

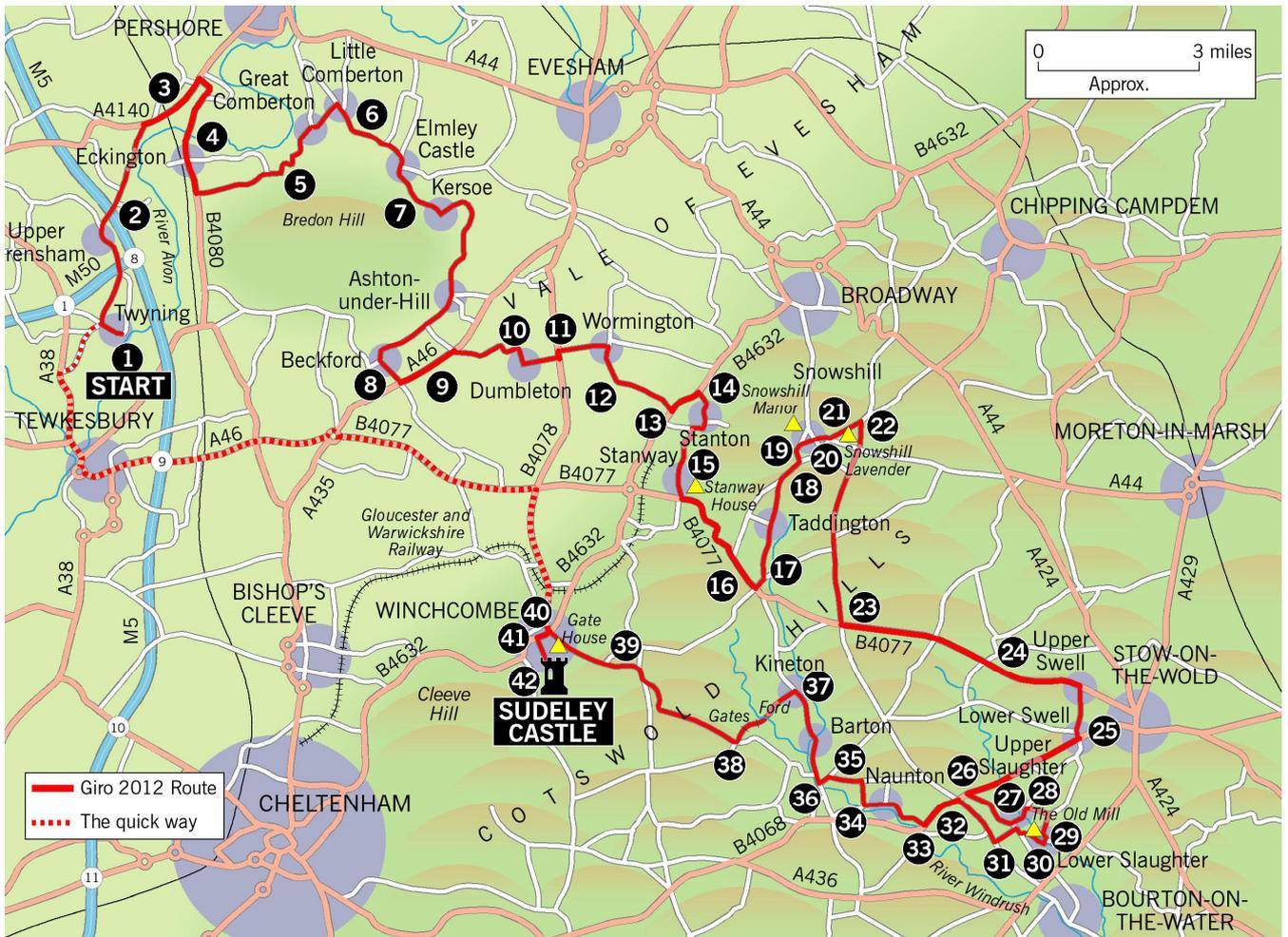
- 33 After approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile you see a right turn sign-posted Naunton, there is also a sign 'Unsuitable for Articulated vehicles', take this right turn.
- 34 Follow this road into the village of Naunton, the meadows of the River Windrush are on your left (Q5). About $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile into the village there is a sharp left bend with a turn to the right. A house called 'Windrush Vale' will be in front of you, turn right here there are no sign-posts.
- 35 Follow this lane uphill until you reach a crossroads, turn left here (again there are no signposts) and after a short distance you will reach a T junction, turn left sign-posted Guiting Power and Winchcombe.
- 36 After 400 metres you will reach a T junction, turn right sign-posted Guiting Power and Winchcombe.
- 37 Stay on this road for just over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. You will pass through Barton, where you will cross the Windrush, and then Kineton. In Kineton there is a pub on the right (Q6). 250 metres beyond the pub turn left, sign-posted Roel Gate and Charlton Abbots.
- 38 After $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile you will reach a ford, it is very shallow and will cause you no problems. 100 metres further on you will come to a gate. If it is closed, open it, drive through, and make sure you close it again behind you. After 400 metres there is another gate. Again if it is closed please make sure you close it behind you. Another 600 metres brings you to a crossroads. Turn right
- 39 Follow this road for $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles towards Winchcombe. Eventually the road will drop down hill and you'll pass a gatehouse on the left into Sudeley Castle. (Q7)
- 40 Continue for $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile after the gatehouse until you reach a T junction in the town of Winchcombe.
- 41 Turn left at the junction and follow the road through the town for 150 metres, you will pass a small car park on the left and the war memorial, just after this turn left into Vineyard Street, there are brown signs to Sudeley Castle.
- 42 After 250 metres turn left into the entrance to Sudeley Castle and follow the drive to our parking area on the Falcon Lawn. As you approach the car park there will be marshals to welcome you.



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Answer to Q1

Answer to Q2

Answer to Q3

Answer to Q4

Answer to Q5

Answer to Q6

Answer to Q7

Answer to the anagram

If you've got all 7 answers, plus unscrambled the anagram, please detach this sheet and post it in the box provided at the Cotswold Section gazebo by 2.30pm.

One sheet containing all 8 correct answers will be drawn at 3.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME AT THE TOP