

# ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB April 2010 COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER



Well spring has finally sprung, and with the end of the dreaded salt spreading and a few days of decent weather we've seen a number of cars emerging from hibernation. Now, as the season really starts to get underway, they can join those that have soldiered on through the long winter months. And there is plenty to join in with. Over the coming weeks we've got Spring Alfa Day, Drive-it-Day and Prescott. It's a busy month!

**We kick off this months Newsletter with reports from two recent events.**

## Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park, 12th-14th March

Alfa Romeo were the featured marque at this years Race Retro and the show celebrated Alfa's racing heritage with a fine array of cars, including an Alfa 8C 308, a Benetton Alfa 185T F1 car, an Alfa 8C 2300, and a Tipo 33/3.

Lunchtime saw members gathering for a buffet lunch on the main AROC stand, which was a good opportunity to catch up with members from around the country. The Cotswold contingent were out in force on the Saturday.

A dedicated Alfa parking area had been set aside in Hall 4, or the cowshed as it was, adjacent to the trade stands. This did save parking charges and a fair hike from the general car park, and generated a good mix of cars old and new.

With a record attendance this year I'm sure the presence of Alfa as a key marque certainly added to what was an enjoyable show. MB



Race Retro – Above: 1985 Benetton Alfa 185T F1 car. Below: 1938 Alfa 8C 308. Photos Mark Byatt.



## Alfaholics Track Day, Castle Combe, 10th April

The Alfaholics Track Day is always blessed with warm spring sunshine and this year was no exception. Consequently the turn-out, of both spectators and participants, was excellent. This event is more than just another track day it's a real social occasion. It's the first outdoor event of the year and a great chance to catch up with friends not seen since the end of last year.

*Classic and Sports Car* were present and they set up a photo-shoot, see below. Their camera car then led the first lap of the lunchtime parade, but once it had disappeared into pits we were able to have 4 or 5 quite spirited laps around the circuit. Great fun! RM



Alfaholics Track Day – Left: 105 Series cars gather for a *Classic and Sports Car* photo-shoot. Photo Mick Walsh. Above: The majority of us just go along to watch but James Wheeler usually has a proper go. This year he took his lovely Giulia Super. Photo Wayne?

## FBHVC Drive-it-Day Sunday 25th April

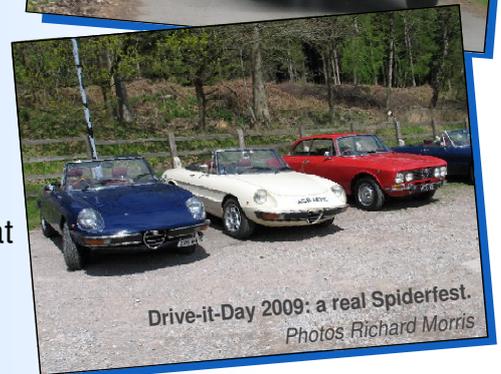
Sunday brings this years FBHVC (Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs) 'Drive-it-Day'. The aim with this annual event is to get out-and-about to remind the general public about vintage and classic cars. And what better excuse do we need to join in, after all it is our 100th Birthday!

We plan to meet at 10:30am at the Puesdown Inn on the A40 between Cheltenham and Northleach, and then follow a route prepared by Mark G down to the South Cotswolds, taking in Withington, Cirencester, Stroud, Rodborough Common, Woodchester, Nailsworth, Avening, Tetbury, Brokenborough, Crudwell, Kemble, Cirencester (again), and Chedworth. Returning to the Frogsmill at Andoversford or the Puesdown for lunch. The route is approximately 65 miles and should take around 2 hours.

Sorry but because this is an FBHVC event we are limited to older Alfas. If in doubt please get in touch.

We need to gauge numbers so if you'd like to join us PLEASE let Mark Grimshaw know either by email at [alfaspider@btinternet.com](mailto:alfaspider@btinternet.com) or by 'phone on 07770 931759. Depending on numbers we may need to book for lunch or at least inform the pub we are coming.

Last year Drive-it-Day was a Spiderfest and it would be great to see another good turn-out again this year. MB



**COTSWOLD**  
ALFA DAY 2010  
Sunday 5th September

**COTSWOLD ALFA DAY**  
tickets are now on sale at  
our monthly meetings  
and events.

A reminder of summer section events to look forward to

### MAY

**Saturday 1st** – Auto Italia at Brooklands.

**Sunday 2nd** – York Giorni Alfa Centenario in York City Centre.

**Sunday 9th** – Rotary Club Classic Car event at Prescott Hill. Places are still available in our static display, if you'd like to join us please fill in an entry form.

### JUNE

**Sunday 6th** – Auto Italia, Concours at Stanford Hall.

**Sunday 13th** – Churchill Classic Car Show.

**Wednesday 16th** – Midsummer drive.

### JULY

**Sunday 18th** – Section BBQ and pig roast. See red panel on the right.

**Wednesday 21st** – Blag-a-Ride night at Black and White Garage. More details next month.

### AUGUST

**Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd** – National Alfa Day at Shelsley Walsh.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 5th** – COTSWOLD ALFA DAY at Blenheim Palace.

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cotswolds](http://www.roc-uk.com/cotswolds)

Section regulars John and James Dobson, and their family, have very kindly offered to host a Section BBQ and pig-roast at their place near Ledbury on Sunday 18th July. We need to get the pig ordered soon so we could really do with knowing how many of you are likely to attend. If you'd like to join us can you please let Mark Byatt know either by email at [byatt\\_m@o2.co.uk](mailto:byatt_m@o2.co.uk) or by phone on 07521 189342. Or in person at one of our meetings or events.

The Section website is regularly updated with events details so don't forget to keep an eye on it. And if you don't currently receive the monthly section email please let us know and we'll add you to the distribution list.