



ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB

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COTSWOLD SECTION NEWSLETTER

OK here we are - the news you've all been waiting for - full details of **COTSWOLD ALFA DAY**

You probably already know the date of COTSWOLD ALFA DAY 2010, but I'll repeat it anyway - it's Sunday September 5th. The event's format will follow that of previous years, meaning we will meet up in the morning and then follow a scenic drive - titled GIRO PANORAMICO - to our main venue. As reported in last months Newsletter this venue will be Britain's premier stately home, Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

What I couldn't tell you last month was the location of the morning meeting place. Well now I can, and I am happy to announce that it is The Inn at Fossebridge.

The Inn at Fossebridge is situated - as you may have guessed - in Fossebridge, which is on the A429 Fosseway about 6 miles north of Cirencester and 5 miles south of Northleach. It's a family run hotel in a beautiful riverside setting. They have parking for about 30 cars in their regular car park but around the back there is a large gravel and grass paddock which fits our needs perfectly. The paddock is accessed from the road to Yanworth which runs along the southern side of the hotel. It will all be sign-posted on the day.

Tea or coffee will be available and will be included in the COTSWOLD ALFA DAY entry fee. Bacon rolls and soft-drinks will be available to purchase from The Inn at Fossebridge.

Tickets for the event will be on sale from the beginning of March and by buying them in advance you won't just be helping us to keep a check on numbers, you'll also be saving yourself some money! **Advance prices are £7.00 for adults and £3.50 for children aged 5-16.** And for those of you who prefer to leave everything to the last minute 'advance tickets' will be on sale at Fossebridge on the morning of the event.

People who arrive at Blenheim without a ticket will have to pay the normal Blenheim Estate prices of £10.30 for adults, £7.70 for concessions, and £5.00 for children.

So with tickets bought in advance an Alfa with two people in it will save a whopping £6.60.

Both advance and on-the-gate tickets include access to two thousand acres of stunning parkland, the formal Gardens, free train rides on the miniature train to the Pleasure Gardens and all attractions at the Pleasure Gardens including the Marlborough Maze, Adventure Play Area, the Butterfly House, the lavender garden, and the 'Blenheim Bygones' exhibition. Tickets will also include entrance to the popular 'Churchills' Destiny' - The story of two great war leaders' exhibition.

As well as all this, advance tickets also include, the tea or coffee at Fossebridge, the route plan, a GIRO PANORAMICO window sticker, and entry into a prize draw. Can't be bad!

Entry to the Palace, for those who fancy it, will cost £7.70 for adults, £6.80 for concessions, and £5 for children.

I reckon it looks like being another cracking COTSWOLD ALFA DAY. Can't wait! *RM*



Alfas pose in front on the Flagstaff gate at Blenheim during a recent site visit

SCALEXTRICS CHALLENGE

Here's the result of last months indoor motorsport extravaganza.

Round 1 10 laps (winner in red text, fastest lap time in brackets)

Rod (11.9) v Mark G (13.1)

James D (11.8) v Dave P (13.7)

Mark B (13.6) v Pete (13.8)

John D (13.2) v John R (13.5)

Rich M (10.0) v Tim (14.9)

Dave R (12.9) v Roger (13.0)

Dave H (11.3) v Steve (11.5)

Matt (12.1) v Alec (16.4)

Round 2 Quarter Finals, 12 laps

James D (11.8) v Rod (11.7)

Mark B (12.4) v John D (13.5)

Rich M (10.8) v Dave R (14.1)

Dave H (11.5) v Matt (11.9)

Round 3 Semi Finals, 12 laps

James D (11.5) v Mark B (11.9)

Rich M (11.3) v Dave H (11.5)

Round 4 THE FINAL, 20 laps (+ 3 extra due to poor marshalling!)

Rich M (10.9) v James D (11.4)

Celebrate 5 years of the Cotswold Section with lunch at the 'Pudding Club' on Sunday March 7th

The first meeting of the new Cotswold Section took place on March 2nd 2005 and to mark the fifth anniversary of this occasion we've organised a celebratory lunch.

It will take place on Sunday March 7th at the world famous Pudding Club at the Three Ways House Hotel in Mickleton near Chipping Campden. The Pudding Club was founded in 1985 to rescue warm winter delights such as Jam Roly Poly, Treacle Sponge, Sticky Toffee Pudding and Spotted Dick from seductive, but light weight, competition like Black Forest Gateau, Strawberry Cheesecake and Vienetta! We'll have plenty of opportunity to sample some of those proper desserts when we dip in to the pudding buffet! Have a look at website /www.puddingclub.com/

The menu and prices are shown on the right. The meal begins at 1pm.

We thought an invigorating country walk in the morning would help to work up a hearty appetite so we're going to meet at the National Trust car park at Dover's Hill at 11am and walk a circular route. We'll be back at the car park at around 12.40pm and then we'll head off to Mickleton and lunch.

If you'd rather give the walk a miss, that's fine, we'll see you at the Pudding Club in time for lunch at 1pm.

If you'd like to join us for lunch at the Pudding Club please let us know as soon as possible.

You can let us know by email at aroccotswolds@933.me.uk or you can give Matthew a call on 01684 296163.

Dover's Hill is about 1 mile north-west of Chipping Campden.

The Three Ways House Hotel can be found in Chapel Lane in Mickleton just off the B4632 Cheltenham to Stratford road.

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day
Duo of Melon with Red Berry Coulis
Chicken Liver Parfait with Homemade Chutney
Smoked Trout and Beetroot Salad

Main Courses

Roast Rib of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Red Wine Gravy
Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Sun Blushed Tomatoes
Supreme of Salmon with a Thyme Butter Sauce
Roast Loin of Pork with a Cider Jus and Apple Sauce
Steak and Kidney Pudding
All served with a Selection of Fresh Local Market Vegetables

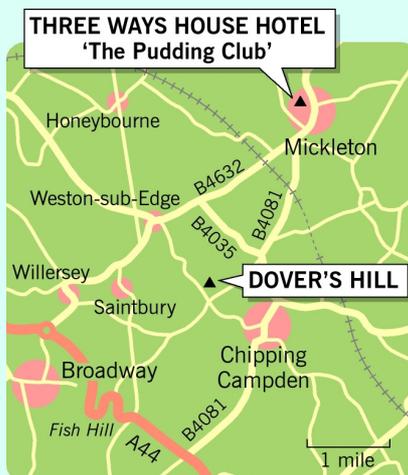
Puddings

A selection of Puddings from the buffet all served with lashings of Custard
A selection of fine English Cheese
A cafetièrre of Coffee or Tea with Homemade Fudge

2 Courses: £19.50

or

3 Courses: £22.50



If you fancy running the Hill at the Rotary Club event at Prescott on May 9th please remember that places are limited so it's best to fill in an entry form as soon as possible. Pick one up at any of our Section meetings or events, or download one from our website. RM

For the coming EVENTS

Sunday March 7

Lunch to celebrate the Section's fifth anniversary. See left for details.

Saturday April 10

Alfaholics Track at Castle Combe. Free entry for spectators. Convoy from Waitrose in Cirencester at 9.45am.

Sunday April 25

Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs Drive-it-Day. A scenic drive in South Cotswolds with pub lunch along the way. Details to be confirmed.

Sunday May 9

Rotary Club Classic Car event at Prescott Hill. ALL Alfas welcome. Entry forms available at Section events or from our website.

Sunday June 13

Churchill Classic Car show. Pre-1990 cars only although exceptions will be made in certain cases. Entry forms available at Section meetings and events or from our website.

Find full details of all our events at www.aroc-uk.com/cotswolds